

Head of a Haniwa Figure

Not on display

Title/Description: Head of a Haniwa Figure

Object Type: Figure, Head

Materials: Earthenware

Measurements: h. 420 mm

Accession Number: 1141

Historic Period: Kofun period (c. AD 300-550)

Production Place: Asia, East Asia, Japan

Provenance

11/01/2024 Nicole Rousmaniere viewed this object and advised that the object has received significant conservation work. This can be viewed under UV light. Beard looks to have been restored using different coloured clay to original, red ochre looks to have been reapplied, visible breaks to side sections. Haniwa were mainly recovered from the Tokyo area, from the sites now used as Shinto shrines. The head would have been attached to a ceramic body and stood as a figure, many haniwa were sold and left Japan during the Meiji period. (Vanessa Tothill)