

Basic Detail Report



Ladle

Date

1870-1890

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Dall sheep horn, abalone

Description

At feasts and potlatches members of the host's family served guests rich foods with sheep horn ladles such as this one. Its impressive size and elegant carving was a fitting display of the host's ability to lavish his finest hospitality upon his guests. The slender outstretched neck of the bird on the handle seems to portray a waterfowl as it dives into the water to capture its food.

Dimensions

Overall: 19 1/2 × 5 1/2 × 7 1/2 in. (49.5 × 14 × 19.1 cm)