



Statuette of Pataikos

Not on display

Title/Description: Statuette of Pataikos

Born: 0650 BC

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Glaze, Steatite

Measurements: h. 51 x w. 27 x d. 20 mm

Accession Number: 324

Historic Period: Late Period (c. 650 BC), 7th century BC

Production Place: Africa, Egypt

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1973

The god, whose name is the Greek version of the Egyptian name of Ptah-Sokar-Osiris, is shown in this dark-green, glazed steatite amulet in the usual form of a naked, bow-legged dwarf, his arms held out from the sides but flexed at the elbows to allow the clenched fists to touch his hips, thumbs held to the front. Even on this small scale, the carving of the features, arms and body is finely detailed. The feet are missing and the right ear is broken. There is a striated and perforated suspension lug at the nape of the neck.

Provenance

Formerly in the MacGregor Collection.

Purchased by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury from K. J. Hewett in 1951.

Donated to the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia in 1973 as part of the original gift.
