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## **On display**

**Title/Description:** Figure

**Born:** 1700 c. - 1799 c.

**Object Type:** Figure

**Materials:** Mammal tooth

**Measurements:** h. 25 mm

**Accession Number:** 431

**Historic Period:** 18th century

**Production Place:** Bering Sea, North America, The Americas

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Numbers of miniature figurines have been found in prehistoric sites on St Lawrence Island and neighbouring areas (see Bandi, 1977: pls. 54-5, who attributes them to later in the prehistoric era). Their former use is not known. This figurine is carved from a mammal tooth, possibly walrus or beluga (white whale).

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from *Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North American Art*, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 239.

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## **Provenance**

Acquired by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury in 1980.

Accessioned into the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia circa 2000.

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