

# Buddha subduing the wild elephant

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: **6342** 

Type: **relief**

Date of production: **1st-2nd c.**  
**Gandhara art**

Place of production: **Pakistan or Afghanistan, the ancient Gandhara**

Materials: **slate**

Techniques: **carved**

Dimensions: **height: 13 cm**  
**width: 26.3 cm**  
**depth: 6.7 cm**

Acquisition: **donation of Imre Schwaiger**

Fragment of an elephant from a bas-relief. The elephant's trunk and front leg were broken off. Column pattern carved to the right of the elephant, with a human figure in the middle.

The hand on the forehead of the elephant is Buddha's head. The relief depicts one event of the eight miracles of the Buddha's life: the taming of the bewildered Nalagiri elephant.

Himalayan schist.

