



Figurine

Not on display

Title/Description: Figurine

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Earthenware

Measurements: h. 38 mm

Accession Number: 858

Historic Period: 3500-1500 BC

Production Place: Ecuador, South America, The Americas

Cultural Group: Valdivia culture

Credit Line: Purchased with support from the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Art Trust, 1983

This statuette is covered, except on the face, with thick, crackly red slip. The fully rounded shape (with legs fused to the body) is unusual for Valdivia, and this figurine does not belong to any of the standard subtypes. The shallow depression at the top of the head may have been used to hold narcotic snuff. (Lathrap et al., 1975: 45-8)

Warwick Bray in Steven Hooper (ed.). 1997. Catalogue to the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection. University of East Anglia.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Mathias Komor, New York, on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1983 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.
