



24 × 7 1/2 × 6 7/8 in. (61 × 19.1 × 17.5 cm)

## Drum (Kundu)

### Date

20th Century

### Medium

Wood and lizard skin

### Description

This hand drum with crocodile handle and detached lizard skin drum head comes from the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. Drums play a significant role in the ritual and ceremonial life of various peoples throughout Papua New Guinea. Drums are generally referred to as kundu throughout New Guinea, but there are several different specific types of drums. Most were made by fire-hollowing and scraping out the burnt centers of whole logs. Once hollow, decorations were often added to the exterior and a lizard or snake skin was attached to one end to form the head of the drum.

### Dimensions