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### AFRICAN AMPHORAE

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In this chapter, we are dealing with containers attributed to Roman Africa, namely the Roman provinces of Mauretania Caesariensis, Numidia and Africa proconsularis, gathered from the beginning of the 4th century onwards into the dioceses of Africa (in the same time as the new provinces of Sitifensis, Byzacena and Tripolitania were created), and corresponding to the nowadays (coastal) territories of Algeria and Tunisia, and of the Western part of Libya.

Sixty-one sherds of African amphorae have been studied, belonging to thirty different types, and da ted from the mid -2nd century t o t he 7t h c entury AD. A n a ccurate graphic a nd photographic documentation together with a visual observation of each sherd, followed by a binocular examination of the whole amphora micro-samples, and by a petrographic analysis of a series of selected thin-sections allowed us to specify the typology and the origin of most of t hese containers<sup>1</sup>. A ssociated t o t he chronology and t he content h ypothesis c urrently suggested for each of these types, this amphora study sheds new light on the African foodstuff distribution during the Roman and Late Antique times in Northern Adriatic. Nota: Numbers in bold are referring to the catalogue.

# 1. Typology and origin of the African amphorae

# 1.1. African amphorae of Punic tradition

A single sherd can be attributed to this family. The foot 108 is very characteristic of type Hammamet 2E or 3A of the late 5th-beginning 6th century<sup>2</sup>. Similar palm-marks incised before firing are already known on the same amphora type in Tunisia<sup>3</sup>. The fabric fit in very well with an origin in the Northern Hammamet gulf, probably in the region of Sidi Jdidi, where a huge workshop has been recently evidenced<sup>4</sup>.

# 1.2. Roman-African amphorae

# 1.2.1. Classical Roman-African amphorae

No Tripolitanian amphorae were found, except a single dubious sherd (109), similar in shape to type Tripolitana III (?), but the fabric is not typical for a Tripolitanian origin.

A first, small group includes classical African amphorae of types Africana I and II of the mid-2nd to mid 3rd century. Among them the Sullecthum/Salakta products are well attested, with

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The whole graphic and phot ographic doc umentation is due to T amas B ezeczky, t hanks to him. African amphora s herds have been extensively examined and discussed in Brijuni by T amas Bezeczky and Michel Bonifay in June 2013. The petrographic study of the micro-samples and the thin sections of African amphorae was performed by Claudio Capelli in Genova in 2014 and interpreted in collaboration with Michel Bonifay in Aix-en-Provence in 2015. In the catalogue, the thin-section descriptions are due to Claudio Capelli.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bonifay 2004, fig. 50.1 and 51.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wadi Arremel: Bonifay 2004, fig. 8.17. Sidi Jdidi: Mukai 2010, fig. 170, context 169.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mukai 2014: workshop of Tefernine.

sherds of A fricana I A (110) and II A (112). The attribution to this workshop is very easy, even with the naked eye, due to the very distinctive, brick-red and/or grey fabric, rich in small white inc lusions ( lime a nd micro-fossils i nclusions, a longside t he us ual rounded quartz grains)<sup>5</sup>; types A fricana I A and II A were star-products during the 2nd -3rd c entury in *Sullecthum*, as de monstrated by the most recent workshop surveys<sup>6</sup>. O ther regions of productions are not completely absent from the Brijuni assemblage. Nr. 111, provisionally identified as a variant of Africana I (?), could originate from a North-Western zone of *Africa proconsularis*, perhaps the same zone where the type *Ostia* XXIII was produced<sup>7</sup>, while Nr. 113 is typologically very similar to the Central-Tunisian production of A fricana II 'ps eudo-Tripolitanian'<sup>8</sup>.

A second group, later in date, brings together Africana II types of the mid/second half of the 3rd c entury. The N abeul or igin of type A fricana II C (114 and 115) is c onfirmed by the petrographical macroscopic observation. This geographical attribution permits to classify the foot 115 as Africana II C instead of Africana II D, because this first type is very characteristic of the Nabeul amphora production<sup>9</sup>. Nr. 114 could be a late variant C3 of the same type, not predating the beginning of the 4th century. Type Africana II D was produced in several cities of the Central-Byzacena coastline, at least in *Hadrumetum*, *Leptiminus* and Salakta, but Nr. 116, according to the petrography, could better originate from *Thaenae*, where the production of this type has also been evidenced 10. Finally, the origin of base 118 and rim/neck 119 cannot be determined 11.

The third, most furnished group is devoted to type Africana III or Keay 25, of the 4th century. A first sherd (117), transitional between type Africana III D and type Africana III A, remains of unknown African origin. Within the variant Africana III A (= Keay 25.1), two workshops already encountered, *Thaenae* (?) (120) and Nabeul (122 and 123), have been identified while Nr. 121 remains unde termined. When the sherds are small, the typology is difficult to use because type Africana III A was produced almost everywhere in Africa, and we have to deal with very discrete morphologic variations. By contrast, the variant Africana III B (= Keay 25.3) is considered as being typical of Nabeul<sup>12</sup>. Indeed, among the three sherds attributed to this type, two (124 and 125) seem to have been produced in Nabeul, while the last one (126) does not. Lastly, a single sherd (127) can be identified as A fricana III C (= Keay 25.2), originating from Nabeul, according to the petrography and the typology.

# 1.2.2. Late Roman-African amphorae

Small-sized late Roman-African amphorae

Nine sherds have been attributed to the so-called 'spatheion' type <sup>13</sup> of the 5th century. The first one (128), dubiously classified as spatheion 1, and originating from Nabeul, could also be identified as a large-sized amphora Keay 35A. Sherds 129 to 131 are more characteristic of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Capelli, Ben Lazreg and Bonifay 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Nacef forthcoming a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bonifay et al. forthcoming. Hypothesis advanced more from a typological than petrographical point of view.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Bonifay 2004, 114 and fig. 110, type 24. In this case, petrography cannot help.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bonifay 2004, 115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Bonifay 2004, 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In this case, the typology, which is not clear, could not help.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Bonifay 2004, 122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> On this erroneous but universally admitted denomination, see Bonifay 2004, 125.

type *spatheion* 1. According to the typology and the petrography, two of them (130 and 131) come from Nabeul, the latter probably being late in date.

Traditionally included in the 'spatheion' family, even if more probably completely distinct in shape and in date, the so-called 'miniature spatheia' (type 3), dating back to the end of the 6th and the 7th century, are well represented in Brijuni. A first sherd (132) is difficult to classify within the c urrent t ypologies, while its f abric does not fit in with any all ready known references, except some Algerian ones. Nr. 133 could be identified as a variant B of type spatheion 3, with a petrography very similar to the amphora production of North-Western Zeugitana (namely between Utica and Tabarka). Lastly, a Nabeul origin is confirmed for the three ex amples of spatheion 3C (134-136), the latter being the less characteristic from a petrographical point of view, for such an allocation of origin.

# Medium-sized late Roman-African amphorae

A new type of late R oman-African amphora is currently being identified, from rim/neck fragments scattered around the Western part of the Mediterranean, characterised by frequent epigraphic marks vertically incised on the neck before firing <sup>14</sup>. One of these finds comes from the Sidi Zahruni workshop in Nabeul <sup>15</sup>, city where it seems, according to the petrography, that almost all these amphorae where produced. During the current investigation on this type, some complete exemplars have been identified <sup>16</sup>, none of them being published until now <sup>17</sup>. This amphora type is about 85 cm high for a body diameter of 26 cm, so looks like a medium sized amphora. We provisionally propose to identify this new type with the fragmentary rim/neck published by S. Keay under his type 3/5 <sup>18</sup>. One sherd (137) might be long to this type, with a classic Nabeul-zone B fabric.

## Large-sized late Roman-African amphorae

The large-sized late Roman-African amphorae are the most numerous ones. Two first sherds (138 and 139) belong to type Keay 59/8B, with a very distinctive pink, compact fabric, and beige, smooth surface. The rim 138 illustrates a variant of type Keay 8B dating back to the second half of the 5th century<sup>19</sup>, while the foot 139 could belong to the one or the other of the two sub-types Keay 59 or 8B. The origin of this type Keay 59/8B has been attributed to South-Byzacena, according to the discovery of two workshops<sup>20</sup>. Another sherd (140) belongs to a barely documented type, classified by S. Keay as a variant of his type 11B, even if it the rim profile is very different from the main (Tripolitanian) type<sup>21</sup>. The petrography cannot help to localise the production, but some similarities are observed with the fabrics of the previous type Keay 59/8B. The presence of both these types in the survey of the Kasserine region<sup>22</sup> could be an argument for a common, South Byzacena origin. A fourth sherd (143) is a Keay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Portus: Franco 2012, fig. 5.8. A quileia: C ipriano and Carre 1987, fig. 19; B ueno, N ovello and M antovani 2012, fig. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Bonifay 2004, fig. 20.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> For example in the Mercati Traianei collection at Rome (Inv. ANF 347, 348, 350) and in the store-room of the Aquleia museum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See however a possible comparison with a complete exemplar found in Algeria and published without scale: Salama 2006, fig. 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Keay 1984, fig. 42.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See for example Pieri 1998, fig. 198.280-282.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Bonifay 2004, 132.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Keay 1984, fig. 172.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Neuru 1990, fig. 16.j and k.

36 amphora, with a fabric entirely compatible with the normal fabric of the Keay 27 and 36 amphorae. According to the distribution of these types in Africa, an origin from the Carthage region or the southern Mejerda valley seems likely<sup>23</sup>.

Then, the Brijuni assemblage provides a large series of large-sized amphorae originating from Nabeul, including types Keay 35A (141), 35B (142), 55 (144 and 145), 57 (146-148), 55-56-57 (foot 149), of the 5th century - first half of the 6th century. Most of these amphorae, easy to classify within the S. Keay's typology, appear to come, according to the petrography, from the zone B of the Nabeul workshops, active between the 5th and the 7th century<sup>24</sup>. On the other hand, as e lsewhere, type A lbenga 11/12 or K eay 62 Q amphorae (150-152), of the second half of the 5th century - first third of the 6th century, are difficult to classify, and their origin(s) remain unknown until now.

By contrast, the latest productions of the mid-6th to end-7th century are easier to characterise. Except two foots of type Keay 62 or 61 (155 and 160), the first one perhaps attributable to the Nabeul workshop and the second one of unknown origin, all these amphorae appear to have been produced in the S ahel region of T unisia. The M oknine workshops a re i llustrated by examples of K eay 62 (150 and 151) and Keay 61 A/D (153-156) amphorae. The latter are characteristic of the 'classic' f abric, evidenced in the workshop dump excavated in the beginning of the 90s <sup>25</sup>, while the first ones does not seem to fit in with the new workshop dump recently discovered by J ihen Nacef in the same city <sup>26</sup>. A nother sherd (158) must be classified a stype K eay 61C, and subsequently a ttributable, from both a typological and petrographical point of view, to the workshop of H enchir C hekaf in the hinterland of Salakta <sup>27</sup>. The type K eay 8A is also present (159 and 160) and its origin in the Sahel region seems probable, even if it is not possible to specify the workshop itself. The production of this type is evidenced in *Leptiminus* <sup>28</sup> and near *Thapsus* <sup>29</sup>. Lastly, a Southern Sahel provenience (the region of Rougga?) <sup>30</sup> has been confirmed for the three sherds of type Keay 34 (161-163) discovered in Brijuni.

### 1.3. African imitations of non-African types

A single sherd (165) could be attributed to a variant of type Keay 1B, which is a 4th century late derivative of type Gauloise 4, pe rhaps produced in the territory of now adays A Igeria. However the fabric of this sherd is quite different from the normal fabric of this type<sup>31</sup>

# 1.4. Storage jars (?)

Two fragments of massive foots (168 and 169) do not seem to belong, because of their size, to 'normal' transport amphorae. They could better fit in with African storage amphorae, well

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Bonifay, Capelli and Moliner 2012, 241.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Bonifay *et al.* 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Bonifay 2004, 35; Gandolfi et al. 2010, 37-38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Nacef forthcoming b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Bonifay 2004, 140; Nacef 2007; Gandolfi *et al.* 2010, 37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Dore 2001, fig. 1.65, no. 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Nacef 2014, fig. 3.26-33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Bonifay 2004, 143.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Capelli and Bonifay 2007, 554-555.

known in the African territory<sup>32</sup>, and occasionally travelling, as evidenced by examples found in Rome<sup>33</sup> and even in a shipwreck along the Croatian coastline<sup>34</sup>.

# 2. African imports to Brijuni in the Northern Adriatic context

A first, pr evious survey on A frican i mports to B rijuni had de monstrated that A frican amphorae r epresented a bout 40 % of the whole l ate R oman a mphorae, while they were completely absent from the early Roman contexts<sup>35</sup>. In consequence, if we want to gauge the imports of African amphorae to Brijuni, it is important to periodize these imports, and to look for comparisons with other sites of the Northern Adriatic as well as other A frican ceramic imports. The specific history of the Roman villa and the Byzantine 'castrum' could also help with the interpretation of this documentation.

# *Before the mid-2nd century*

Although the villa existed from the 1st century BC<sup>36</sup>, no A frican amphorae found in Brijuni seem to p redate the mid-2nd c entury AD. Almost the s ame s ituation is prevailing in the underwater f inds a long t he C roatian c oastline<sup>37</sup>. Of cour se, the pe rcentages of A frican amphorae are low everywhere during the late R epublican period and the be ginning of the Empire, even in Rome where the A frican (wine?) containers r epresent generally less than 10% of the total amount of the amphorae in the mid-1st century AD contexts<sup>38</sup>. But on the other hand, the A frican imports of oil, olives and w ine become well a ttested during the Flavian times not only in Rome, but also in Pompeii, and in Arles, with the types Tripolitana I, Ostia LIX and Schöne-Mau XXXV. It is likely that the gap in early African amphorae will be soon filled, at least in part, by new researches in Northern Adriatic. Some Flavian types are already signalled in Zaton<sup>39</sup> and in Aquileia<sup>40</sup>, suggesting some imports of African wine and salted fish (?). Probably, the inhabitants of the 'Castrum' villa of Brijuni did not need to consume these imported foodstuffs, while they already felt the need to use some A frican table- and cooking wares<sup>41</sup>.

# Mid 2nd century to end 3rd century

As soon as the mid 2nd century, the new type Africana I reached the Northern Adriatic in such quantities that they could be reused for the packaging of local salted fish, as showed by the Grado shipwreck<sup>42</sup>. Following the drop in the production of Histrian olive oil, and in spite of the massive import of Spanish oil containers Dressel 20, the need in olive oil, not only for local us e but a lso f or the redistribution t owards N orth, assured an outlet f or the A frican production s urplus. A s in m any places in the Mediterranean, and a lso within the G rado shipwreck cargo, the Salakta products are the first ones to be attested in Brijuni (110). The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Bonifay 2013, 539 and fig. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Contino and D'Alessandro 2014, 328 and fig. 9-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Huguet 2012, 130 and fig. 50.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Vidrih Perko and Pavletić 2000, fig. 2 and 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Begović and Schrunk 2011, 376.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Pešić 2013, 1210.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Reynolds 2010, table 1a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Pseudo-Dressel 2/4 (wine) from Western Tripolitania. Personal obs. in 2013, thanks to Dr. S. Glušcević.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> At l east t hree co mplete e xemplars of t ype U zita 52. 10 ( salted f ish) in t he co llections o f t he M useo Archeologico Nazionale. Personal obs. in 2013, thanks to Dr. P. Ventura, Director of the Musem.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Vidrih Perko and Pavletić 2000, 264 (ARS forms Hayes 8A and 9A), and 265 (early ACW form Hayes 198).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Auriemma 2000.

same por t of Byzacena w as also providing ot her foodstuffs, p ackaged in A fricana II A amphorae, possibly salted fish or even wine (112). The presence of the Sullecthum amphorae along the Eastern Adriatic coastline, associated with central Tunisian ARS A/D<sup>43</sup> and C, has sometimes been interpreted as an evidence of a direct connection between Byzacena and the Adriatic. But the pe trographical observations on the late A ntonine and Severan a mphorae from Brijuni show that some other African regions (111?, 113) were exporting their olive oil surpluses as well.

The situation seems to change from the mid 3rd century onwards, with the emergence in the Brijuni assemblage of new exporting cities, like Nabeul and Thaenae, and with the supremacy of other foodstuffs rather than olive oil: probably salted fish and/or wine packaged in Africana II C (115) and II D amphorae (116). These types are well attested in Aquileia<sup>44</sup>. But it does not mean that A frican olive oil did not reach Adriatic anymore. Africana I B amphorae are present in A quileia<sup>45</sup> alongside T ripolitana III amphorae<sup>46</sup>, including some late va riants<sup>47</sup>, evidence of continued imports of oil from the Severan period onwards.

# 4th century-beginning 5th century

Abundant in the Brijuni assemblage, the 4th century Africana III amphorae also are the most widespread A frican containers throughout the R oman world. These amphorae generated the highest pe reentages of African i mports in R ome<sup>48</sup>, and provided impressive quantities of exemplars in Northern Adriatic<sup>49</sup>, often reused into drainage systems<sup>50</sup>.

The hypothesis of a wine content, put forward for these amphorae according to their typology, their systematic internal pitch lining, and the 'universal' pattern of their distribution, has been recently confirmed by a series of chemical an alyses<sup>51</sup>, e ven if a nother content could be possible for variant B. The 'Castrum' villa - or al ready 'settlement' - of the 4th century imported a good deal of African wine (at least **120-123**, and possibly also **124-127**).

Africana III amphorae also are "the most common find on the underwater sites in Croatia"<sup>52</sup>. Africana III wrecks are particularly abundant on the East side of Adriatic, which is considered as the 'upward' direction of sailing. One of the most important cargos is illustrated by the Sobra wreck, of the middle-third quarter of the 4th century, with an assemblage of Africana III A and B, some of them bearing a stamp PGT attributable to the city of Nabeul<sup>53</sup>. Two examples of the same stamp have been found in Aquileia<sup>54</sup>. These observations are coherent with the Brijuni assemblage where most of the Africana III amphorae appear to originate from Nabeul.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Some sherds have been found in the 'Castrum' villa: Pröttel 1996, Pl. 47. 12-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Africana II C: Verzár Bass 1994, Pl. 66, AA 15. Africana II D: Verzár Bass 1991, Pl. 38, AA 29; Cipriano and Carre 1987, fig. 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Carre *et al.* 2007, 608 and note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> An example of Tripolitana III with a stamp AVGGG in Aquileia: Cipriano and Carre 1987, fig. 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Verzár Bass 1994, Pl. 66, AA 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> C. Panella in Anselmino et al. 1986, Table 3; Panella and Saguì 2001, 766-767.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Carre et al. 2007, fig. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See for example Maurina 1999.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Woodworth *et al*. forthcoming.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Pešić 2013, 1208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> According to recent petrographical analyses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Verzár Bass 1994, Pl. 76, AB 7-8.

The comparison between the Brijuni and A quileia assemblages extends to some rare types, such as a variant of Keay 1B (167) attested on both these sites<sup>55</sup>.

In the same time, Aquileia and the 'Castrum' villa/settlement still are supplied with African table- and c ooking w ares. In B rijuni, h igh-quality C 4 A RS H ayes 53A w ith a pplied decoration a re pr esent, a long s ide c ruder D 1 pl ates H ayes 59 a nd 61A w ith s tamped decoration of styles A(i) and (ii)<sup>56</sup>.

First half of the 5th century to first half of the 6th century

The period comprised between the first half of the 5th century and the first half of the 6th century is a moment of massive inflow of A frican amphorae in the fortified settlement of Brijuni. P aul R eynolds already noted this t rend in the whole A driatic from the m id 5th onwards, explaining it by the 'major shipping route to Ravenna', and the ability for cities and settlements located along this route to benefit from these exports<sup>57</sup>.

A lot of different types are present in Brijuni, already well known in different places of the Mediterranean, sharing in common a strong presence of Nabeul products: *spatheia* type 1, Keay 3/5, 35A and B, 55, and 57 (128-131, 137, 141-142, 144-145, and 146-148), for example in Catalonia where they were first classified<sup>58</sup>, in Southern Gaul<sup>59</sup>, at Rome<sup>60</sup>, and even in Black Sea<sup>61</sup>. In some places, such a sin Brijuni, they are as sociated with South Byzacena types K eay 59/8B (138-139), North-Western types Keay 27/36 (143), and unprovenanced type Keay 62Q (150-152). All these amphorae are well at tested along the Eastern side of Adriatic, in Albania<sup>62</sup>, Croatia and the Slovenian Karst region<sup>63</sup>, as well as in Aquileia<sup>64</sup>, Ravenna<sup>65</sup> and along the Po valley<sup>66</sup>.

A major problem posed by this documentation is that we barely know the content of these containers. This uncertainty is further increased by the fact that the *spatheion* type was possibly a cargo space-filler with an interchangeable content of oil, fish sauce or wine. Reuses of these amphorae are also possible, as demonstrated by the case of the warehouse of Classe, burned at the end of the 5th century.<sup>67</sup>

In Brijuni, these amphorae are accompanied by huge amounts of African table wares, with a pattern very similar to the one known in the Northern Gulf of Hammamet and in Nabeul: forms Hayes 50 B.61, 61C, 87A, Fulford 27 <sup>68</sup>, suggesting a di rect connection between the Cape Bon region of Tunisia and the Northern Adriatic, for both the amphorae and the table

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Verzár Bass 1991, Pl. 38, AA 42; Verzár Bass 1994, Pl. 69, AA46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Pröttel 1996, Pl. 48, 54.6-11, 85-87, 89-91.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Reynolds 2010, 99. See also Auriemma and Quiri 2007, 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Keay 1984.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Marseille: Bonifay, Capelli and Moliner 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Panella et al. 2010, 66-67.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Opaiţ 1997-98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Butrint: Reynolds 2004, fig. 13.155. Byllis: Bonifay and Cerova 2008. Durres: Hoti, Capelli and Piazza 2008; Shkodra 2005, fig. 10.2, 4-5. Shkodra: Hoxha 2003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Vidrih Perko 1997.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Collection of the Museo Archeologico Nazionale, personal obs. in 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Antiquarium of Classe, personal obs. in 2006.

<sup>66</sup> Brescia: Brogiolo 1999. Milan: Lusurdi Sienna 1990.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Pecci *et al.* 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Pröttel 1996, Pl. 52.21, 52.8-9, 50.14, 47.8.

wares. Another interesting feature of the 5th century African imports in Northern Adriatic is the presence of huge quantities<sup>69</sup> of flanged bowls Fulford 22-23, again produced in Nabeul.<sup>70</sup>

Mid 6th century to end 7th century

The last period of African imports to Brijuni mainly includes products from coastal Central-Byzacena: Keay 62 and 61 from Moknine, Keay 61C from the Salakta hinterland, and Keay 8A from unknown Tunisian Sahel sources (**153-154**, **156-159**, **161**, and **162-163**), alongside with miniature *spatheia* of type 3C from N abeul (**134-136**). This kind of a ssemblage has sometimes been interpreted as a signature of the Praetorian Prefecture organisation<sup>71</sup> and of the specific supply of the Byzantine territories. At this time, the supply of Brijuni is identical to the supply of the Byzantine place of K oper<sup>72</sup>, including some table wares, A RS forms Hayes 105, 106 and 109 <sup>73</sup>. Does this character imply that, at this time, the Brijuni 'Castrum' was become a Byzantine military settlement as well?<sup>74</sup>

No precisions about the contents of these amphorae can be obtained in the current state of the research.

#### Conclusion

Even if this documentation is no longer contextualised, a careful integrated archaeological and petrographical approach of the individual sherds leads to a better understanding of the supply of the Brijuni islands with African foodstuffs from the mid-2nd century to the end of the 7th century. This a ssemblage represents a n i mportant milestone for the study of the African amphorae between the sites recently surveyed in Albania (Butrint, Byllis, Shkodra), and the main cities of Northern Adriatic (Aquileia, Ravenna), and probably the first one to have been extensively studied with the specific aim to specify the origin of the amphorae within the African territory.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Cunja 1996.

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# Catalogue

# AFRICAN Hammamet 3A

#### 108.

Name: Base No.: 1315 (135) Context: Room 202

Stamp: Palm branch, ante cocturam Dim: DF = 7.5 cm, H = 10.2 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, medium-grained sandy fabric, with visible quartz and limestone inclusions.

Thin-section: Fe-rich clay matrix. Moderately sorted inclusions (<0.6 mm, temper?), mostly composed of abundant, angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz and subordinate Ca-microfossils (foraminifera).

Date: late fifth century - beginning of the sixth century

Origin: Northern Hammamet Gulf, probably the region of Sidi Jdidi.

## **Tripolitanian III?**

#### 109.

Name: Rim No.: 1240 (188) Context: Room 101

Dim: D = 14 cm, V = 1.3 cm, HD = 3.5 cm, H = 4.9 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 4/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, coarse fabric, with quartz inclusions. There are rarely voids (1 mm) and very fine

limestone inclusions.

Comment: not typical Tripolitania

#### Africana I A/B

#### 110.

Name: Rim, neck, handle

No.: 732 (88) Context: ?

Dim: D = 13.3 cm, V = 2.1 cm, HD = 4.2 cm,

S = 1.8x2.9 cm, H = 8.3 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8), SF: reddish yellow (7.5YR 7/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, m edium-grained s andy f abric, with vi sible qua rtz a nd moderate l imestone inclusions and microfossils.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich clay matrix. Abundant well-sorted sandy inclusions (temper, <0.6 mm, mostly 0.1-0.3 mm), mostly composed of angular to rounded quartz and Ca-microfossils.

Date: end of the second century - beginning of the third century

Origin: Salakta.

Africana I variant?

# 111.

Name: Rim, neck, handle

*No.*: 1223 (103) *Context*: Room D

Dim: D = 12.1 cm, V = 2.1 cm, HD = 4.8 cm, H = 11.6 cm

*Colour*: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, m edium-grained s andy fabric with r arely black, r eddish and m oderate quartz inclusions, rarely grog visible.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich c lay m atrix. A bundant i nclusions, c omposed of a ngular t o r ounded (aeolian) quartz (<1 mm, mostly < 0.4 mm) and s carce C a-microfossils, f eldspars and limonitic fragments.

Date: third-fourth century?
Origin: Africa undetermined

#### Africana II A?

#### 112.

Name: Rim

No.: 455 (172) - 9255 Context: Room A, 111

Dim: D = 14.7 cm, V = 2.1 cm, HD = 3.4 cm, H = 4.6 cm

Colour: reddish brown (2.5YR 5/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, f ine-grained f abric w ith numerous lime stone or a s a w hite r eaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Date: end of the second century - beginning of the third century

Origin: Salakta

# Africana II B, Pseudo-Tripolitanian?

#### 113.

Name: Rim

*No.*: 140 (177) - 25965 *Context*: Courtyard, 106

Dim: D = 15 cm, V = 2 cm, HD = 3.6 cm, H = 6.3 cm

*Colour*: brown (7.5YR 5.2)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained fabric, rarely medium size quartz and limestone inclusions.

Date: third century?

Origin: Africa undetermined

## Africana II C3

#### 114.

Name: Rim No.: 1375 (173) Context: Room 231

Dim: D = 12 cm, V = 2 cm, H = 5.5 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sand fabric, with quartz and limestone inclusions and microfossils.

Date: end of the third century - first half of the fourth century

Origin: Nabeul

### Africana II C

#### 115.

Name: Base

No.: 1211 (59) - 9304

Context:?

Dim: DF = 5.6 cm, H = 27 cm

*Colour*: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sand fabric, with quartz and limestone inclusions and microfossils.

Date: mid-late third century

Origin: Nabeul

# Africana II D

#### 116.

Name: Rim, neck, handle No.: 462 (174) - 16210 Context: Room Z 2

Dim: D = 11.2 cm, V = 1.5 cm, HD = 3.5 cm,

H = 10.3 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 4/8); SF reddish brown (5YR 5/3)

Fabric:

*VC*: Hard, fine-grained fabric with occasionally coarse limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material. Irregularly fired.

Date: mid-late third century

Origin: Africa undetermined, Thaenae not excluded

## African II/III transitional

### 117.

Name: Rim

No.: 12 (8) - 26013 Context: Room?, 143

Dim: D = cm, V = cm, HD = cm, H = cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained fabric, with black, quartz and limestone inclusions and microfossils. Thin-section: Fe-rich clay matrix. Abundant, moderately sorted inclusions, mostly composed of angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz (<0.4 mm), Ca-microfossils and limestone fragments (<1.5 mm).

Date: end of the third century - first half of the fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined

# Africana II variant

## 118.

Name: Rim

*No.*: 1 (3) - 26013

Context: Room?, 143

Dim: DF = 5.6 cm, H = 8.7 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 4/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz and rarely limestone inclusions.

Date: third century?

Origin: Africa undetermined

#### 119.

Name: Rim, neck, handle

*No.*: 59 (176) Context: Room D

Dim: D = 13 cm, V = 1.6 cm, HD = 3 cm, H = 15.3 cm

Colour: reddish yellow (5YR 6/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with frequantly

Origin: Africa undetermined (uncertain typology),

## Africana III A

#### 120.

Name: Rim, neck, handle

*No.*: 1539 (179) Context: Dolia 5

Dim: D = 12.7 cm, V = 1.8 cm, HD = 3.5 cm,

S = 2.1x2.9 cm, H = 16.5 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR5/6); SF reddish brown (5YR 5/3) coated light brown (7.5YR 6/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, medium and fine-garined sandy fabric with quartz and limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material. Irregularly fired.

Date: fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined, Thaenae not excluded

## **121.**

Name: Rim No.: 1506 (184) Context: Room 213

Dim: D = 13 cm, V = 1.6 cm, HD = 4.1 cm, H = 5.4 cm

Colour: reddish brown (2.5YR 5/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz iclusions.

Date: fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined

#### 122.

Name: Base

No.: 34 (22) - 16164

Context: 36?

Dim: DF = 2.8 cm, H = 10.5 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 4/8),

Fabric:

VC: Hard, f ine-grained sandy fabric, with quartz and numerous limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Date: fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined, Nabeul not excluded

#### Africana III A/B

#### 123.

Name: Neck, handle No.: 865 (190) Context: Room A

Graffito: K (...), ante cocturam Dim: S = 2x3 cm, H = 18 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained fabric with red, gray, white and quartz inclusions.

Date: fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined, Nabeul not excluded

#### Africana III B

#### 124.

*Name*: Rim, neck, handle *No.*: 1211 (58) - 9301

Context: ??

Dim: D = 12.6 cm, V = 2.8 cm, HD = 1.5 cm,

S = 2.1x4.3 cm, H = 9.6 cm

Colour: red (10R 576)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz and rarely limestone inclusions.

Date: fourth century Origin: possibly Nabeul

#### 125.

*Name*: Rim, neck *No.*: 34 (23) - 16158

Context: 36

Dim: D = 13 cm, V = 1.8 cm, HD = 1.5 cm, H = 6 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-garined sandy fabric with quartz and rarely medium size limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

*Date*: fourth century *Origin*: possibly Nabeul

#### 126.

Name: Rim No.: 1509 (178) Context: Room 203

Dim: D = 14.5 cm, V = 1.8 cm, HD = 3.2 cm, H = 7 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz and limestone inclusions.

Date: fourth century

Origin: Africa undetermined (not Nabeul?)

#### Africana III C

## **127.**

*Name*: Rim, neck *No.*: 63 (41) - 16592

*Context*: 8???

Dim: D = 14.5 cm, V = 2.5 cm, HD = 2 cm,

DN = 9.6 cm, H = 8.5 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/8), SF: reddish yellow (7.5YR 7/4)

Fabric:

*VC:* Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric, with quartz and numerous limestone and rarely medium size white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

Date: end of the fourth century - first half of the fifth century

Origin: possibly Nabeul

# Spatheion 1? (or Keay 35A)

## **128.**

Name: Rim, neck No.: 43 (28) - 25853 *Context*: 43 ??

Dim: D = 13.5 cm, V = 2.9 cm, HD = 3.3 cm, H = 6.2 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 4/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained fabric with numerous fine and some coarse size limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich c lay matrix. M oderately s orted i nclusions with bi modal distribution. Very a bundant fine fraction (<0.1 mm), mainly c omposed of quartz and C a-microfossils (foraminifera). S carce c oarser inclusions (<0.8 mm), c omposed of s ubrounded to r ounded (aeolian) quartz, subordinate limestone and rare fine-grained quartz-sandstone fragments.

Date: first half of the fifth century

Origin: Nabeul, zone B (probably Sidi Zahruni).

# 129.

Name: Rim, neck, handle No.: 350 (72) - 9978 Context: Room B2, 103

Dim: D = 10.2 cm, V = 1.9 cm, HD = 2.2 cm, H = 7.8 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8), SF: buff (10YR 8/3)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with red, white (limestone) and quartz inclusions.

Date: mid fifth century Origin: Nabeul, zone B

#### 130.

*Name*: Rim, neck, handles *No.*: 486 (185) - 10429

Context: ??

Dim: D = 9.6 cm, V = 1.9 cm, HD = 2.2 cm, H = 8.2 cm

Colour: reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, coarse-grained sandy fabric with quartz and limestone inclusions.

Date: fifth century?

Origin: Africa undetermined

# **Spatheion 1 late**

## 131.

Name: Rim, neck No.: 46 (37) - 15340 Context: Room Z

Dim: D = 9.8 cm, V = 1.6 cm, HD = 2.3 cm, H = 17.5 cmColour: red (7.5YR 5/6), SF: very pale brown (10YR 8/3)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with red and quartz inclusions.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich clay matrix. Well-sorted inclusions with bimodal distribution. Abundant fine f raction (<0.1 m m), m ainly c omposed of quartz a nd C a-microfossils (for aminifera). Relatively scarce coarser inclusions (<0.5 mm), composed of subangular to rounded (aeolian) quartz and rare fine-grained quartz-sandstone and limestone fragments.

Date: fifth century

Origin: Nabeul, zone B.

# **Spatheion 3A**

#### 132.

Name: Rim, neck, handle

*No.*: 1381 (137) *Context*: Room 61?

Dim: D = 7.1 cm, V = 1.5 cm, HD = 1.5 cm, H = 7.8 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz and rarely limestone inclusions.

Thin-section: Fe-rich c lay matrix. Very r are s ilty fraction ("pure" matrix). Abundant well-sorted s andy i nclusions (0.1-0.3 m m, t emper), m ostly c omposed of angular t o r ounded (aeolian), rarely poly-cristalline quartz.

Origin: Africa undetermined (Northwestern Tunisia not excluded).

Date: late sixth century - beginning seventh century Origin: Africa undetermined (Algeria not excluded)

# **Spatheion 3B**

## 133.

Name: Rim No.: 680 (86) Context: ?

Dim: D = 6.7 cm, V = 0.8 cm, HD = 1.8 cm, H = 2.9 cm

Colour: yellowish red (5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and quartz inclusions.

*Thin-section:* Fe, Ca-rich clay matrix. Relatively abundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.4 mm), mostly c omposed of a ngular to r ounded q uartz g rains, l imestone f ragments and C amicrofossils (foraminifera).

Date: seventh century

Origin: Africa undetermined

# **Spatheion 3C**

## 134.

Name: Rim, neck, handles

*No.*: 907 (92)

Context: Room Z, 433?

Dim: D = 6.7 cm, V = 1.4 cm, HD = 2.5 cm, H = 8.2 cm

*Colour*: buff (7.5YR 8/4 - 7/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Ca-rich clay matrix. Moderately abundant, well-sorted inclusions with bimodal distribution. Finer fraction (<0.2 mm) mostly composed of angular quartz, Ca-microfossils, limestone fragments and subordinate F e-oxides. C oarser fraction (<0.8 mm) c omposed of subangular to rounded (aeolian) quartz grains and rare limestone fragments.

Date: seventh century

Origin: Africa, possibly Nabeul

### 135.

Name: Rim, neck No.: 635 (84) Context: ??

Dim: D = 7 cm, V = 1.3 cm, HD = 2.3 cm,

DN = 4.8 cm, H = 9.3 cm *Colour*: buff (10YR 7/2)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with dark gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Ca-rich clay matrix. Moderately a bundant, moderately sorted inclusions. Finer fraction (<0.2 mm) mainly composed of angular quartz, Ca-microfossils, limestone fragments and subordinate F e-oxides. C oarser fraction c omposed of subangular to r ounded (aeolian) quartz grains (<0.6 mm) and rare limestone fragments (<1 mm).

Date: seventh century

Origin: Africa (Nabeul not excluded)

#### 136.

Name: Rim, neck No.: 733 (83) Context: Room 202

Dim: D = 6.5 cm, V = 1.3 cm, HD = 2 cm, H = 3.2 cm

Colour: buff (10YR 7/2)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

*Thin-section:* Ca-rich clay matrix. Moderately sorted inclusions. Very abundant finer fraction (<0.2 m m), mainly composed of a ngular quartz, Ca-microfossils and limestone fragments. Relatively scarce coarser fraction (<0.6 m m), composed of subangular to rounded (aeolian) quartz grains and rare limestone fragments.

Date: seventh century

Origin: Africa (Nabeul not completely excluded)

## Keay 3/5 or 64

#### 137.

Name: Rim

No.: 110 (62) - 15992

Context: ??

Dim: D = 12.5 cm, V = 2.4 cm, HD = 2.5 cm, H = 4.1 cm

*Colour*: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained fabric with quartz and numerous limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Fe-rich clay matrix. Abundant moderately sorted inclusions (<0.5 mm), mainly composed of angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz and Ca-microfossils (<0.2 mm). Abundant silty fraction.

Date: fifth century

Origin: Nabeul zone B (not Sidi Zahruni).

# Keay 8B

#### 138.

*Name*: Rim, neck *No.*: 1 (2) - 16292

Context: Room Beta, 104

Dim: D = 15 cm, V = 2.3 cm, HD = 3 cm, H = 6.2 cm

Colour: light red (2.5YR 6/6)

Fabric:

*VC*: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with numerous fine limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material and some medium size quartz.

Date: mid-late fifth century Origin: South Byzacena

# Keay 59 and Keay 8B / Bonifay 37-38-39

#### 139.

Name: Base

*No.*: 350 (71) - 9965 *Context*: Room B2

Dim: DF = 4.8 cm, H = 11.1 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

*VC:* Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with red, dark gray and quartz inclusions. Numerous fine limestone or as a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Date: fifth century +?
Origin: South Byzacena

# Keay 11B var. Keay 1984, fig. 172.2

#### 140.

*Name*: Rim *No.*: 629 (79)

Context: Room 213

Dim: D = 14 cm, V = 1.5 cm, HD = 1.8 cm, H = 4.6 cm Colour: light reddish brown - light red (2.5YR 6/4-6/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained reddish and limestone inclusions.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich clay matrix. Relatively s carce, moderately s orted i nclusions, mostly composed of s ubangular t o r ounded (aeolian) quartz (<0.7 mm) and s ubordinate C amicrofossils (mostly <0.2 mm), with rare shale fragments and Fe-rich clay pellets (<0.5 mm).

Date: late fifth century?
Origin: Africa undetermined

# Keay 35A

#### 141.

Name: Rim, neck No.: 108 (50) Context: Garden

*Dim*: D = 15 cm, V = 3.5 cm, HD = 3 cm, H = 5 cm *Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/8), SF: buff (7.5YR 7/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Fe-rich c lay matrix. M oderately abundant, m oderately s orted i nclusions w ith bimodal distribution. Finer fraction (<0.15 mm, including frequent silty inclusions) composed of angular quartz, Ca-microfossils and rare feldspar and mica. Coarser fraction composed of subrounded t o r ounded (aeolian) quartz grains (<0.5 mm) and r are fine-grained quartz-sandstone fragments (<1.5 mm).

Date: fifth century

Origin: Nabeul?, (if Nabeul, zone B)

# Keay 35B

#### 142.

*Name*: Base *No.*: 1230 (99)

Context: Room LJ, close to the sarcophagus

Dim: DF = 6.2 cm, H = 9.2 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/8), SF: light red (2.5YR 6/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red and quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

Date: fifth century Origin: Nabeul, zone B

# Keay 36

## **143.**

Name: Rim No.: 668 (76) Context: ??

Dim: D = 13 cm, V = 2.3 cm, H = 4.5 cm

Colour: light red (10R 6/8), SF: buff (7.5YR 8/3)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Fe, Ca-rich clay matrix with rare Fe-rich clay b ands. Moderately a bundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.5 mm) composed of angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz and subordinate Ca-microfossils, limestone fragments and Fe-oxide aggregates.

Date: fifth century

Origin: Africa undetermined.

### Keay 55

### 144.

Name: Rim

*No.*: 38 (24) - 2124 *Context*: Room D

*Dim*: D = 13 cm, V = 1.9 cm, H = 12.3 cm *Colour*: red (2.5YR 4/8), SF: buff (7.5YR 8/2)

Fabric:

*VC*: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Date: end of the fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Nabeul, zone B

# 145.

*Name*: Rim, handle *No.*: 44 (34) - 25885

Context: 31?

Dim: D = 12.3 cm, V = 1.9 cm, H = 11.1 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 4/6),

SF: light reddih brown (5YR 6/3)

Fabric:

*VC:* Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material, rarely grog visible (2 mm).

Date: end of the fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Nabeul, zone B

Keay 57

#### 146.

*Name*: Rim, neck, handle *No*.: 56 (38) - 23442

*Context*: 125?

Dim: D = 12 cm, V = 2.2 cm, HD = 4.1 cm,

S = 2.2x3.6 cm, H = 16 cmColour: red (10R 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz and limestone inclusions.

Thin-section: Fe-rich clay matrix with rare inclusion-free bands. Moderately sorted inclusions composed of very abundant, angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz (<0.4 mm), subordinate Camicrofossils, feldspar, mica (<0.2 mm), and rare limestone and fine-grained quartz-sandstone fragments (<1.2 mm).

Date: late fifth century

Origin: Africa undetermined (Nabeul not excluded).

#### 147.

*Name*: Rim, neck, handle *No*.: 44 (31) - 25872

Context: 31?

Dim: D = 14 cm, V = 2.3 cm, HD = 4 cm, H = 7.8 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

Thin-section: Fe-rich c lay m atrix. A bundant m oderately s orted i nclusions, c omposed of angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz (<0.7 mm, mostly <0.3 mm), subordinate Ca-microfossils and rare feldspar and mica (<0.2 mm). Abundant silty fraction.

Date: late fifth century Origin: Africa, Nabeul?

#### 148.

*Name*: Rim, neck, handle *No*.: 44 (30) - 25873

Context: 31?

Dim: D = 13 cm, V = 2.6 cm, HD = 4.5 cm, H = 7.4 cm

*Colour*: red (10R 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once

contained this material. *Date*: late fifth century *Origin*: Nabeul, zone B

# Keay 57-56-55

## 149.

Name: Base No.: 1272 (186) Context: ? 29?

Dim: DF = 4 cm, H = 6.6 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once

contained this material.

Date: late fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Nabeul, zone B

# Keay 62 Q or Albenga 11/12

#### 150.

Name: Rim

No.: 44 (32) - 25863

Context: 31?

Dim: D = 14 cm, V = 1.7 cm, HD = 5 cm, H = 5.5 cm

Colour: red (10R 5/6), SF: buff (10YR 8/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions and voids.

Thin-section: Fe, Ca-rich c lay m atrix. A bundant, m oderately s orted i nclusions, m ainly composed of subangular to r ounded (aeolian) quartz (<0.7 mm, mostly <0.4 mm) and Camicrofossils (<0.2 mm). Relatively scarce silty fraction.

Date: end of the fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Africa undetermined.

#### 151.

*Name*: Rim, neck *No*.:43 (29) - 25850

Context: 43?

Dim: D = 15 cm, V = 2 cm, HD = 5.2 cm, H = 7.9 cm

Colour: pink (5YR 7/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric common with quartz inclusions.

Thin-section: Ca-rich (?) a ltered clay matrix. Moderately sorted inclusions (<0.6), mainly composed of subangular to rounded (aeolian) quartz and subordinate limestone fragments and Ca-microfossils.

Date: end of the fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Africa undetermined.

# 152.

Name: Base

*No.*: 70 (43) - 10405

*Context*: 69 ?

Dim: DF = 4.1 cm, H = 10.8 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 4/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions and voids.

Date: end of the fifth century - first half of the sixth century

Origin: Africa undetermined.

# Keay 62

# 153.

Name: Rim

*No.*: 140 (53) - 25945 *Context*: Courtyard, 106

Dim: D = 16 cm, V = 2.3 cm, HD = 2.7 cm, H = 5.4 cm

Colour: light red (10R 6/8), SF: buff (7.5YR 8/4)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Fe, C a-rich c lay m atrix. A bundant, m oderately s orted i nclusions (<0.7 m m), mostly composed of s ubangular t o r ounded (aeolian) qua rtz, C a-fossils (for aminifera, echinoid radioles, mollusc fragments), and limestone fragments.

Date: first half of the sixth century

Origin: possibly Moknine.

#### 154.

Name: Base No.: 1240 (112) Context: Room 101

Dim: DF = 7 cm, H = 11.2 cm Colour: reddish gray (10R 5/1)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, f ine-grained f abric w ith numerous lime stone or a s a w hite r eaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Date: first half of the sixth century

Origin: possibly Nabeul

# (Keay 62 or 61?)

#### 155.

Name: Base No.: 1240 (114) Context: Room 101

Dim: DF = 6.8 cm, H = 7.8 cmColour: gray (2.5 YR 5/0)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, f ine-grained f abric w ith numerous lime stone or a s a w hite r eaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Date: sixth or seventh century

Origin: Africa (Nabeul not excluded)

# Keay 61

#### 156.

Name: Base

*No.*: 207 (75) - 2344 *Context*: Room T

Dim: DF = 6.3 cm, H = 6.1 cm Colour: light red (2.5YR 6/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

Date: seventh century Origin: Moknine probable

#### 157.

Name: Base

No.: 203 (189) - 24687

Context: Garden

Dim: DF = 5 cm, H = 5.7 cm Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

Date: seventh century Origin: Moknine probable

# Keay 61A/D

#### 158.

Name: Rim No.: 1381 (183) Context: Room 61?

Dim: D = 15.3 cm, V = 2 cm, HD = 4.6 cm, H = 5.8 cm

Colour: light red (2.5YR 6/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and

quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils. The external surface has a white or cream.

Date: seventh century Origin: Moknine probable

#### 159.

Name: Base

*No.*: 12 (7) - 25994 *Context*: Room ?, 143

*Dim*: DF = 6.2 cm, H = 9.3 cm *Colour*: light red (2.5YR 6/8), SF: very pale brown (10YR 7/3)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, medium-grained sandy fabric with red, gray and quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils. the external surface has a white or

cream

Date: seventh century Origin: possibly Moknine

# **Keay 61?**

#### 160.

*Name*: Base *No.*: 12 (35)

Context: Garden, 143?

Dim: DF = 6.8 cm, H = 10.5 cm Colour: dark reddis gray (5YR 4/2),

SF: yellowish red (5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

*VC:* Hard, medium-grained sandy fabric common with quartz and rarely limestone inclusions. *Thin-section:* Ca-rich clay matrix. Moderately abundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.6 mm), m ainly c omposed of a ngular t o r ounded ( aeolian) qu artz a nd s ubordinate C amicrofossils.

Date: seventh century?
Origin: Africa undetermined.

# Keay 61C

#### 161.

Name: Rim, neck No.: 935 (96) Context: Room Z

Dim: D = 15 cm, V = 1.8 cm, HD = 3.5 cm, H = 8.2 cm

*Colour*: yellowish red (5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, m edium-grained s andy f abric c ommon with numerous limestone or a s a white reaction rims sorrounding voids that once contained this material.

Rarely the void size 2-3 mm.

Date: end of the sixth century - first half of the seventh century

Origin: Henchir Chekaf probable

# Keay 8A / Bonifay 50

#### 162.

Name: Rim No.: 1522 (175) Context: Room 7A

Dim: D = 13.5 cm, V = 1.5 cm, HD = 5 cm, H = 6.1 cm

Colour: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, medium-grained s andy f abric w ith r ed a nd qua rtz i nclusions, r arely c oarse

limestone specks.

Date: mid-late seventh century

Origin: Africa undetermined (Sahel region not excluded)

#### 163.

Name: Base No.: 1522 (187) Context: Room 7A

Dim: DF = 5.7 cm, H = 8.5 cm

*Colour*: red (10R 5/8)

Fabric:

*VC*: Hard, medium-grained sandy fabric with red and quartz inclusions and voids, rarely grog visible.

Date: mid-late seventh century?

Origin: Africa undetermined (Sahel region not excluded)

# Keay 34

## **164.**

Name: Rim,neck No.: 52 (36) - 26487 Context: Room 12

Dim: D = 13.5 cm, V = 2.3 cm, HD = 3.4 cm, H = 5.6 cm

Colour: red (10R 4/6), SF: weak red (2.5YR 5/2)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voi ds that once contained this material and microfossils.

Thin-section: Fe-rich (vitrified) c lay matrix. A bundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.5 mm), mainly composed of angular to rounded (aeolian) quartz, subordinate Ca-microfossils, limestone fragments (completely dissociated), and rare feldspar and Fe-rich clay nodules.

Date: sixth-seventh century

Origin: Africa undetermined (Rougga not excluded, high-T variant)

## 165.

*Name*: Rim, neck *No.*: 750 (77)

Context:?

Dim: D = 15.8 cm, V = 2.5 cm, HD = 3.5 cm, H = 5.4 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/8)

Fabric:

*VC*: Hard, very fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material and microfossils.

*Thin-section:* Fe-rich clay matrix. Well-sorted inclusions with bimodal distribution. Abundant finer fraction (<0.1 mm) mainly composed of angular quartz and subordinate Ca-microfossils. Moderately a bundant c oarser f raction (<0.5 m m), e ssentially c omposed of s ubangular t o rounded (aeolian) quartz.

Date: sixth-seventh century Origin: Rougga (typical fabric).

## 166.

Name: Base

*No.*: 31 (17) - 1467 *Context*: Old street

Dim: DF = 6.5 cm, H = 6.2 cm

*Colour*: red (10R5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric with quartz inclusions, limestone or voi ds that once contained this material and microfossils.

Thin section: Fe-rich clay matrix. Abundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.5 mm), mainly composed of s ubangular t o r ounded (aeolian) quartz and s carce (or p oorly vi sible) C amicrofossils.

Date: sixth-seventh century Origin: possibly Rougga

# Keay 1B?

#### 167.

Name: Rim, neck, handle No.: 455 (65) - 9246 Context: Room A, 111

Dim: D = 14 cm, S = 2.2x3.7 cm, H = 14.2 cm

Colour: Irregulary fired, light red (10R 6/8) and buff (10YR 8/3)

Fahric

VC: Hard, fine-grained sandy fabric common with red, gray and quartz inclusions, limestone or voids that once contained this material.

Thin-section: Fe-rich clay matrix. Moderately a bundant, moderately sorted inclusions (<0.7 mm) with bimodal distribution, mainly composed of subangular to rounded (aeolian) quartz, subordinate C a-microfossils (<0.2 mm), scarce cal cite and limestone f ragments and occasional cherts and clinopyroxene.

*Date*: fourth century?

*Origin:* Africa undetermined (different from no. 164). Very different fabric from the typical Keay 1B ones.

# Storage jars?

#### 168.

Name: Base No.: 1529 (182) Context: Room 203

Dim: DF = 7.6 cm, H = 11 cm Colour: reddish brown (5YR 5/2)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, sandy fabric,

Date: ?

Origin: Africa undetermined

# 169.

Name: Base

*No.*: 59 (39) - 9285 *Context*: Room D, 201

Dim: DF = 8.6 cm, H = 2.2 cm

*Colour*: red (2.5YR 5/6)

Fabric:

VC: Hard, sandy fabric, microfossils

Date: ?

Origin: Africa undetermined



















