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Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ Roman baths in Sardinia

One of the signs of territorial Romanisation is the appearance and spread of buildings typical of the Roman world. Amongst these the baths building is widespread (fig. 1).

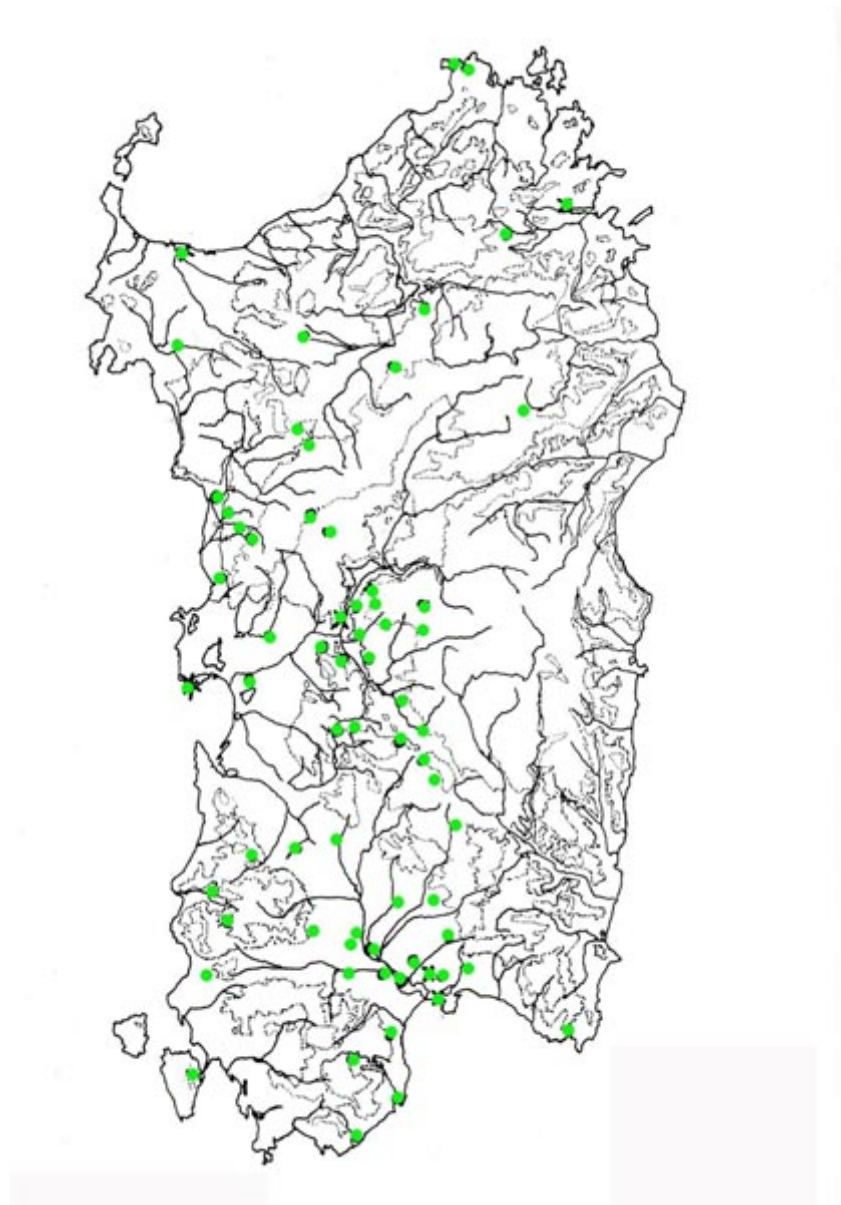


Fig. 1 - Public and private baths in Sardinia (from Rowland 1981 fig. 3, re-worked by C. Tronchetti).

There are two types of Baths in Sardinia: those that exploit the natural hot thermal waters (Fordongianus, Sardara), and those, more numerous, that use cold water after heating it. The baths are a constant element of the towns' urban aspects; they always have an important position (figs. 2-4), and are widespread in rural areas too, both as a part of villae, and as a qualifying element of small centres or village agglomerates.



Fig. 2 - Porto Torres, baths so-called Palace of the Barbarian King (from Mastino-Vismara 1994, front)



Fig. 3 - Nora, baths in Mare (photo Teravista, courtesy Gianni Alvito).



Fig. 4 - Tharros, baths in Convento Vecchio (from Acquaro-Finzi 2004, p. 55).

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