



## Tray with a Barbed Rim and Decoration of Five Dragons Pursuing Flaming Pearls Against Rolling Waves

### Date

18th - 19th century

### Primary Maker

Unknown

### Medium

Cut lacquer

### Description

A shaped cinnabar cut-lacquer tray with a brass mounted rim (added later). Below the brass rim lays a red rim on the interior edge. There are five dragons in high relief which have five talons on each clawed arm. Two dragons are facing each other on the top and two dragons are facing each other on the bottom, while the fifth dragon in the middle is facing the viewer. In the center on the bottom of the tray is a mountain. The background behind the dragons is made up of horizontal lines slightly arched to create clouds and sky. There are also three flaming pearls in a linear formation positioned in the center of the tray and spaced in between the dragons.

### Dimensions

Overall: 1 1/2 x 14 1/2 in. (3.8 x 36.8 cm)