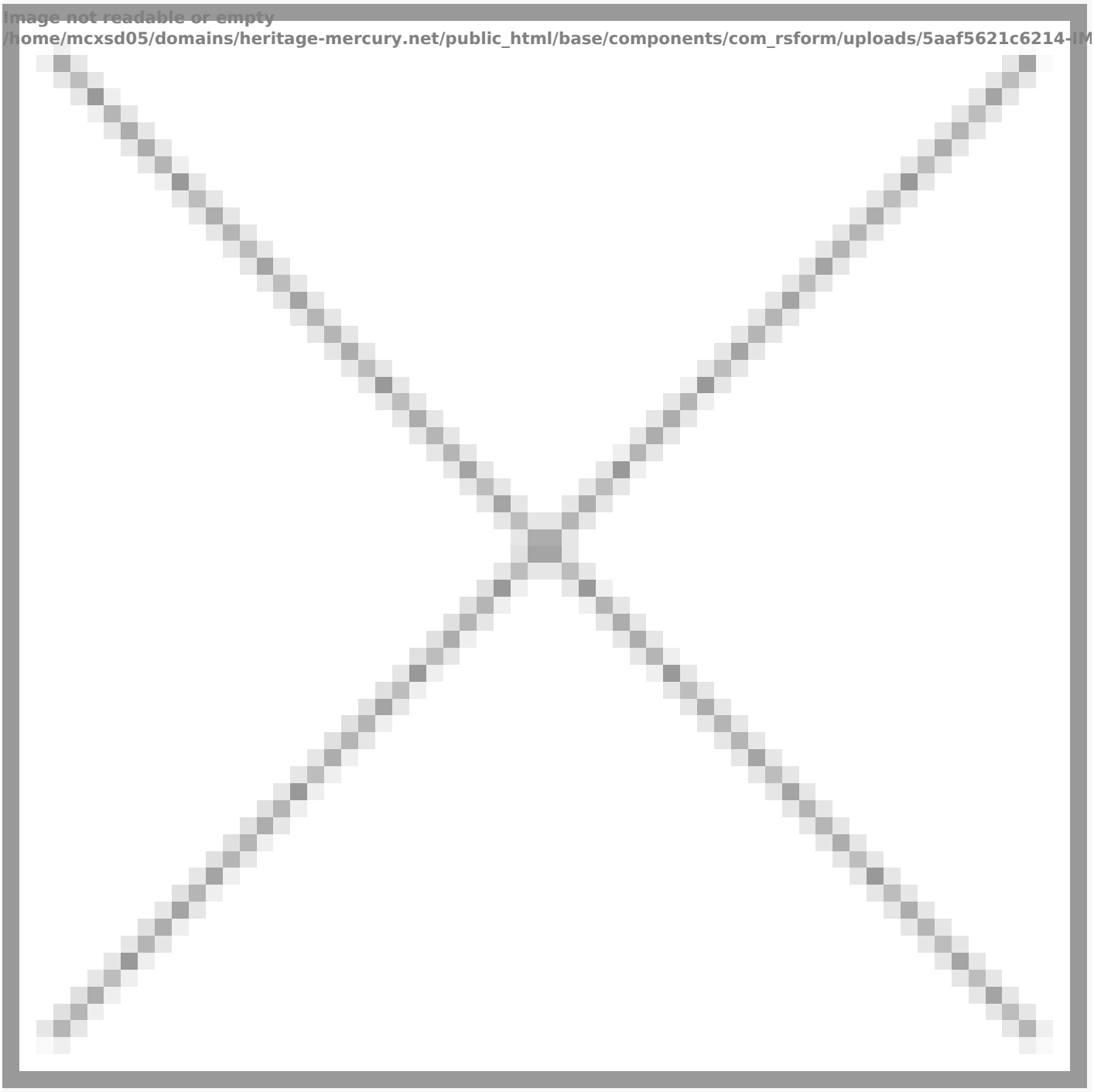
Name 1	HAMMER AND CHISEL – A SYMBOL OF MINING
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ID number	002.355.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-707
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	A typical symbol of mining, a hammer and chisel, has the year 1750 engraved in both, the hammer and the chisel. The astronomical sign for planet Mercury is engraved between the numbers 17 and 50, and it represents a symbol for mercury in our case. The handles of both, a hammer and a chisel, end with a hook, which may mean that a miner could attach them around the waist.
Measures	Length 35.5 cm, width 37.6 cm, height 3.7 cm.
Materials	Brass.
Dating	1750

Author / Producer	Idrija Mercury Mine workshop.

Picture attachments



Original use	The crossed hammer and chisel represent original tools of miners, which were used at their work in the mine. The hammer was used to strike the chisel’s blunt part and the chisel’s sharp part was used for ore excavation. The object was supposedly located in the principal office of the Idrija Mercury Mine in Gewerkenegg Castle. The castle also contained the premises of the Mine’s administration and the apartments of the highest employees of the Mine.
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”. It can also be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions.
Original location	The Smelting Plant of the Idrija Mercury Mine.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 1).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The object is properly conserved. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is ensured.
Present state	good
Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

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collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	- Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum.
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