

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/Technique s: 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 giliwang). 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).

