

Basic Detail Report



Pot

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

This vessel in the form of the *Bufo marinus* toad may have been an elaborate container used in the administration of hallucinogenic enemas among the Maya elite. The circular symbols on the sides are associated with enema pots, and the glands of the *Bufo* toad secrete a toxin that is known to have been used by the ancient Maya to produce visions. The lords and jaguar portrayed around the rim underscore the importance of this ceremony and vessel.

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Dimensions

Overall: 5 x 6 3/8 x 5 1/2 in. (12.7 x 16.2 x 14 cm)