

# 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/Technique  
s: 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.

