



# Statuette of Toueris

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## Not on display

**Title/Description:** Statuette of Toueris

**Born:** 0050 c. BC - 0100 c.

**Object Type:** Figure

**Materials:** Faience

**Measurements:** h. 95 x w. 36 x d. 41 mm

**Accession Number:** 549

**Historic Period:** Ptolemaic (late), 1st century BC, 1st century

**Production Place:** Africa, Egypt

**Credit Line:** Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1974

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The goddess is shown in her usual standing pose as an open-mouthed pregnant hippopotamus, with hairy plaited mane down the back, having human arms, pendulous breasts and cow ears (see no. 638). She wears a tripartite wig with lappets falling over the shoulders and a broad collar of five rows of beads. There is a cylindrical stub on the vertex to receive a crown in another material. She holds in front of her a *sa*-amulet (protection), only the upper part of which remains. There are no traces of a suspension lug; the statuette is probably therefore an *ex voto* rather than an amulet.

The sage green faience is somewhat damaged, the legs being broken away diagonally below the upper coil of the *sa*, taking the hands with them. A break is visible on the left side of the muzzle; damage on the right side has been partially restored.

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection 3 volume catalogue, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997).

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## Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer in 1974 out of

funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.

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