



## 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 164

**Starting price:** €800

**Estimate:** €1500

### **A RARE SHUNGA WOOD NETSUKE OF A HAMAGURI CLAM WITH EROTIC SCENE INSIDE**

Unsigned

Japan, 19<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

The hamaguri clam well-carved and consisting of two parts, opening to reveal an erotic scene. The clam is secured together with a small peg and with the male's phallus. The himotoshi on the exterior of both parts and cord channel runs through behind the enamored couple.

LENGTH 4.8 cm

Condition: Very good condition, tiny chip to the exterior hinge of the clam.

Provenance: French private collection.

### **Auction comparison:**

A related shunga wood netsuke was sold at Zacke, Fine Netsuke & Sagemono, 29 October 2021, Vienna, lot 103 (sold for 2,402 EUR).