

Luristan Swords

IMAS 13

Transferred to Royal Museums of Art and History in Brussels

Note: The "Lurtistn Sword" paged 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.

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Object:	Luristan Iron Mask Sword e-bay 1	IMAS 13	Short Version
Origin:	Advertised on e-bay; bought directly		Nov. 2017
Provenance:	Unclear; seller bought it on auction		
Price:	Asked for \$ 895; paid \$ 700 (€ 1200 for both)		
Description	“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: https://www.rom.on.ca/en/blog/weapon-wednesday-two-daggers-from-luristan-iran . 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)”		
Notes:	Extremely corroded; lost one “lion”. Perfect for destructive analysis like age determination from several areas		

Pictures:



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.