

Hmong or mien/yao bracelet

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: **jewellery; metalwork; accessory**

Date of production: 1970s

Place of production: **Laos / Thailand, Southeast Asia**

Materials: **silver**

Dimensions: diameter: 7.2 cm

Silver bracelet decorated with engraved vegetal ornaments. It can be expanded due to the adjustable closures.

Silver bracelets - usually in matching pairs - are worn by both men and women. Countless variations exist, with the common feature that they are open on one side. The White Hmong prefer thicker silver bracelets, while the Blue Hmong tend to wear narrower, flatter bracelets, which may also be made of copper. Jewellery is often worn because of the healing powers ascribed to it.

