



Vietnamese Silver Betel Lime Box With Tools, French Indo-china Coin Lid, 1902



360 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Sterling silver

Description

A Vietnamese silver betel-chewing lime box (vôi container), complete with its three original hanging tools, dating from around 1900-1930.

The lid is made from a 1902 French Indo-China coin (République Française), a feature typical of Vietnamese silversmithing of the period.

The small cylindrical container opens to reveal the cavity for powdered lime, and beneath it hang three chained tools: two straight picks and one curved spatula, used in the preparation of the betel quid.

Hand-worked silver with fine traditional detailing. These personal betel sets were worn suspended from the belt and were a daily accessory throughout Vietnam at the time.

Height of container: 2.7 cm. Good condition.

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