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# Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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**SARDEGNA** Virtual Archaeology



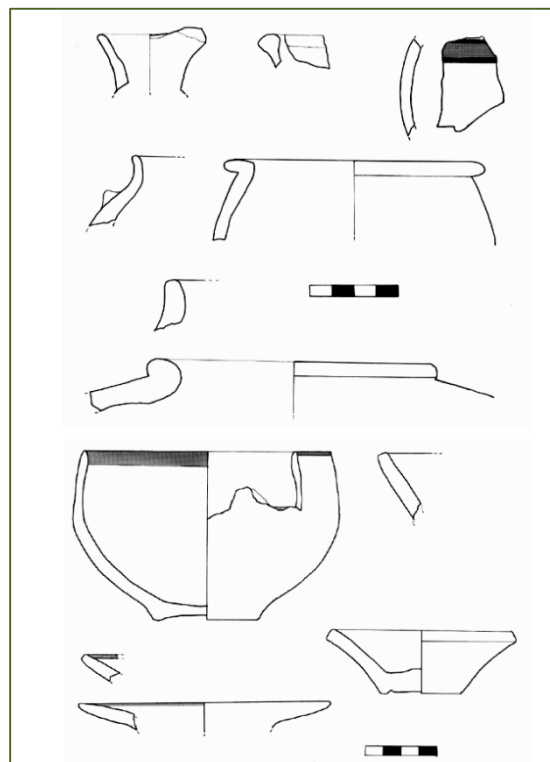
## ■ The Sirai nuraghe

The Sirai nuraghe is a complex that was of great importance for the nearby area. It is about one kilometre south-east of the Phoenician-Punic settlement of Monte Sirai; it has been the place of investigation of vital importance in recent years, carried out and coordinated by the archaeologist Carla Perra.



**Figs. 1, 2** - Map and aerial view of the Sirai nuraghe (PERRA 2012, figs. 1-2)

The monument - with its buildings pertinent to fortification, holy and living areas - develops along the lines of a pre-existing Nuragic wall and has a body of Nuragic buildings, with others of Phoenician origin. It has been called the “east-facing fortress” as it was created and developed from the 7th century B.C. (The second half) and continued through the next century, in full Ancient period. The material culture of this extraordinary site is an example of the advanced hybrid forms that were the result of Nuragic and Phoenician tradition, easily seen in the ceramics.



**Figs. 3, 4** - local, hybrid and Phoenician pottery (PERRA 2012, figs. 7; 9)

A bronze dagger with a moulded head, typical of the weapons of a Nuragic warrior and found in other meeting places, such as the sacred centre of Antas, near Fluminmaggiore, was found close to the nuraghe.



**Fig. 5** - Nuragic dagger (PERRA 2012, fig. 6).

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