

SA368750

Quantity of mid C19th Chinese export carved 'mother of pearl' gambling chips or gaming counters

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA368750

Date of manufacture: 1850

Description

Quantity of mid C19th Chinese export carved 'mother of pearl' gambling chips or gaming counters. Produced in China for export to Europe, these finely carved counters were made to order in various shapes and forms, often embellished with the Coat of Arms or heraldic device of the client. The fish-shaped counters all carved with scales and fin details, miniature works-of-art in their own right. Some here have the device of a baronet in a circle, comprising a brace of birds above a Baronets bar. Others are carved with a pagoda centre and shaped edges. Great quality and wonderful iridescence to the 'nacre' shell. The skill in production and man-hours involved pro-rata far outweighs the cost shown here. Comprising: 64 'flat' fish 5 fish 8 circular 32 ovoid 8 rectangular 1 oval 118 in total China c. 1850

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