


Goddess Durga slaying the Buffalo Demon

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.:	2102 
Type:	sculpture
Date of production:	19th c. Modern period
Place of production:	India
Materials:	black marble
Techniques:	carved; hand-painted
Dimensions:	height: 85 cm width: 47 cm depth: 25 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

The Buffalo demon-killing Durga, who is Siva's punitive appearance. With his right foot, he steps on the back of the buffalo that falls to his knees in front of him, and his left leg is behind the buffalo's neck. Its carrying animal is the lion, which branches on the tail of the buffalo. Durga's body color is black, like the basic color of a stone, such as the buffalo and the demon. In his left hand is a three-pronged harpoon, tip on the buffalo's neck, handle half-broken off. From the severed neck of the buffalo rises Mahisapura, a black human figure with a buffalo head. Behind the figures is a gate-shaped frame.

Painted black marble.

