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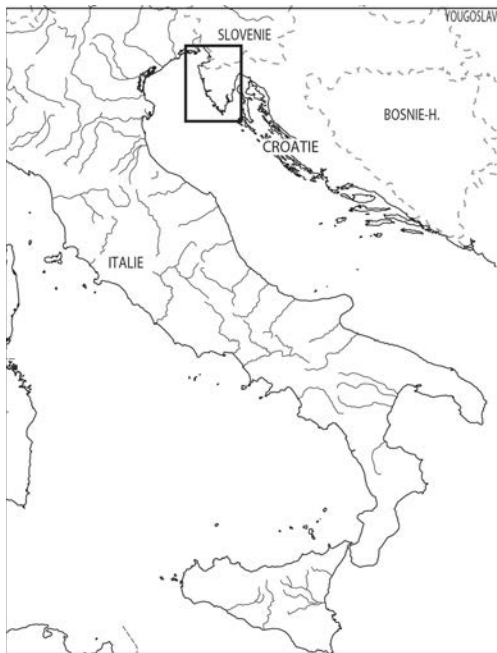
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## The Roman port of *Parentium* (Poreč/Parenzo, Croatia)

*1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Harbour Cities Conference, Aix-en-Provence, 27 septembre 2022*





Istria (X<sup>th</sup> regio)



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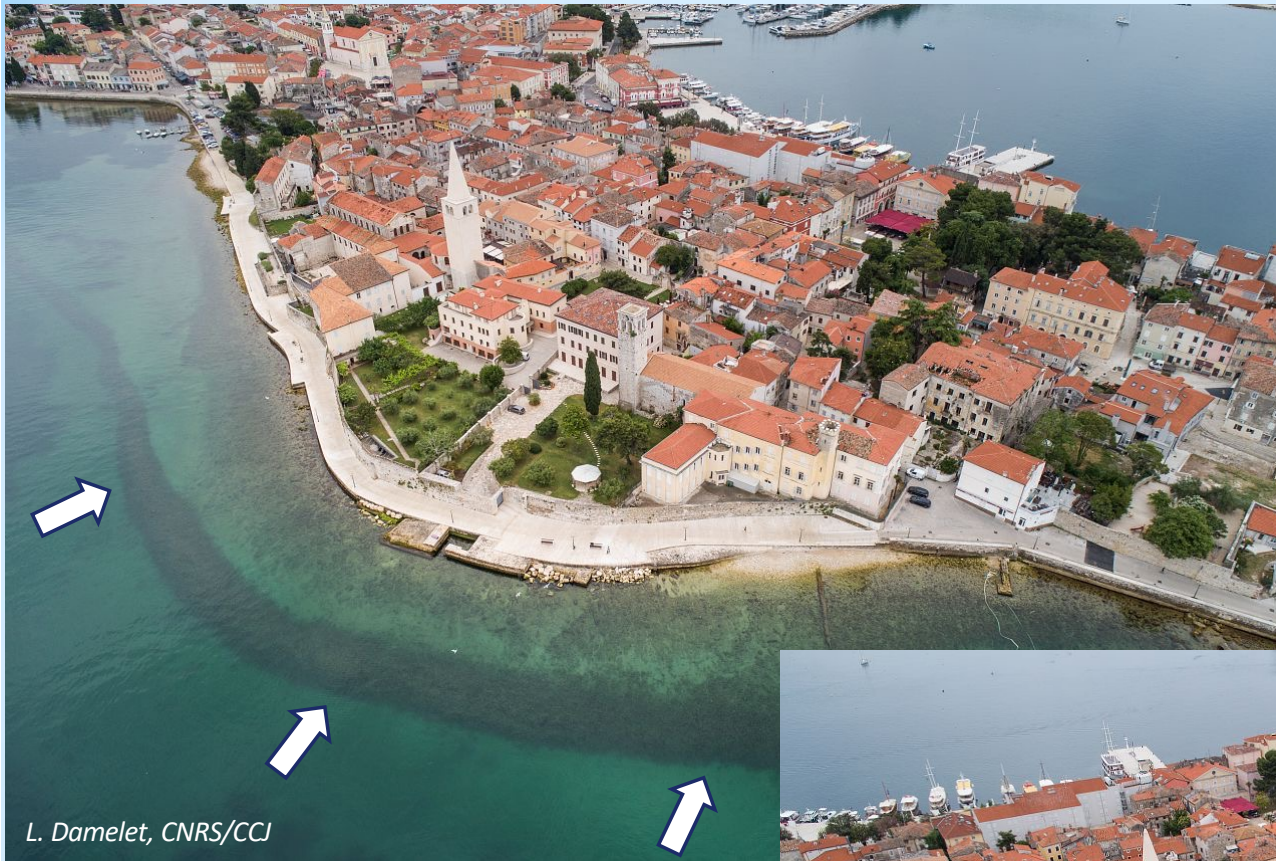
Poreč Peninsula and its waterfront



- *caput civitatis*, colonial sea ports
- Secondary ports
- Ports of *villa* or related to economic activity

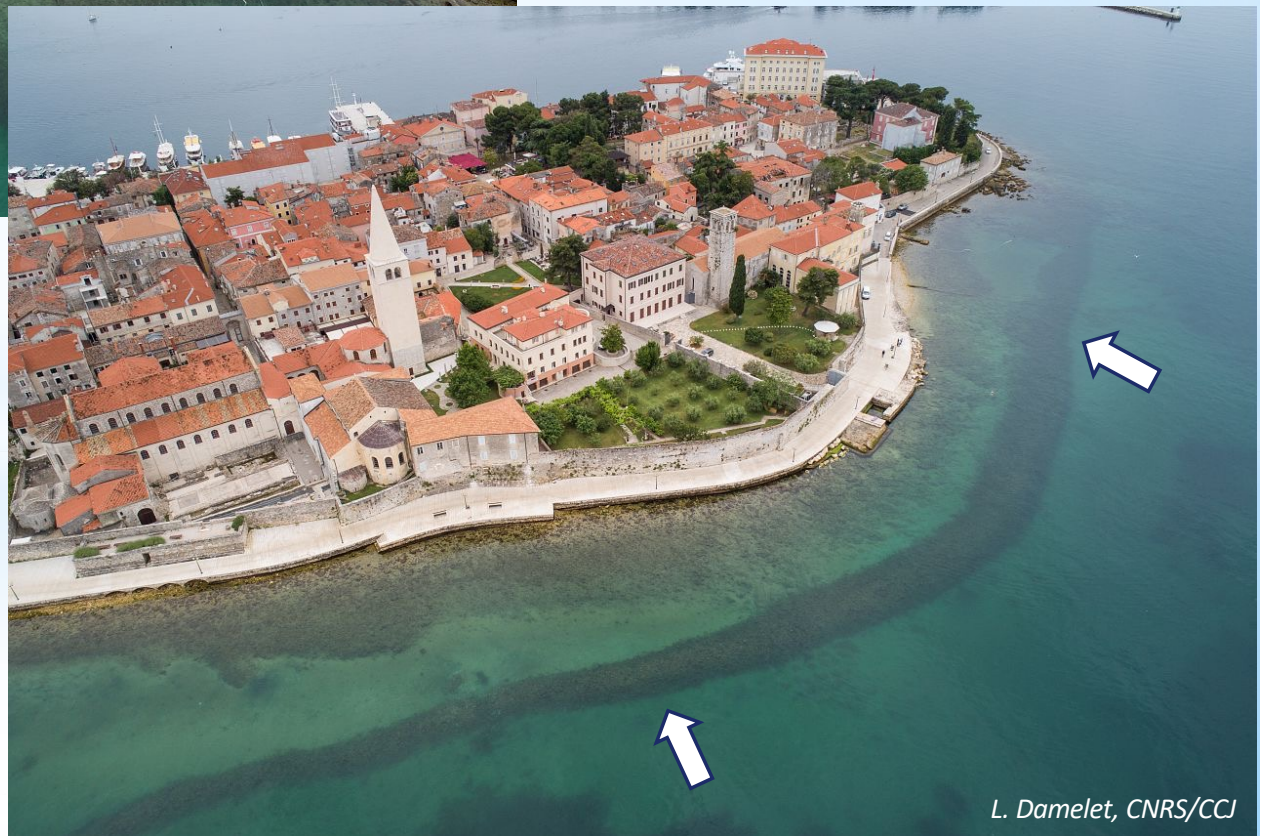
## Hierarchy of the Istrian ports

(in : *L'Istrie et la mer*, 2011, p. 58)



**The northern shore of the  
Peninsula :  
La Porporella**

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# Excavations 2019, 2021

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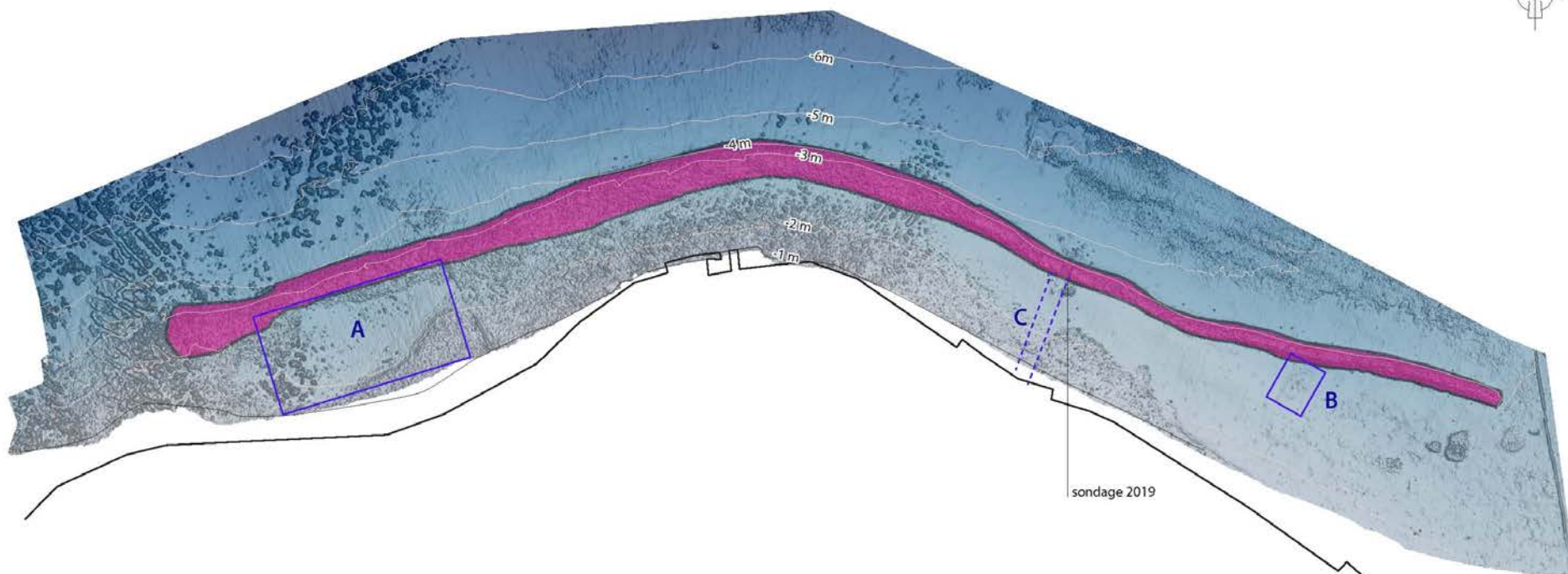
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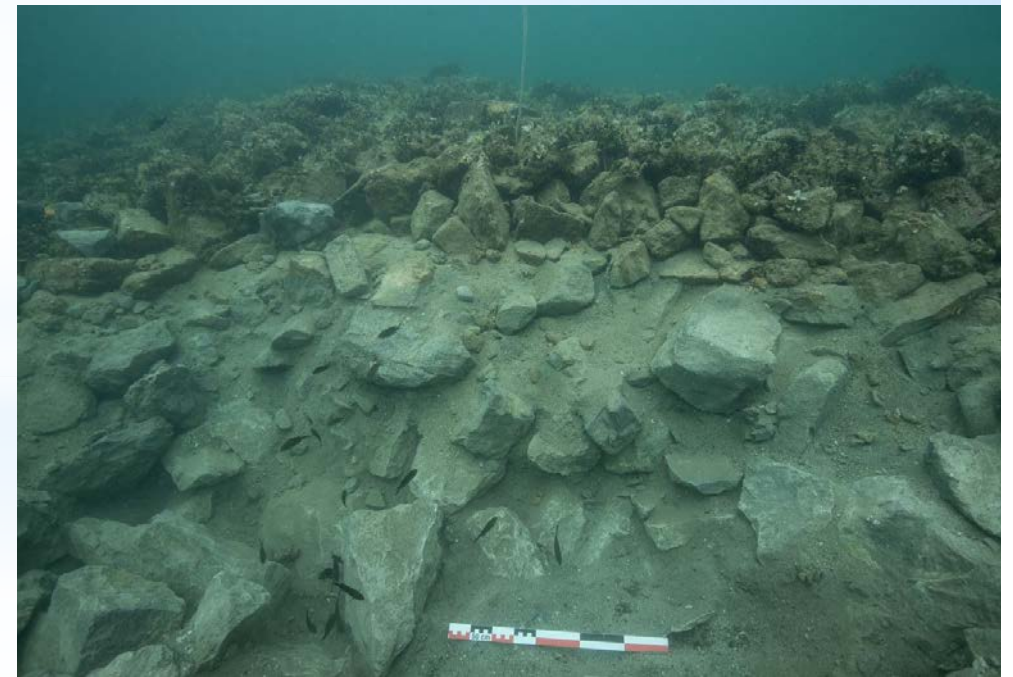
emprise porporela  
solution bathymetric : SIRIO d.o.o. Koper, 2019  
cartographie : HTRS96

AMU, CNRS, CCJUMR7299/ V.Dumas/2020

longueur porporela : 418 m  
largeur min : 4,4 m  
largeur max : 12,5 m  
superficie porporela : 3652 m<sup>2</sup>  
volume porporela : 1614 m<sup>3</sup>

**Sidescan sonar** (Sirio, Koper, SLO)

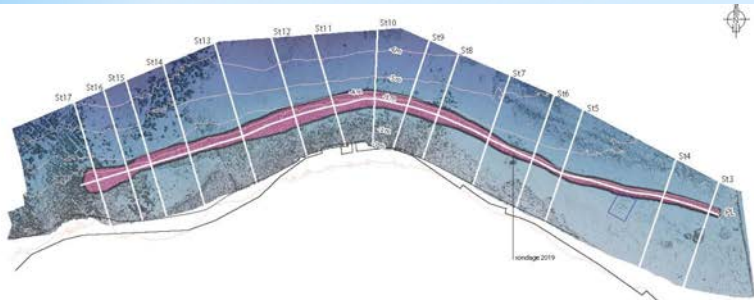
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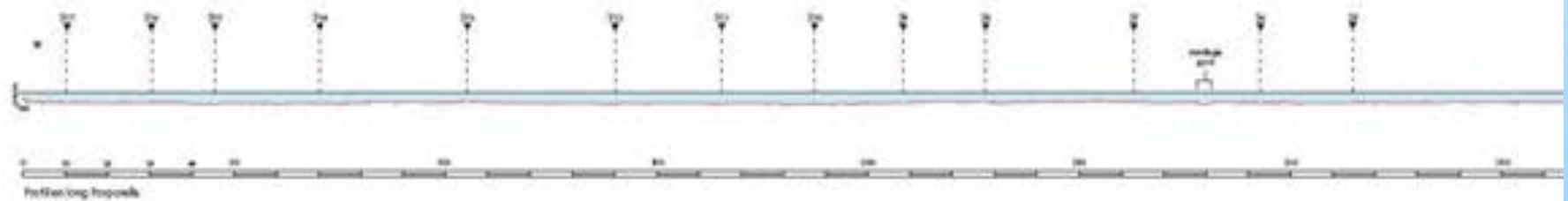
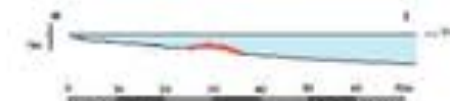
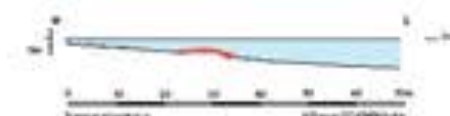
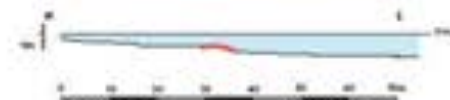
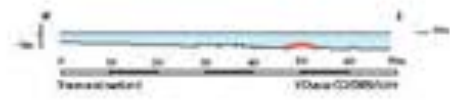
Photos A. Ribić, L. Damelet

# Coupes transversales sur la Porporella

(V. Dumas, CCI/CNRS)



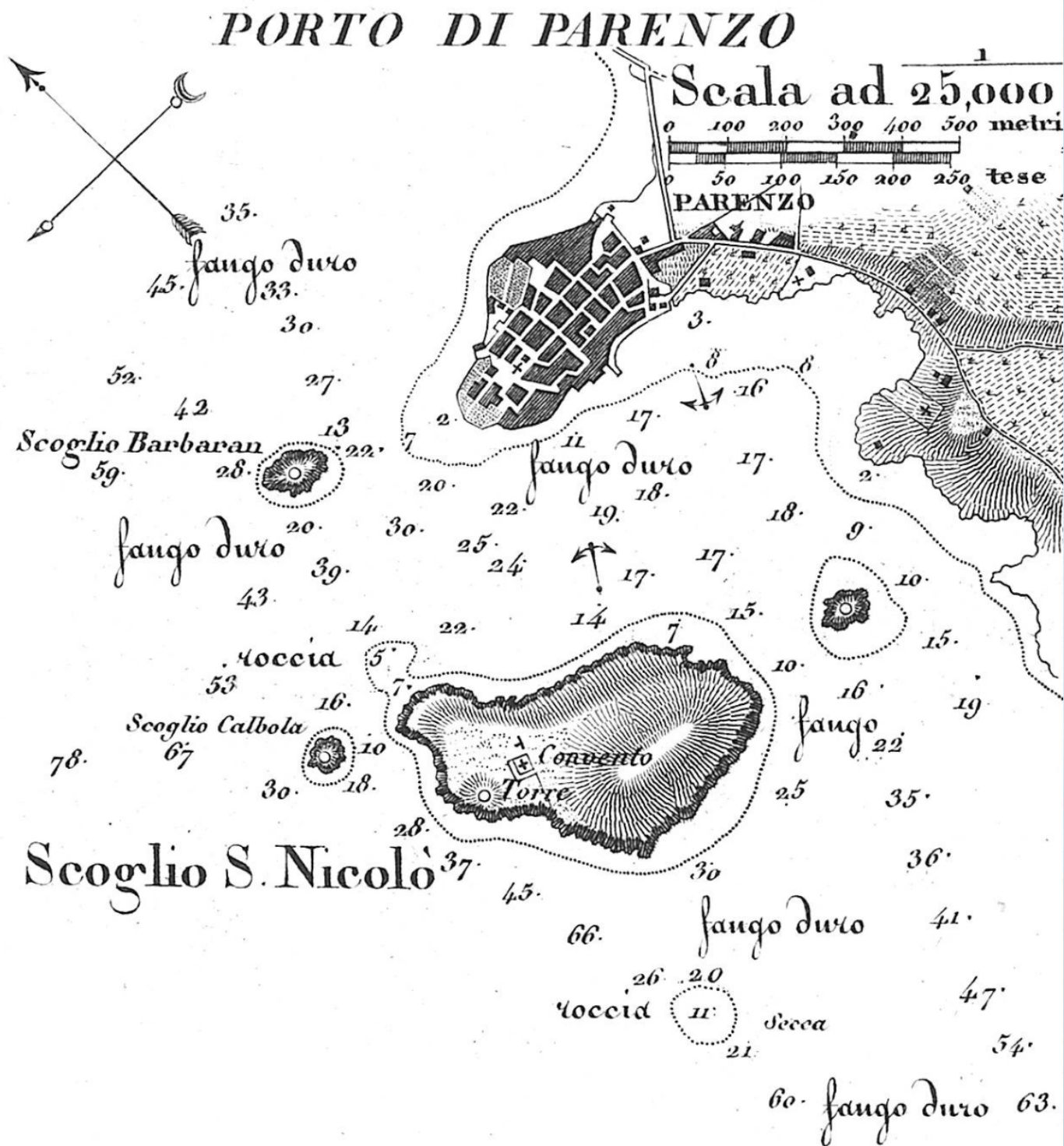
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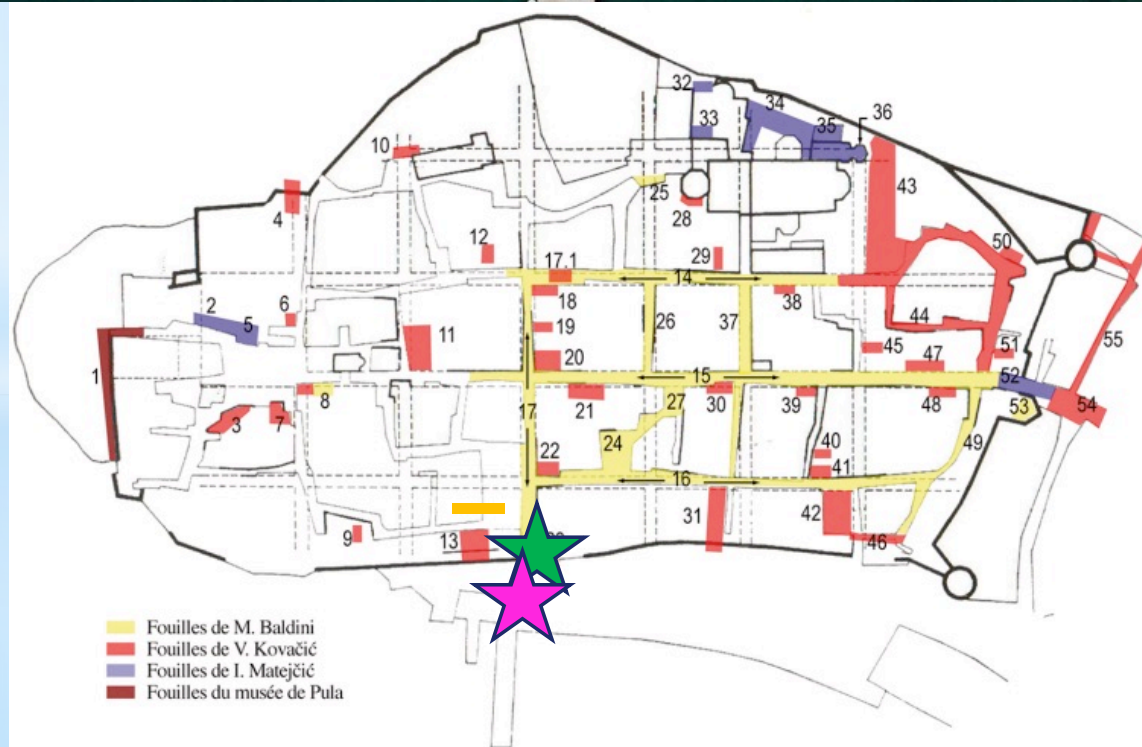


## Map of the harbour of Parenzo/Poreč

(Carta di Cabotaggio, 1845, folio 3, State Archives in Zadar).



## Southern shore of Parenzo



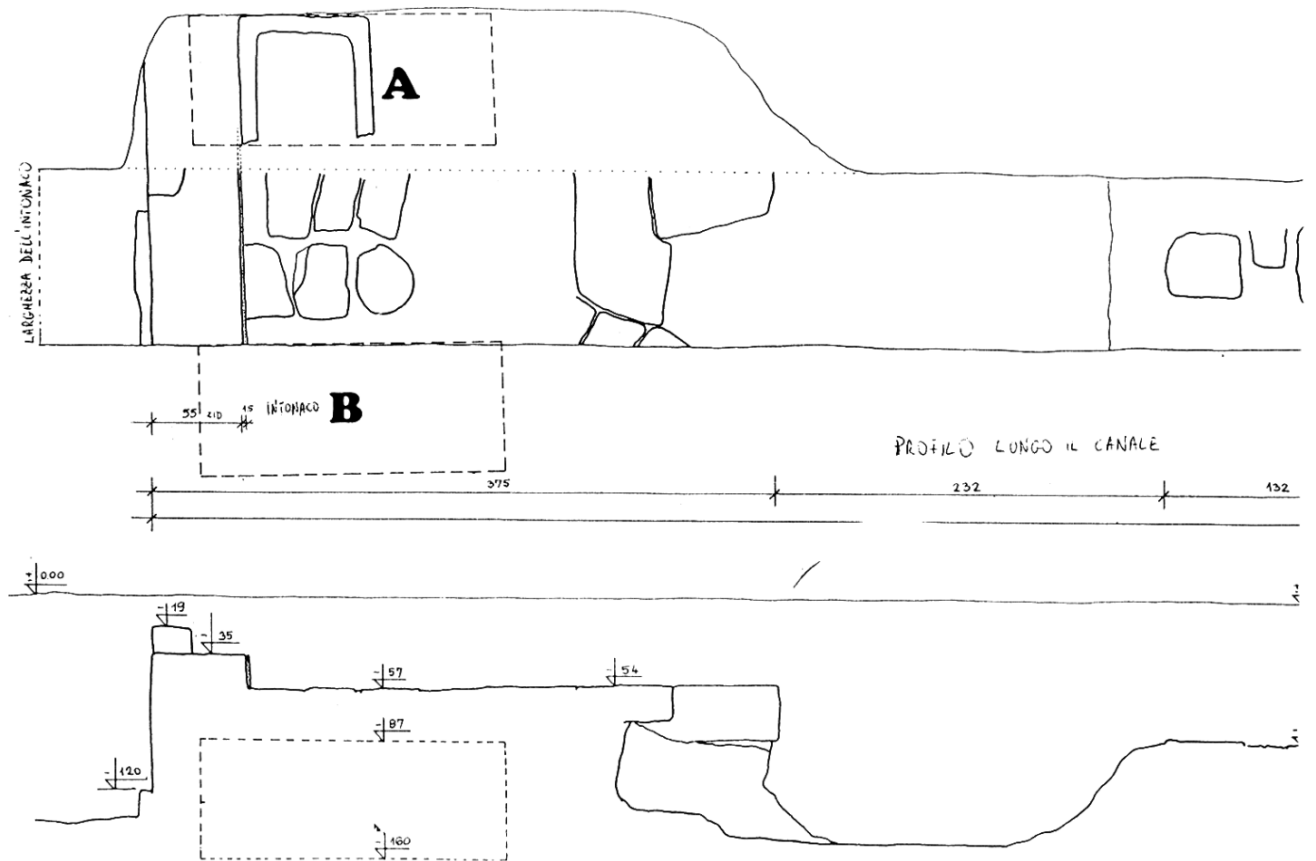
Location of Riva 1994  
excavation



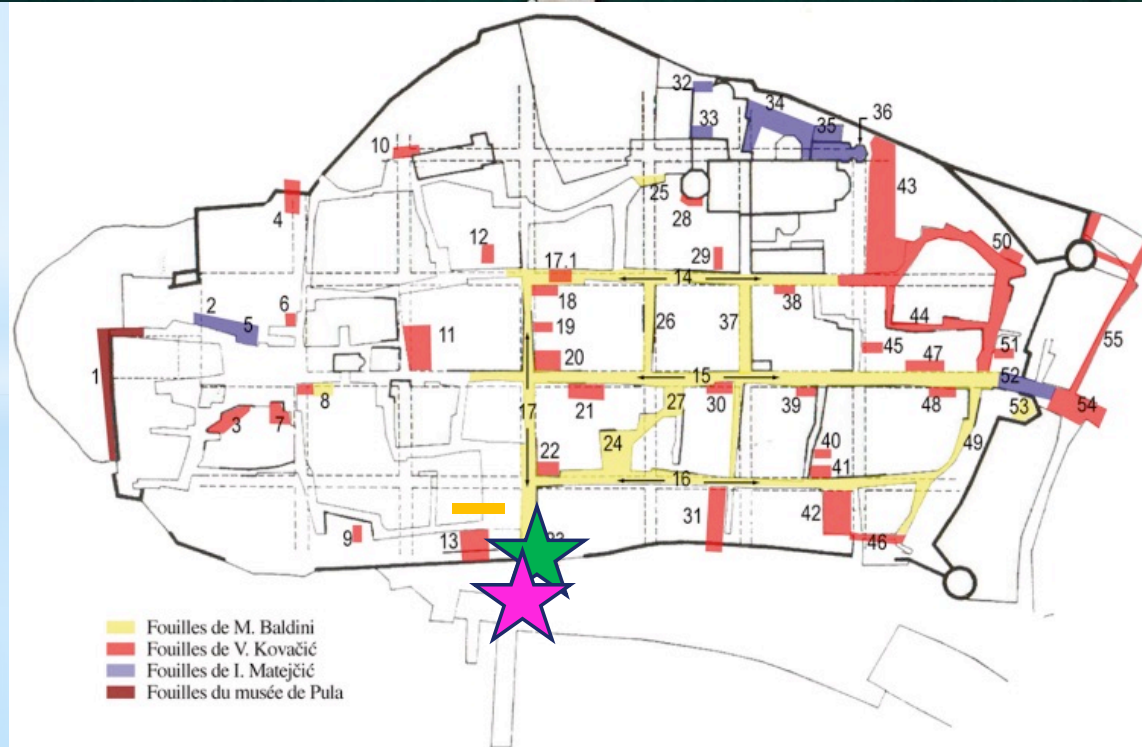
Location of Porta de Mar  
2020 excavation

## Excavation 1994

(M. Novak, Zavičajni muzej Poreštine/ Museo del territorio parentino)



## Southern shore of Parenzo



Location of Riva 1994  
excavation



Location of Porta de Mar  
2020 excavation



## Porta de Mar Excavation 2020

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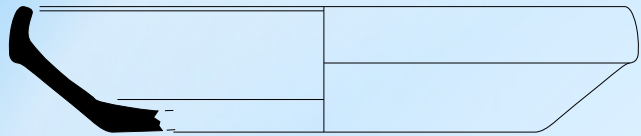




The wreck



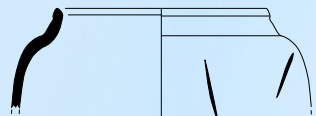
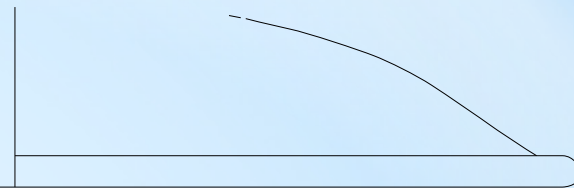
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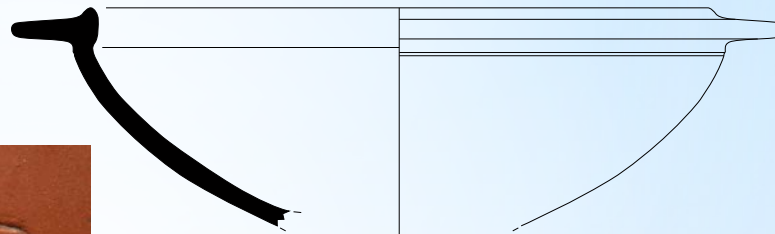
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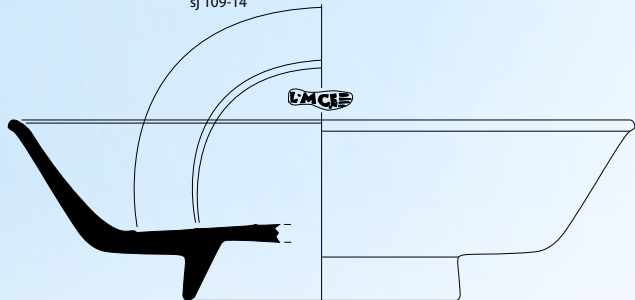
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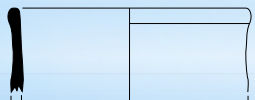
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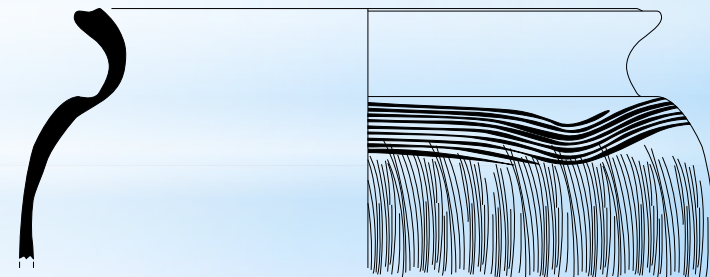
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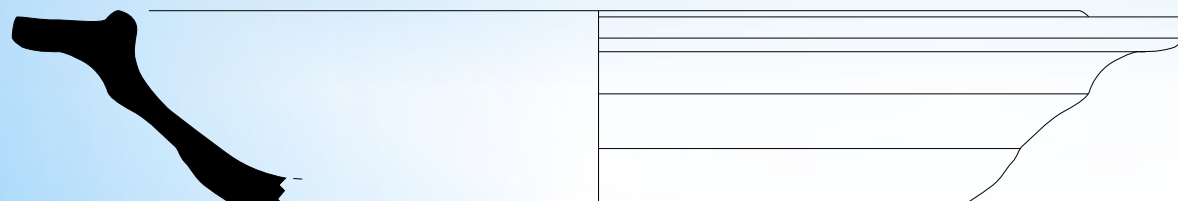


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sj 108-09

**III-V th c. AD**



Poreč- Porta de Mar 2020  
sj 79-04

(L. Cavassa, CNRS/CCJ)



# Statigraphy (K. Bartolić Sirotić ZPM, K. Nees AMU/CCJ)

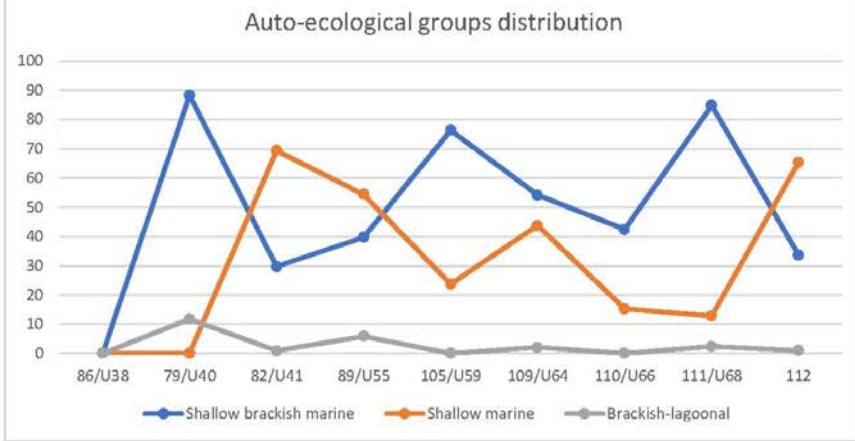
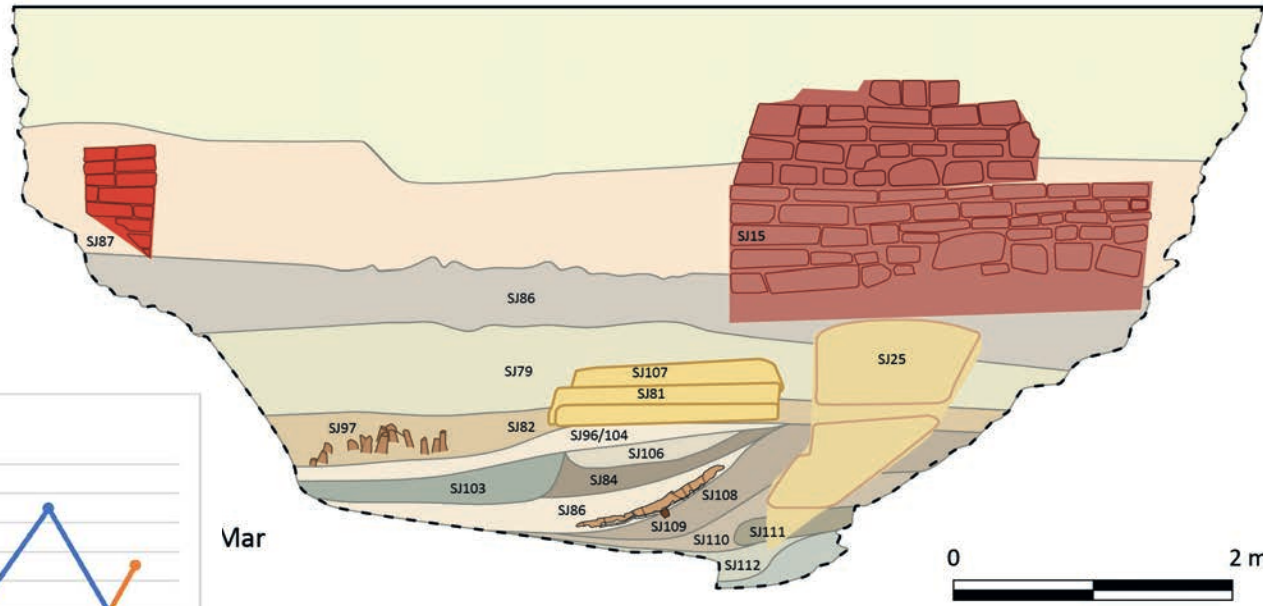


Figure 3 : La distribution des principaux groupes autoécologiques.

## Bio-sedimental analysis

(A. Bivolaru, AMU/CEREGE)

## Fixed fauna analysis

(H. Zibrowius (CNRS, Station Marine d'Endoume) & Chr. Morhange (AMU/EPHE))

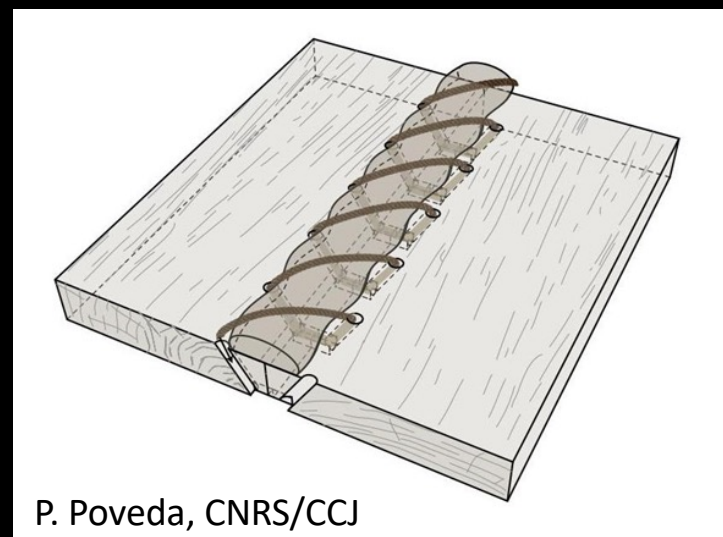
The stairs against the quay (photo ZPM)



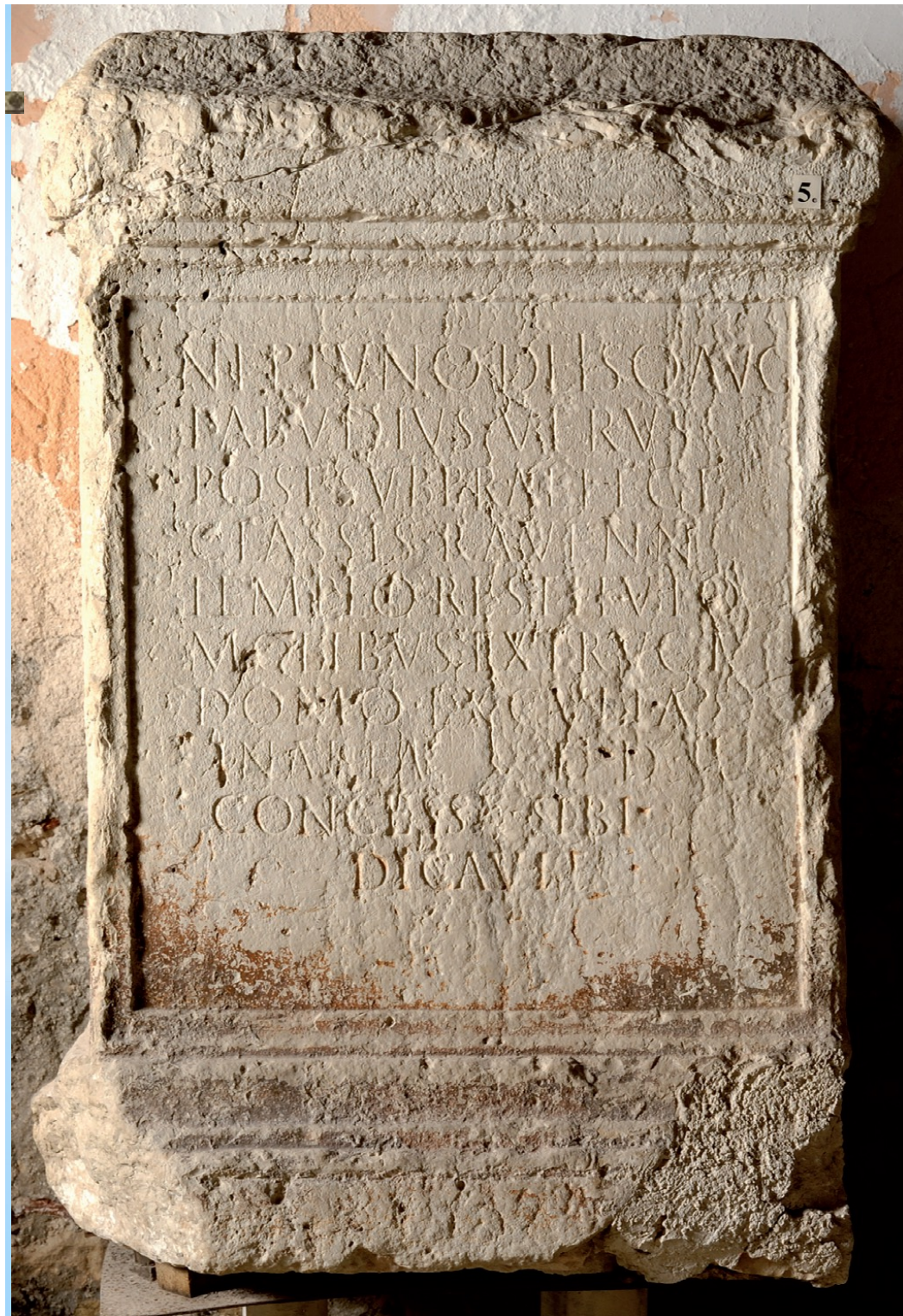


## The shipwreck

(photos Zavičajni muzej Poreštine/ Museo del territorio parentino)



P. Poveda, CNRS/CCJ



## T. Abudius Verus altar

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T(itus) Abudius Verus

post subpraefect(uram)

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templo restituto

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