

Aikuchi, polished rayskin scabbard, with Tokugawa mon

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	5454.1-2 
Type:	weapons and armament; metalwork
Date of production:	Second half of the 19th century Edo (Tokugawa) period or Meiji era
Place of production:	Japan
Materials/Techniques:	steel, bronze, gold, silver, lacquer, wood, rayskin, snake skin, bamboo
Dimensions:	length: 32.5 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Smaller blades and hairpins (kozuka and kōgai) with similarly ornamented handles and carried in a slot cut in the scabbard had their own place on either side of the handle. Source: Fajcsák Györgyi (ed.): Japán vörös és fekete. Hagyományos japán viselet és kortárs magyar ékszerek / Japanese 'Rouge et Noir'. Traditional Japanese Wear and Traditional Hungarian Jewellery. Budapest, Iparművészeti Múzeum, 2013.

