

Awabi (abalone shell) with two small hamaguris (clams) clinging to it

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: 50.252.1 

Type: bone objects; object for daily use; ivory carving; netsuke; accessory

Artist/Maker: Sato Masayoshi

Date of production: mid-19th century
Edo (Tokugawa) period or Meiji era

Place of production: Nagoya, Japan

Signed: Masayoshi (正義)

Materials: ivory

Dimensions: height: 1.8 cm
width: 4.2 cm
depth: 4.2 cm

Japanese men kept their personal belongings in the belt of their kimono. These were fastened to the belt of the kimono: a suspension cord attached to the object ran under the textile sash with a counterweight knotted on the other end.

