A182-Afr-Egy-Ushabti-New Kingdom-19th Dynasty, 1291 – 1278 BCE-Seti I

 

**Figs. 1-2.** Ushabti-New Kingdom-19th Dynasty, 1291 – 1278 BCE-Seti I

**Case No.: 2**

**Formal Label: Egyptian** Ushabti-New Kingdom-19th Dynasty, 1291 – 1278 BCE-Seti I

**Display Description:**

This New Kingdom Pharaonic Ushabti, early 19th dynasty, possibly of Seti I, has a plain lappet wig with single horizontal band, and a plaited divine beard, well-proportioned body, beautiful sculpting of the face, a full beaded necklace and expert design of the text. It holds two broad hoes.

**Accession Number: A182**

**LC Classification:** DT62

**Date or Time Horizon:** New Kingdom-19th Dynasty, 1291 – 1278 BCE

**Geographical Area: Luxor, Egypt-Valley of the Kings, Seti I, Tomb KV17**

**Map, GPS Coordinates:** [25°44′23.3″N 32°36′06.8″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=KV17&params=25_44_23.3_N_32_36_06.8_E_type:landmark_region:EG)

 

Figs. 3-4. Maps of KV17 from http://latitude.to/lat/25.73972/lng/32.60167

**Cultural Affiliation:** early New Kingdom

**Medium:** steatite

**Dimensions: 237.66 mm; 9.357 in  
Weight: 1 lb, 8 3/4 oz; 692 gm**

**Provenance: unknown**

**Condition:** original, with two repaired breaks

**Discussion:** When Seti I’s tomb, KV 17, was discovered by Giovanni Battista Belzoni in 1817, it contained more than 700 Ushabtis of wood, faience and glazed steatite. Since many of these Ushabtis were covered with bitumen, early visitors to the tomb would light the Ushabtis and use them as torches.

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