

Tumbok lada

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	3099.1-2 
Type:	bone objects; weapons and armament; metalwork
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Sumatra, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	steel, wood, ivory
Dimensions:	length: 19.9 cm width: 5.3 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Dagger with a slightly curved blade. In some parts of Sumatra it is a ritual weapon for lower-ranking chiefs, in others it is considered a 'woman's weapon' because of its size - it goes unnoticed easily. The name literally means "pepper corn-crusher", due to the similarity between the shape of the handle and the object (Van Zonneweld)

