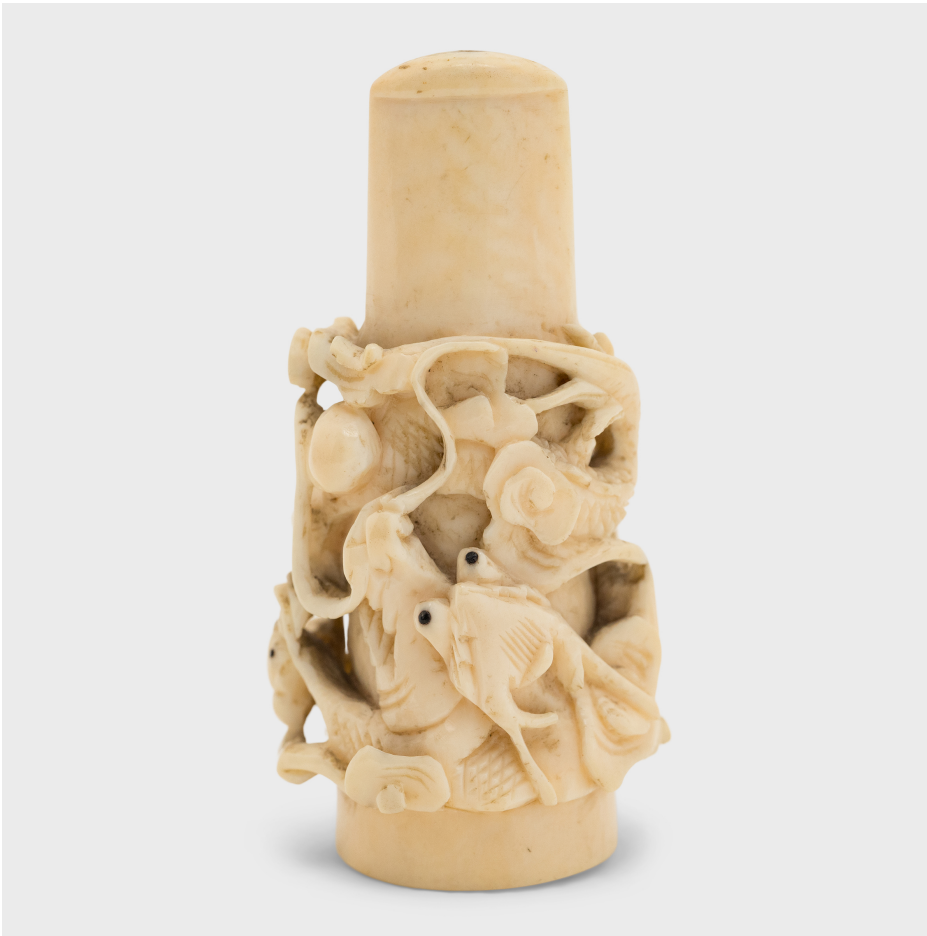

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W: 1.0" D: 1.5" H: 2.5"

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