

## Magical gem: Animal-headed figure on crocodile (A) Greek inscription (B)

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<b>ID-Number</b>	Int-Antiquariat Rainer Friedrich Meyer_3179
<b>Collection</b>	Int_Art market (Antiquariat Rainer Friedrich Meyer)
<b>Inventory</b>	3179
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18.5 x 13.2 x 2.2 mm
<b>Dating</b>	c. 250 AD (RFM website)
<b>Iconography</b>	figure, jackal-headed; animal: crocodile; flail; trident; stars (3); weapon: armour; scorpion



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**Description:** Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Haematite, chipped at the edge.

**A:** Jackal-headed figure, to front, head to left, wearing armour, standing atop a crocodile, also to left. Left hand raised and holding a flail, right hand supporting a trident. In the free field on the left and right, three six-pointed stars. Above the head of the figure, a scorpion. Letters around the edge, in mirror writing, from right to left: υ, γ (in mirror writing), ζ, χ, υ.

**B:** Inscribed with the letters κ, υ, λ or α, Latin F, α (in mirror-writing). In the free field, characteres and letter π?

### **Bibliography**

Unpublished.