



Large Rectangular Asian Serving Tray, Late 19th Century



420 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Lacquer

Length : 87

Width : 56

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Description

Large rectangular serving tray with polylobed edges in lacquered wood decorated with birds, insects in a floral environment.

Dimensions: Length 87 Width 56 cm

Wear but good general condition.

This rectangular tray is richly decorated with a red base, a highly prized element in Chinese and Japanese art, often a symbol of luck and prosperity. The central motif features birds elegantly perched on flowering branches, surrounded by butterflies, in a delicate and harmonious composition. The curved edges are highlighted by golden ornamentation on a black background, which recalls the use of golden lacquer.

Birds and flowers are very common motifs in traditional Chinese art. The red background and

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the use of gilding can also evoke the Chinese style. In addition, the appearance of the flowers and ornate branches recalls the Chinese taste for refined floral arrangements, often very detailed and luxuriant. This style was particularly in vogue in Europe, particularly in France, in the 18th and 19th centuries. The attraction to the Orient, especially among European high society, inspired many creations of decorative objects imitating Chinese and Japanese art at this time. 2.