



An Ivory Netsuke Depicting A Monkey Riding Namazu



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Width : 5,8 cm

Height : 1,5 cm

Depth : 2,1 cm

Description

Ivory netsuke depicting a monkey skillfully grasping and riding the legendary earthquake fish Namazu, an imposing catfish-like creature with an eel-like body, which was believed to cause earthquakes with its movement.

The famous Kadori Myojin is represented by a monkey. She takes on the role of guardian, keeping the Namazu under close control to prevent the potential triggering of a catastrophic earthquake.

This netsuke is signed under the Masakazu base.

Origin: Japan

Period: Edo 19th century.

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Dimensions: 1.5 x 5.8 x 2.1 cm.

State of conservation: Very good