


Beg-tse dharmapala, the Red Mahākāla, 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.

