


Sceptre (ruyi), openwork carving of jade plaques with dragon ornaments

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	1447 
Type:	jade; carving
Date of production:	18th–19th centuries Qing dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	jade; silk; wood
Techniques:	carved
Dimensions:	length: 46.3 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

The sceptre (ruyi, “Let it be done as you wish”) is an ancient Chinese ceremonial object and mark of high status, which later became the symbol of good luck. Later form of the sceptre also known today is a highly stylised S-curve made of precious material but hardly resembling its origin.

