

T15

5 sKar

The 5 sKar was known as 'Karchung' (tib. sKar-ch'un; small sKar). The following seven tables record the details in classifying this issue based on only four coins in the writer's trays.

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I. COIN FEATURE DETAILS

OBVERSE DETAILS

A. Snow Lion Types

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
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A	Snow Lion similar to 2 1/2 sKar lion type 'A'; no tongue; one tooth in upper jaw; two teeth in lower jaw; tail extends out from body before turning upwards; Lion's flames 0.4.0.6-8.
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B	Snow Lion similar to 2 1/2 sKar lion type 'B'; no tongue; one tooth in upper jaw; two teeth in lower jaw; body heavier; legs slimmer; tail extends upward from body; Lion's flames 0.4.0.5-6.
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B. Sun Variations

<u>Code</u>	<u>Details</u>
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(counterfeit)

C. Abbreviations

L.T.....Lion type
 S.V.....Sun Variations

II. COIN TYPES

Type	Code 'T'	Obverse Lion Type	Sun Type
I	15.1	A	1
II	15.2	B	2

III. DETAILS OF COIN TYPES

Type I
 Code T15.1
 Mint: Dode
 Denomination: 5 sKar n.d. (1909)
 Diam. 26.0 mm;Th. 1.5 mm;Wt. 6.84 gms
 Metal: Copper, Plain edge

Obverse



Reverse



Obverse: A stylized snow lion (Type A) looking backwards enclosed in a 12-mm diameter circle. Lion's flames 0.4.0.6-2. An ornate sun (Type I) above lion's back and a triangle form between the lion's legs. The eight separate fleurets containing Tibetan script inscribed between the circles. The fleurets are connected by an arc with a bead. The Tibetan script reads:

dga'-ldan-pho-bran-phyod-las-rnam-rgyal. The Ga-den Palace, victorious in all directions Beaded border.

Reverse: The 'Wish-Granting Jewel' (tib. 'Norbu') pattern enclosed by two closely spaced circles within the 11-mm diameter inner circle. Tibetan script inscribed between the second and third circles. Beaded border. Tibetan script reads:

rab-byung-75-lo-43-skar-nga. The 15th sexgerarian cycle, year 43, skar fine

Type II
 Code T15.2

Obverse



Reverse



Obverse: Lion type 'B' Lion's flames 0.4.0.5-6 Sun type '2'

Reverse: Deviating in Tibetan script

V. SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Type	Code 'T'	No. Var.	No. Dup.	T.N.
I	15.1	1	1	2
II	15.2	1	1	2
	Total	2	2	4

V. MEASUREMENT AND WEIGHT ANALYSIS

The average diameter is 26.0 mm and the average thickness is 1.6 mm. The average weight of five coins is 7.00 grams with a low weight of 6.56 grams and a high weight of 8.00 grams.

VI. X-RAY MINI QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES

Code 'T'	Cu	Zn	Analyses %		
			Fe	Pb	Sn
15.1	98.3	.906	.033	.172	.248
	95.6	1.45	.144	.412	.258
15.2	97.2	-	.032	.451	.102
	97.4	-	-	-	-

VII. TABLE SHOWING COIN DETAILS

Type	Code 'T'	Coin Var	L.T.	S.V.	<u>Obverse Lion</u>				T	Rev Die Axis	Diam. mm	Th. mm	Wt. gms	Remarks
					Rt ft	Lt ft	Rt rr	Lt rr						
I	15.1	1	A	1	0	4	0	6	8	50°ccw	26.0	1.6	6.84	
II	15.2	2	B	2	0	4	0	5	6	Due N	26.0	1.5	6.56	
	15.CF	CF	-	3	0	0	0	4	6	35°ccw	24.6	1.3	5.44	Counterfeit

Counterfeit
Code CF-61
Mint: ?

Denomination: 5 sKar n.d. (1909)
Diam. 24.6mm; Th. 1.3 mm; Wt. 5.44 gms
Metal: Copper, Plain edge

Obverse



Reverse

