


Kris

Southeast Asian Collection

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| Accession Nr.: | 9634.1-2  |
| Type: | religious or cult object; weapons and armament; metalwork; carving |
| Date of production: | 18 – 19th century |
| Place of production: | Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia |
| Materials/Techniques: | steel, wood, bone, carved, forged |
| Dimensions: | length: 46 cm width: 19 cm |

A wavy-edged dagger, kris (Indonesian: keris) with a carved bone human-shaped hilt. The scabbard is made of wood, as is the boat-shaped hilt guard (Indonesian: wrangka kris ladrang), which suggests a Middle Javanese origin.

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

