

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.

