

**Late Thule culture arrow shaft-straightener in the form of a kneeling caribou. Wales, Alaska, probably 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century, 14 cm**



Archaeological arrow shaft-straighteners with or without incised figures are very rare (there do not appear to be any other published examples), since they are typically 19<sup>th</sup> century artifacts. As is frequently seen in carvings of caribou, holes for the insertion of antlers are provided in the top of the head (see also example below).



**Ivory late Punuk or Thule culture drag line handle, toy, or amulet in the form of a caribou or reindeer head, with deep eye sockets (inlays missing) and holes on top of the head for insertion of short insets representing antlers. 7.0 cm**