

Lower section of a waterpipe (hookah or huqqa)

India / South Asia Collection

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Type: **metalwork**

Date of production: 17th-18th c.
Mughal period

Place of production: **India**

Materials: **silver; zinc**

Techniques: **inlay**

Dimensions: height: 18.5 cm
width: 16.8 cm

Lower section of a waterpipe made of bidriware. The characteristic decorated metalware has been manufactured in the town of Bidar in India's Karnataka state since the 14th century. On a copper-alloy base, pure silver is inlaid. The bell-shaped lower part of the waterpipe is decorated with geometrical and floral motifs.

