



Figure

On display

Title/Description: Figure

Born: 1700 c. - 1799 c.

Measurements: h. 25 mm

Accession Number: 431

Historic Period: 18th century

Production Place: Bering Sea, North America, The Americas

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.

Provenance

Acquired by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury in 1980.

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