



Chinese blue and white saucer, Kangxi (1662-1722) POA

Chinese blue and white saucer, Kangxi (1662-1722), with a deep well and foliate rim, decorated in underglaze cobalt blue to the centre with a large crab within a narrow double circle, the wide rim with four swimming carp, all amongst shells and fronds of various aquatic plants and seaweeds, the reverse with a conch shell and various flowers and foliate sprays.

Dimensions:

Diameter: 20.3 cm. (8 in.)

Condition:

Small firing fault to centre (see image).

Notes: Fish symbolise wealth in China, as the character yu (鱼, fish) is homophonous with yu (裕, abundance). They commonly feature in New Year celebrations, either as a dish or decorative motif, to encourage prosperity for the family in the coming months. As a motif within ceramic design, fish and waterweeds was popularised during the Yuan period, and appears on many exquisite Yuan blue and white wares.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration
Origin	Chinese
Period	18th Century
Condition	Excellent
Diameter	20.3 cm. (8 in.)

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