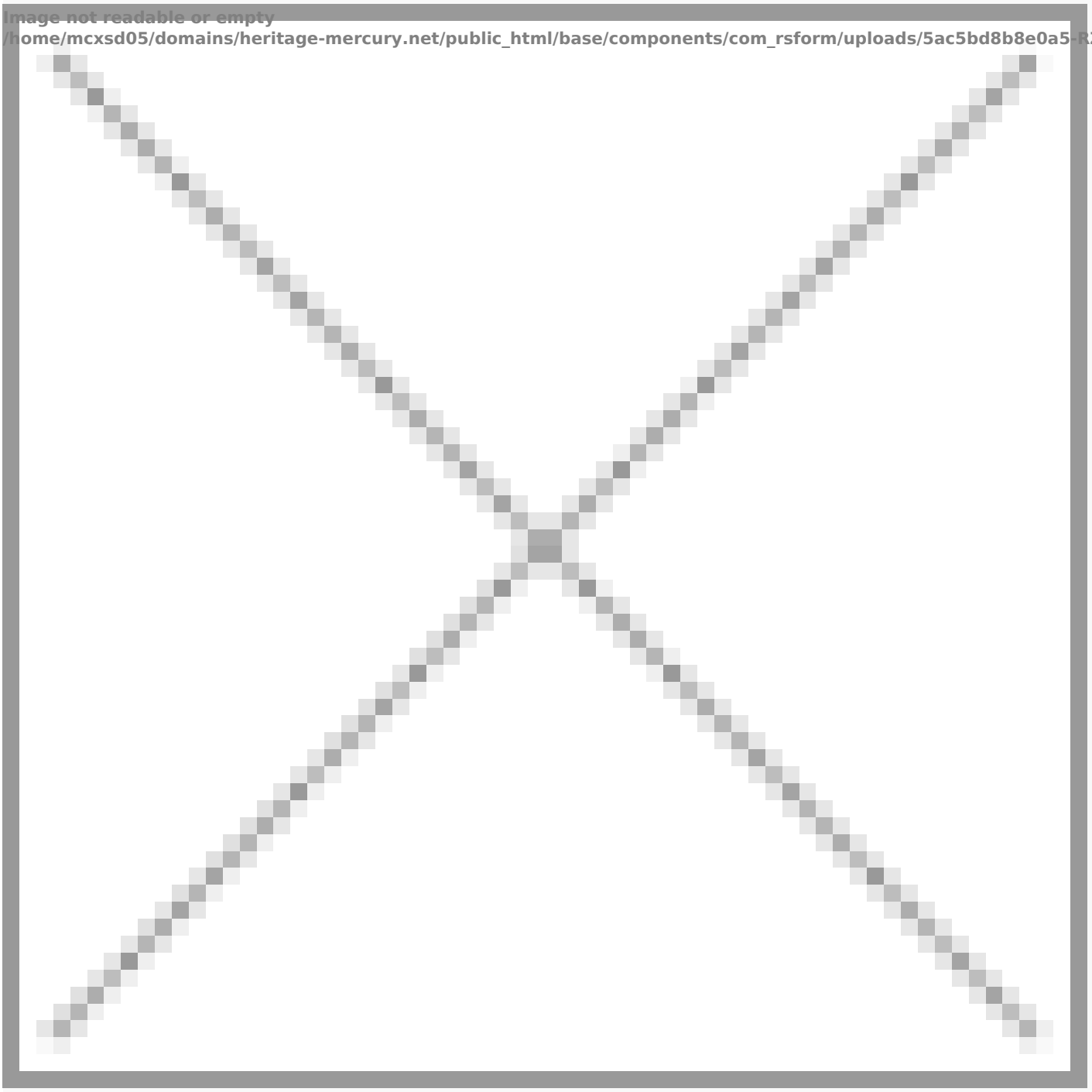
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| **Name 1** | OIL LAMP 5 |
| **Name 2** | / |
| **ID number** | 002.190.Idrija |
| **Manager / Administrator** | Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija |
| **Ownership** | Public |
| **Owner** | Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija |
| **Local / Original ID Number** | 510:IDR;RZ-59 |
| **Type of Object** | Mine, Daily life |

## DESCRIPTION

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| **Short description** | The closed type oil lamp, also called ripsovka, repičnica or jamšarica, is a simple lamp. The oil lamp is in a typical pear shape, with a movable opening on the reservoir which served for pouring the rapeseed oil and inserting the wick. The head of the opening serves for burning regulation. The expanded part has a bent bracket with a hook. |
| **Measures** | Length 16.4 cm, width 9 cm, height 24.5 cm. |
| **Materials** | Steel, brass. |
| **Dating** | End of the 19th century. |

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| **Author / Producer** | Manufacturer information is not known. |

## Picture attachments



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| **Original use** | The miners used the oil lamp with rapeseed oil burning for going to and out of the pit and to light the area of the ore digging. They also used for private purposes – for various tasks such as bobbin lacemaking and socialising in the evenings. The oil reservoir had a wick, which protruded out of the opening at the top of the reservoir. A lit wick provided a small flame, therefore the intensity of these lamps was modest. Better rapeseed oil burning, and thus a slightly better luminance, was achieved by adding kerosene to the oil. The bracket was used for carrying and the nailed tip was used for mounting or fixing the lamp to a wall or a rock crack in a pit. They were used for more than 400 years. After 1913, they were replaced in the mines by carbide lamps. They used the oil lamps for private purposes for many years. |
| **Present use** | The oil lamp is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the mine collection of the Idrija Municipal Museum. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum exhibition “Five Centuries of the Mercury Mine and the Town of Idrija”. It can be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions. |
| **Original location** | Idrija Mercury Mine (personal, working equipment of a miner). |
| **Present location** | Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 1). |

## STATE OF CONSERVATION

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| **History of conservation:** | Before 1995, a conservation procedure was performed on the oil lamp, for the needs of the permanent museum exhibition. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of. |

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| **Present state** | good |
| **Necessary activities:** | Regular seasonal maintenance. |

## DOCUMENTATION

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| **Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:** | - Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum. |
| **Submitted** | Mestni muzej Idrija |
| **Submitted by** | Miha Kosmač |
| **Date Submitted** | 6. 3. 2018 |
| **Date Edited** | Never |