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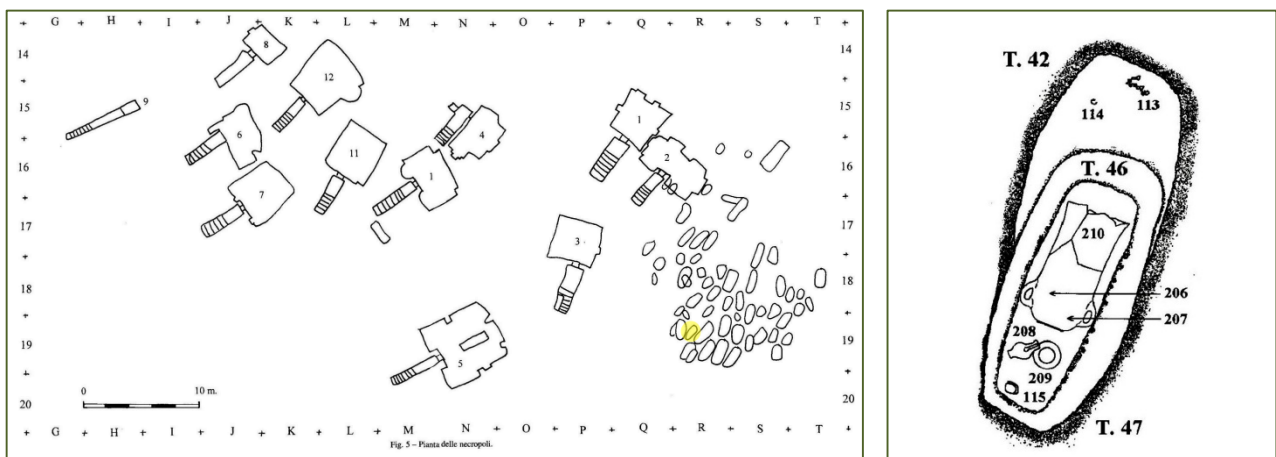
# Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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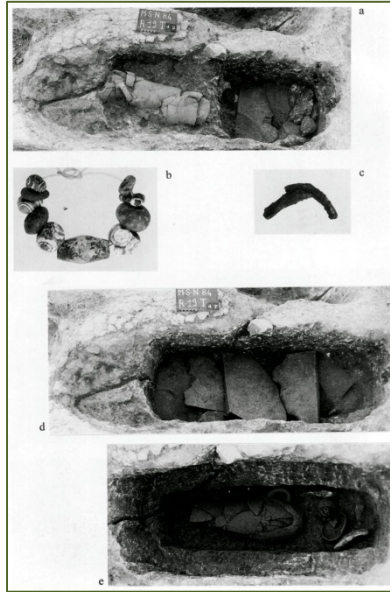
## Necklace and amulet from pit tombs no. 46-47

Pit tombs nos. 46-47 contain two burials in amphora (known as *enchytrismos tombs*) that together with tomb no. 42 form a unique burial group (fig. 3). They date to the Carthaginian age, from the 5th century BC, in the sector originally defined by the southern ancient necropolis, to the east of the Punic hypogeum necropolis (figs. 1-2).



**Figs. 1, 2** - The area of the Hypogeum necropolis and the Archaic necropolis, with the group of tombs 42-46-47 highlighted. Map of tombs (BARTOLONI 2000, figs. 5; 14)

The two amphora tombs are part of an important number of child burials that can be found inside the classic burial areas in Monte Sirai, and which contain specific burial items. The buried children share the same type of sepulchral amphora and the type of items buried with them, found in the amphorae themselves: necklaces, bronze rings, Egyptian style amulets. The necklaces are made from multi-coloured glass paste. One of them contains an 'eye' element. Both items of jewellery, which are clearly of apotropaic value, have a steatite amulet of the God Khnum-Ra (fig. 4) which leads us to believe there was a family relationship.



**Figs. 3, 4** - The group of tombs 42-46-47 (BARTOLONI 2000, table XXII); necklace in glass paste with Egyptian style amulet (BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 46).

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