

Basic Detail Report



Stone Figure

Date

c. 100-1000

Primary Maker

Central Coast Salish

Medium

Steatite(?)

Description

Stone bowls are found throughout the area between the southern Gulf of Georgia and the lower reaches of the Fraser River and are thought to be in excess of two thousand years old. The central figure is a seated human figure. A large rattlesnake stretches along the backbone of this figure. The patterns and scales of the snakeskin are shown with finely cut grooves, and the ridges of the snake's

rattler are clearly delineated. The human figure is shown as somewhat emaciated, with ribs and shoulder blade bones standing out on its form, a depiction that is common in the ritual paraphernalia of shamans throughout the north Pacific region. It is thought that shamans may have used the bowls to see into the spirit world or divining the future.

Dimensions

Overall: 14 3/4 × 5 1/2 × 8 3/8 in. (37.5 × 14 × 21.3 cm)