

	Object:	Panji Basket (Soku/Shuku)
	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 28470

Description

The name on the card is "soku" or "shuku". The small plant-fibre basket contains 10 human heads carved in wood, which indicate that the basket would be carried only by a successful headhunter. The basket is worn over the shoulder with a raffia strap. The basket usually contains panji, fire-hardened bamboo sticks sharpened at one end that are hidden in the ground. These are inserted in the ground to keep pursuers at bay during battle and headhunting (anyone stepping on the sharp bamboo tip would injure themselves)

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Vegetable fiber; wood, inlay possibly bone, hair
Measurements:	Height x width x depth: 55.5 x 13.5 x 23 cm;

Events

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

Keywords

- Basket

- Headhunting
- Warfare