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# Archaeological area of Tharros

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## ■ The northern Phoenician-Punic necropolis

The Phoenician-Punic city of Tharros had two necropolis areas, one north and one south of the inhabited area. The northern necropolis, about 1 km from Su Muru Mannu, is inside the area of the current residential area of San Giovanni di Sinis, along the sea shore, and suffered damage in modern times from quarry activity (fig. 1).



**Fig. 1** - Location of the northern necropolis of Tharros. A) the necropolis; B) Su Muru Mannu hill  
(from Google Earth. Reprocessed by C. Tronchetti)

The necropolis (fig. 2) has cremation ground tombs from the Phoenician era (fig. 3), datable between the 7th and 6th centuries B.C., Punic cassone tombs and chamber tombs from the end of the 6th to the 3rd century B.C.



**Fig. 2** - View of the northern necropolis of Tharros during excavation (from DEL VAIS, FARISELLI 2012)



**Fig. 3** - The Phoenician cremation tomb in the Tharros northern necropolis (from Del Vais, Fariselli, 2012)

The ground tombs were covered with stones or had a more accurate cover, from slabs that formed a flat surface under which the cremated body lay with its funeral items (figs 4-5).

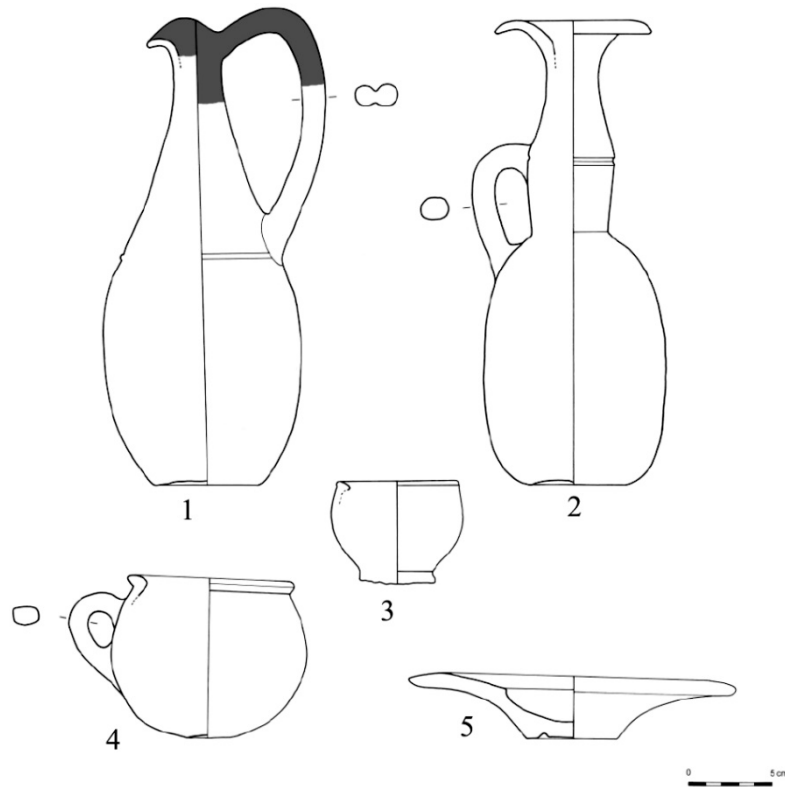


**Fig. 4** - Tomb nr. 56 in the Tharros northern necropolis; stone block covering  
(from DEL VAIS, FARISELLI, 2012)



**Fig. 5** - Funeral items from tomb nr. 56 (from Del Vais, Fariselli, 2012)

There are a small number of homogeneous items from Phoenician tombs (fig. 6), comprising two pitchers (two-lobed and with a mushroom shaped rim), a beaker, a kitchen bowl and a plate.



**Fig. 6** - items in tomb 60 bis: 1) two-lobed pitcher; 2) pitcher with a mushroom shape brim; 3) cup; 4) kitchen vase; 5) plate. Datable between 600 and 575 BC.  
(From DEL VAIS, FARISELLI 2012. Reprocessed by C. Tronchetti)

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