

Portable lime box

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **978.1-2** 

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

Date of production: **before 1914**

Place of production: **Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique
s: **silver, gilt, niello**

Dimensions: **height: 1. 7 cm
diameter: 2. 5 cm**

Acquisition: **collection of Ferenc Hopp**

A portable lime box (sirih kapor) with a hanging tab consisting of two interconnected parts. Decorated in niello, a popular technique of the silversmithes of contemporary Siam, with its spectacular surface, showing floral motifs. The niello is a rather elaborate craft technique that was introduced to Thailand by the Portuguese or the Persians. It was mainly the aristocrats of the time who commissioned craftsmen to make niello objects.

