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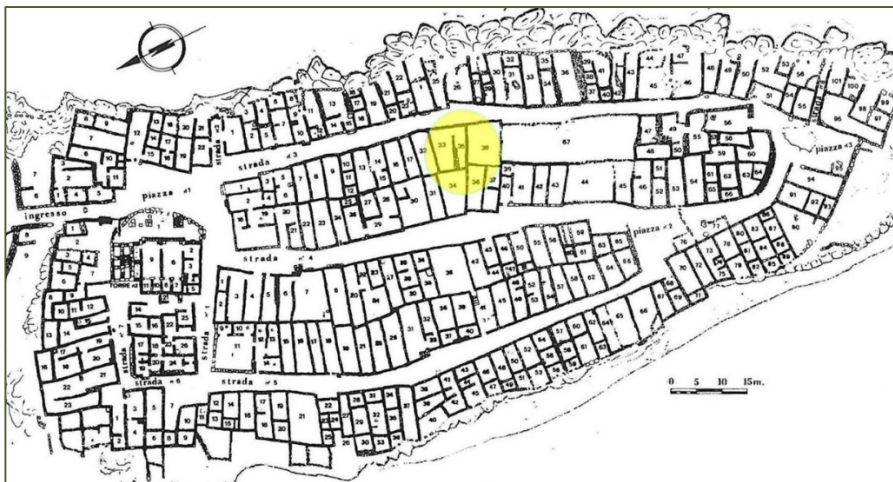
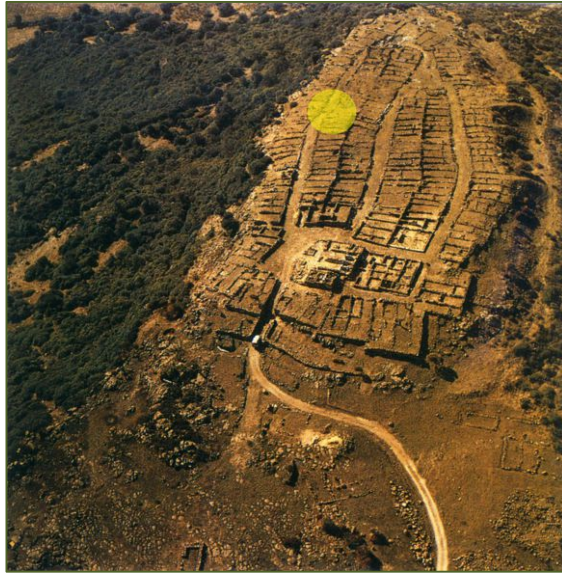
# Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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## ■ Casa del lucernario di talco

The so-called 'Casa del lucernario di talco', excavated and studied between 1990 and 1998, takes its name from fragments of talc mineral that probably formed the skylight and gave its name to this building. It is located in the central part of *Insula C* (figs. 1-2).



**Figs. 1, 2** - The settlement of Monte Sirai: highlighted the "casa del lucernario di talco" (BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 11; drawn up by GUIRGUIS 2013, fig. 11)

The map of the house is complicated to look at, as it shows the various phases it has gone through and the deterioration over time. The oldest phase found during the dig goes from the end of the 7th to 6th century BC, showing an old layout of two rooms alongside

one another, while the overall structure that we can now see in the residual ruins was developed between the 3rd and 2nd centuries B.C., with four long rooms (figs 3-4).

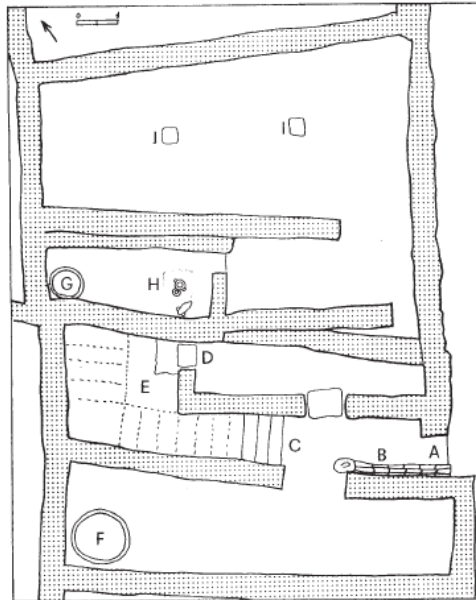


Fig. 21. Pianta di un edificio di abitazione del settore B. A. Ingresso e vestibolo; B. Condotto delle acque di scarico; C. Sacello per il culto domestico; D. Stanza da letto; E. Ripostiglio; F. Forno; G. Forno; H. Cucina; I, J. Pilastri.

**Figs. 3, 4** - Aerial photo and map (photo Unicity S.p.A.; BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 21).

Unlike other examples of Punic houses, there is no inner courtyard. A stone staircase suggests an upper floor (fig. 5).



**Fig. 5** - Ruins of stone staircase (photo Unicity S.p.A.).

There were also traces of a bread oven (*tannur, tabouna*) that has now been reconstructed (fig. 6). The presence of a craftsman's laboratory is hinted at by ferrous and stone remains and handles made from horn.



**Fig. 6** - Reconstruction of the bread oven (photo Unicity S.p.A.).

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