



Oval Wooden And Mother-of-pearl Tray (southern China/indochina), Late 19th Century

1 000 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Nacre

Width : 67,5 cm

Height : 45,5 cm

Description

Oval wooden tray inlaid with mother-of-pearl. Manufactured in the Far East (Southern China/Indochina), late 19th - early 20th century. This Far Eastern tray (from Southern China and Vietnam) was produced for export at the end of the colonial period. Central scene: The composition depicts a narrative scene with figures, pavilions, and traditional architecture, all within a landscape of pine and willow trees. Auspicious motifs: The sides of the scene are adorned with decorative medallions containing stylized versions of the Chinese characters Shòu (longevity) and Fú (happiness/fortune), typical elements of Asian decorative art with propitiatory value. Border: The outer frame is decorated with stylized floral and plant motifs that harmoniously frame the main scene. Period: Technical analysis

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of the motifs, the quality of the marquetry, and the use of wood as a support suggest a probable date between 1880 and 1920 (late Qing dynasty/Chinese Republican period or French Indochina). Condition: Good, consistent with its age. The object displays the natural patina of the wood, with slight traces of wear on the surface and back. The marquetry is in good condition.