

Belt plaque depicting a tiger biting an argali sheep

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: **5944** 

Type: **metalwork; accessory**

Date of production: 5th–4th centuries BC
Zhou dynasty

Place of production: **southwestern part of Inner Mongolia, China**

Materials: **bronze**

Techniques: **silvered**

Dimensions: length: 10.5 cm
height: 6.2 cm

The predator is looking to the left, tearing apart a mountain sheep held in its open mouth and between its two forelegs. The depiction of the wild animal is somewhat static. The tiger's body is perforated in several places, creating holes used for fastening the belt. It is belonged to the Tagar culture.

