

Zhenwu, the perfect warrior, Lord of the North

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 2007.73.1 

Type: **sculpture; religious or cult object**

Date of production: 1538
Ming dynasty

Place of production: **China**

Materials: **bronze**

Techniques: **gilt; lacquered**

Dimensions: height: 34 cm

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width: 19.2

length: 18 cm

Zhenwu, the Taoist deity, is well known throughout China as the Perfect Warrior or the Black Warrior. He has been a popular figure in Chinese mythology since the end of the third century BC. By the mid-fifteenth century he had become the most important member of the Taoist pantheon, the chief protector of both the emperor and the state.

