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Examples of cultural property from the cantonal legal practice

Various cases involving cultural property have been decided at the cantonal level (Art. 27 CPTA) since the Federal Act on the Internal Transfer of Cultural Property and the associated implementing ordinance entered into force (CPTA, SR 444.1; CPTO, SR 444.11; in force since June 1, 2005).

The following is a list of examples of cases involving cultural property which may be useful in assessing an object.

Categories per article 1 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention:

- Products of archaeological excavations (Examples)
- Antiquities that are more than one hundred years old (Examples)
- Objects of ethnological interest (Examples)
- Property of artistic interest (Examples)
 - Pictures, paintings and drawings
 - Original works of statuary art and sculpture
 - Original engravings, prints and lithographs
 - Originals artistic assemblages and montages

Rare manuscripts, incunabula, old books, documents and publications (Examples)

It is essential that all objects are examined on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether they are objects of cultural property (cf. "Checklist") and to establish what action needs to be taken (cf. "Memo").

Checklist Cultural property

Memo "Input, Transit and Export of Cultural Property"

"Cultural property"¹:

Products of archaeological excavations (including regular and clandestine) or archaeological discoveries

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Painted cocoon shaped ceramic vessel, Han dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD), L: 38 cm, H: 32 cm, China	
 Tea pots: Green water pot with the head of a phoenix, Guangdong, 9th century, H: 18 cm, excavation Butuan, Philippines Tea pot with broad outlet with green glaze Over the entire object, Guandong, 9th century, H: 20.5 cm, restoration Butuan, Philippines Pot (Kendi), led glaze, amber colored and green, H: 30 cm 	No image
Plate, green glaze with floral pattern, Guandong, 9 th century, D: 18.5 cm, excavation Butuan, Philippines	No image
Clay pot of the Chancay culture, ca.1200 AD, Peru	

¹ List not exhaustive

Chinese incense burner, bronze, 16th century, filled with sand to insert and separate incense sticks, China



Antiquities that are more than one hundred years old, such as inscriptions, coins, engraved seals

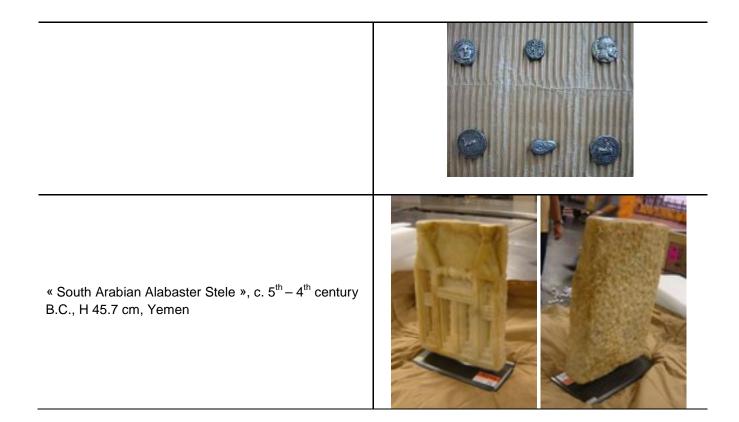
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Egyptian, polychrome glazed Faience tile	
fragment, Amarna, New Kingdom, 18 th dynasty, ca. 1352 - 1336 BC, ca. 8.5 cm in length	No image
Bronze serving spoon, Shang dynasty, Anyang period, late 11 th century BC, China	No image
Soldier statute, Han dynasty, H: 47cm, (-200 BC), China	
Barnyard scene, eastern Han dynasty (206 BC - 220 AD), China	
Granary Vessel, (2) Song dynasty (960 - 1279 AD), China	
Terracotta head (Gandhara), ca. 2 nd century AD, (3) India	
Drinking horn (Amlash Rhyton), (4) ca. 1000 - 800 BC, Iran	8. 2.
Drinking horn with bullhead (Amlash Rhyton), ca. 600 - 800 BC, Iran (5)	9.
Snaffle made of bronze, Villanova, (6) ca. 7 th – 6 th century BC, Magna Graecia	7. 4. 5. 7 3.
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Etruscan ceramic pot (Bucchero (8) Oinochoe), ca. 4 th – 3 rd BC, Magna Graecia	
Egyptian Apis bull figure, (9) Roman-Egyptian, ca. 26th dynasty, Ptolemy period, ca. 525 - 30 BC	

Painted walking ceramic horse, Han dynasty (206 BC - 220 AD), China	No image
Rare painted ceramic horse, Tang dynasty (618 - 907 AD), China	No image
Rare tile, Song dynasty (960 - 1279 AD), China	No image
"Dragon " vase made of porcelain, Yuan dynasty (1279 – 1368 AD), China	No image
Chinese statue made of stone, Ming dynasty (1368 - 1644 AD), China	
Tibetan Stupa, bronze, 13 th /14 th century, Tibet	

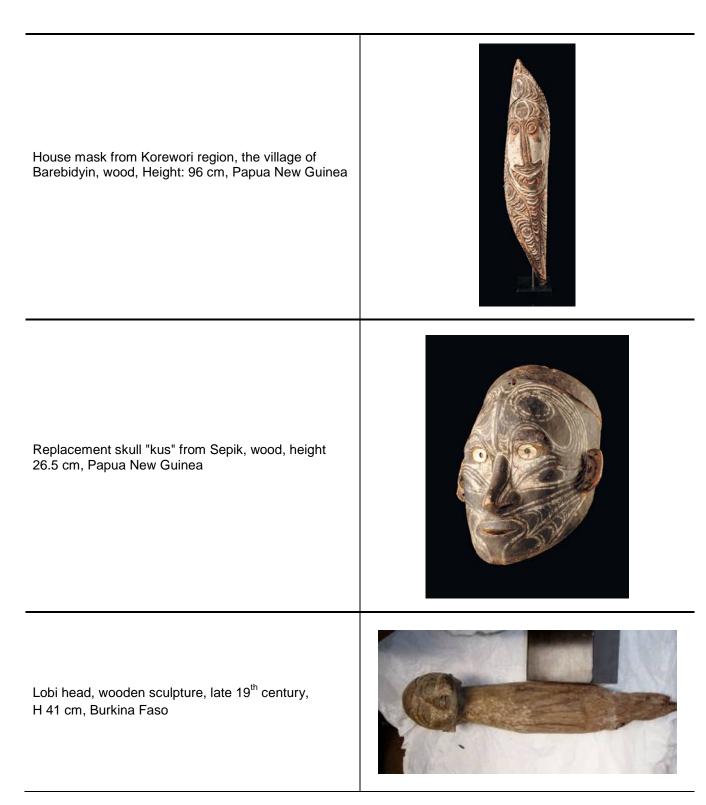
Parvati bronze sculpture: Standing Goddess, 38 x 38.70 cm, 15 th – 16 th century, India	
Neapolitan reliquary, which includes relics of S. Giuseppe da Copertino, 1700, Italy	No image
Mantlepiece clock by Jean-Antoine Lepine made of gilded bronze, with a housing attributed to Thomire, subject "Erigone Enivree par L'Amour", ca 1790, France	
Stupa made of wood with Torana and Lama in color, 18 th /19 th century, painted wood, dimension (H/B/T) 147/93/93 cm, Bhutan	

French regulator by Lory, Paris, commissioned by Baron D'Arlincourt, 1823, France	
Buddha, bronze, painted gold, 19 th century, H: 64 cm W base: 42 cm, Thailand	
Siamese bullet money, Rama IV (1851-1868) 80 baht Pot Duang, silver, 7 cm Thailand	
 Ancient coins: « Islands of Caria, Rhodes silver Tetradrachm, rare », c. 360 B.C.; « Attica, Athens silver Tetradrachm, scare in this condition », c. 460 B.C.; « Uncertain mint, « Lete » silver stater, rare », c. 500 B.C.; « Macedonia, Mende silver Tetradrachm, scarce », c. 440 B.C.; « Asia Minor, Lydia, Kroisos silver Stater, nicely centered », c. 550 B.C.; « Sicily, Messana silver Tetradrachm, scarce », c. 415 B.C. 	



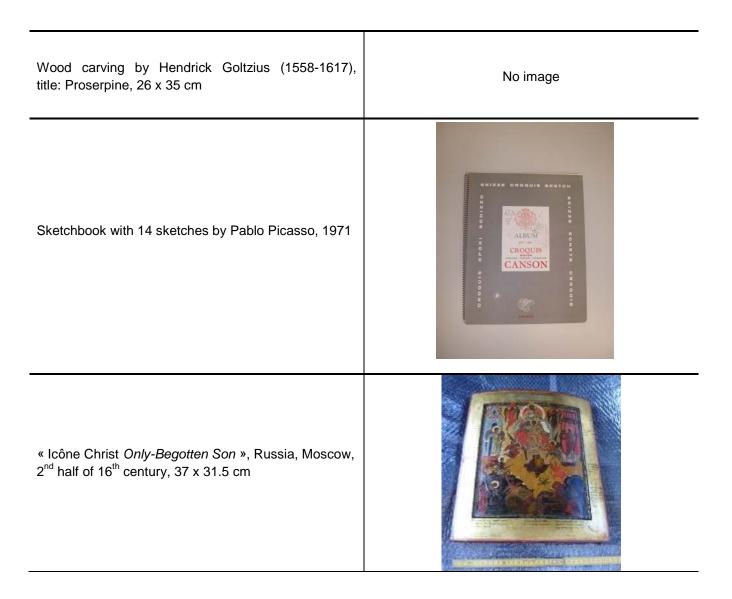
Objects of ethnological interest

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Property of artistic interest

- a) pictures, paintings and drawings made exclusively by hand on any medium and in any material (excluding mass-produced and hand-signed reproductions);
- b) Original works of statuary art and sculpture in any material;
- c) Original engravings, prints and lithographs;
- d) Original artistic assemblages and montages in any material.
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Rare manuscripts, incunabula, old books, documents and publications of special interest (historical, artistic, scientific, literary, etc.), individually or as collections Top

Book by Antonio de Medina "Viaggio di Terra Santa", Florence 1590, Italy Rare copy of a richly illustrated Italian translation of a Spanish pilgrimage travel log to the eastern Mediterranean.	No image
Book, entitled « Tableaux du Temple des muses », by Michel de Marolles, Paris: publ. by Nicolas Langlois, paper and vellum Copy with added series of 24 plates, 5 state proofs and an original wash drawing, dating from 1655	A CONTRACTOR
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