


Rudus

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	408.1-2 
Type:	weapons and armament; metalwork; carving
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Sumatra, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	silver, steel, wood, laquer, painted, carved, forged
Dimensions:	length: 89.5 cm width: 10 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Among the Karo Batak and the Gayo peoples, it is called rudus, but among the Pakpak it is called corik/candong. This Sumatran (Batak) sword collected by Ferenc Hopp is one of the longest cutting weapons in the Indonesian archipelago. The hilt is usually closed by an open calyx-shaped end with a single pointy tip (type hulu cangee gliwang). The rudus usually has no scabbard (except among the Pakpak people) and is carried in the hand and wrapped in a piece of goatskin or palm leaf. It is rather a ceremonial object than a sharp weapon (A.G. Van Zonneweld).

