A000-Mex-Colima-Seated Female-Tuxcacuesco-Ortices type-Terra cotta-300 BCE-300 CE





Figs. 1-5. Mex-Colima-Seated Female-Tuxcacuesco-Ortices type-Terra cotta-300 BCE-300 CE

Case No.: 9

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** Mex-Colima-Seated Female-Tuxcacuesco-Ortices type-Terra cotta-300 BCE-300 CE

**Display Description:**

Colima Tuxcacuesco-Ortices type seated female, wearing head band with central ornament, arm bands, ear ornaments (possibly in the form of copper tinkler bells), necklace with pendant and a shoulder-length queue at the back. This figure is sitting with a purposeful countenance as though receiving the viewer. Colima figures can be visually divided into three categories: flat, highly-burnished brown-buff figures with bowed legs, solid unburnished figures in three dimensional poses and the flat, unslipped and unburnished types of which this is an example and is similar in ceramic treatment to the one in Kan, Meighan and Nicholson 1989: pl. 129, p. 140, also see p. 27.

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**Formal Label:**

**Display Description:**

Large Seated Pre-Columbian Colima Ruling Figure, male. Distinctive turban style headdress, ear spools, a necklace, epaulets, a waist band and a kilt. The nose, necklace and right foot and head have been reattached. Distinctive treatment and modeling of the eyes, mouth and hands. Originally deposited in a shaft tomb.

**LC Classification: F1219.1.C75**

**Date or Time Horizon:**

**Geographical Area:**

**Map:**



**Location of Colima, Mexico. https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a6/Colima\_in\_Mexico\_%28location\_map\_scheme%29.svg/375px-Colima\_in\_Mexico\_%28location\_map\_scheme%29.svg.png**

**GPS coordinates:** [19°10′N 103°53′W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Colima&params=19_10_N_103_53_W_type:adm1st_region:MX)

**Cultural Affiliation:**

**Media:**

**Dimensions:** 5" high

**Weight:**

**Condition:**

**Provenance:** Originally deposited in a shaft tomb. Recovered from the ancient Colima culture in Western Mexico prior to 1970.

**Discussion:**

The Los Ortices period (500-300 BCE) established elements of the Colima culture, including shaft tombs and a distinctive ceramic style called *rojo bruñido,* or burnished red. The following Comala or Colima culture developed at the Comala site (300-300 CE). The Colima people perfected burnished red pottery *rojo bruñido* and produced terra cotta figurines of people and animals with distinctive fluid lines. The Comala site shows influence from Teotihuacan. Around 500 CE, another site in Armería developed along the river of the same name.

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