Provenience: Philippines

People or Culture: Dusun or Murut

Object: Parang/sword and sheath

Material: Steel, bone, rattan braid, wood, bristles

Description:
A. Sword, convex cutting edge, concave back, truncated distal end 5.5 cm W, tapering to 2 cm W at handle. Three ridges toward back, floral design 8 cm L on both sides of blade, near handle. Ornamental loops at distal end and cutting edge 10 cm from handle. Handle has nut(?) ring at base with five small white beads imbedded followed by 5 cm of rattan braid, and then a carved bone pommel tapering 7 cm to a blunt point with bristles at point and proximal end.

Dimensions:
(in cm.) Sword: 69 L. Sheath: 56 L, 6 W. (see over)

Collection: Swanson, David G. June 28, 1978
B. Sheath of wood with 5 woven rattan bands (two missing - total: 7) with 7 cm wide band between last two proximal narrow bands, 23 cm woven loop ending in 30 cm extension toward distal end. Sheath curved to fit sword.