



## Mother of Pearl Prayer Beads

### Date

early 19th century

### Medium

Mother of pearl, coral, ivory, silver alloy, copper alloy

### Description

The long mother of pearl strand of 108 beads has the characteristic two counters usually attached to the prayer beads of Tibetan Buddhists. Its exquisite red coral separator beads and ivory guru bead are complemented by red silk tassels and testify to the refined aesthetic preferences of its previous owner, a princess of Derge in eastern Tibet.

### Dimensions

21 3/4 × 2 1/8 × 1/2 in.