



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 86

Starting price: €1250

Estimate: €2500

SHIGEMASA: A FINE AND RARE WOOD NETSUKE OF A CRAB ON AWABI

By Shigemasa, signed Shigemasa 重正 with kakihan
Japan, Nagoya, mid-19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Intricately carved and exhibiting a masterful use of various stains and textures (typical for this artist), with fine stippling and incision work, depicting a crab atop an upturned awabi with one its claws stuck in a hamaguri, the other held before its mouth. Natural himotoshi found on the underside between further shells, along with the signature SHIGEMASA within a raised rectangular reserve.

LENGTH 4 cm

Condition: Very good condition with minor surface wear.

Provenance: Ex-collection Teddy Hahn, Darmstadt, purchased in 2002 from Barry Davies, London, **for 2,300 GBP.**

Literature comparison:

A similar netsuke of an awabi and crab by Shigemasa was exhibited by Zacke in 1988, Japanische Netsuke - 7. Ausstellung 1988, no. 35.