

	Object: Belt and holder for sword (Dao)
	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 28552

Description

This belt or girdle has a wooden holder for the dao (sword, machete). The holder is decorated with a stylised figure, which indicated that the wearer was a successful headhunter. The belt is worn during rituals and headhunting. In everyday life, daos are used as tools.

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Collector: Ehlers, Otto Ehrenfried

Comment: Former Hill Miri

Basic data

Material/Technique: Wood; Hair; Cotton; Wool; Cowrie shells; bone

Measurements: Length x width: 102 x 7.5 cm (strap); Object dimensions: 23 x 13 x 3.5 cm (sheath)

Events

Created	When	1851-1900
	Who	Miri-Naga
	Where	India
Collected	When	
	Who	Otto Ehrenfried Ehlers (1855-1895)
	Where	

Keywords

- Belt
- Haumesser
- Headhunting
- machete