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Module: THE POWER OF METAL IN THE ANDEAN WORLD/ Laboratory

METALLIC MICROSTRUCTURES: Archaeological artifacts from Ecuador and Colombia

The artifacts from which the metallographic samples were taken are described in the SIMSMC Laboratory Manual prepared for the Andean metals module. The manual includes photomicrographs of the samples with interpretations of their microstructures.

ECUADOR

Axe 1260a (Smithsonian Institution)

Ring with button 1250-8d (Smithsonian Institution)

Axe-money MIT 3310 (MIT collection; formerly at Museo Arqueológico, Guayaquil)

COLOMBIA

Nose ring MIT 3458 (MIT collection; formerly at Museo del Oro, Bogotá)

Nose ring MIT 4000 (MIT collection; formerly at Museo del Oro, Bogotá)