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# Giants' tomb of Thomes

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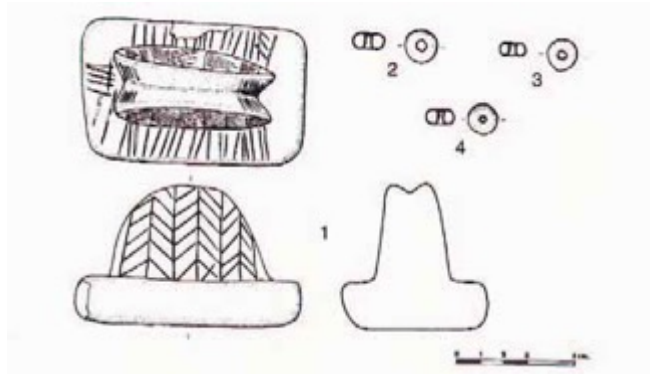
## ■ Steatite smoothing tool (Isportana)

A steatite smoothing tool was found in the 1930s by Antonio Taramelli in the small Nuragic village of Isportana, the ruins of which are on the south-east outskirts of Dorgali, together with pottery fragments, frame weights and glass paste pieces of necklaces.



**Fig. 1** - Smoothing tool (from [http://www.museoarcheologicodorgali.it/wp/museo\\_archeologia\\_in\\_sardegna/la-storia-di-dorgali-in-20-reperti/](http://www.museoarcheologicodorgali.it/wp/museo_archeologia_in_sardegna/la-storia-di-dorgali-in-20-reperti/))

The stone artefact consists of a rectangular base with rounded corners and a central grip, along the longitudinal axis, the lower level is smooth, the upper face is decorated with parallel incisions, while "herringbone" patterns are engraved on the grip.



**Fig. 2** - Artefacts from the village of Isportana (from PULACCHINI 1998,p.34, fig. 31).

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The category of smoothing tools can be included in the items commonly used for working hides and pottery; they are often decorated with engraved "herringbone" motifs (fig. 3) and supplied with a simple grip, sometimes made in the shape of a small nuraghe (fig. 4).



**Fig. 3** - Smoothing tool from Nuraghe Santu Antine of Torralba (from CASTIA 2014, p. 270).





**Fig. 4** - Smoothing tool representing a four-lobe Nuraghe from Nuraghe Santu Antine of Torralba (from CASTIA 2014, p. 271).



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