

Kris hilt

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 77.1 

Type: bone objects; religious or cult object; weapons and armament; fragment

Date of production: 18- 19th century

Place of production: Java or Bali, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: ivory, carved

Dimensions: height: 17 cm
width: 4 cm

Kris (Indonesian: keris) hilt carved from bone, with demon figures standing on each other's backs. For the Indonesians, the kris is much more than a simple weapon, a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a bearer of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism and a status symbol.

