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Provenience: La Paz Bolivia

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People or Culture: Aymara**Object:** Staff**Material:** Wood, silver, steel

Description: Wooden staff with silver rings and top and a steel tip that comes to a point. The top of the staff is a six sided silver cap. The top is incised with a crown topped by a cross. Each side is incised with a different design. One side contains an interlocking diamond pattern, three sides appear to have plant

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Dimensions:

(in cm.) 85.3 cm

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Collection: Charles S. Stamsh

motifs but the designs are badly worn. Two sides appear to be mirror image geometric designs. The top and bottom have bands with incised lines and scallops. There are four silver bands spaced the length of the staff.

The bands have an incised diamond pattern edged on either side with scallops.

Each scallop contains a small circle

The band is separated from the scallops by a beaded border.

