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# Giants' tomb of Thomes

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## ■ Antonio Taramelli: the first "archaeological survey" of the territory of Dorgali

News of archaeological findings or monuments in the Dorgali area that were general and sporadic then became more numerous in the following century, in particular between 1929 and 1933, with research carried out by the archaeologist and expert of ancient Sardinian history Antonio Taramelli.

The first picture of the ancient inhabitation of the territory may be obtained from the 1928 edition of some excavation essays carried out in the territory of Dorgali.

The following year, after the topographic surveys carried out in order to prepare sheet 208 of the Carta Archeologica (Archaeological Map), he published some summary information concerning the surveyed monuments mapped until then. 12 domus de janas, 35 nuraghi, 3 giants' tombs, the Nuragic villages of Isportana and Tiscali, the thermal baths of Su Anzu, Roman houses at Fuili and Roman tombs discovered up to that point in various place (Fruncudunue, Lottoni, Sa Matta de Su Scusorgiu, Sorteì, Iloghe, Nuraghe Zorza, Santu Nigola, Motorra, Colovrai), in addition to the military diploma of Tunila and the stretch of Roman road found in Golloi.

«I must point out to scholars how greatly interesting and important Dorgali is; the beauty of its land with its superb Dolomites, the enchanting woods, the brilliantly blue gulfs, its mysterious underwater caves and the caverns where the most amazing stalactites march as candles in a procession<sup>1</sup>». In 1933, one of the fathers of Italian archaeology, Taramelli, wrote in his introduction to the most indepth report of his on the area, where he refers to his searches carried out in the Nuragic settlement of Isportana, Grotta di Su Anzu, Nuragic village of Tiscali (fig. 2), the Giants' tombs in Biristeddi, the Mannu nuraghe (fig. 1), Su Nuraghittu, the nuragic village of nuraghe Arvu (fig. 3) and the remains of the Roman road *Caralis Olbiam per ora*.

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<sup>1</sup> Taramelli 1933, p. 347.

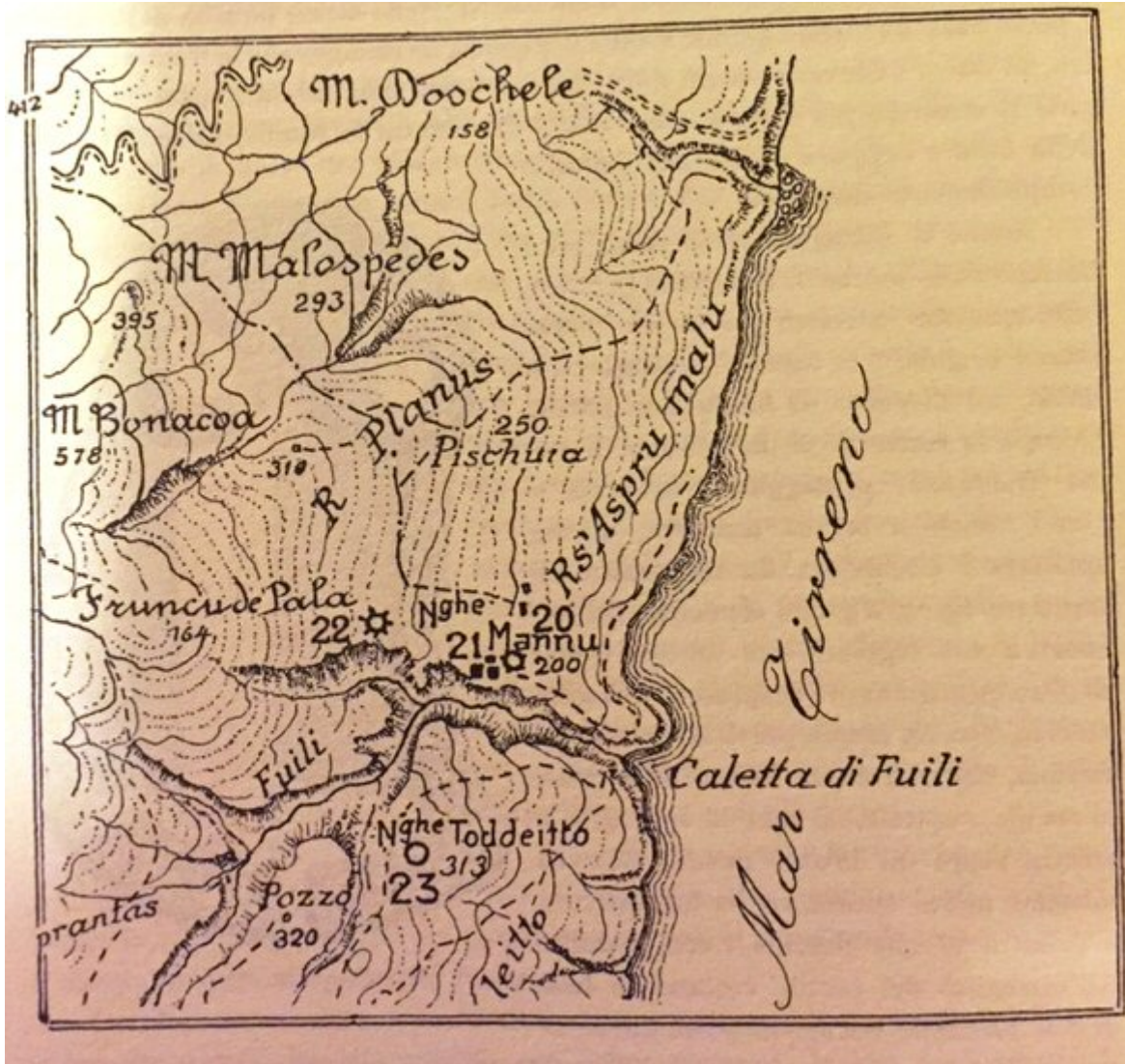
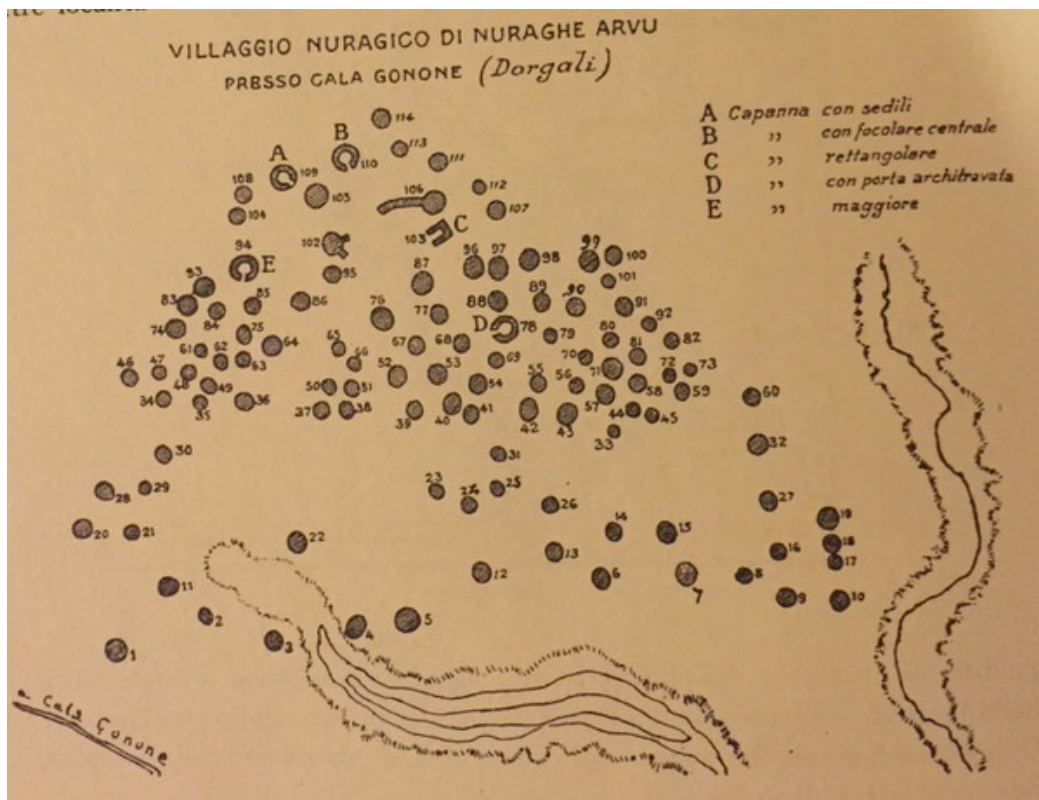


Fig. 1 - Nuraghe Mannu (from TARAMELLI 1933, fig. 11, p. 450).



**Fig. 2** - Nuragic village of Tiscali (from TARAMELLI 1933, fig. 4, p. 443).



**Fig. 3** - Plan of the Nuragic village of Nuraghe Arvu (from TARAMELLI 1933, fig. 24, p. 460).

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