

Parang latok

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: weapons and armament; metalwork; carving

Date of production: 18th – 19th century

Place of production: Borneo (Kalimantan), Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique s: steel, copper, wood, bamboo, plant fibre

Dimensions: lenght of the sword: 73 cm

Acquisition: collection of Ferenc Hopp

Collected by Ferenc Hopp. This dayak sword or machete belonging to the parang type is relatively easy to recognise by the change of its direction at a sharp angle above the hilt from where the blade gradually widens. Its scabbard is made of two flat pieces of wood joined together by plant fibres and rattan. As a decoration, a dried fruit dangles from the end of a string. The top of the hilt is a characteristic carved wooden 'knob', above which a part of the handle is wrapped in metal cord. Designed for two-handed use.

