

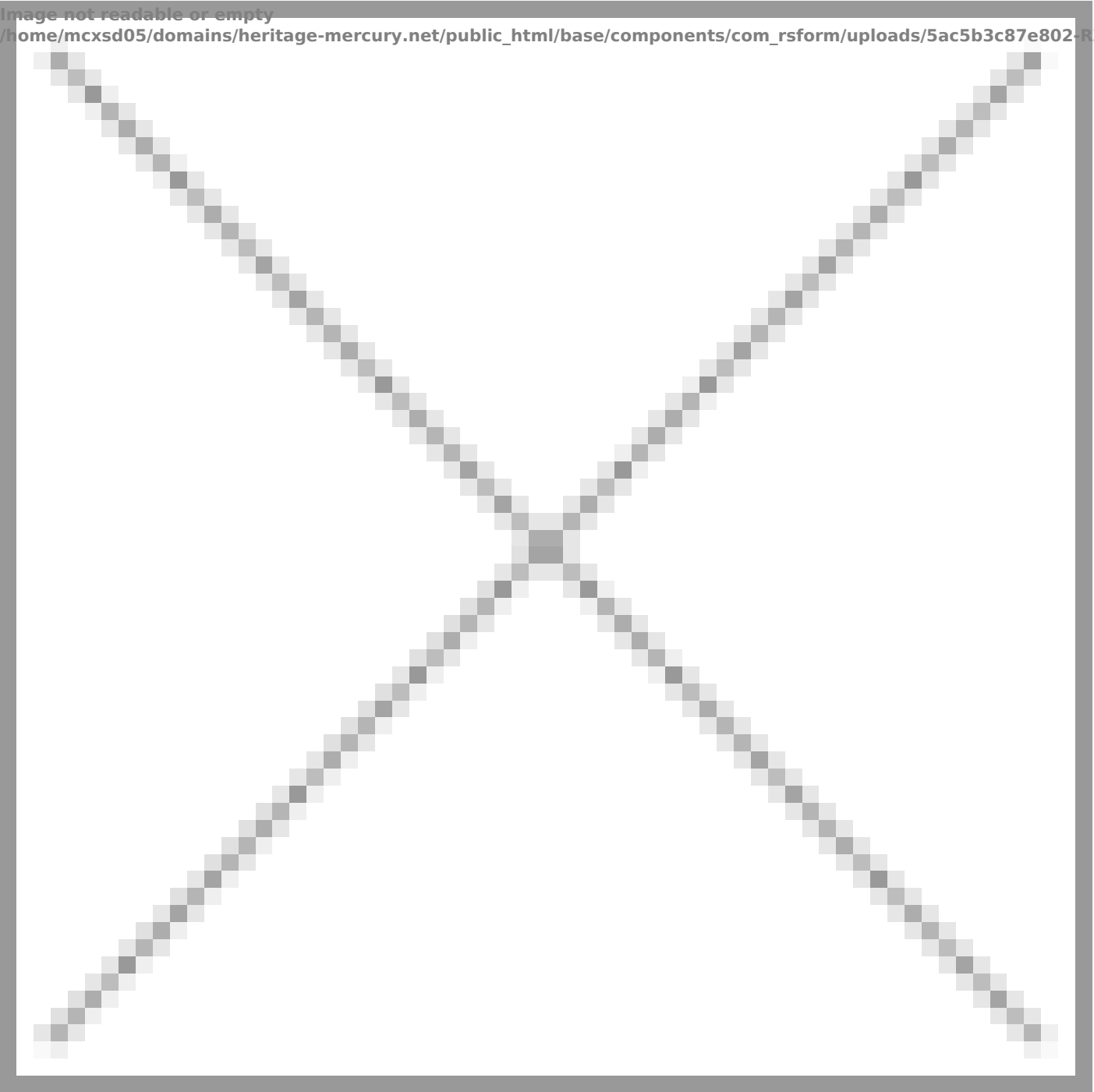
Name 1	OAK PILLAR FOR SPECIAL RAKE MECHANISM 2
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ID number	002.345.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija.
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-562
Type of Object	Mine, Transport - other transport

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The top part of the pillar is of irregular shape. The top is thicker and is then tapers evenly and ends with a sharpened tip on the bottom. The tip is additionally reinforced with 4-angled iron tip, which is secured into wood with nails. The pillar is not fully preserved and has visible cracks in it, as a result of water pressures and floating timber.
Measures	Length 177 cm, width 26 cm, height 26 cm.
Materials	Oak wood, iron.
Dating	The time of creation is unknown.

Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.
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Picture
attachments



Original use

The described pillar was a part of the special rake mechanism on Lenštat. The pillar was horizontally mounted into the Idrijca River riverbed. The pillar was additionally supported on the outer side, with an angle 45°, with a round log. The pillars were connected on top with longer beams that had boards on top of them. The pilots served as a support structure to fir boards (in total around 2,500). These were placed very densely, vertically and horizontally in two row and served for stopping the floating timber. The mining administration decided to chop the timber along the Idrijca River, Belca River and Zala River and then float it with the help of water barriers. The mentioned rivers flow through Idrija. The special rake mechanism was placed at the confluence of Idrijca River and Nikava River and were 400 m long in total. The first special rake mechanism was set in 1537 and was used until 1926.

Present use

The described object is being preserved, secured and presented as important 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”.

Original location

Special rake mechanism on Lenštat, on the confluence of Idrijca River and Nikava River.

Present location

Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 10).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The object was fully restored for the purpose of the museum display. Therefore, no additional interventions are 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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