



Male Figure

Date

ca. 300 BCE-300 CE

Primary Maker

Pihuamo

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

Large figures such as this seated male have been found in a limited area near the Jalisco-Colima state border. They are distinguished by specific facial characteristics and garments. It has been suggested that these figures were a specialized local style which was produced for only a short time. Figures seated on a four-legged bench occur in only three areas in West Mexico—the Coahuylana Valley, the Pihuamo area of southern Jalisco, and Nayarit. The four-legged stool is generally associated with the use of hallucinogens by shamans, and religious rituals. The figure wears chest armor, jewelry and a close-fitting helmet. His face is distinguished by wide, staring eyes surrounded by a painted diamond pattern.

Dimensions

Overall: 21 3/4 x 11 1/8 x 10 1/4 in. (55.2 x 28.3 x 26 cm)