



Impressive "happiness" Tray, 1 × 0.65 M, Engraved And Pierced Brass, China, Circa 1900

470 EUR



Signature : Art de la Chine

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Brass

Length : 100cm

Width : 65cm

Description

Sorry, No airmail Export....Impressive oval serving tray, which could also be used as a tabletop, with a broad pierced border decorated with floral bouquets and framed by a bamboo-effect rim. The centre is ornamented with the characters associated with good fortune: ? (Shou, longevity), ? (Lu, prosperity and wealth), and ? (Fu, happiness and good fortune), together forming the traditional Fu Lu Shou, symbolising the three blessings of life. It may originally have been intended as a wedding gift. To the left is a long-feathered bird; to the right, a five-clawed dragon. The expressive, deeply engraved decoration, the pierced floral border, which lends visual lightness to the piece, and its unusually large dimensions make this a particularly striking decorative object. Weighing

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approximately 5 kg, it would in fact be rather cumbersome to use as a serving tray once loaded. China, probably made for export to Europe, late 19th or early 20th century. Good overall condition, with light signs of wear. The brass would benefit from some light cleaning or polishing. No significant flaws.