



**Dimensions**

31 1/2 × 17 × 1 in. (80 × 43.2 × 2.5 cm)

**Axe Haft Currency**

**Date**

20th Century

**Primary Maker**

Massim

**Medium**

Wood and fiber

**Description**

The purpose of such axe hafts is not a functional one. Rather, together with stone blades, these axes are a prestige item and a form of currency within the Massim area. The overall purpose of the haft of the axe is to display and set off the striking qualities of the blade, which is where the axe’s value lies. There are currently mixed reports about whether or not these axes are still actively being used as currency. Regardless, it is clear that presentation axes continue to hold an esteemed place in Massim society.