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Giants' tomb of Thomes

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■ Necklace with glass paste beads (Ispinigoli)

The abyss of Ispinigoli (literally “the thorn in the throat”, taken from the name of a majestic stalactite, i.e. a fossil column, found in the centre of a circular cave, that seemed to drop down from the ceiling to stick in the floor) is a Karst cavity in the Supramonte di Dorgali (fig. 1), connected to the Grotta di San Giovanni Su Anzu viae so-called “Abisso delle Vergini”, a ponor about 60 metres deep used for burials as items found in it would suggest: human bones and several parts of glass paste necklaces in several shapes and colours, some of which defined as “fiery eyes¹”, that were put back together to form four necklaces (figs 2,3,4) presumed to be from the Punic age (VI-III B.C.). Over the years, several archaeological items were recovered from the abyss (pottery fragments, bronze and silver ornamental items) that prove the use of the cave for a long period, from the Nuragic Age and the High Medieval Age.



Fig. 1 - Abyss of Ispinigoli-Dorgali (from http://www.dorgali.it/file_contenuti/ispinigoli_media_3.jpg).

¹ Decorative, engraved pattern, consisting of a circle with a dot in the centre.



Fig. 2 - Necklace with glass paste beads
(from <http://www.museoarcheologicodorgali.it/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/9.png>).



Fig. 3 - Necklace with glass paste beads (from PULACCHINI 1998b, fig. 28, p. 30).



Fig. 4 - Necklace with glass paste beads (from PULACCHINI 1998b, fig. 29, p. 31).



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