Name 1	CARPENTER'S AXE
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ID number	002.339.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;EZ-110
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	A two-handed carpenter’s axe has a characteristically long sharpened blade and a long handle. Its specialty is in the way it is sharpened. The inner side was sharpened in a straight way and the outer side (where the wooden chips fell out) was sharpened in an oblique way.
Measures	Length 96 cm, width 21 cm.
Materials	Iron, wood.
Dating	The time of creation is unknown.

Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

Picture attachments

Original use	The carpenter’s axe was used in the Idrija Mercury Mine for hewing logs and wooden sleepers. It was used for the preparation of logs in auxiliary mine plants or on worksites in the pit. Hewing means processing wood with iron tools. The point of these skills and crafts is in connecting two or more wooden elements, which is called the joint or wooden connection. This way, individual wooden parts are joined into a firm and stable structure. The joints are made at spots where the support elements and supported elements of a structure are joined. In the Idrija Mercury Mine, this hewing technique was most commonly used for supporting mine tunnels.
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. It is stored in the depot. It may be used for temporary museum exhibitions and various forms of promotion of mercury heritage.
Original location	Idrija surroundings.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 2 depot.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The object was restored in the Goriška Museum workshop. 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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