

Wakizashi, with kozuka decorated with shell motifs

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	5469.1-2 
Type:	weapons and armament; metalwork
Date of production:	18–19. század Edo (Tokugawa) period or Meiji era
Place of production:	Japan
Materials/Techniques:	steel, bronze, gold, lacquer, wood, rayskin, bamboo
Dimensions:	length: 52.8 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

From the 16th century, the samurai had the exclusive right to carry a sword. The swords the samurai wore as their prerogative were not mere decorations but could be used on the common people. The samurai wore two swords thrust through the belt, edges up: the longer katana and the shorter wakizashi. 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.

