



Statuette of Toueris

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

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).

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer in 1974 out of funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.
