



Mandau

Date

Early -mid 20th century

Medium

Wood, metal, brass, bone, rattan, glass beads, cloth, hornbill beak, bells

Description

Carved bone horse on seahorse head with braided hilt inserted into a wood scabbard with dark brown carving attached, and wrapped with sections of rattan strips. Attached to the handle of the sword is a two-level braided ornament with curved handle, which is covered with cloth and multicolored brads in various patterns. The top level has many strands of beads in patterns and small bells on the end dangling down from the sides of a whale-shaped figure. From the inside of this figure the second level hangs down on two round beaded cloth sections with longer strands of beads on the lower part and a larger brass bell in each end.

Dimensions

Overall: 31 x 5 x 4 1/2 in. (78.74 x 12.7 x 11.43 cm)