

Frogs and snakes lurk among the works in our Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall (Floor 4). Take this sheet* to go and look for them!

Hint* When answering the quiz, this List of Works may help you.



Works with frog and snake motifs



Netsuke of a frog surrounded by a snake

Main Display Area

This frog may be in big trouble!

18th-19th century Meiji University Museum



Nirvana

Theme 3 Room 6

A snake or a frog is hiding inside each

13th century

Kyushu National Museum



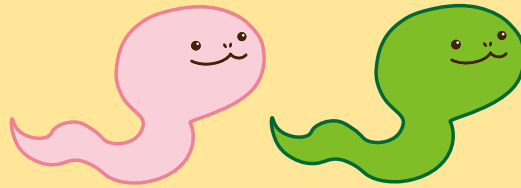
Bracelet

Theme 2, Room 3

A frog adorns this snake-shaped bracelet

Thailand 3rd century BCE-2nd century CE
Kyushu National Museum

Works with snake motifs

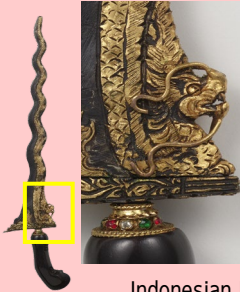


Silver bangles

Theme 2, Room 3

Snake heads decorate the ends of each bracelet

Nung people, Vietnam (left 2) Chin people, Myanmar (right 1) 20th century Kyushu National Museum (all 3)



Kris sword

Theme 2, Room 3

The head of a snake deity is carved in gold

Naga's profile

Indonesian Institute of the Arts, Surakarta
Dated 1999, Kyushu National Museum



Sword

Theme 2, Room 3

The scabbard is covered in snakes



Paiwan people, Taiwan 19th–20th century
Tokyo National Museum



Ucchusma Vidyaraja

Theme 3 Room 6

Look closely at the wrist!

13th century Private collection



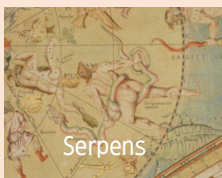
Mirror with 5 sea beasts and 12 Chinese zodiac signs

Theme 3, Room 8

A snake is inside the outer ring



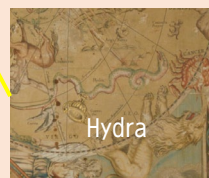
China Tang dynasty 7th century Private collection



Serpens



Hydra



Important Cultural Property Map of the World

Theme 5, Room 11

The constellation of Serpens is in the upper right and that of Hydra is in the upper left

By Joan Blaeu, Holland Dated 1648 Tokyo National Museum

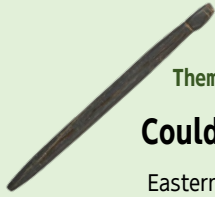
Works with
snake-like
spiral motifs



Earthenware jar

Theme 1 Main Display Area
**Is this a U-shaped
snake on the jar?**

Nakamichi Site A, Shizuoka
5,000–4,000 years old Kyushu National Museum



Stone rod

Theme 1 Main Display Area

Could this be a snake?

Eastern Japan 4,000–2,300 years old
Kyushu National Museum



Stone object resembling a spiral shell pendant

Theme 1 Main Display Area

**The whole snaky motif
goes round and round!**

Aoshika Nagane, Aomori 3,000–2,300 years old
Kyushu National Museum



Bottle with octopus scroll patterns in underglaze blue

Theme 5, Room 10

**2025 may be the Year
of the Snake Scrolls!**

Imari (Arita) 18th–19th century
Kyushu National Museum



Large dish decorated in underglaze blue

Theme 5, Room 10

**Scrolls snake all around
the inside of this dish...**

Imari (Arita) 19th century
Kyushu National Museum

Works
with frog
motifs



Bronze drum

Theme 2, Room 3

**4 frogs stand
on top of this
bronze drum**

Northern Myanmar or neighboring regions
18th–19th century Kyushu National Museum



Bronze drum

Theme 2, Room 3

**Frogs sit on top of
frogs on this drum!**

Northern Myanmar or neighboring regions
18th–19th century Kyushu National Museum



Tripod frog-shaped water dropper

Theme 4 Main Display Area

**What's this weird frog
with 3 legs?**

China, Ming dynasty 16th century
Kyushu National Museum

Kyuhaku New Year Tour Frogs Strike Back

Events

▼ Quiz Rally

- From 1 Jan (Wed) to 2 Feb (Sun) 2025
- Floor 4 Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall

Answer the quiz, and put the completed Quiz Rally sheet in the post box inside the Museum Shop on Floor 1. You just might win a special prize!

▼ *Protecting the Nature of Mount Hōman* Art Exhibition

- From 1 Jan (Wed) to 19 Jan (Sun) 2025
- Main Entrance, Floor 1

Mount Hōman is near our museum. Every day, many frogs and toads climb this sacred peak. Students from local junior and senior high schools have sent in their pictures of these amphibians. Why not go and look at their work?

▼ *Enchanted by Mysterious Frogs: 1 cm-Tall Mountain Climbers* Film screening & Talk show*

- 12 Jan 2025 (Sun) From 13:30 to 14:30
- Museum Hall, Floor 1 ※ Free of charge

Watch a film about the people protecting the frogs that climb Mount Hōman. After the screening, hear from some of the film staff in an exclusive talk. *In Japanese Only