


# Phur bu, three-sided Buddhist ritual dagger

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	76.20.1 
Type:	metalwork; religious/ritual equipment
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	copper
Techniques:	cast
Dimensions:	height: 20.3 cm

This three-edged ritual dagger was used for malefic rituals. It was casting in one piece from copper. The three-edged dagger starts in the mouth of Makar, and snake s is rolling on it. Above the blade there is a head with half vajra, thus the deity of the phurbu is identified as Mahakala.

