

	Object:	Phallic figurine
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	Collection:	Археологія, Доба каменю
	Inventory number:	a1/8

Description

Mizyn sculpture is a unique phenomenon of the oldest art. The original style of the figurines immediately attracted the attention of researchers. Its attribution became the subject of a debate that continues to this day. Khvedir Vovk found the phallic statuette in 1909 during the excavations of the site. It is made as a round sculpture from a cylindrical blank. The upper part is an elongated, slightly curved rod thinned at the end. The lower part has shortened and thickened proportions. The rounded ridge separates the lower part from the three sides. The item has a smooth surface. There is an incised ornament in the form of parallel chevrons on the convex sides. There are small notches on the flattened front side. They are bordering a complex graphic composition. Below it, there are numerous thin dashes between vertical long lines.

Mizyn phallic figurines are schematized images of the male phallus complemented with female themes (ornament). There is also a version that these are stylized male statuettes with a graphic image of a face in a fur hood. Below the face, there is an engraved phallus or beard.

Ancient humans probably used it during ceremonies, rites, for example, initiations.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Mammoth tusk, chipping, turning, carving
Measurements:	l 142, w 40 mm

Events

Created	When	15 000 років тому
	Who	
	Where	Mezine

Found	When	1909
	Who	Fedir Vovk (1847-1918)
	Where	село Мезин
[Relation to person or institution]	When	
	Who	Кабінет антропології та етнології ім. Хв. Вовка (1921-1934)
	Where	

Keywords

- Верхній палеоліт