A000-Asia-Persia-Rhyton-Bronze-Ram’s Head—400 BCE 

**Case no.: 4**

**Accession Number:**

**Formal Label:** Persia-Rhyton-Bronze-Ram’s Head—400 BCE

**Display Description:**

Rhyta are among the most appealing yet enigmatic classes of artefacts from the Aegean Bronze Age. They were produced in a wide range of forms and media with a consistently high degree of craftsmanship. Bronze Age rhyta involves asking questions of typology, function, context, and the uses of these vessels. Of the several rhyta in the Atlantica collection this example from ancient Persia suggests the use of the ram’s head as an emblem of certain tribes’ identity, since the horns of the ram have been blunted by caps indicating this animal was domesticated.

**LC Classification: DF220**

**Date or Time Horizon:** 400 BCE

**Geographical Area:** Persia

**Map:**

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:** Persia

**Media:**

**Dimensions:**

**Weight:**

**Condition:**

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**Discussion:**

**References:**

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