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Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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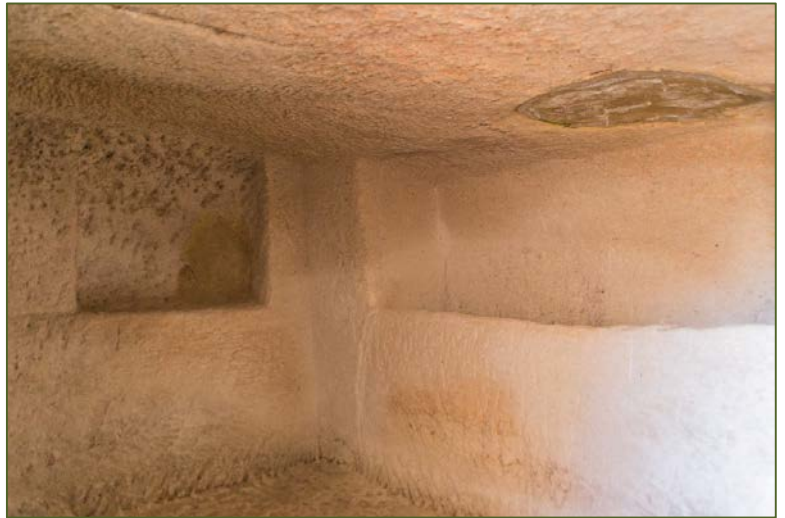
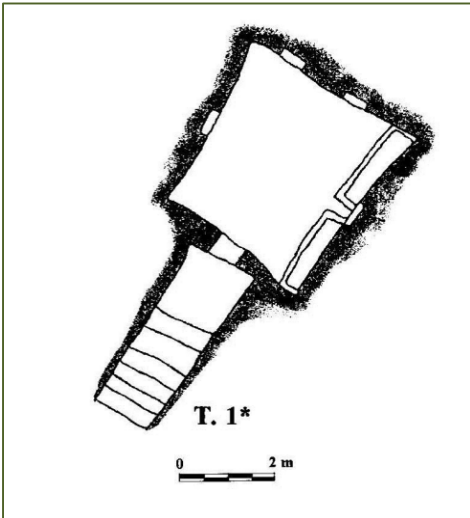
■ Tomb in chamber no. 1

Tomb no. 1 is in the eastern part of the hypogeum necropolis, alongside tomb no. 2. Further east is the cremation necropolis (fig. 1). The layout of the monument, that shares the general one used in the necropolis and is dug into a bank of tufa rock, has an entrance all, known as a *dromos*, that leads to the burial chamber (fig. 2). The tomb belongs to the period of the Carthaginian conquest, which the hypogeum necropolis is a burial space for, between the 5th and 3rd century BC.



Fig. 1 - Aerial view of the hypogeum necropolis (photo UNICITY S.p.A.).

In the square chamber, at least two people were buried in sarcophagi built into the rock (fig. 3) arranged along the eastern wall. The other walls are interspersed with niches.



Figs. 2, 3 - map of tomb 1 (BARTOLONI 2000 fig. 22); interior of chamber (photo UNICITY S.p.A.).

Unfortunately, the intervention of illegal diggers, who were also able to work widely on Monte Sirai, made the sculpted head from the ceiling fall off, which was fortunately recovered and kept in the National Archaeological Museum in Cagliari.



Fig. 4 - The head originally sculpted on the ceiling (GUIRGUIS 2013, fig. 47).

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