



Maskette

Not on display

Title/Description: Maskette

Object Type: Mask

Materials: Wood

Measurements: h. 78 x w. 50 x d. 28 mm

Accession Number: 732

Historic Period: 19th century

Production Place: Alaska, North America, Point Hope (?), The Americas

Cultural Group: Inuit

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1980

Four peg holes at the top suggest that this flat-backed maskette was formerly attached to another object. The nose is damaged, but when complete may have resembled the flukes of a whale's tail (Ray, 1967: pl. 54, shows a mask from Point Hope with a whale fluke nose which was used in whaling ritual).

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. 252.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Arbutus Limited on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1980 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.
