

Luristan Swords

IMAS 6

Note: The "Luristan Sword" page will be formatted somewhat differently (simpler) than the rest. As I grew older, my eyes deteriorated to a point where I can just barely type stuff in my html editor. I apologize for typos and perfectly spelled but wrong words produced by the erroe correction without me noticing.

My internal notes after buying the sword

Object:	Luristan mask sword IMaS 6	General
Origin:	Bought from Hermann Historica in a pack of three	Dec. 2020
Provenance:	The other 2: IMaS 5 and double ring pommel sword 2disc 1	
Price:	Aus dem Nachlass eines westdeutschen Sammlers	
Description / Notes	€ 300,-	
Sekker:	Drei Scheibenknaufdolche, Eisen, Luristan, 9. - 8. Jhd. v. Chr.	
Pictures:	 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> IMAS 5 IMAS 6 2disc </div>	
	<p>IMaS 6 in the middle.</p> <p>Best buy ever!</p> <p>IMaS 5 and 2disc 1 have their its own pages</p> <p>The “double ring pommel sword” is the only one known made from iron (there are just a few bronze ones) and it is the only early iron sword known to me that has a gold inlay!</p> <p>IMaS 6 (middle) has a rather well preserved part of the blade. It appears to be an early one. No heads and lions were attached.</p> <p>An X-ray / metallographic investi- gation might be reward- ing.</p> <p>No detailed pictures yet (2023).</p>	

Details

Severely corroded but about 1/3 of the **blade** is well preserved. One could make a case for seeing hints of a layered structure in this good part but that is not definite. The workmanship of the very slender tip part of the blade is fabulous as is quite apparent even so almost 3000 years have passed.

No **animal** or heads on the hilt part.

Two **rings** of crimped construction

No decorations under pommel disc.

Some re-enforcement on the blade where it enters the hilt.

The pommel disc has a wide **groove** running through its diameter. That is a feature often found on IMAS swords. What it signifies is unclear. One might guess that it was supposed to act as a help to mount the heads but that is wrong. The heads are always mounted at right angle to this groove.



The pommel disc with big groove