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Nuraghic village of Su Nuraxi

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■ Lanterns

There are Nuragic clay lanterns among the items of use found in Su Nuraxi, used as lamps between the Final Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The lanterns of different shapes (spoon, heart-shaped, boat-shaped) are among the oldest archaeological tools that prove the existence of an artificial lighting system, for which the flame, connected to a wick, was fed by oily substances (resin, wax, oil).

The heart-shaped lantern, dated to the 9th-8th century B.C., has a long lip, a cross-section with inward facing margins, a flat bottom and a decoration of impressed circles (figs. 1, 2, 3, 4).



Figs. 1, 2 - Su Nuraxi, heart-shaped lantern from 9th-8th century B.C.
(photo by Pinna P.P., RAS Photographic Archive).



Figs. 3, 4 - Su Nuraxi, heart-shaped lantern from 9th-8th century B.C.
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The artefacts are currently on show at Casa Zapata in Barumini.

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