


# Luristan Swords

## IMAS 13

### Transferred to Royal Museums of Art and History in Brussels

Note: The "Luristn 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 error correction without me noticing.

Here my personal notes after buying the sword

<b>Object:</b>	<b>Luristan Iron Mask Sword e-bay 1</b>	<b>IMAS 13</b>	<b>Short Version</b>
<b>Origin:</b>	Advertised on e-bay; bought directly		<b>Nov. 2017</b>
<b>Provenance:</b>	Unclear; seller bought it on auction		
<b>Price:</b>	Asked for \$ 895; paid \$ 700 (€ 1200 for both)		
<b>Description</b>	<p>"Rare Luristan iron short sword - Persia, 1000BC - 500BC. Bronze Luristan edged weapons are quite common but it is really much more rare when it is all iron made. Iron handle with iron blade. The circle pommel is showing 2 heads. You can see a similar sword in the Royal Ontario Museum: <a href="https://www.rom.on.ca/en/blog/weapon-wednesday-two-daggers-from-luristan-iran">https://www.rom.on.ca/en/blog/weapon-wednesday-two-daggers-from-luristan-iran</a>. The iron of the blade has been treated with special wax/oil to stop corrosion and protect iron. The handle was not treated and will need to be. Total length 49cm (19 1/4" inches); Blade length 34,5cm (13 1/2" inches); Weight 459gr (16,2oz)"</p>		
<b>Notes:</b>	Extremely corroded; lost one "lion". Perfect for destructive analysis like age determination from several areas		
<b>Pictures:</b>			



**Note 2025:**

There is not much to add in hindsight. The sword still would be best used in for a (somewhat destructive) crystallographic analysis; possibly preceded by taking some x-rays.