
People or Culture: Ilongot.

Object: Knife, sheath.


Description: Knife - (used for headhunting)

A-sheath, carved of wood to fit knife, with ornamental wire in geometric patterns; point of sheath is carved decorative section with lozenge-shaped mother-of-pearl on wire links. Small curved piece of wood on body side for use in proper carrying; cloth wound around middle of body of sheath.

B-Knife, curved, with wood, brass, and rattan handle.

Dimensions:
(in cm.) A-L: 53.20; B-L: 50.32

The headhunting knife always shaped like this, with few exceptions. It is only used for headhunting, not for work. The sheath is decorated by the men with wire, after they finish constructing it, then the women add yarn or other decoration. It is worn tightly at the hip.