

# A Reproduction Cypriot Red Idol Figurine

Early Cypriot II-III. (1950-1800 BC)

*Height 24cm × width 8.5cm × thickness 1.2cm*

A flat figurine with a rectangular body and head, knobs for breasts, and a protruding nose, made of brick clay with a red slip, decorated with incised hatched bands, facial strokes, dotted eyes, and lines indicating hair.

This unique artefact was excavated by the Swedish Cyprus Expedition in 1927 at Lapithos, on the floor of Chamber A, Tomb 306.

It has been part of the Cyprus collection at the Medelhavsmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden (Inv. No.: L. 306A:012) since 1927.

The **UNESCO Chair on Digital Cultural Heritage** led a landmark initiative to digitise the largest collection of Cypriot artefacts held outside Cyprus, marking the **first time** a collection has been digitally repatriated at this scale.

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