


Hmong necklace

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	2015.107.1 
Type:	jewellery; metalwork; accessory
Date of production:	1970s
Place of production:	Laos/Thailand, Southeast Asia
Materials:	silver
Dimensions:	diameter: 20.5 cm

Hmong identity is expressed most clearly through the wearing of necklaces. Children are given their first necklace on the thirtieth day after their birth. From this moment on and for the rest of their lives, girls and women hardly ever remove their neckbands, while the menfolk wear them on special occasions. The two ends of the horseshoe-shaped necklaces are bent back, often forming the head of an ibis.

