


# Pair of fo lions

## Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	50.804.1 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers
Date of production:	Around 1600 Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	wood
Techniques:	carved
Dimensions:	height: 87 cm width: 20 cm length: 26 cm

Fo lions ("Buddha lions") stand on each side of Chinese shrine and palace entrances. The lion was introduced in China as a gift of the Parthian king in the Eastern Zhou period (first century AD). The first stone sculptures of lions were also made during this time.

