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Object:	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 28370 b

Description

The sword consists of an axe-like part made of iron and a wooden hilt. This particular sword or machete is decorated with tufts of hair and used mostly for ritual purposes. Daos without ornamentation are used as a tool or weapon, for example in headhunting. They are still commonly used by all Naga groups today.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Metal; Wood; hair
Measurements:	Object: 70 x 15 x 7 cm

Events

Created	When	1851-1894
	Who	Borduaria-Naga
	Where	Arunachal Pradesh
Collected	When	1892-1894
	Who	Otto Ehrenfried Ehlers (1855-1895)
	Where	

Keywords

- Haumesser
- Headhunting
- Ritual
- machete