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Nuraghic village of Su Nuraxi

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■ The meeting room (hut 80)

To the East of the Nuraghe there is hut 80, known as “Capanna delle riunioni”, a round building with an entrance facing South, with a door with a threshold (fig. 1).



Fig. 1 - 1954, Su Nuraxi, the dig of room 80 (from Lilliu, Zucca 1988, fig. 16, page 38).

According to Giovanni Lilliu’s timeline it was built in the Upper Nuragic I era (12th-9th century B.C.).

The internal walls are made of basalt blocks of various sizes at the base, with regular rows of limestone marl stones; outside, the façade is made from polygonal, medium-sized basalt blocks (fig. 2).

There was probably a conical straw roof, made with beams placed in a radial pattern around a central pole.



Fig. 2 - Overview of the "Capanna delle riunioni" (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The measurements (external diameter 9.70 metres), the presence of a ring-shaped bench made of 20 basalt stones and 6 marl stones, five large niches in the walls and items used for rituals found during the digs (a trapezoid-shaped bowl made from limestone marl, a circular basin in sandstone and a stone model of the Nuraghe made from limestone marl), are all items that can be traced to use of the structure as a place of social representation and used for ritual ceremonies (fig. 3).



Fig. 3 - Model of Nuraghe from room 80 (photo by Pinna P.P., RAS Photographic Archive).

During the Punic Age (5th century B.C.) the creation of the walls inside the room, interpreted as elements for narrowing the space, meant the niches were covered up.

The dig in the archaeological area have brought to light different layers of Punic and Nuragic presence, confirming continuity of inhabitation, containing ashes and coals, animal remains, pottery, coins, bronze and stone artefacts.



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