



Megalithic circles of Li Muri

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■ Small Lithic hatchets (Li Muri)

Among the stone chipped materials found in the necropolis of Li Muri there are the hatchet-shaped miniature pendants, manufactured by carefully polishing the surface of the hard stone (figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). They differ in size and colour. They generally have a trapezoidal or triangular shape, with a rounded heel and a rectilinear or curvilinear cut. Because of the small size and the elegance of their workmanship, they should be considered ritual or votive objects, with an apotropaic value, i.e. amulets to protect the deceased, also used as pendants. They are widespread both in Sardinia and outside the island.



Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Lithic hatchets (from ANTONA 2013, p. 83).

The miniature lithic hatchets found in the necropolis of Li Muri are kept at the National Archaeological Museum of Cagliari.

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