


Beltbuckle

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	974 
Type:	jewellery; metalwork; accessory
Date of production:	before 1914
Place of production:	Sumatra, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	silver, repoussé, chiselled
Dimensions:	height: 6cm width: 11.5cm depth: 0.6cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Silver beltbuckle in the form of a leaf, with a rosette in the middle, surrounded by foliage scroll motif. The object was purchased by Ferenc Hopp in Siam.

The belt ornament (In 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). A beautifully crafted, ornate silver pending was also the symbol of the wearer's wealth and status.

