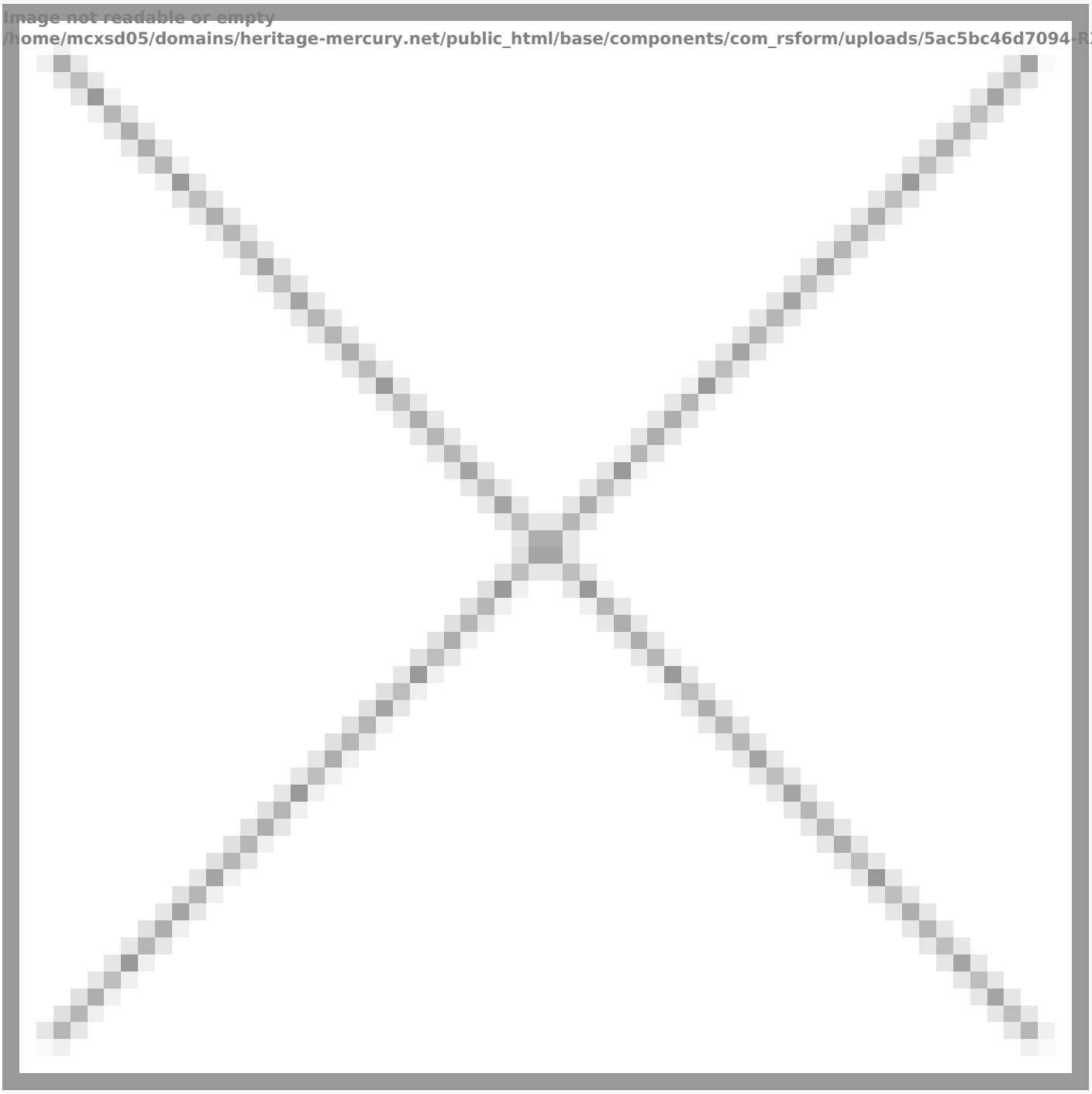
Name 1	AXE FOR WOOD SLIDES
Name 2	/
ID number	002.334.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija.
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-539
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The axe has a relatively short handle and a blade in a shape of a wedge. The handle’s end is slightly curved inside. It is a special type of a carpenter’s axe, that enables chiselling.
Measures	Length 52 cm, width 30.5 cm, height 3.5 cm.
Materials	Steel, wood.
Dating	The time of creation is unknown.
Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

Picture attachments



Original use	The axe was used by foresters and carpenters for setting up the wood slides. The shape of the axe allowed easier chiselling of gutters, holes. The wood slides were made of fused logs, which were placed on the ground or the gutters, made of logs, were placed on the brackets, on which the round timber slid down, due to the slope. The sliding was improved by moisturising. The wood slide was composed of two level logs, two safety logs and two seating logs. They were placed into a semicircle and joined with plugs at contact points. The wood slides were one of the first methods for transporting wood for the Mine. They served for transporting timber to the water-flows or collection points and from there on, the wood was then transported to into the town by the yoked cattle. The last wood slides were used for transporting timber downwards from the forests under the Kodrov rovt to the Gačnik settlement, behind the forge.
Present use	The described object is being preserved, secured and presented as important technical mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the mining 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 also be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions.
Original location	Idrija surroundings.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 7).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is ensured.

Present state	good
Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	- Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum.
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Date Submitted	15. 3. 2018
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