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

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| 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

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