

Dozō Fudōmyō-ō

Bronze statue of Fudō Myō-ō

Iwate Prefecture Tangible Cultural Property

This bronze statue of Fudō Myō-ō dates to the Kamakura period (1185–1333). Fudō Myō-ō is the most important of Buddhism's Five Wisdom Kings, who protect Buddhist teachings and vanquish evil. The figure may have held a sword in its right hand symbolizing its power to cut down evil, which is typical of representations of Fudō Myō-ō, as is its fierce expression.