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Castle of Monreale

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■ The kitchen

The archaeological dig inside the *theta* room (fig. 1) revealed a large cooking area, where the stratigraphic sequence shows that this kitchen area was used for a long period of time, producing the enormous accumulation of waste found in the nearby *iota* room¹.



Fig. 1 - The *theta* room inside the Monreale keep (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The kitchen (fig. 2) looks onto the second of the central courtyards, where there are also cisterns for the keep and an underground room for the storage of foodstuffs. It is a dug-out with a flash shape, closed with a wooden cover on the courtyard floor, that was presumably used to store food for the kitchen. The storeroom has revealed materials from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Inside, in a small part of the plaster, there is graffiti portraying a boat (fig. 3), perhaps a caravel².

¹ STASOLLA 2010, p. 47.

² STASOLLA 2010, pages 47-50.

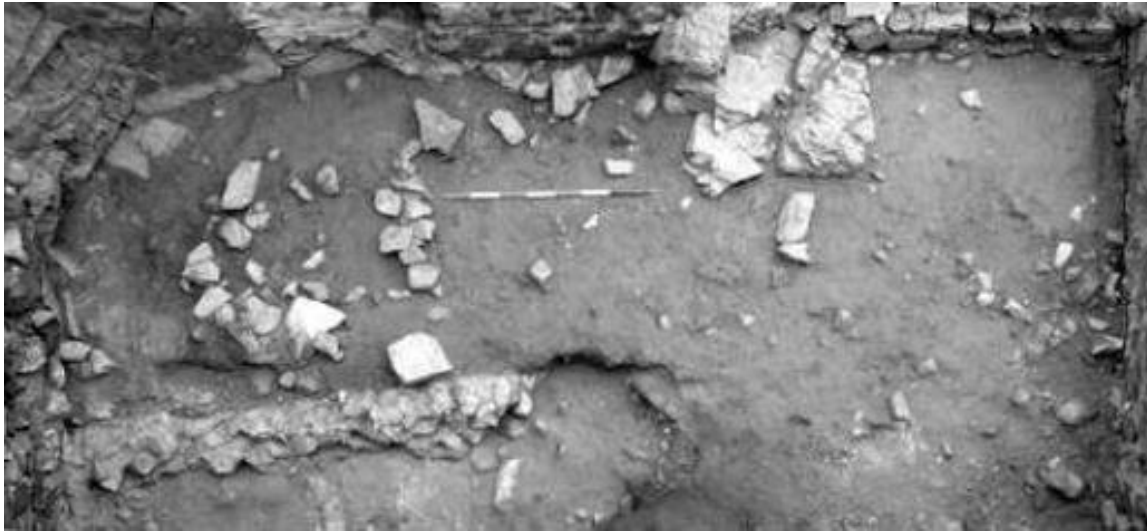


Fig. 2 – The *theta* room seen from above (from Stasolla 2010, p. 50).



Fig. 3 – The graffiti showing the caravel (photo by R. Bordicchia).

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