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Nuraghic complex of S'Arcu 'e Is Forros

Patrimonio culturale

SARDEGNA Virtual Archaeology



■ The National Archaeological Museum of Nuoro

The items found at the S'Arcu'e Is Forros site are on show at the National Archaeological Museum in Nuoro. The museum has been in Via Mannu 1 since 2002, in a nineteenth century manor house belonging to the 19th century Sardinian intellectual and politician Giorgio Asproni (fig. 1).



Fig. 1 - The entrance to the Archaeological Museum in Nuoro
(from <http://www.archeossnu.beniculturali.it/getImage.php?id=589>).

The materials on show, now in six rooms, previously kept in the old building of the Speleo-Archaeological Museum in via Leonardo da Vinci, opened in October 1978 after several temporary exhibitions by speleologists from *Gruppo Grotte Nuorese*, include a municipal

collection from the early twentieth century, expanded over time by several donations from private citizens and especially by items acquired by the Superintendent's office during its activities. The museum, which then became the Civic Speleo-Archaeological Museum, was the first step in opening, in July 2002, a National Archaeological Museum in Nuoro.

The exhibition, in six rooms, shows the rich archaeological heritage of the area in the provinces of Nuoro and Ogliastra, starting from the Neolithic age (5th millennium B.C.), with particular reference to the Nuragic Age, and the sanctuary contexts (figs. 2,3), until the end of the Middle Ages (15th century A.D.), and allows a revisitation of the human population phases of the Upper Palaeolithic Age (20,000 years B.C.).



Fig. 2 - Blocks of trachyte with surfaces decorated by engraved geometric patterns, coming from the crowning of the Nurdole di Orani nuraghe, transformed into a place of worship (from <http://www.museoarcheologiconuoro.beniculturali.it/getImage.php?id=35>).



Fig. 3 - Reconstruction of votive store at the Sa Carcaredda-Villanova Strisaili temple (from <http://www.museoarcheologiconuoro.beniculturali.it/getImage.php?id=100>).

There is also a Palaeontology section in the museum, with items found in the Palaeontological site of vertebrates on Monte Tuttavista (Orosei) and from the Grotta Corbeddu (Oliena).

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