A new archaeological fieldwork in Nulles confirms the presence of three silos from late Bronze Age or early Iron Age

Between February 25 and March 12, the ICAC's research team on Protohistoric Archeology carried out an excavation and consolidation fieldwork in the **archaeological site Mas Cap de Ferro** (Nulles, Alt Camp). The intervention, which raised when a road's construction works put into light possible ancient storage structures, confirms the presence of three silos from the late Bronze Age or early Iron Age.

The archaeological excavation works on the three structures (one of them nearly destroyed) have made possible their characterization as **truncated cone shape silos**, with some layers containing hand-made ceramics decorated with ribbons and grooves, and some remains of fauna.

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One of the found structures. Photo: ICAC

The results place the found structures in a chronology (late Bronze Age or early Iron Age) little known in the area because there are few identified sites from this period, a fact that makes **the finding a particularly interesting one**. The prospection works in the adjacent fields (which involved doing three trenches with excavators) gave negative results, but the researchers do not rule out the presence of more structures in the nearby areas.

The archaeological fieldwork included **conservation tasks**, to guarantee the conservation of the found structures. Those silos in better preservation conditions were consolidated with

Stone walls and lime mortar, and filling materials.



Consolidation tasks in the archaeological site Mas Cap de Ferro. Photo: ICAC

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A sample of handmade ceramic founded in the archaeological site. Photo: ICAC