



Megalithic circles of Li Muri

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■ The territory of Arzachena during the Phoenician-Punic Age

The evidence from the Phoenician-Punic Age in the territory of Arzachena is associated with attendance at the Giants' tomb of Moru during the Punic age (fig. 1), located close to Nuraghe Albucciu.



Fig. 1- Tomb of Moru (from <http://static.panoramio.com/photos/large/78265482.jpg>).

This consists of an incision concerning worship of the goddess Tanit, imprinted in the entrance manhole of the burial chamber reused as a stele, intended as a *dhalet*, i.e. as the fourth letter of the Punic alphabet, already known within the island in the Tophet of Sant'Antioco (fig. 2), and of a Punic coin with the head of the goddess Tanit and a horse protome (fig. 3) dating back to between 300 and 264 B.C., found behind the manhole.



Fig. 2 - Daleth from the Tophet of Sant'Antioco
(http://www.archeotur.it/santantioco/images/phocagallery/Aree_Archeologiche/Tofet/thumbs/phoca_thumb_1_tophet%20dalet%20e%20cisterna.jpg).



Fig. 3 - Punic coin from Pantelleria dated from III century B.C. (from http://numistoria.altervista.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/tanit_cartagine.jpg).

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