

Beg-tse dharmapala, the Red Mahákála, the God of War

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.: 9599 

Type: painting; textile; thangka

Date of production: early 20th century

Place of production: China, Inner Mongolia

Materials: cotton canvas

Techniques: painted

Dimensions: image:
height: 51.5 cm
width: 33.7 cm
frame:
height: 94 cm
width: 45 cm

Wearing armour and Mongolian boots, he is shown stepping to the right, trampling on the dead body of a horse and a human corpse. In his right hand, he brandishes a flaming sword with a scorpion handle, and in his left hand he raises a human heart to his mouth while holding a red banner. The figure, adorned with guardian ornaments, is surrounded by tongues of flame. On either side are red-coloured demons in armour riding on animals, with a circle of red-bodied demons torturing naked human beings.

