


# Buddha subduing the wild elephant

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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.

