



Figure

Date

200 BCE-600 CE

Primary Maker

Jama-Coaque

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

This large, handsome figure has a complex iconography. The staff he carries could represent an elaborate digging stick and the conical, looped container probably held seeds for a ritual planting ceremony. The applied ceramic disks on the ears, the nose ornament and the half crescent under the chin represent hammered gold adornments. The nose ornament is similar to a Calima type from Colombia, datable to the Yotoco phase of the 1st millennium. The small applique heads, symbolic survivors of ancestral headhunting, are worn on top of the head and in a row of three on the necklace.

Dimensions

Overall: 13 7/8 x 6 1/2 x 4 7/8 in. (35.2 x 16.5 x 12.4 cm)