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■ Punic Amphorae (Punic Age)

The term "amphora" indicates a terracotta container with a tapered or globular shape, provided with two handles, used in antiquity to transport liquid (wine, oil) or solid (wheat or other grains) foodstuffs.

The Punic amphorae found in the area of the cliff and the old town of Posada are attributable to the Ramon T-4.2.1.10 type, probably produced in Sardinia and, for this reason, they can be dated to the late fourth and early third centuries B.C. They were presumably intended to contain and transport wine (fig. 1).

Two fragments of amphora, which cannot be included in precise categories, have a stamp on the handle: in the first example it is sub-quadrangular in shape with two positive imprinted letters and may be compared with those from Lilybaeum and Carthage (fig. 2).

Based on the characteristics of the mixture, it is possible to hypothesise that this amphora was produced in North Africa. The second fragment instead has a cruciform stamp and may be compared with specimens from Carthage and from the Iberian and Sicilian areas (fig. 3).

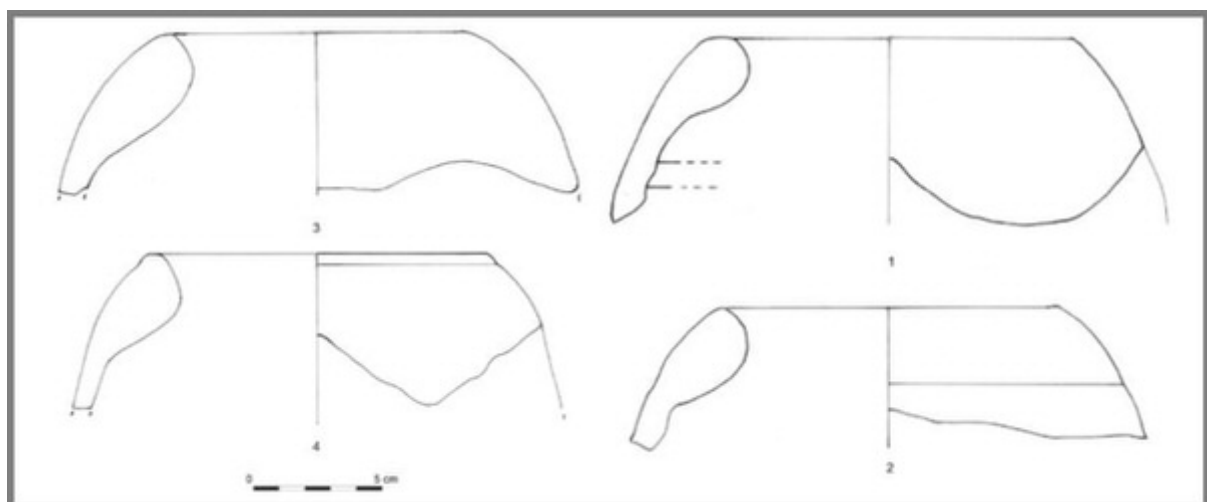


Fig. 1 - Punic amphorae from Posada (from SANCIU 2012, figs. 4, 7).

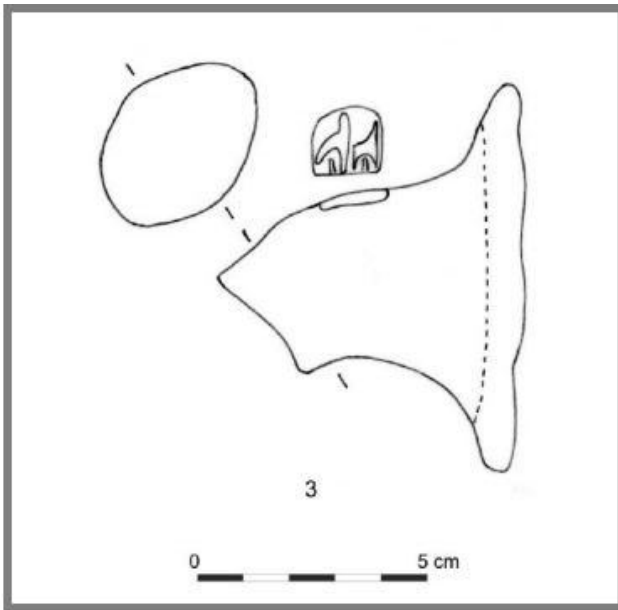


Fig. 2 - Handle with stamp from Posada (from SANCIU 2012, figs. 7-8).



Fig. 3 - Handle with stamp from Posada (from SANCIU 2012, p. 178, fig. 9)

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