

# Lower section of a waterpipe (hookah or huqqa)

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Accession Nr.:	54.81.1 
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.

