

Ra Small stone objects

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Objects made of stone are fairly common finds in Sector NGS. They were made both of imported (marble, volcanic rocks) and local stone (shell rock, sandstone, limestone). The range of objects is not varied. Represented are stone slabs (possibly querns), marble louteria, small altars (or incense burners), small grinders or pestles intended for grinding cereals and dyes etc., large grindstones, whetstones made of dense fine-grained rock and fishing-net weights.

WHETSTONES

The whetstones found in Sector NGS belong to one of the following three types.¹¹⁴⁸

Type 1: small, elongated whetstones with a rounded cross-section, the lower tip pointed to some extent and a suspension hole in the upper part.

Type 2: small, elongated whetstones with a square cross-section and a suspension hole in the upper part.

Type 3: flat whetstones, sub-rectangular or trapezoid in section.

FISHING-NET WEIGHTS

Fishing-net weights from NGS belong to one of the following three types.¹¹⁴⁹

Type 1: weights of rounded shape made from shell rock with a hole in the centre.

Type 2: Weights of oval shape made from sandstone or limestone with a hole in the narrow side.

Type 3: weights of oval shape made from limestone with grooves along the longer sides.

¹¹⁴⁸ Krapivina 2006b, 204.

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Catalogue

Stone slabs

Ra-1 86-263, II-3 R 58. Pl. 351

Fr. of a plate (quern?) made from sandstone. Ø 37.5; H 4.3; WT 1-3.7. The int. and rim of the plate are well worked; the ext. is practically unworked.

Ra-2 92-1039, IV-3 B 343/215. Pl. 351

Fr. of a plate (quern?) of a rounded shape made from sandstone. Ø 27; H 4.5, WT 2.5-3.5.

Louteria

Ra-3 94-316, VI-2 R 410/ 246. Pl. 351

Profile of a louterion with a handle made from sandstone. Ø 30; H 8; WT 2.

Ra-4 94-776, VI-2 B 395a/266. Pl. 352

Fr. of the base of a marble louterion. 11.5 x 8.5; WT 1.5; thickness of the base 2.8.

Assorted vessels

Ra-5 85-81. Pl. 252

A profile of a small alabaster vessel for perfumes. H 5.5; Ø rim 2.8; Ø body 6; Ø of the flat bottom 4.5; WT 0.5-0.7.

Domestic altars (or incense burners)

Ra-6 87-659, II-3 B 89/10. Pl. 352

Fr. of the base of an altar of limestone. The base is circular in cross-section. H 7; Ø upper part 5; Ø lower part 8. The base of the pedestal is flat.

Ra-7 92-324, IV-3 B 343/201. Pl. 352

Small altar of limestone, shaped like a flat bowl on a low base. H 6.8; Ø 9. The rim is decorated with deep transversal incisions. In the centre of the bowl is a cone-shaped depression, D 2; Ø at the top 4. The base of the altar is decorated with two deep grooves, Ø of the middle part of the pedestal 5; Ø of the lower part 5.4. The bottom is hemispherical with a deep lengthwise incision across the centre.

Ra-8 94-490, VI-2 B 395a/261. Pl. 353

Base of a limestone altar. H 6.7; Ø 4.6-5.3. At a distance of 2 cm from the top, the base has a biconical shoulder, W up to 1.8 at the base; Ø 6.2. The base itself is flat.

Grinders

Ra-9 87-860, II-1 R 156/7. Pl. 353

Grinder of trapezoid shape with several working surfaces, made from a volcanic rock. 3.6 x 3.2-4 x 1.8-2.2.

Ra-10 90-75, IV-1 B 253. Pl. 353

Grinder with an oval cross-section and a single working surface made from limestone;. 12.3 x 7.6 x 5.5.

Ra-11 92-629, IV-3 B 343/204. Pl. 353

Grinder with a single working surface made from volcanic rock. 14 x 10.3 x 9.2.

Ra-12 92-789, III-1 Stove 329/71. Pl. 353

Grinder with a rounded plan and a single working surface made from limestone;. Ø 7.5; W 4.

Whetstones

Ra-13 90-271, III-3 R 278/90. Pl. 353

Whetstone of type 2 made from dense, fine-grained rock. 6 x 2.1 x 1.7-2.5.

Ra-14 93-26, III-3 R 278/96. Pl. 353

Whetstone of type 2 made from dense, fine-grained rock. 2.2 x 1.8 x 1.7.

Ra-15 94-515, IV-2 B 302/186. Pl. 354

Whetstone of trapezoid shape made from dense, fine-grained rock. 7.2 x 2.2-3.4 x 2.8-3.2.

Ra-16 92-1015, IV-3 B 343/212. Pl. 354

Whetstone with diamond-shaped cross-section made from dense sandstone. 25 x 11 x 6-6.8.

Ra-17 94-492, VI-2 B 395a/261. Pl. 354

Whetstone, somewhat rectangular in section, made from dense sandstone. 9.6 x 5.3 x 6-6.8.

Ra-18 96-435, VI-3 B 474/289. Pl. 354

Whetstone with oval cross-section made from dense, fine-grained rock. 16.5 x 5.2 x 2.8.

Ra-19 01-503, VI-3 B 641/297. Pl. 354

Whetstone with a sub-rectangular shape made from dense, fine-grained rock. 9 x 5 x 3.2.

Spindle-whorls(?)

Ra-20 89-532, II-6 B 186/50. Pl. 354

Cylindrical spindle-whorl (or whetstone?) made from hard, fine-grained rock. Ø 2.4; thickness 1.7; Ø of hole 0.6.

Fishing-net weights*Type 1*

Ra-21 89-500, III-2 R 255/85. Pl. 354

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 6.8 x 5.6 x 1.9; Ø of hole 1.1.

Ra-22 93-1027, III-3 R 359/123. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. Ø 5.5-5.8; thickness 1-1.8; Ø of hole 0.8-1.

Ra-23 93-1028, III-3 R 359/123. Pl. 355

Half of a fishing-net weight made from limestone.

Ra-24 93-1133, III-3 B 368/109. Pl. 355

Fr. of a fishing-net weight made from limestone. Ø 6.5; thickness 1.4; Ø of hole 0.8.

Type 2

Ra-25 87-298, II-3 B 92/14. Pl. 355

Fr. of a fishing-net weight made from limestone. 11.7 x 10 x 2.6; Ø of hole 0.9.

Ra-26 93-849, IV-4 B 351/220. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 11.4 x 9.7 x 1.9; Ø of hole 0.9.

Ra-27 93-1080, VI- B 395/260. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 8 x 5.7 x 1.7; Ø of hole 0.4.

Ra-28 93-1205, IV-4 B 392/221. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 15.6 x 11.8 x 2.2-4.4.

Ra-29 00-628. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 7.8 x 4.6 x 1.2; Ø of hole 0.6.

Type 3

Ra-30 93-1082, VI-2 B 395/260. Pl. 355

Fishing-net weight made from limestone.

Ra-31 93-1083, VI-2 B 395/260. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone.

Ra-32 93-1084, VI-2 B 395/260. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone.

Ra-33 93-1134, III-3 B 368/109. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 5.6-5.7 x 4.6-5.3 x 1.2-1.3.

Ra-34 93-1135, III-3 B 368/109. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 5.6-5.7 x 4.6-5.3 x 1.2-1.3.

Ra-35 94-487, VI-2 B 395a/261. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 6.5 x 4.8 x 0.8.

Ra-36 97-69, VI-3 B 489/294. Pl. 356

Fishing-net weight made from limestone. 8.4 x 4.6-6.2 x 1.2-1.8.

