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Country Philippine Islands.Locality North Central Mindanao.People Bukidnon.

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Name Kalásag: - Wooden shield
 made of a red wood with black decorative
 bands. Raised center has metal piece
 on top. Two bamboo strengthening bands.
 Horse hair tufts along top & sides.
 Carved slightly in front & back.

Collection R. F. Cummings Philippine Expedition, 1909-1911.F. C. Cole, Collector.

Notes A man's weapon usually held in
the left hand with large end up. Is

Width

Length

Height

Price

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used to deflect a spear thrown by
an enemy, not to stop the weapons.

See photos. The raised center allows space for the
hand grip when the shield is in use, while a carrying band is
used to suspend it from the shoulder at other times.

Much attention is given to the decoration and care of these
arms, and nearly all are carved, painted or inlaid with beads and
mother-of-pearl.

A similar type of shield is used by the Moro of the Lake Lanao
region.