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Chinese Teksing Shipwreck Bowls. Pair. C1822

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA689767****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Description

Pair of Chinese porcelain Teksing Shipwreck bowls. This pair is in perfect condition. History of the Teksing Shipwreck. The Tek Sing (Chinese, "True Star") was a large three-masted Chinese ocean-going junk which sank on February 6, 1822 in an area of the South China Sea known as the Belvidere Shoals. The vessel which weighed a thousand tons was manned by a crew of 200 and had approx. 1600 passengers. The Tek Sing's captain, Io Tauko, decided to attempt a shortcut through the Gaspar Strait between the Bangka-Belitung Islands, and ran aground on a reef. The junk sank in about 30m of water. The next morning, February 7, 1822, an English East Indiaman captained by James Pearl sailing from Indonesia to Borneo passed through the Gaspar Strait. The ship encountered debris from the sunken Chinese vessel and an enormous number of survivors. The English ship managed to rescue about 190 of the survivors. Another 18 persons were saved by a wangkang, a small Chinese junk captained by Jalang Lima. This Chinese vessel may have been sailing in tandem with the Tek Sing, but had avoided the reefs. The great loss of life associated with the sinking has led to the Tek Sing being referred to as the 'True Star'.

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