

# Basic Detail Report

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## Dimensions

31 × 19 × 1 3/4 in. (78.7 × 48.3 × 4.4 cm)

## Axe Haft Currency

### Date

20th Century

### Primary Maker

Massim

### Medium

Wood, fiber, paint and paper

### 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. Painted presentation axes are not altogether unusual; however there were no examples of axes fully painted in one color found at the time of acquisition. The paint could indicate that either this axe was recently repainted or recently made.