

Phur bu, three-sided Buddhist ritual dagger

Mongolian Collection

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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.

