


Kris hilt with Garuda

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	3092 
Type:	bone objects; weapons and armament
Date of production:	before 1914
Place of production:	Bali, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	ivory, carved
Dimensions:	height: 11.7 cm width: 6 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Carved ivory hilt. It is thought to have originally been an accessory for a Balinese dagger (kris). The figural hilt is in the shape of Garuda, the mythical birdman, a very popular character, even features the Indonesian national flag. The kris is originally a sacred object of Javanese tradition, more than a simple weapon, it is a cult object, a dwelling place of the ancestral spirit, a status symbol.

