


Damaru, two-headed ritual hand drum

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.: 82.166.1 

Type: religious or cult object; musical instruments

Date of production: circa 1900

Place of production: Mongolia

Materials: bone; leather; silk

Dimensions: diameter: 10.5 cm
length: 70 cm

The damaru was originally a double-sided percussion instrument made of human skull and covered with leather, which was used in funeral ceremonies. In the middle of the drum body, there are metal overlays with a vajra pattern. Its double silk ribbon is decorated with metallic thread embroidery, pearls and tassels.

