

	Object: Ao Naga women's shawl (samsumsi) 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 28378 b
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Description

The shawl is worn exclusively by women whose husbands have hosted a Feast of Merit. When a family hosts a feast of merit, mithun (a species of buffalo) are sacrificed and the entire village is invited. Afterwards, a memorial stone or memorial post is erected in front of the house. This increases the family's social prestige.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Cotton; Wool; Dog hair; Cowries
Measurements:	Height: 1.5 cm; Length x width: 192 x 118 cm; Weight: 1.3kg

Events

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

Keywords

- Schultertuch
- Textile
- Woman