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## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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**Provenience:** La Paz Bolivia

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**People or Culture:** Aymara**Object:** Staff**Material:** Metal - Tin? & Silver, Steel

**Description:** Half and Half staff with steel pointed tip. Staff is topped with an eight sided piece with a convex top. The top has an incised eight petal flower design.

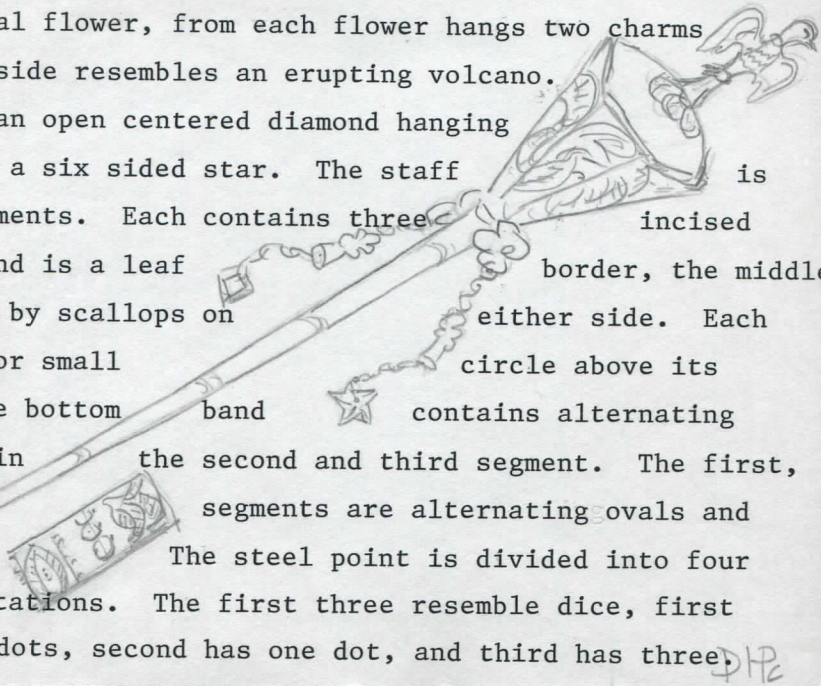
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A bird with outstretched wings is mounted on the top. The bird resembles a condor or other raptor, the birds feathers are incised. Each of the eight sides is incised

**Dimensions:** 96.2cm in length  
(in cm.)

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with a leaf pattern. Attached to either side of the base of the top there is a six petal flower, from each flower hangs two charms. One charm on each side resembles an erupting volcano. One side also has an open centered diamond hanging from it, the other a six sided star. The staff is made up of six segments. Each contains three incised bands. The top band is a leaf border, the middle is a line bordered by scallops on either side. Each scallop has a dot or small circle above its fullest point. The bottom band contains alternating ovals and circles in the second and third segment. The first, fifth and sixth segments are alternating ovals and diamonds. The steel point is divided into four sections by indentations. The first three resemble dice, first section has five dots, second has one dot, and third has three.



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