

# Sceptre (ruyi)

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 758 

Type: religious or cult object; object for daily use; jade

Date of production: 18th century  
Qing dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: jadeite; nephrite; silk

Techniques: carved; openwork

Dimensions: length: 30.5 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.

