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Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

Patrimonio culturale
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■ Phoenician necropolis with pit tombs

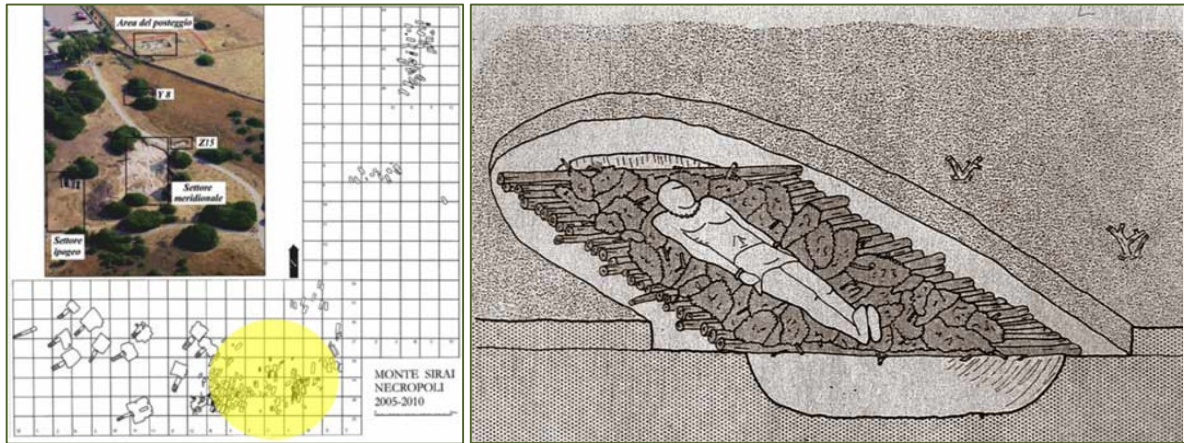
The Phoenician necropolis, dated between the end of the 7th century BC and the following century, comprises a group of older tombs that have been documented on Monte Sirai.



Figs. 1-2 - The Phoenician necropolis area (highlighted) photo Unicity S.p.A.)

It is characterised by mainly cremation, or incineration rituals, attributed to populations of Phoenician origin or culture. Inhumation was also used, that seems to be characteristic of Carthaginian origin or culture. This is therefore a necropolis that registers the Phoenician phase and shows a Carthaginian part that becomes dominant within a century, conquering the previous Phoenician settlement, not without hard conflict, in the second half of the 6th century BC.

The necropolis is east of the hypogeum necropolis (linked to the Carthaginian groups who settled after after the island was conquered by the North African metropolis, arranging their tombs in family groups close to the area of ancient tombs, and partly occupying it). One of the most widely used funeral modes was cremation in the pit, by preparing a pile of wood and branches for a funeral pyre and then covering of the burnt remains accompanied by their personal objects.



Figs. 3, 4 - The area of the Punic Phoenician necropolis and its span (GUIRGUIS 2013, fig. 28); detail of cremation ritual (BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 50).

The presence of material indicators from the native tradition that propose the integration between Nuragic tradition and the new Phoenician people in Monte Sirai too.

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