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Port and coastal towers of Arbatax

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■ Amphora Beltran II B (II century A.D.)

The Arbatax sea has returned and keeps on returning evidence of the past. Including the amphorae¹ representing one of the most frequent finds.

The transport amphora *Beltran II B* found by the Lieutenancy of Arbatax is 85 cm high and 37.2 cm in diameter. The bottom and a handle are missing (fig. 1).

It has an elongated, pear-shaped body, considerably wider towards the base; narrow neck with no connection with the shoulder and extroflexed rim with wide mouth; belt handles; high tip (figs. 2-3). This type of container was produced in the Betica². The average height in whole examples is about 100-110 cm (fig. 4). This type was produced from the start of the I century A.D. to the middle of the II and was spread throughout the Mediterranean. It was used to transport fish sauces (*muria*).



Fig. 1 – Amphora *Beltrand II B* recovered in the Arbatax sea (from SALVI ET ALII 2005, p. 81).

¹ The term “amphora” indicates a tapered or globular terracotta container with two handles, used in ancient times to transport liquids (wine, oil) or solid foods (wheat or other cereals).

² One of the Roman provinces the Iberian peninsula was divided into.

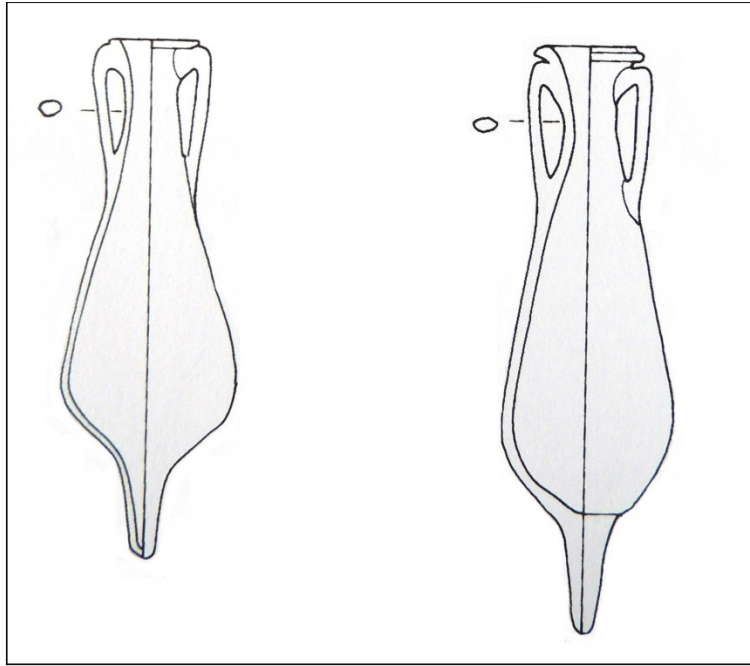


Fig. 2 - Amphora *Beltrand II B* (from CARVALE, TOFFOLETTI 1998, p. 128).



Fig. 3 - Amphora *Beltrand II B* (from CARVALE, TOFFOLETTI 1998, p. 128).



Fig. 4 - Amphora *Beltrand II B* from the necropolis of Puerta de Tierra – Cadiz, conserved in the Museum of Cadiz (from <http://amphorae.icac.cat/tipol/view/18>. Foto D. Bernal).



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