

Betel nut cutter

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **56.100.1** 

Type: **object for daily use; metalwork**

Date of production: **19th – early 20th century**

Place of production: **Bali, Indonesia, Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique
s: **iron and inlaid gold**

Dimensions: **length: 21 cm
width: 9. 5 cm**

Tool for cutting betel nut, in the form of a winged lion (Indonesian: kacip). The winged lion (Indonesian: singa bersayap) is a Balinese mythical animal, a common decorative element in ornamental betel (areca nut) cutters made on the island. It consists of two parts: a body covered with 'banji' motifs deriving from the swastika, and two handles: one with a curved tail and the other with the lion's foot and mouth, the two joined by a tiny wing.

