



Chinese Blue-and-white Box With Circular Lid, From Ca Mau Wreck, C. 1725



475 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Porcelain

Description

Blue-and-white Chinese circular box with lid,
from the wreck of the Ca Mau, ca. 1725China,
Qing Dynasty, late Kangxi or Yongzheng period,
ca. 1725Diameter 10 cm

Height: 5.3 cm

The top decorated with peony and grasses issuing
from

rockwork within a circular cross-hatched band,
enclosed by floral sprays, the
base with further floral decoration.

The Chinese Ca Mau junk was probably going
from Canton to

Batavia (now Jakarta) Some porcelain on board
had the reign mark of Yongzheng

(1723-1735) which served to date the wreck. The
disaster struck off the Ca Mau

peninsular when the ship caught fire. The fire was

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indicated by some porcelain
being fused together due to intense heat. The
principal traders between China
and Europe at this time were the British 'East
India Company' and the 'Dutch
East India Company' (Vereenigde Oost-Indische
Compagnie, VOC). In Europe at
this time coffee and tea drinking was very
popular and therefore the wreck
contained a huge number of cups. In all, 130,000
pieces were recovered and
76,000 of the finer condition pieces were selected
to be sold at auction 'Made
in Imperial China. 76,000 pieces of Chinese
Export Porcelain from the Ca Mau
Shipwreck, circa 1725' by Sotheby's Amsterdam
on 29, 30 & 31 January 2007.
Very good condition for the age, the glaze
somewhat dull because of the salt
water, a few imperfections to the glaze and some
very small chips to the inside
rims.

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