Object: Cup with five so-called rain

dwarfs

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Description

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Around 300 BC the Nasca culture developed on the south coast of Peru. It is particularly known for its colorful ceramics. The painting on this cup shows five human-like figures. Everyone seems to be carrying a wicker basket or a net on their backs and a digging stick in their hands, which as a field device could indicate a connection to food and water. The figures could be so-called rain dwarfs, who are interpreted as farmers or servants of the rain god.

Basic data

Material/Technique: Ceramic / painted

Measurements: Height: 21 cm, diameter: 11.5 cm

Events

Created When 4. century CE

Who Nazca
Where Peru

Keywords

- Beaker
- Colonialism
- Fish
- House servant
- Regenzwerge

- Symbol
- Water