


Damaru, two-headed ritual hand drum

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	65.91.1 
Type:	musical instruments; religious/ritual equipment
Date of production:	turn of the 19th and 20th centuries
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	leather; plastic; silk
Dimensions:	height: 6.6 cm diameter 9 cm length: 77 cm

The damaru was originally a double-sided percussion instrument made of human skull and covered with leather, which was used in funeral ceremonies. This drum is made of two hemispherical yellowish-white veined celluloid with a green dyed leather cover. A red silk ribbon is tied to the middle of the drum body, to which the drum sticks are attached. The ribbon is connected to a red string, on which a brown stone butterfly and pearls are attached. A long, silk ribbon is attached to the cord with colorful fringes at the end, on which plant ornaments are embroidered. Bundles of yellow cords on both sides.

