

Damaru, two-headed ritual hand drum

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.: **81.39.1** 

Type: **musical instruments; religious/ritual equipment**

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: **Mongolia**

Materials: **leather; textile; wood**

Techniques: **painted**

Dimensions: height: 14.5 cm
diameter: 22 cm

This double-sided drum consists of two wooden hemispheres. It was used at funeral ceremonies. Green leather cover its two side and skull are painting on the wall of the drum. A silken ribbon joins it in the middle on which Cauri shells were sewn. A long, twofold silken ribbon is attached to it showing Buddhist symbols and the twofold Shou (Longevity) symbol. A metal hoop, a small bell and a hook are in the middle.

