A000-Asia-China-Liangzhu-Tax Collector-Jade-3400–2250 BCE

  

**Case No.: 5**

**Accession Number:**

**Formal Label:**

**Display Description:**

Liangzhu (3400–2250 BCE) in Yuhang County, Zhejiang, was a highly stratified Neolithic jade city-state in the Yangtze River delta where élites controlled a sphere of influence north to Shanxi and south to Guangdong. This tax collector exemplifies the mid Liangzhu period ca 3000-2800 BCE when jade and other expensive wares (such as silk, lacquerware, and ivory) characterized the social symbolism of Liangzhu élites which they used in ritual performances and dances as well as in grave goods.

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**LC Classification:** NK5750.2.A1

**Date or Time Horizon:** Liangzhu culture, lower Yangzi River Valley, early Liangzhu Period, ca. 3200 BCE **Geographical Area:** Liangzhu culture, lower Yangzi River Valley

**Map:**



Fig. 4. Location of Liangzhu site proper.Source: Google Earth



Fig. 5. Detail of Liangzhu site complex surrounding Taihu. After Zhou Ying 2007.



**Fig. 6.** Detail of Liangzhu site proper. After Zhou Ying 2007.

**GPS coordinates:**

Northeast corner: N 30°24'48", E 120°00'17"

Northwest corner: N 30°24'41", E 119°58'58"

Southeast corner: N 30°23'20", E 120 00'19"

Southwest corner: N 30°22'55", E 119°58'28"

**Cultural Affiliation:** Liangzhu culture, lower Yangzi River Valley, 3300-2250 BCE

**Medium:** Jade

**Weight:**

**Condition:**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

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