


Teacup with lotus and mandarin ducks

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	2015.35.1 
Type:	object for daily use; pottery
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Jingdezhen, China/Vietnam, Southeast Asia
Marks:	壽 shou "long life" marking
Materials/Techniques:	porcelain, underglaze blue, brown paint
Dimensions:	height: 5 cm diameter: 7.8 cm

Blue and white porcelain, decorated with lotus, mandarin ducks and a butterfly couple, brown rim. Stylized cobalt inscription on the base of the shou (long life) character. In Chinese culture, the depiction of a pair of mandarin ducks is a powerful symbol of conjugal fidelity. The object in the picture was made by Chinese craftsmen in the Jingdezhen manufacture for the Vietnamese court in the 19th century.

