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Castle of Monreale

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■ *Su Zubu*

Near the western entrance to the village, close to the “San Gavino” gate, there is a building known as *Su Zubu* (fig. 1). It is a square room with a vaulted ceiling, built in stone with small and medium sizes pieces, inside the fortified walls (figs. 2-3). During the first half of the nineteenth century it was cited by the historian Vittorio Angius when describing the Monreale fort, who called it “[...] a square basin where apparently rainwater was collected”. Modern investigations have not clarified the intended use of the basin, although the most likely hypothesis is precisely the one which considers it as part of a system for collecting and storing water intended for the inhabitants of the village, in spite of the fact there is no impermeable inner lining (figs. 4-5).

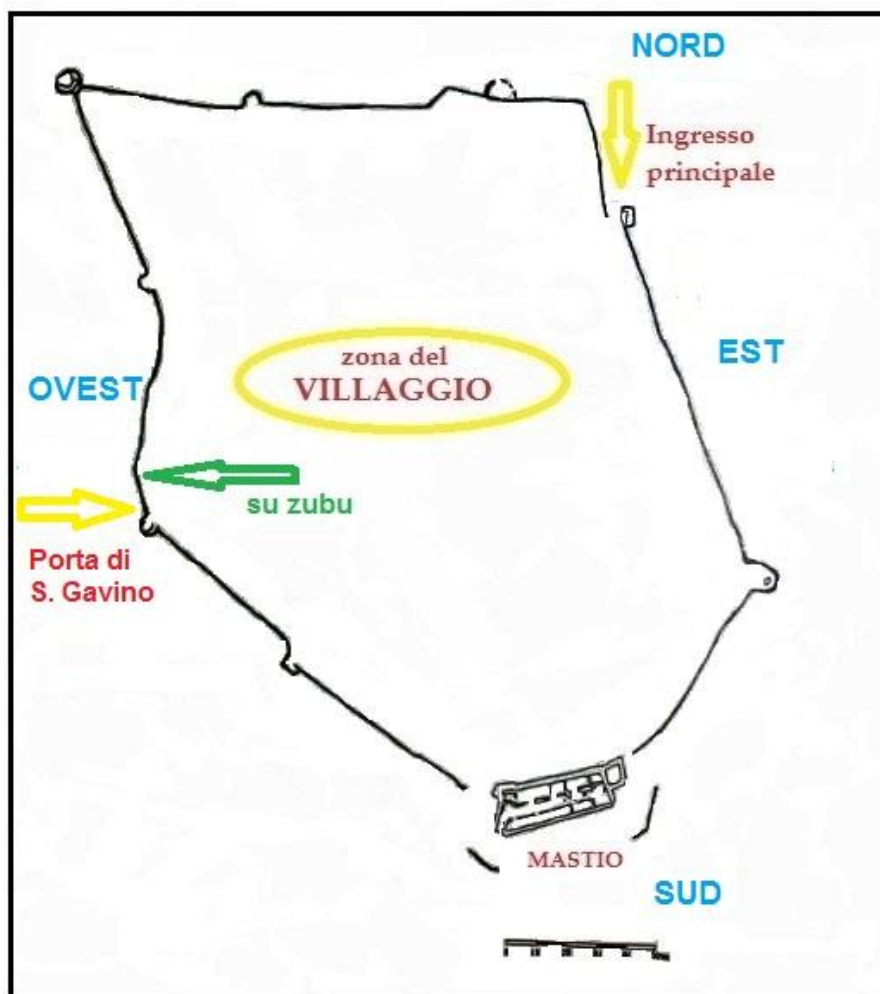


Fig. 1 - Plan of the fortified complex (reconstruction by M.G Arru, by Spanu 2003, p. 58).



Fig. 2 - The fortified complex of Monreale with the location of the building known as *Su Zubu* (reconstruction by M.G. Arru, from Google Earth).



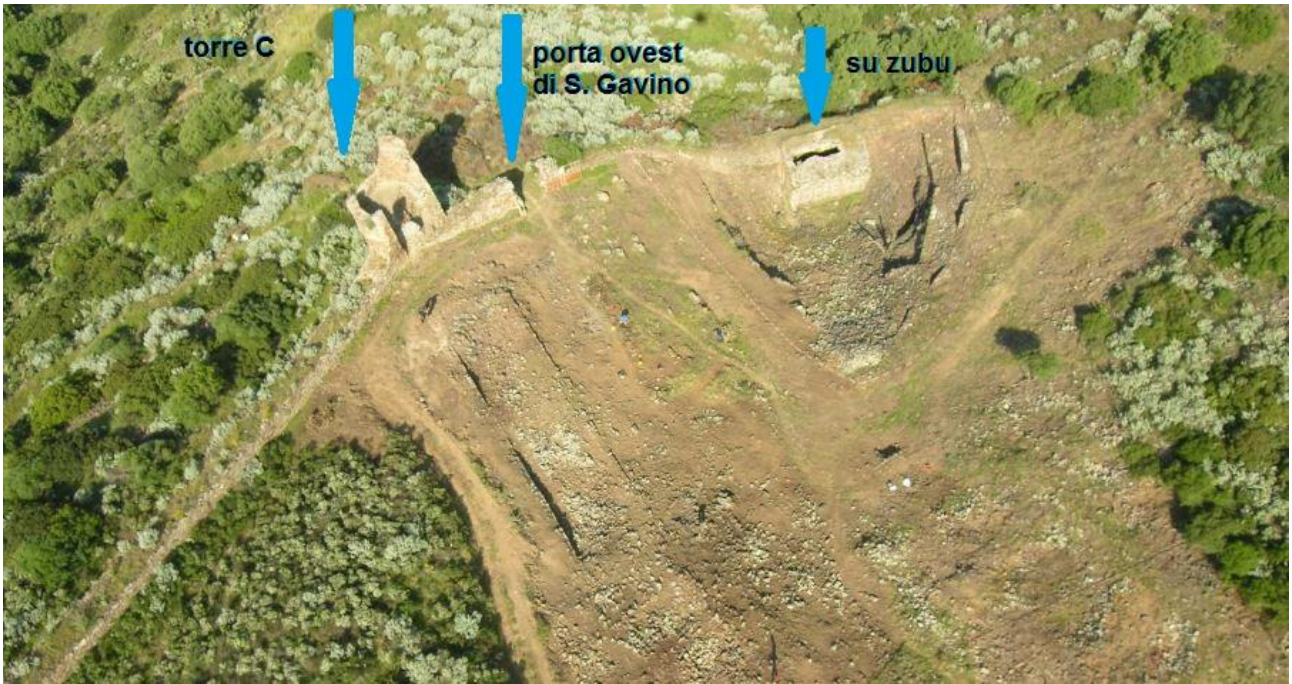


Fig. 3 - The village walls and *Su Zubu* (reconstruction by M.G. Arru, photo by R. Bordicchia).



Fig. 4 - *Su Zubu* (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 5 - *Su Zubu* (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



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