

# Basic Detail Report

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## Ritual Bone Apron

### Date

18th - 19th century

### Medium

Bone

### Description

Objects made from bone are generally intended to act as reminders of our mortality. Foremost among them are objects made from human bone and most of all, the

human skull. Bones are selected with very specific criteria for various ritual uses. Some belonged to holy people. Others have gained ritual potency based upon the character of the deceased and the circumstances of their death. Some rosaries and ritual instruments, such as hand drums and trumpets, are made from human bone. Other bone ornaments, like the ritual apron displayed here, are made of animal bone. Similar aprons are worn by tantric masters during specific stages of ritual ceremonies to symbolize nondual wisdom while conferring initiation.

### Dimensions

24 1/2 × 31 1/2 × 1 1/4 in.