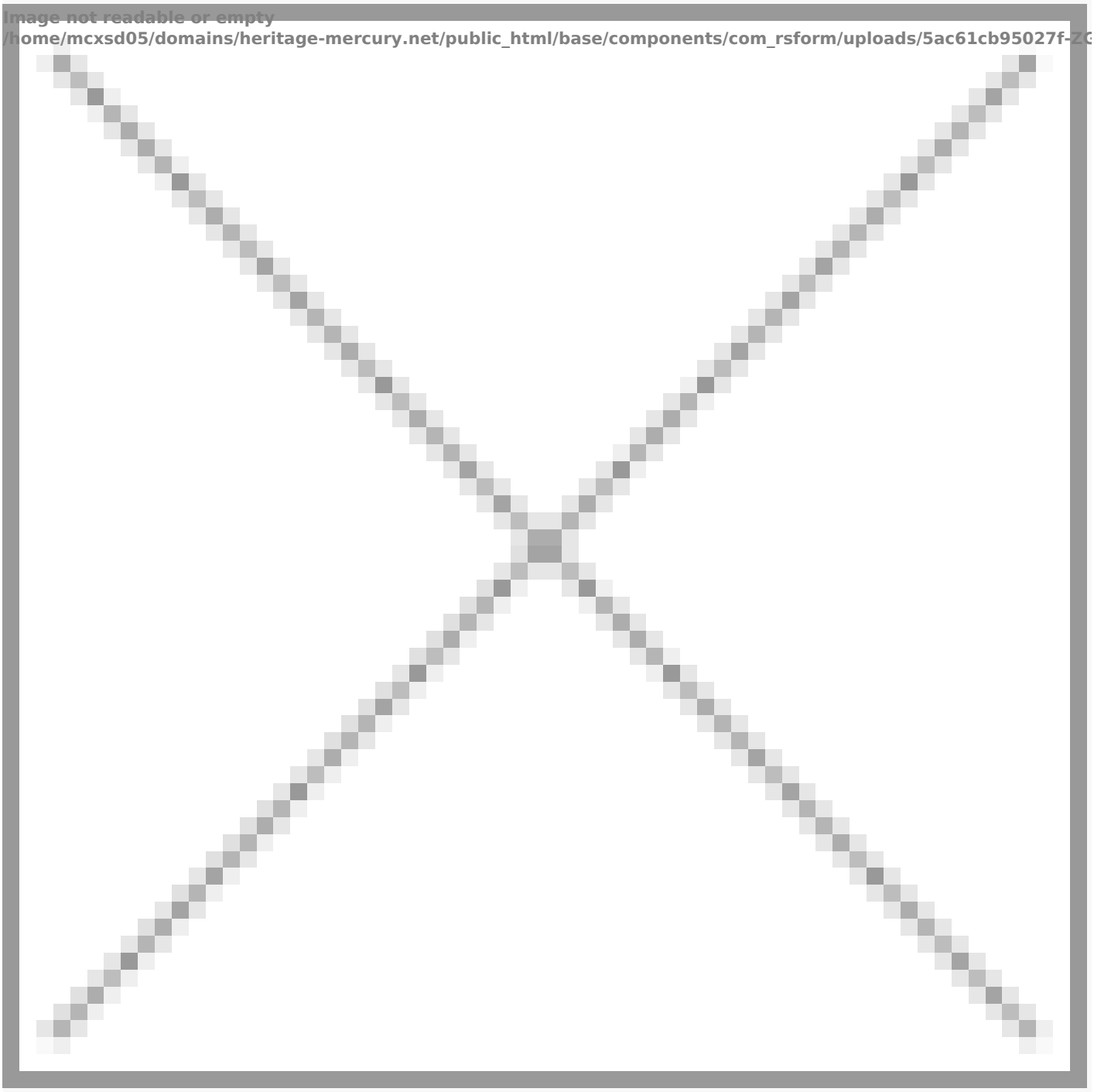
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ID number	002.366.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;ZG-939
Type of Object	Mine

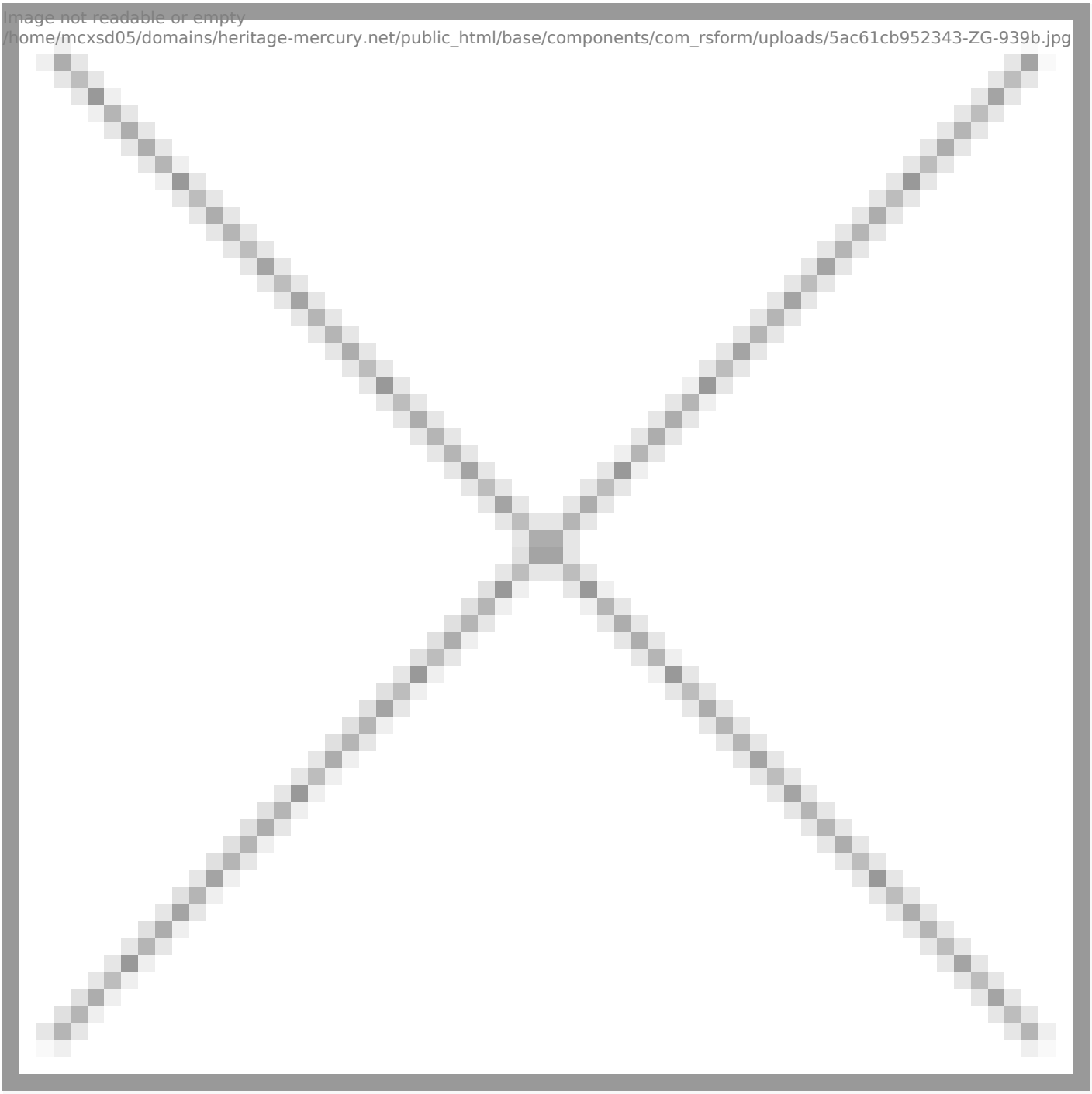
DESCRIPTION

Short description	The object is a Shield Type silver cob coin in value of 4 reales. The specimen is of polygonal shape. The back side (rever) is better preserved than the front side (aver). Due to wear and the production process, not every detail of the coin has been preserved. The front side has a crowned shield and the inscription PHI[LIPPVS] IIII / To / P. The last two markings reveal the place of the coin’s creation and the manager of the mint. The back side (rever) has lions and castles and the inscription /…/ [HIS]PANIAR[V]M REX. The silver quality is 93.06 %.
Measures	Length 3.3 cm, width 3.3 cm, height 0.2 cm; weight 13 g.

Materials	Silver, copper.
Dating	1621–1637
Author / Producer	Toledo Mint, Spain.

Picture attachments




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Original use	The silver coin served as means of payment. It was manufactured during the reign of King Philip IV (1621–1665). Spain and its colonies. The described silver coin was being used in the 17th and 18th century. In the period of use of this silver coin (particularly between 1623–1646), global markets were characterised by the lively trade with Idrija mercury, which was used in the amalgamation process. Unique and irregularly shaped coins minted in the Spanish Empire between the 16th and 18th centuries are known to coin collectors as cobs [Sp. cabos de barra, ends of the bar]. The name refers to the production method. Smelted silver was poured into moulds. After it cooled down, it was sliced. The round, not completely round, moulded rod was used for cutting metal. The plates were then stamped into coins. If necessary, the silver coin was slightly clipped. Therefore, more attention was devoted particularly to the weight of the coins and to a lesser extent the shape and stamping quality.
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 historical collection of Idrija Municipal Museum. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum display “Tracing Mercury: Idrija-Almadén”. The described object represents the characteristics and the versatile use of mercury. It can also be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions.
Original location	Toledo Mint, Spain.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (Tracing Mercury: Idrija-Almadén, showroom 3).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of	

conservation:	The coin is slightly worn, but difference with the catalogue weight is small. 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; - George S. Cuhaj, Thomas Michael. 2010 Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1601–1700. Krause Publications, 2011, p. 1478, 1483.
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