



Female figure

On display

Title/Description: Female figure

Born: 1700 c. - 1799 c.

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Walrus ivory

Measurements: h. 47 mm

Accession Number: 430

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 of walrus ivory and is female; it has a small depression bored in the base.

Steven Hooper, 1997

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Provenance

Acquired by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury in 1986.

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

