

	<div>Object: Chest decoration of a chief (indication of rank)</div> <div>Museum: Ethnologisches Museum Arnimallee 27 14195 Berlin 030 / 83 01 273 em@smb.spk-berlin.de</div> <div>Collection: Süd- und Südostasien, Naga- Sammlung</div> <div>Inventory number: I C 28461</div>
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Description

The chest ornament is made of woven bamboo decorated with cowries and orchid stems. It is decorated with dyed red goat hair and worn by the Ao Naga to denote a high social rank. The index card states: Chest ornament "enemy teeth ". The description suggests that the owner has killed numerous enemies, symbolised by the cowries that represent teeth belonging to enemies.
Collector: Peal, S.E.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Wood; Plant fiber braid; Cowrie shell; Orchid stems; Goat hair
Measurements:	Height x width x depth: 23 x 54 x 3 cm; Weight:

Events

Created	When	1851-1900
	Who	Ao Naga
	Where	Nagaland
Collected	When	1892-1894
	Who	Peal, S.E.
	Where	Nagaland

Keywords

- Brustschmuck
- Rank insignia
- jewellery