


Bracelet

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	57.407.1 
Type:	jewellery; religious or cult object; accessory
Date of production:	first half of the 20th century
Place of production:	Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	coral (plant root), carved
Dimensions:	height: 3.5 cm diameter: 7.5 cm

Jewellery made of local coral type (Indonesian: akar bahar). Open bangle with animal head (makara or snake). The popularity of the akar bahar (literally: sea root) in Indonesia is due in part to the various physiological benefits attributed to its consumption, and its wearing as a bracelet is said to protect against evil forces.

