

Shridevi dharmapala, the Victorious Goddess

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	81.36.1 
Type:	painting; textile; thangka
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	canvas
Techniques:	painted
Dimensions:	image: height: 61 cm width: 42.5 cm

On this bordeless thangka Shridevi Dharmapala is shown as riding a mule in the middle of the Blood Ocean surrounded by mountains. Both the goddess and her mule are adorned with various weapons and ornaments donated by different deities. A crown of five skulls decorates her forehead, a snake and a half vajra ornament her upstanding hair and a peacock-feather umbrella is depicted on top. A tiger skin covers the lower body of the semi-nude deity. She wears a special necklace in her neck and holds a skullcup filled with blood in her left hand. Her retinue includes the Makara-head dakini and the Lion-faced dakini. The Queens of the Four Seasons are depicted in the corner of the image.

