



Plate with scene of tea cultivation, made for the Dutch market

Date

ca. 1740-45

Medium

Porcelain with underglaze blue

Description

Pattern plate. White porcelain covered with blue-tinted white glaze except on bottom of slight foot which is discolored by iron. Decorated in two shades of underglaze blue with central medallion showing scene in process of

silk making (processing cocoons). This is one of a series of plates showing Chinese ware carried by sales representatives, probably in the South seas. _____ Chinese, Qing dynasty Pattern plate with scene of silk workers processing cocoons, 18th century Porcelain with underglaze blue 1 1/2 x 15 1/4 inches Anonymous gift 82.062.017 These two plates are both made in China using the same technique. The one with the dragon design was made for the domestic market and the other for export to Europe where demand for Chinese porcelains of any quality remained high. The export plate, originally part of a much larger matching service for a wealthy Western household, features pseudo-European scrollwork designs on the rim. Andrew C. Weislogel

Dimensions

1 1/2 x 15 1/4 inches (3.8 x 38.7 cm)