

The Great Yellow Vaiśravaṇa

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	81.10.1 
Type:	sculpture; metalwork; statuette
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	brass
Dimensions:	height: 9.3 cm

Vaiśravaṇa is shown seated on snow a lion reclining on a rounded rectangular lotus pedestal. His sits with his legs dangling. He has a bun, and wears a five-pointed jewelled crown (only one of the five branches remain intact). He has a twisted moustache, bushy eyebrows and a bump on his forehead (in reference to a third eye). He wears a Chinese armour suit with a belt and boots. His body is ornamented with ribbons and multi-unit long earrings. The attribute is missing from his right hand. In his left, he holds a mongoose. There are carved signs on the back of the statue. The figure's sacrum is decorated with a pattern in imitation of a lotus. The cast statue shows traces of gilding and paiting.

