

CARVED BEAK OF HORNBILL

The helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*) belongs to the Buceros family, which inhabits the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, and Borneo, and has a horn-like excrescence on the upper mandible, which is skillfully used by Chinese carvers. The scene represents the visit of an emperor to the fairy of the moon.

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