Case 5-Asia-Thailand-Ban Chiang-Bangles-Shell-Bronze-3600 BCE



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Display Description: This large Ban Chiang shell bangle may date to the earliest grave 2000 BCE, as evidenced by associated grave crucibles and bronze fragments. Bronze objects included bracelets, rings, anklets, wires and rods, spearheads, axes and adzes, hooks, blades, and little bells.

LC Classification: DS589.B17

Date or Time Horizon: 300 BCE-300 CE

Geographical Area: Ban Chiang, Udon Thani, Thailand

Map:



Fig. 4. Ban Chiang is near the white solid circular marker SE of Vientiane.



Fig. 6. Detail of Ban Chiang location.

GPS coordinates: [17°24′25″N 103°14′29″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Ban_Chiang&params=17.4069_N_103.2414_E_type:landmark_region:TH-41)

Cultural Affiliation: Ban Chiang

Medium: Shell (clay)

Dimensions: 14 cm at widest and 14.5 cm high

Weight: 660 gm

Condition: original

Provenance: Thailand

Discussion:

A date of 2100 BCE was obtained from rice phytoliths from inside a grave vessel of the lowest grave. A dating program for this site has involved dating the bones from the people who lived at Ban Chiang and the bones of animals interred with them. The resulting determinations have been analyzed using the Bayesian statistic OxCal 4.0, and the results suggested that the initial settlement of Ban Chiang took place by about 1500 BCE, with the transition to the Bronze Age about 1000 BCE (White 2008).

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