


Ceramic roof figure: console terminal in the shape of an animal's head from Temple of Heaven, Beijing

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	447 
Type:	sculpture; ceramics; architectural fragment
Date of production:	18th century Qing dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	earthenware
Techniques:	glazed
Dimensions:	height: 15 cm length: 21 cm width: 17 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

The uniqueness of Chinese roofs lies in the peculiar shape and the specific features of tiles. The roof ridge ends are decorated with stylized figures of beasts (Chinese qiwen). The ridge ornament, coated with dark blue glaze, is decorated with reliefs depicting scales and combing waves.

