

# Belt buckle

## Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 54.98.1 

Type: metalwork; accessory

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: West Sumatra, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: brass, hammered, chiselled

Dimensions: width: 10.1 cm  
length: 18.2 cm

Brass belt ornament, with rosette in the centre and floral, leaf and scroll motifs around the ornament. The design suggests that the wearer was of the Minangkabau ethnic group of West Sumatra.

The belt ornament (Indonesian: pending) is a popular accessory in the Malay world made by Peranakan (emigrant, assimilated) Chinese jewellers, but the clientele was not limited to this community, as it was as much a part of Javanese dress as of the people of Malayo-chinese colonies living in the Malay islands or Singapore (the former British colony, called the Straits Settlements).

