

27. Goddess

Phú Nhàn, Quảng Ngãi

9th-10th centuries

Sandstone: H. 96 cm,

W. 42 cm; D. 23 cm

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This statue of a goddess was found in the village of Phú Nhàn, Quảng Ngãi province, and entered the Museum collection in 1935. The goddess stands on a square base and is carved in high relief against a flat, shaped support. The attributes on her right hand may be identified as a lotus bud and on the left hand as a flask, and could identify her as Lakṣmī.

The hair is sculpted in three tiers with two pointed tufts on the forehead. The thick lips, heavy breasts and the flesh folds on the neck and the torso are features shared with several statues of female deities dated between late 9th century and early 10th century.

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