

Nuraghic complex of S'Arcu 'e Is Forros

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■ Bronze pendant in the shape of an axe

At the *temenos* of the *megaron* 1 temple in S'Arcu 'e Is Forros (fig. 1) a bronze pendant was found that is a miniature reproduction of an axe with a handle, with "raised edges", i.e. An item made from bronze commonly used to work wood.



Fig. 1 - Overview of the *temenos* that surrounded the external area of the *megaron* 1 temple (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The amulet, 5.5 cm high, was made using the lost wax casting technique.

It has a rectangular sheet metal part together with a circular element placed on a slightly bended thin handle. A system of twisted ropes was reproduced between the circular element and the handle, using ribbing in relief work. At the base of the axe, below the ropes, is a small tongue jutting out in relief (figs 2, 3, 4).



Figs. 2, 3 - Front and back of the axe-shaped pendant (photo by Pinna P.P., RAS Photographic Archive).



Fig. 4 - Detail of the pendant on show at the museum in Nuoro (by Fadda 2006, p. 60 fig. 63).

The artefact, dated to the X-IX centuries BC, is on display at the National Archaeological Museum G. Asproni in Nuoro.

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