

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/Technique
s: **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.

