



Anthropomorphic form (possibly axe)

Not on display

Title/Description: Anthropomorphic form (possibly axe)

Born: 2500 c. BC - 1500 c. BC

Object Type: Plaque, Relief

Materials: Copper

Measurements: h. 235 x w. 366 x d. 13 mm

Accession Number: 880

Historic Period: 3rd millennium BC, 2nd millennium BC

Production Place: Asia, Ganges valley, India

Although objects like this have been termed "axes" they were for ceremonial purposes only. There is no actual sharpened edge but the ends of the arms and feet are thinner and tapered. The pattern of

regular short lines was made by careful hammering. This particular object is not readily recognised as anthropomorphic, but similar objects of this type found in the Ganges Valley have more elongated “legs” and are of a more distinct human shape.

Description taken from the 'Art From The Indian Sub-Continent In The Sainsbury Centre' (Margaret A. Willey 1995)

Provenance

Acquired 1984
