



Kris (sword)

Date

before 1860

Medium

Iron, wood, twine

Description

Kris (keris), an asymmetrical sword used as both a weapon and spiritual object. Used in the Indonesian martial art of pencak silat, but also used by the Moro people of the Philippines. A handwritten inscription on the sheath implies that this sword belonged to the Malay people of the Malay Peninsula.

Dimensions

Overall (Sword): 21 × 7 1/2 × 1 1/4 in. (53.3 × 19.1 × 3.2 cm) Overall (Sheath): 19 × 2 1/2 × 1 1/4 in. (48.3 × 6.4 × 3.2 cm)