



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0422)

Fri, 22nd Apr 2022

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from 19 April to 22 April 2022. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM CET, as well as by appointment. On the day of the sale, the viewing will be open until 1 PM CET.

Lot 154

Starting price: €800

Estimate: €1500

A RARE WOOD SHUNGA NETSUKE OF AN AMA WITH AMOROUS OCTOPUS

Unsigned

Japan, 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

The unlikely couple seated side by side, the diving girl with smiling expression, pulling at the octopus's soft fleshy head with one hand and reaching down toward her groin, while the octopus presses its funnel-shaped mouth forward. The arms of the cephalopod are wriggling around the bare-chested ama, one of them pleasuring her underneath, forming the natural himotoshi.

HEIGHT 3.2 cm

Condition: Good condition with some wear, few minor age cracks, minuscule nicks, traces of use. Fine dark patina.
Provenance: French private collection.