

COIN

Unique ID: LON-A91FC3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A post medieval silver 2-real 'cob' piece of Philip II-Philip IV of Spain (AD 1556-1665). The coin would have been minted in Lima, Peru or Potosi, Bolivia or Mexico.

Obverse: Crowned shield bearing the arms of Spain and its territories.

Reverse: Cross within octofoil, lion rampant and castle in alternate quarters, Arms of Castile and Leon.

Similar real 'cobs' on the database are LON-D58C14, IOW-FD60C6 , HAMP-EEB4C6 and LANCUM-E9CE14.

Dimensions: length: 18.75mm; width: 17.86mm; weight: 2.23g.

In the mid-16th century major silver deposits were found in South America, in an area known as 'Peru', but this relates to an area much larger than modern-day Peru. Coins minted from here were called 'cobs' or *cabo*, and rather than producing a nice flan onto which the image was struck, cobs were simply a bar of silver cut into appropriate weights (1, 2, 4, 8 reales) so they are not standard shapes. This coin was most likely minted in Peru, Bolivia or Mexico due to its irregular shape.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1556

Date to: Circa AD 1665

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 18.75 mm

Width: 17.86 mm

Weight: 2.23 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [London](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [Southwark](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Surrey Docks](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3679

Four figure Latitude: 51.49359401

Four figure longitude: -0.04234424

1:25K map: TQ3679

1:10K map: TQ37NE

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Mudlarking

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Running water