

	Object:	Constellation of the "Capricornus"
	Museum:	Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de
	Collection:	Ancient Cultures, Gemmen, Kameen und Glaspasten. Die Sammlung geschnittener Steine
	Inventory number:	K 1754

Description

Pictorial signs gloss over Octavian's assumption of power in stylised form. The Capricornus is the birth sign of Octavian. He was born under the zodiacal sign of Libra and elevates the sign of Capricorn (a goat with a fish body) as the ascendant to his birth star. - An astrologer had predicted a brilliant future for Octavian shortly before the assassination of Iulius Caesar, after the latter had learned of the hour of his birth. (AVS)

Former collection August Kestner, Rome

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Carnelian / carved
Measurements:	Height: 0.94 cm, width: 1.19 cm

Events

Created	When	20 v. Chr.-14 n. Chr.
	Who	
	Where	Rome
Collected	When	
	Who	August Kestner (1777-1853)
	Where	Rome

[Relation to
person or
institution]

When

Who

Augustus (-63-14)

Where

Keywords

- Astrologe
- Constellation
- Ibex
- Weighing scale
- sign

Literature

- Schlüter, Margildis - Platz-Horster, Gertrud (1975): Antike Gemmen in deutschen Sammlungen IV. Hannover, Kestner Museum, Hamburg, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe. Wiesbaden, 224 Nr. 1141