



Funerary mask in gold and silver alloy.
Representation of the face of Naylamp
(Lambayeque, AD 800-1375).



Gold ceremonial vessel with representation of Naylamp
(Lambayeque, 800-1375 AD).

One of the most distinctive metal technologies of pre-Hispanic Peru is that of the Lambayeque or Sicán society (ca. A.D. 800-1375), on the northern coast. Dependent on advanced agriculture and marine resources, as well as great pyramid builders, the Sicán are renowned for the mass and highly technical production of abundant copper and gold alloy pieces.