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Nuraghic complex of S'Arcu 'e Is Forros

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■ The Nuragic towers

At the end of the Bronze Age (10th century B.C.), the need to reproduce the nuraghe was functional to the need to recognise and strengthen political and religious power.

As a symbolic representation of the nuraghe, in addition to the well-known one that characterises the fireplace-altar in the *megaron* B temple, there is also a small model found on the outside of *megaron* A temple.

The remaining fragment of the sculpture (size: height 18 cm; diameter 15 cm) has been obtained by chiselling and smoothing the limestone rock. It reproduces a miniature Nuragic tower, with the cylindrical centre marked by an inner line that divides it from the part that is the top terrace. There are seven oval holes in the upper part, arranged in a circular pattern, one of which is central, needed to insert bronze votives for religious rituals that were carried out in the temple area (figs. 1, 2, 3).



Figs. 1, 2 - The nuraghe model found at the *megaron* A temple
(From Fadda 2012, figs. 15-16, pages 13-15).

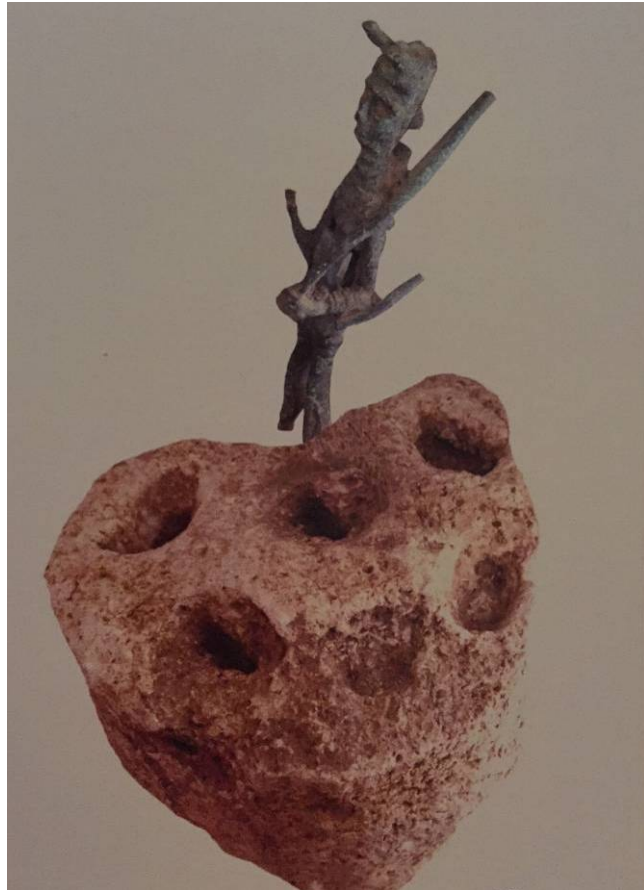


Fig. 3 - The nuraghe model for bronze votive offers
(From Campus, Leonelli 2013, fig. 3, p. 93).



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