

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
widthe: 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.

