



Ladle with animal handle

Not on display

Title/Description: Ladle with animal handle

Object Type: spoon

Materials: Wood

Measurements: l. 168 x w. 105 x d. 90 mm

Accession Number: 634

Historic Period: 19th century

Production Place: North America, Oldham, The Americas, USA

Cultural Group: Wasco-Wishram

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1975

This is a rare type of ladle from the Wishram or Wasco people of the Columbia River region, which has a wolf-like quadruped forming the top of the handle (see another in Conn, 1979: no. 347). In addition, this one is carved with a small human head facing in the opposite direction, visible in the detail. A deep groove runs along the underside of the bowl, coming to a point at the lip. The wood is darkened and saturated with oil, probably fish oil, suggesting a long period of use.

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from *Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North American Art*, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 288.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer, New York in 1975 out of funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.
