


Kris

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	57.406.1 
Type:	religious or cult object; weapons and armament; metalwork; carving
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Technique s:	steel, wood, forged, carved
Dimensions:	length: 42. 5 cm width: 7 cm

Straight-edged dagger, forged from steel. The carved hilt of the kris (Indonesian: keris) in question has a characteristic Central Javanese motif. The base of the hilt is surrounded by a shaft ring. Its blade is serrated in several places. The scabbard is missing.

For the Indonesians the kris is much more than a simple weapon, it is a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a vehicle of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism and a status symbol.

