

Weituo, defender of monasteries

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	6742 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers
Date of production:	18th–19th centuries Qing dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	lacquer; wood
Techniques:	carved; gilt
Dimensions:	height: 60 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Wei tuo (veda in Sanskrit): celestial general, head of the demons. In Chinese Buddhist temples, his sculpture stands behind the altar of the Laughing Buddha with his back turned. The standing figure with his one leg taking a step is represented wearing a general's costume and holding a sword.

