

	Object:	Warrior Helmet (Kora)
	Museum:	Ethnologisches Museum Arnimallee 27 14195 Berlin 030 / 83 01 273 em@smb.spk-berlin.de
	Collection:	Süd- und Südostasien, Naga-Sammlung
	Inventory number:	I C 28388

Description

Warrior helmet (kora)

This cane-weave headgear worn by Ao Naga warriors functions as a kind of helmet. It is adorned with buffalo horns, boar tusks and hornbill feathers. The hornbill has a special mythical meaning for the Naga. Only warriors of special distinction are permitted to wear such helmets.

Entry in the main historical catalogue: "Kora" cane helmet of the Âo with horns, boar's tusks and two hornbill feathers.

There are 2 x 7 feathers with the inventory numbers 28141, 28141 a, b, c and d, but there are only a maximum of 12 feathers on the helmet. No clear information has been found about how the other feathers are attached.

Collector: Ehlers, Otto Ehrenfried

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Braid with a fabric made of plant material. Decorations made of plant material, horn and boar tusks, bristles and white paint, hornbill feathers
Measurements:	Object dimensions: 60 x 64 x 24 cm

Events

Created	When	1851-1900
	Who	Ao Naga
	Where	India
Collected	When	1892-1894
	Who	Otto Ehrenfried Ehlers (1855-1895)
	Where	Nagaland

Keywords

- Helmet
- Warrior
- men's hat