



Porcelain Trapped in Iron Concretion

Porcelain from China, Jingdezhen kilns

Qing dynasty, Kangxi period, c. 1690

Porcelain with underglaze cobalt decoration

Private Collection

Trapped in an iron concretion, these pieces of porcelain were recovered from the Vung Tau shipwreck in the South China Sea, off the southern coast of Vietnam. The cargo left China and sank before arriving in Jakarta, Indonesia, where it would have been purchased by the Dutch East India Company and transported to Holland.

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