

The Column Emerging from Time... and Then Rediscovered

Minor Archaeology in Sicily – Mazara del Vallo –

We are in Sicily, in the municipality of Mazara del Vallo, in the province of Trapani, on the western part of the Sicilian coast.

Mazara is rich in historical vestiges and numerous little-known archaeological areas, often entirely unknown even to its own inhabitants.

Among its heritage are the kubbe of Arab origin, many Neolithic tombs, traces of Roman settlements and burials, and much more hidden in the numerous caves of the area.

On September 1st, 2025, Giorgio Comerio's team discovered a well about 2.30 meters in diameter and approximately 2 meters deep, with at its center an incomplete, truncated-conical artifact whose top measures about 70 cm in diameter.

The artifact displays hybrid characteristics, in which architectural influences of Aegean origin (Minoan–Mycenaean) can be recognized, mediated through cultural contacts in the ancient Mediterranean.

The extraction site represents an important testimony to the dynamics of contact and cultural exchange in the ancient Mediterranean.

The formal analogy with Minoan columns opens intriguing research perspectives on the possible transmission of architectural models from the Aegean to Sicily.

Its possible dating may fall within the Selinuntine–Greek period, that is, between the 6th and 5th centuries BC.

In short, Mazara del Vallo, with its traces of a distant past, never ceases to amaze and to offer new, exciting discoveries.

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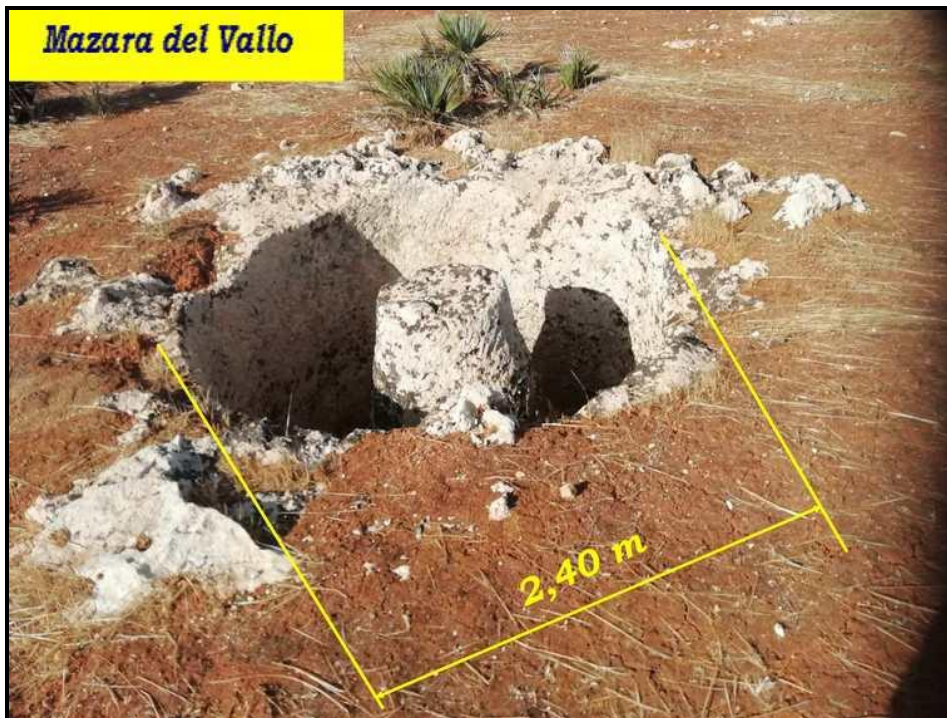
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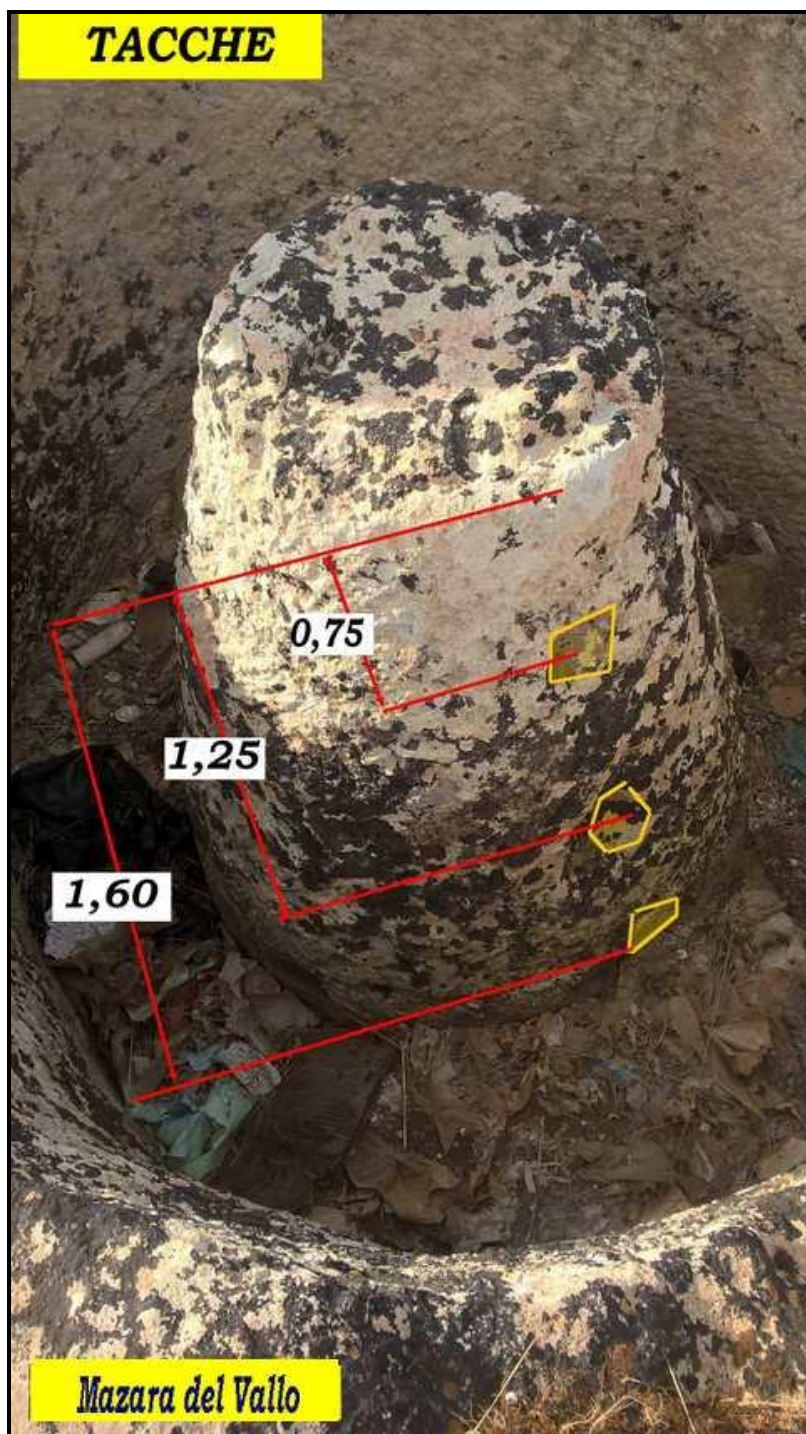
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