

landscape

natural landscape

rivers
forests
mountains
ponds
plains
cliffs
seas
lakes

man-made landscape

industrial landscape
mining landscape
urban settlements
agricultural landscape
infrastructures
touristic landscape
archaeological landscape

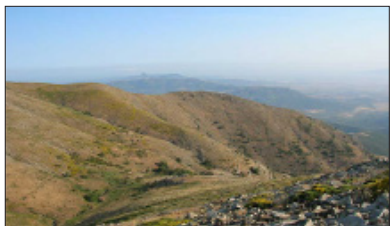
NATURAL LANDSCAPE



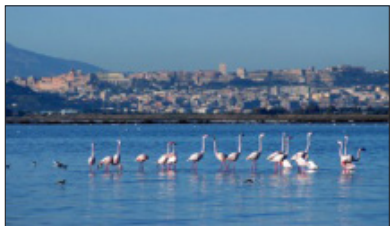
rivers
coghinas river



forests
forest of Monte Arci



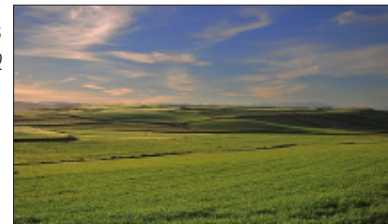
mountains
Monte Linas



ponds
Santa Gilla pond



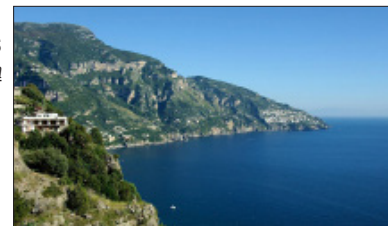
plains
plain of Campidano



cliffs
San Teodoro cliffs



seas
Tyrrhenian sea



lakes
lake of Flumendosa



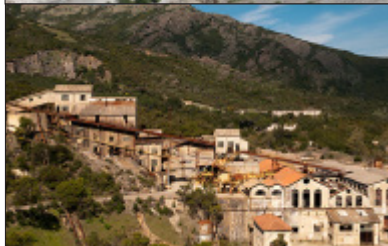
MAN-MADE LANDSCAPE



industrial landscape
petrochemical station of Porto Torres



mining landscape
Sos Enattos, Nuoro



mining landscape
Montevecchio, Guspini



urban settlements
city of Iglesias



agricultural landscape
atha-ruja vineyard



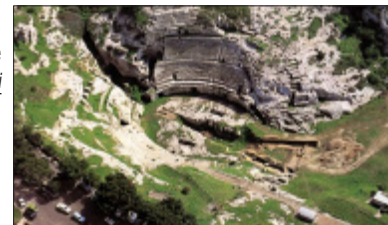
infrastructures
complementary railways of Sardinia



touristic landscape
Torre di Bari



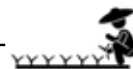


archeological landscape
roman amphitheatre of Cagliari



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 sea + touristic landscape



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 mountain + hill + infrastructure



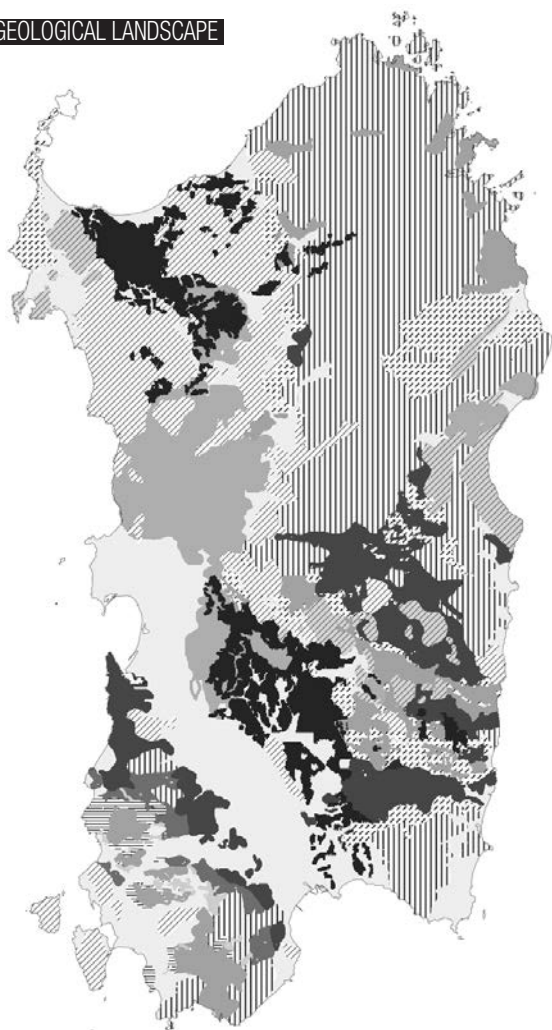
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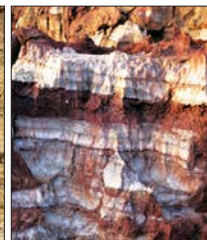
GEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE



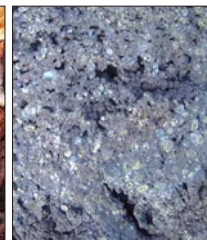
- QUATERNARY**
2.5 - 0 million years ago
- Continental and marine sediments
 - Alkaline - Subalkaline volcanics
Basalts and phonolites
- Eocene-Miocene**
55 - 5 million years ago
- Marine to continental sediments
 - Calcaline volcanics and continental sediments
Andesite to rhyolite
- TRIAS**
252 - 201 million years ago
- Carbonatic platform sediments
 - Leucogranites, monzogranites, granodiorites and tonalites
- ORDOVICIAN-DEVONIAN**
485 - 359 million years ago
- Phyllites, basic metavolcanics, metarenites, metamorphosed calcareous rocks
 - Metamorphic silty rocks
 - Amphibolites
 - Argillaceous schists, metarenites, metasiltites and metamorphosed calcareous rocks
Scisti di Cabitza
- CAMBRIAN-ORDOVICIAN**
540 - 444 million years ago
- Metarenites, argillites
 - Metarenites, phyllites and metaconglomerates
Arenarie di S. Vito e Formazione di Solanas
- SILURIAN-DEVONIAN**
444 - 359 million years ago
- Marbles, metamorphosed calcareous rocks
Calcari di villasalto a climenle
 - Phyllites
 - Scisti a graptoliti e fidi
 - Metarenites metamorphosed calcareous rocks, metaconglomerates
Puddinga
- LOWER CAMBRIAN**
540-485 million years ago
- Dolomites and metamorphosed calcareous rocks
Dolomie rigate, dolomie grigie e calcare ceroidi
 - Metarenites, argillaceous schists, metamorphosed calcareous rocks and dolomites



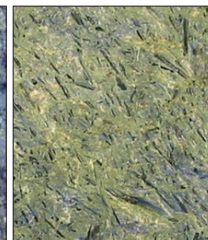
Marine sediments



Marine sediments



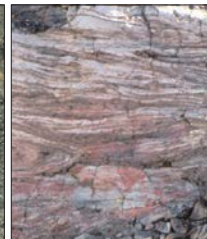
Basalts



Phonolite



Andesite



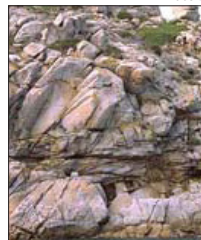
Rhyolite



Carbonatic sediments



Leucogranites



Monzogranites



Granodiorite



Phyllites



Metamorphic silty rock



Metarenite



Arenarie di S. Vito



Metaconglomerate



Puddinga

HISTORICAL AND ENVIROMENTAL GEO-MINERAL PARK OF SARDINIA

Sardinia total surface
24 090 km²

Percentage of territory
inside the park
15%

Park total surface
3 771 km²

Involved municipalities
87

Number of areas
8

Year of establishment
2001

Number of mining sites
involved in the park
112

Mining sites total area
18,6 km²

Open-air excavations
3,8 km²

Mining dumps
7,3 km²

Settling basins
2 km²

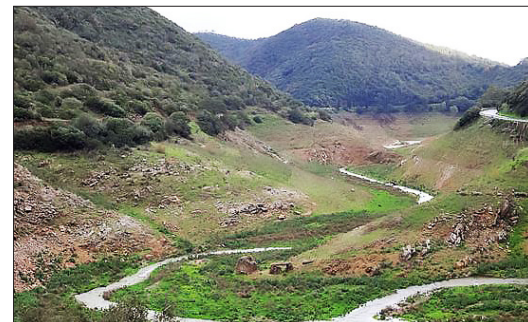
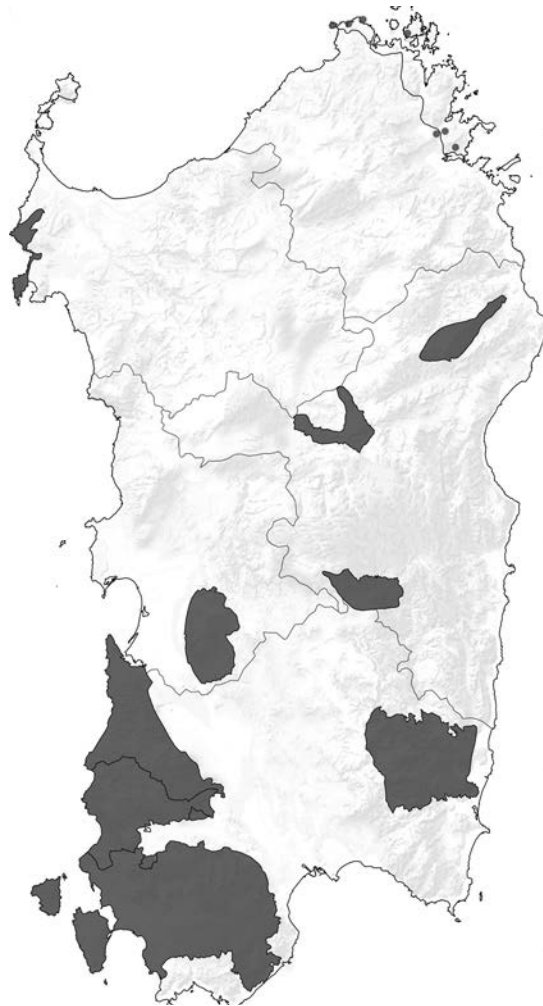
Washery residues
5,5 km²

Surface voids
3,8 km²

43 million m³

Mining residuals
7,36 km²

32 million m³



Valle del rio Cixerri, Carbonia-Iglesias



Monte Albo, Nuoro



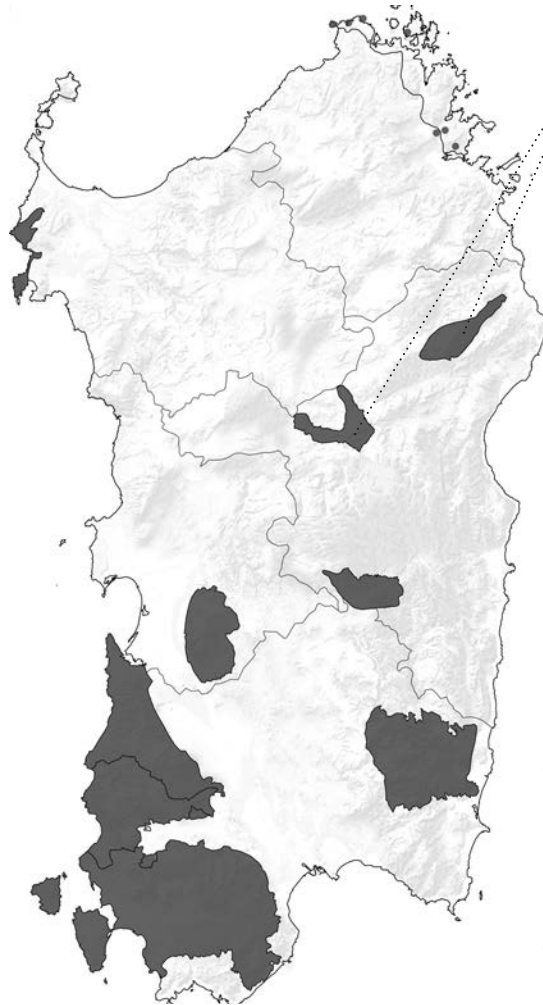
Punta Cristallo, Alghero



Orani landscape



Talc quarry of Orani



ORANI + GUZZURRA-SOS ENATTOS

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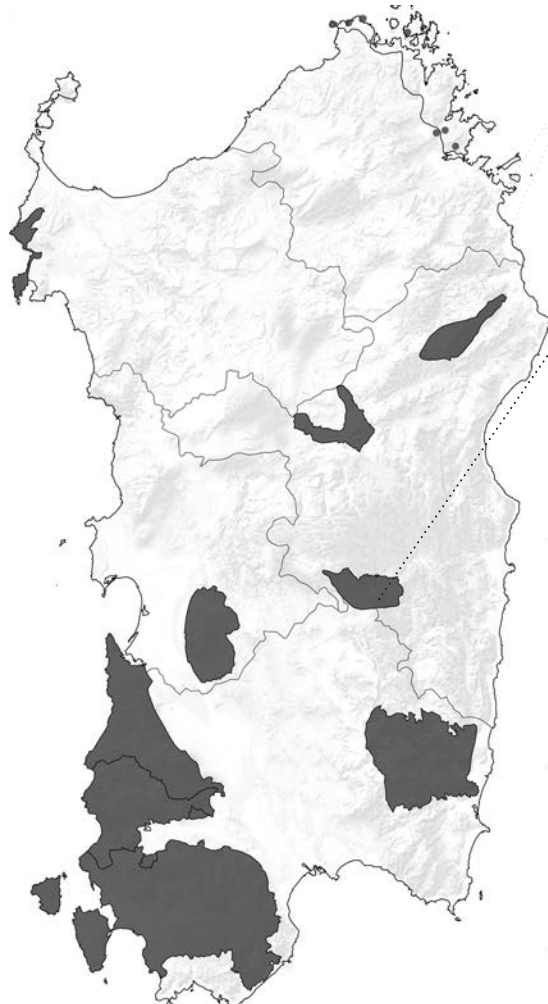
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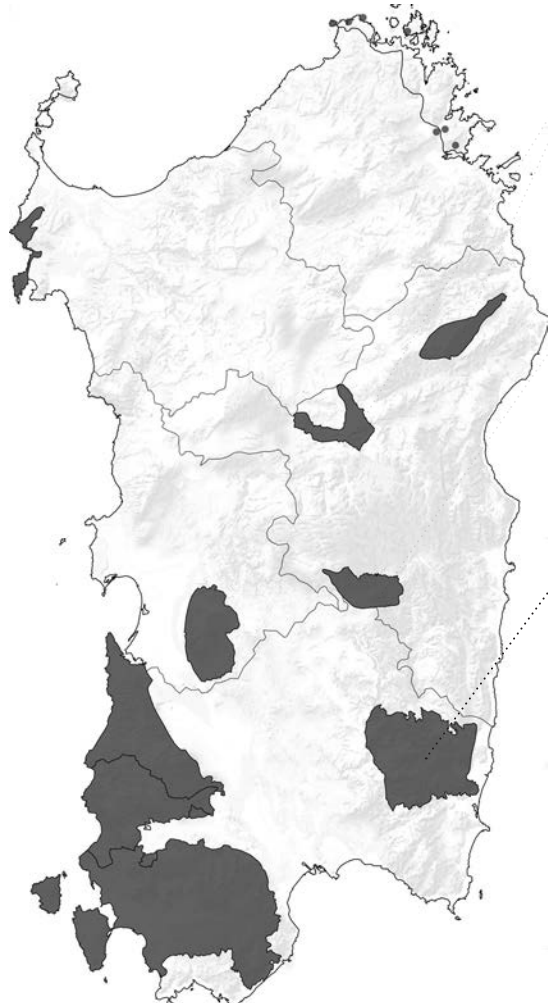
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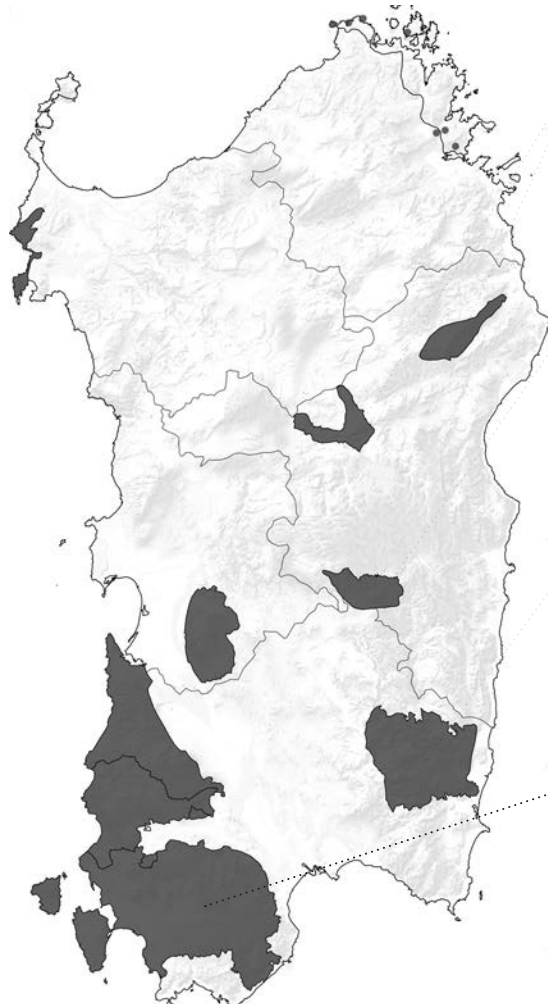
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Rosas mine



Leucogranites in Sulcis



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SULCIS

SURFACE: 1450 km² PERCENTAGE: 38,5%

MINERAL DEPOSITS: coal, galena, blenda

ROCKS: leucogranites, argillaceous schists

LANDSCAPE: almost completely surrounded by the sea and the homonymous mountain range, which isolates it from the rest of the region; the coast is mainly characterized by the alluvial plains that alternate with hills

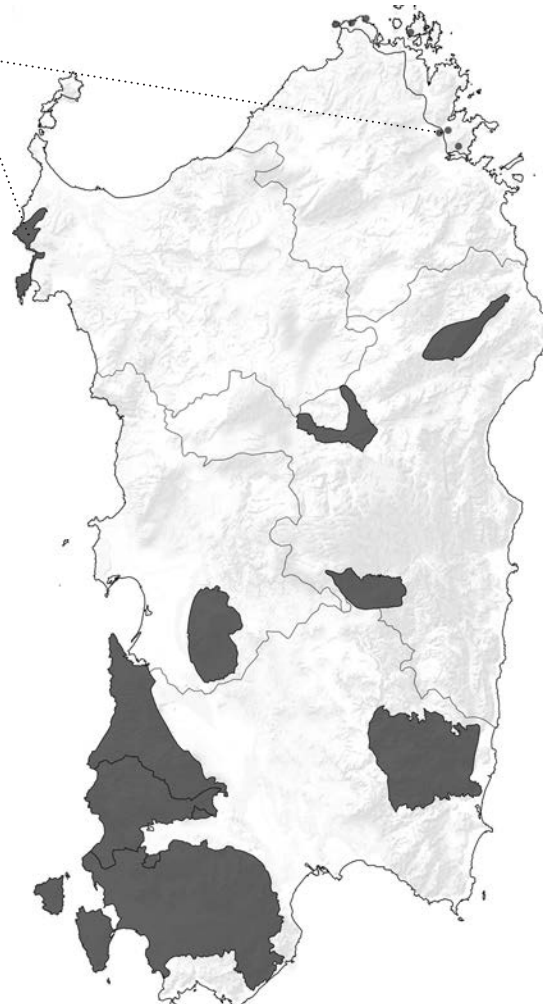
ARGENTIERA-NURRA + GALLURA

SURFACE: 61 km² PERCENTAGE: 1,5%

MINERAL DEPOSITS: lead, zinc, silver, iron

ROCKS: calcareous rocks, carbonatic sediments, marine sediments, metamorphic silty rocks, metarenites

LANDSCAPE: long coastal stretches with steep and sometimes overhanging cliffs, sandy shores of characteristic reddish sand, some scattered caves and lush vegetation in the hinterland



Argentera mine



Capo Caccia, Alghero

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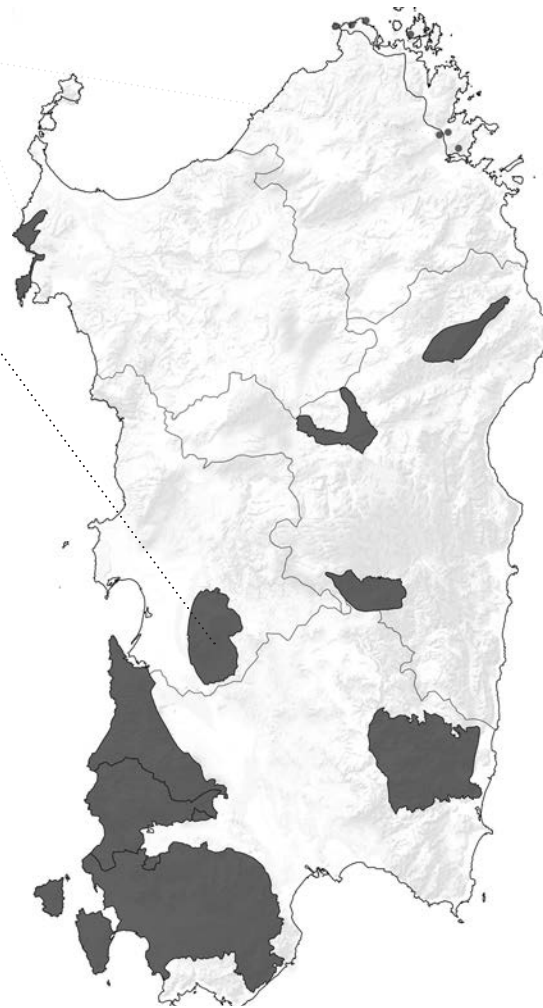
MONTE ARCI

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MINERAL DEPOSITS: obsidian

ROCKS: continental sediments, rhyolites, volcanic basalts

LANDSCAPE: Monte Arci is an isolated massif in the plain of Uras and its maximum altitude is 820 meters above sea level.



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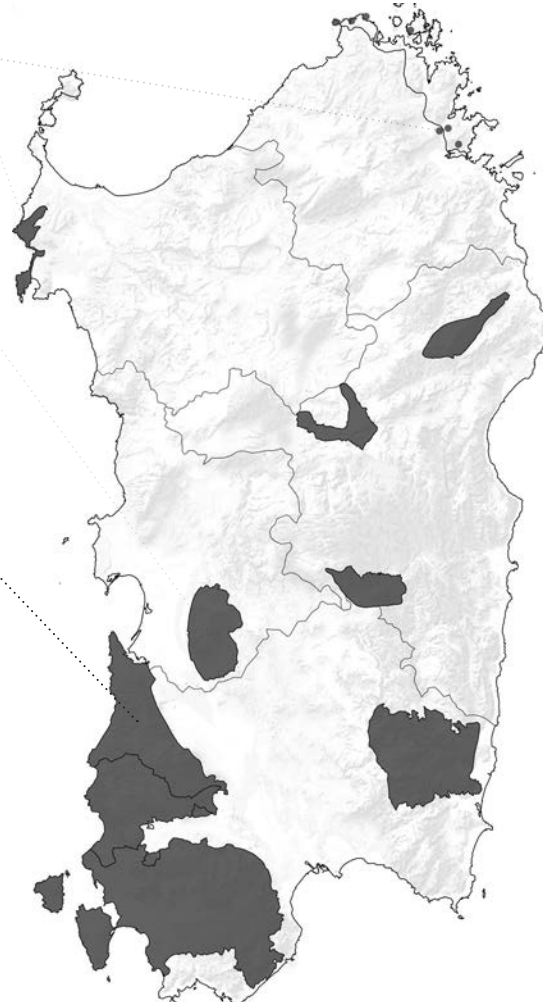
GUSPINESE-ARBURESE

SURFACE: 522 km² PERCENTAGE: 14%

MINERAL DEPOSITS: lead, zinc

ROCKS: metamorphic rocks, metarenites, argillites, granites

LANDSCAPE: the various morphology in this area is characterized by rugged mountains in the hinterland and long coastal stretches alternating seashores, wide dune fields (Piscinas) and steep cliffs.



Dune fields of Piscinas



Montevecchio mine

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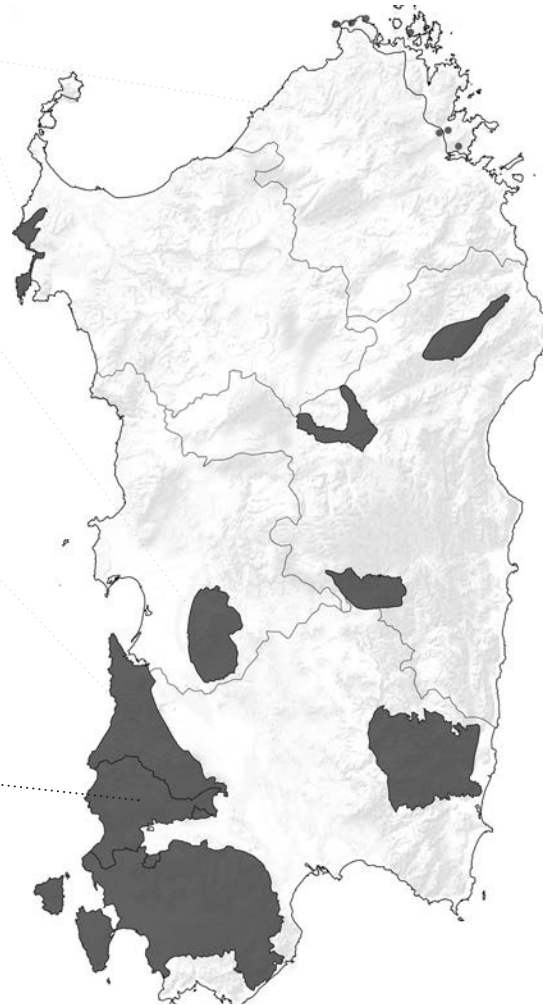
IGLESIENTE

SURFACE: 482 km² PERCENTAGE: 13%

MINERAL DEPOSITS: lead, silver, zinc (from galena, blende, calamine)

ROCKS: metamorphic calcareous rocks, dolomites, argillaceous schists, metarenites

LANDSCAPE: spectacular cliffs of the coast, interrupted by long beaches and beautiful bays, a hinterland often wild and full of endless woods populated by a varied fauna.



Argentera mine

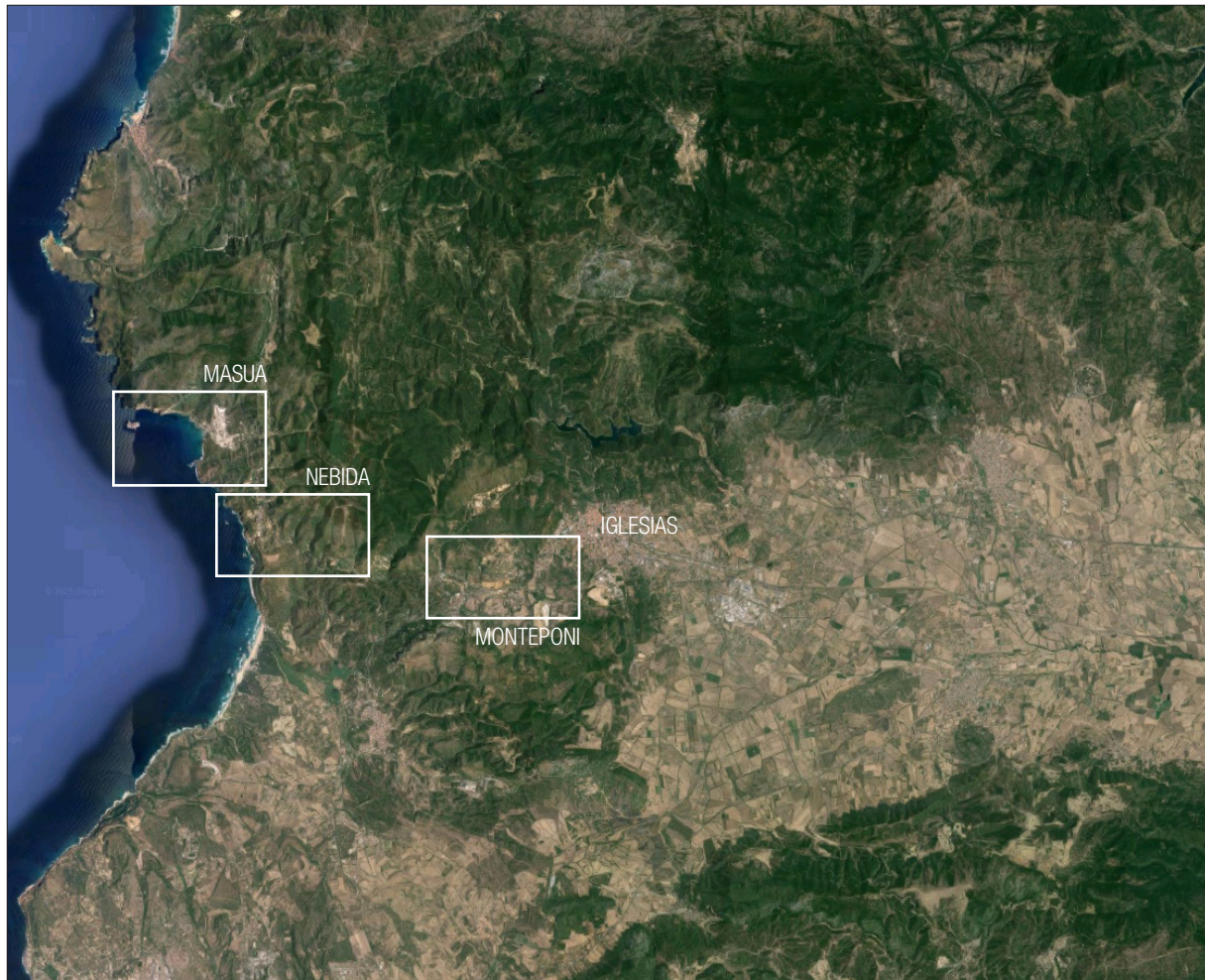


Puddinga ordoviciana near Lamarmora washery, Nebida

GEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE



PALEOZOIC 570-230 million years ago	Landscapes on limestones, dolomites and dolomitic limestones and their slope deposits In general angular with steep stones Very fragile type of landscape
	Landscapes on metamorphic rocks (schists, arenaceous schists, shales etc.) and their slope deposits Sharply sloping outlines/over clayey schists Along the coast, enriched with aromatic plants Loss of soil and fertility due to fires and overgrazing leading to erosion
	Landscapes on intrusive rocks (granites, granodiorites, leucogranites, etc.) and their slope deposits Varies from steep slopes to flat terrains Generally displays on granites than other types of rocks Threatened by erosion owing to fires and inadequate forestation
CENOZOIC 65-2 million years ago	Landscapes on acid effusive rocks (andesites, rhyolites) and intermediate (phonolites) and their slope and colluvial deposits Hilly forms with high slopes Plateaux flanked by rough slopes Sloping plateaux-'cuestas landscapes' formed Mountains and hills- seminatural vegetation and pasture Foot of the higher ground: intensive agriculture
MIOCENE - EOCENE 65-2 mth yrs ago	Landscapes on claystones, sandstones and conglomerates (Cixerri and Usanna formations) Rounded hills with gentle slopes with slightly inclined level areas
PLEISTOCENE 2.5 million - 11,700 yrs ago	Landscapes on alluvial deposits and eolian sandstones Monotonous forms of plainland Seminatural vegetation: scarce Pasture and intensive agriculture: zones of vineyards
HOLOCENE 11,700 years ago	Landscapes on alluvial deposits and conglomerates, eolian deposits, calcareous crusts Exclusively intensive form: agriculture Fertility of soil
	Landscapes on eolian sand Sandy shores and stretches of dunes
	Landscapes on littoral sediments (marshy areas, lagoons etc.) Flat and sporadically below sea levels Littoral vegetation



Coast and mine of Masua



Coast of Nebida



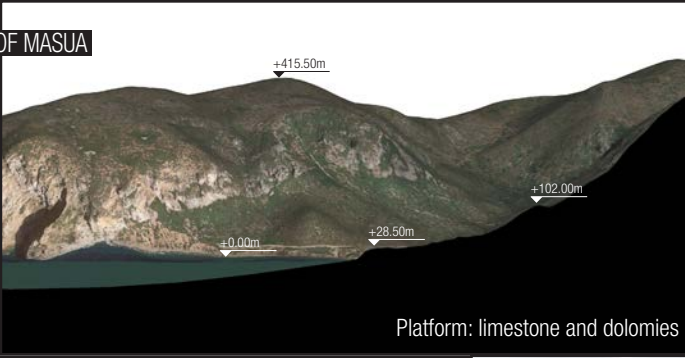
Monteponi mine

top view

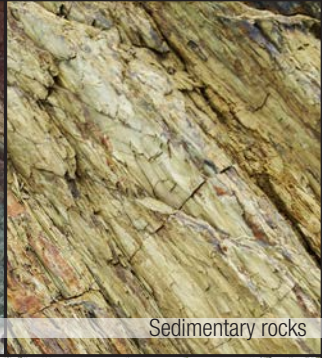
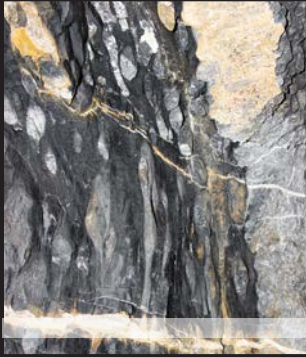


MASUA

SECTION OVER THE COAST OF MASUA



Platform: limestone and dolomies



Sedimentary rocks



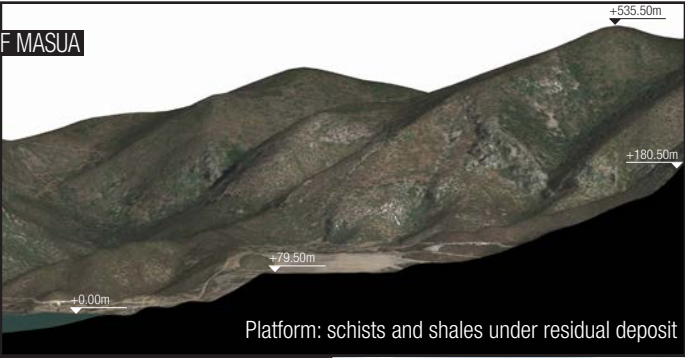
Coast of Masua



Pan di Zucchero and Porto Flavia



Diagonal sedimentary rocks above the coast



Platform: schists and shales under residual deposit

Deposit over metamorphic and sedimentary rocks



Dump of Masua



Residual material and shalestones in Masua



Schists formation in Masua

SECTION OVER NEBIDA'S COAST



Platform: ordovician "puddinga"



Metamorphic and sedimentary rocks

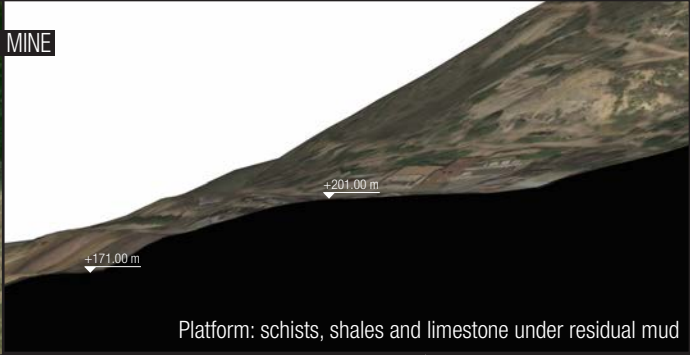


La Marmora washery in Nebida



Purple coast of Nebida

SECTION OVER MONTEPONI MINE



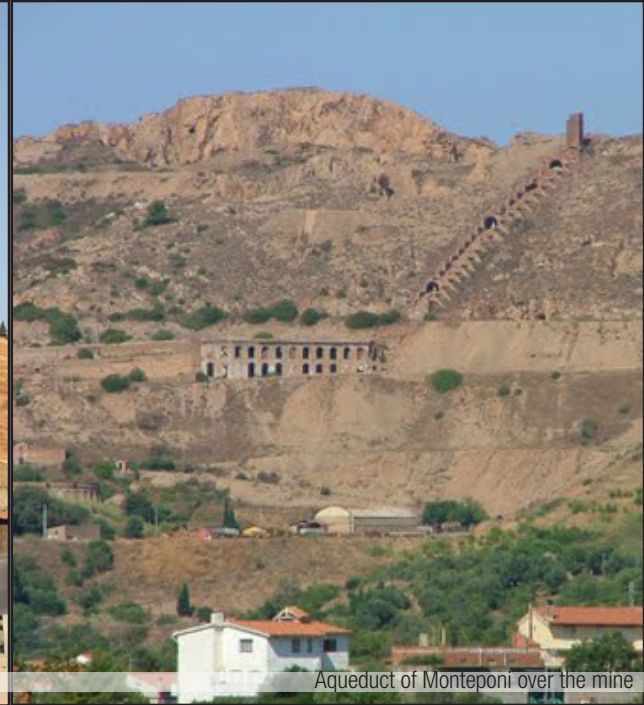
Platform: schists, shales and limestone under residual mud



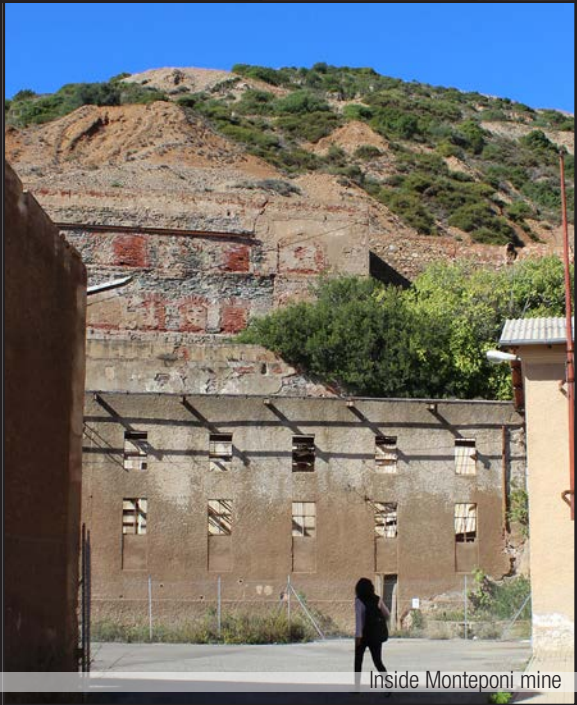
Mud, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks



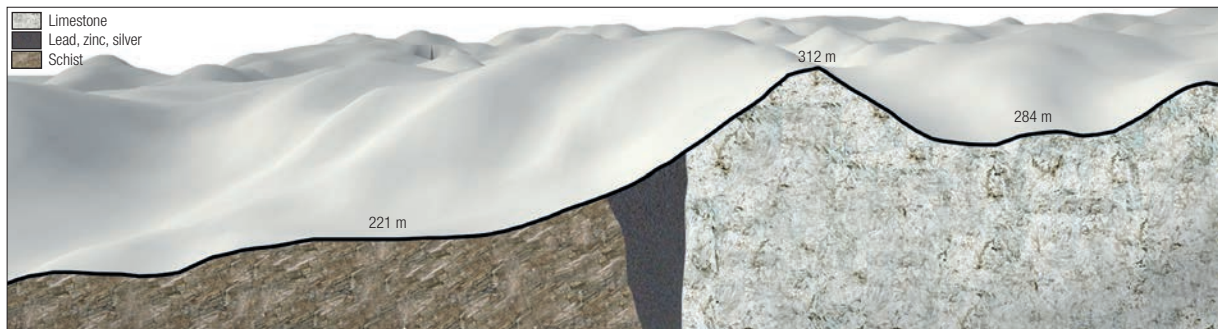
Monteponi mine over "Red Mud"



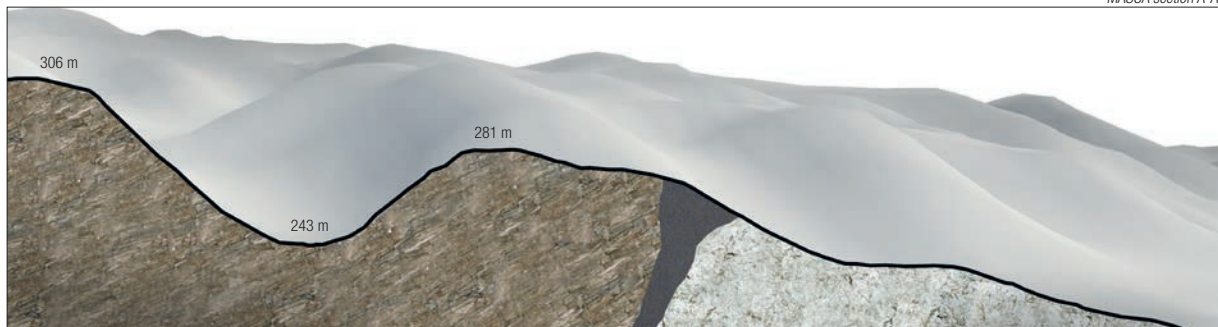
Aqueduct of Monteponi over the mine



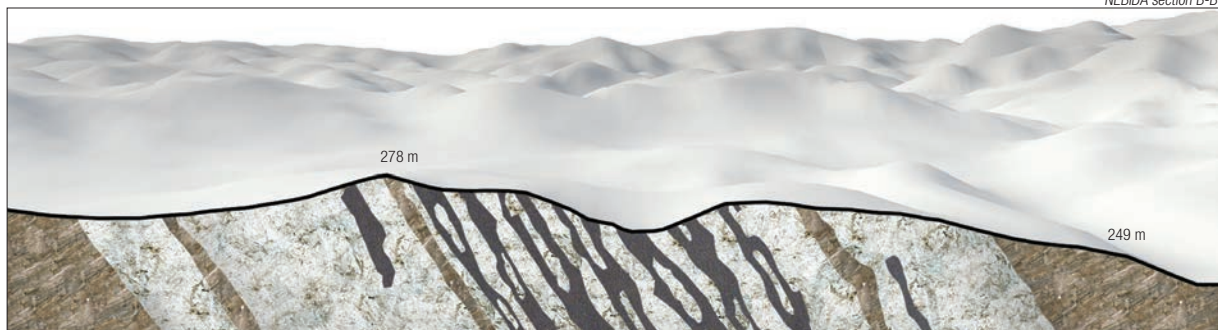
Inside Monteponi mine



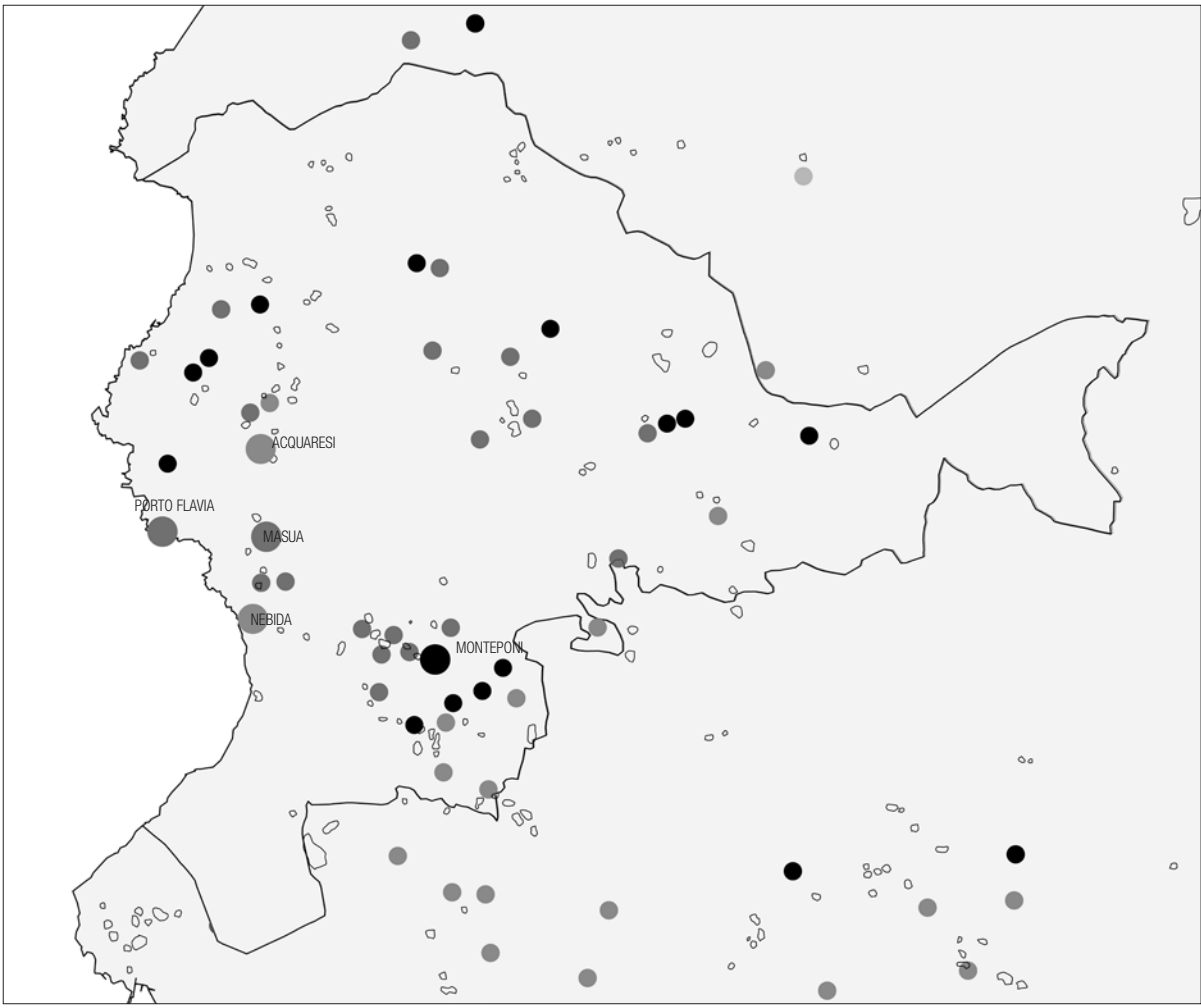
MASUA section A-A'



NEBIDA section B-B'



MONTEPONI section C-C'



SARDINIA MINES

Argentiera, Nurra	3%
Orani, Guzzurra	9%
Sulcis	22%
Guspinese, Arburese	7%
Sarrabus, Gerrei	19%
Funtana Raminosa	2%
Iglesiente	38%



SARDINIA MINERALS

Silvery Galena	28%
Antracite, others	2%
Lead, Zinc, Silver	58%
Lead, Zinc, Silver, Copper	12%



IGLESIENTE MINERALS

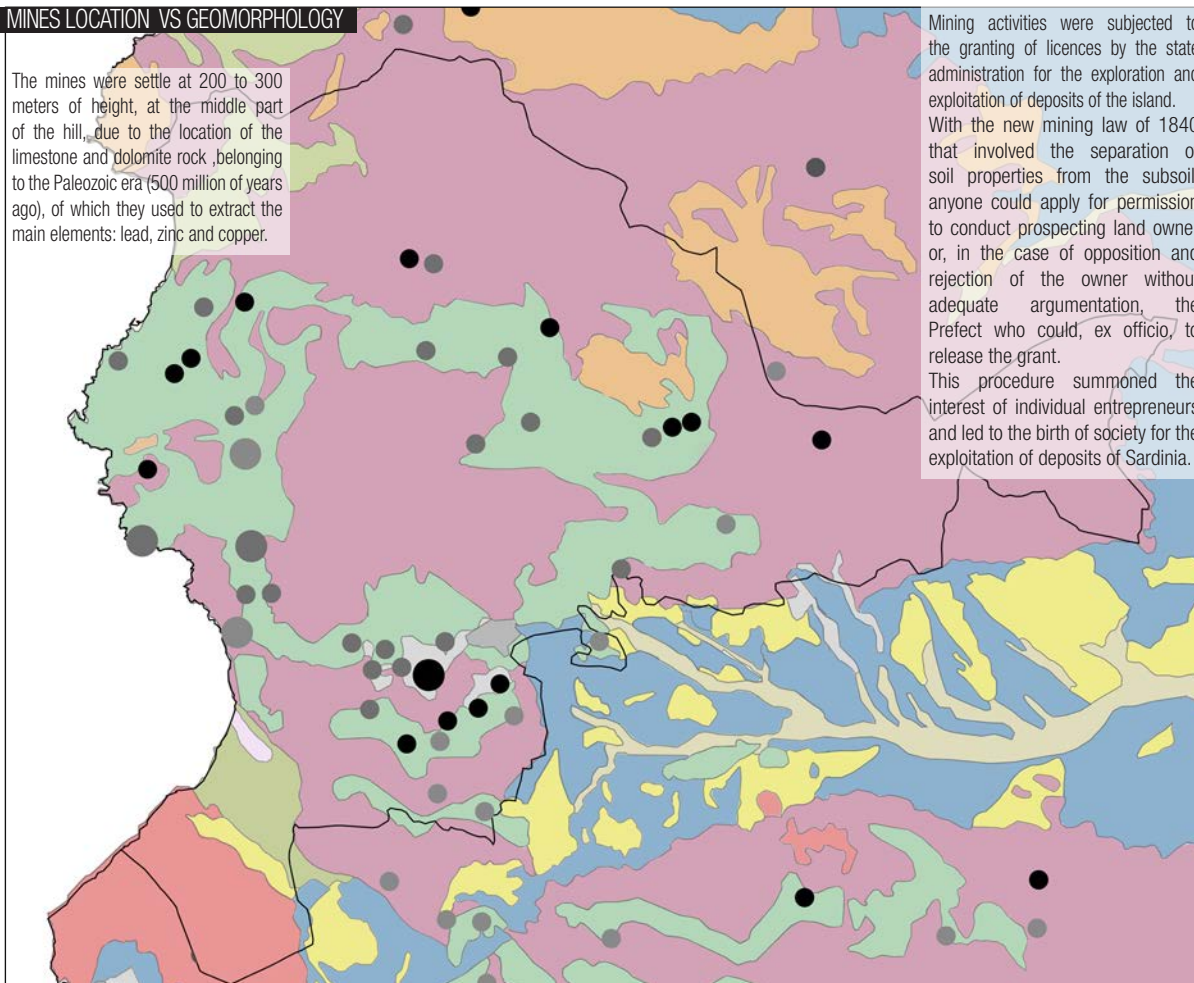
Flourine, Barium	18%
Lead, Zinc, Silver	49%
Lead, Zinc, Silver, Copper	33%



- Mines extracting Lead, Zinc, Silver, Copper
- Mines extracting Lead, Zinc, Silver
- Mines extracting Flourine, Barium
- Excavations

MINES LOCATION VS GEOMORPHOLOGY

The mines were settle at 200 to 300 meters of height, at the middle part of the hill, due to the location of the limestone and dolomite rock ,belonging to the Paleozoic era (500 million of years ago), of which they used to extract the main elements: lead, zinc and copper.

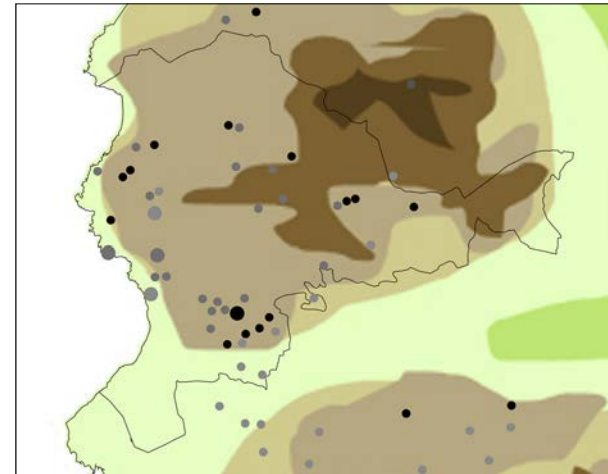


Mining activities were subjected to the granting of licences by the state administration for the exploration and exploitation of deposits of the island. With the new mining law of 1840 that involved the separation of soil properties from the subsoil, anyone could apply for permission to conduct prospecting land owner or, in the case of opposition and rejection of the owner without adequate argumentation, the Prefect who could, ex officio, to release the grant. This procedure summoned the interest of individual entrepreneurs and led to the birth of society for the exploitation of deposits of Sardinia.

Mines location vs type of soil

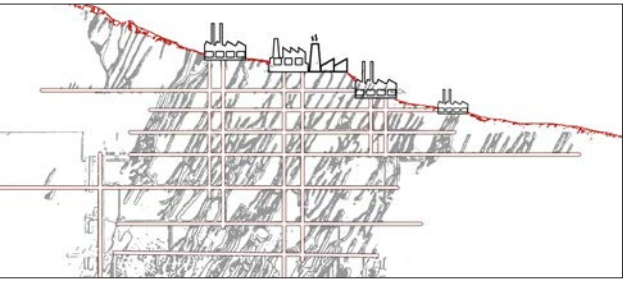
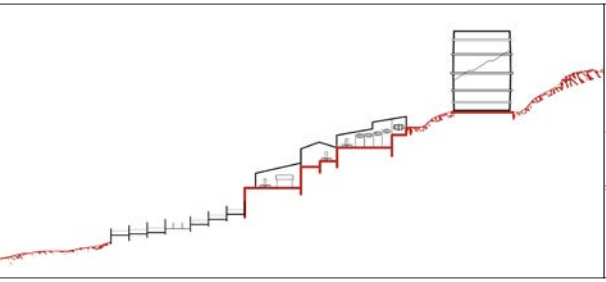
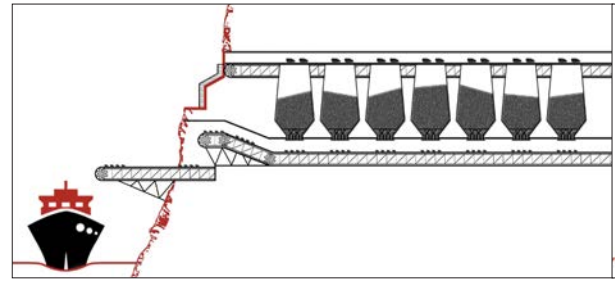
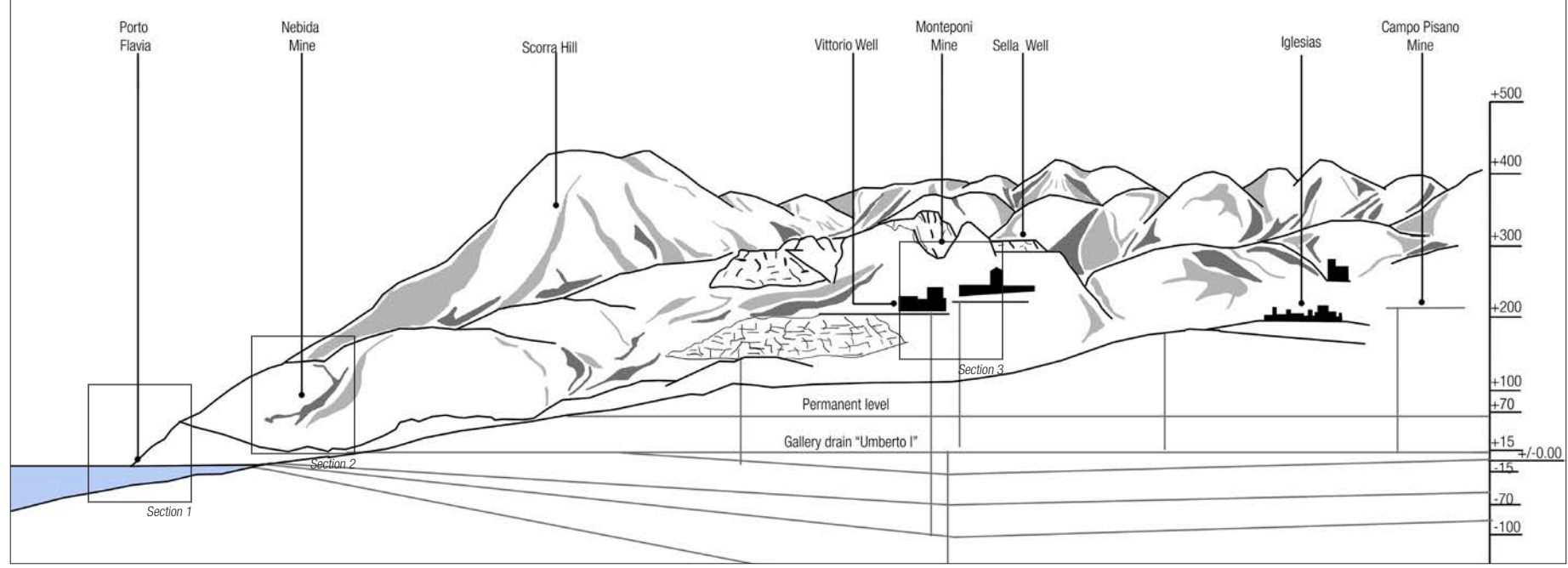


Mines location vs Stratigraphic map



Mines location vs Altimetry

MINING TECHNIQUES



DUMPS OF RESIDUAL MATERIALS

Mining dumps are mostly made up of coarse materials which have not undergone any transformation after the extraction process. The deposits of slag and sludge derived from industrial processes (mineralurgical and metallurgical) constitute dangerous sources of pollution for the surrounding territories, first for the waters, both superficial and deep, but also for soils and, indirectly, for agricultural activities and pastoral.

These heaps of materials are breaking the natural vegetation along entire mountainsides. The substrate instability contribute, with the presence of pollutants, to make the development of vegetation and the evolution of the soil extremely difficult.



Residual materials in the mine of Masua



Residual sterile materials of mining activities

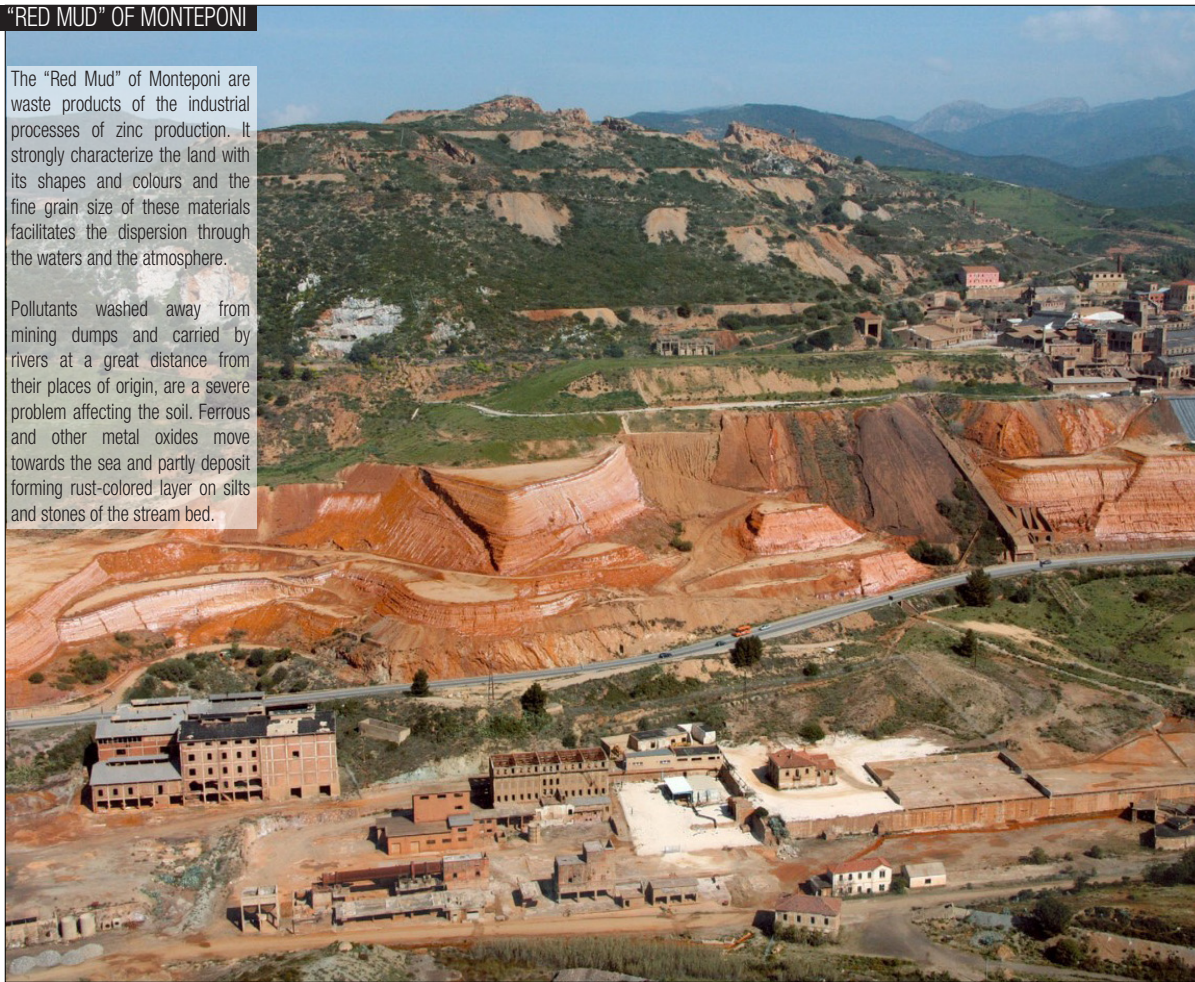


Residual sterile materials of mining activity in Monte Scorra (Iglesias) above which vegetation is growing again

"RED MUD" OF MONTEPONI

The "Red Mud" of Monteponi are waste products of the industrial processes of zinc production. It strongly characterizes the land with its shapes and colours and the fine grain size of these materials facilitates the dispersion through the waters and the atmosphere.

Pollutants washed away from mining dumps and carried by rivers at a great distance from their places of origin, are a severe problem affecting the soil. Ferrous and other metal oxides move towards the sea and partly deposit forming rust-colored layer on silts and stones of the stream bed.



General view of the "Red Mud" of Monteponi



Polluting substances that are washed away from mining dumps



The "Red Mud" of Monteponi

COLLAPSES OF THE LAND

The weakening of the soil due to centuries of deep excavations in the subsoil for the extraction of minerals, has sometimes caused the collapse of the ground determining these large voids in the territory.



Collapse occurred at the mine of Masua due to the weakening of the soil because of mining activity



Mine of San Giorgio



Hole opened in 2009 in the Paleozoic hills of Narcao along a steep slope near a tectonic discontinuity

OPEN-AIR EXCAVATIONS

Open-air excavations are on the slopes and on the tops of many mountains. In the photos it is obvious that in many cases the topography of the area has been deeply transformed by mining exploitations.



Mining site of Cungiaus at Monteponi



Ilario extracting site at Sa Marchesa Mine



Eroded areas due to excavations over Monteponi

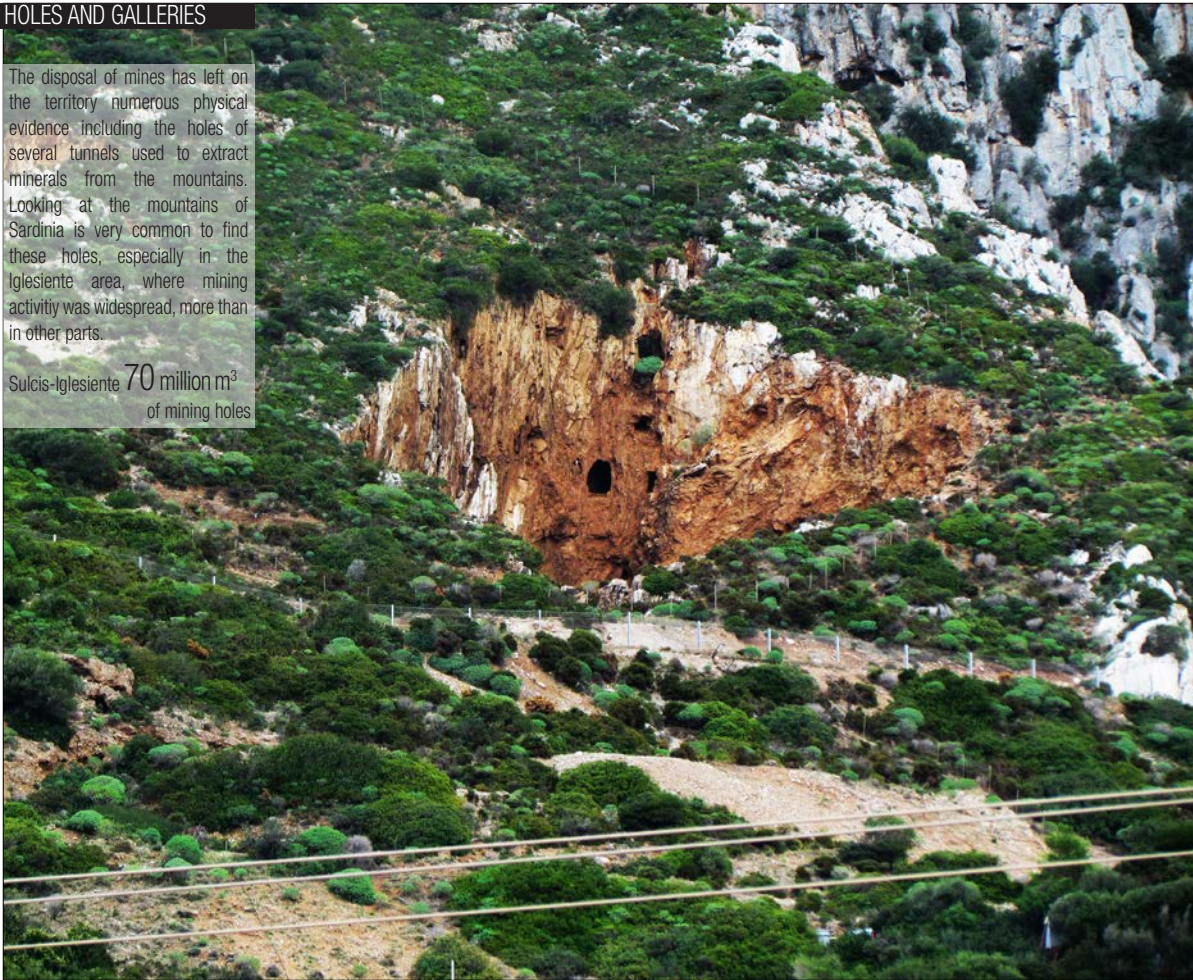


Open air excavation at Santa Lucia mine

HOLES AND GALLERIES

The disposal of mines has left on the territory numerous physical evidence including the holes of several tunnels used to extract minerals from the mountains. Looking at the mountains of Sardinia is very common to find these holes, especially in the Iglesiente area, where mining activity was widespread, more than in other parts.

Sulcis-Iglesiente **70 million m³**
of mining holes



Hole in the mountains in Monteponi mining site



Former gallery



Entrance of the mine of Porto Flavia

PHASES

research and cultivation of minerals with opencast excavations and/or the construction of trenches and tunnels for inspection and cultivation

treatment of mineral extraction from tout venant

metallurgical treatment of mineral extraction from tout venant

TYPICAL SCENARIOS

portions of mineralized material or not cost-effective mineralizations piled up outside the sites

accumulation of mineralized material, accumulation of enriched material and metallurgical treatment residuals

processing enriched material with the accumulation of residual material resulting from this treatment

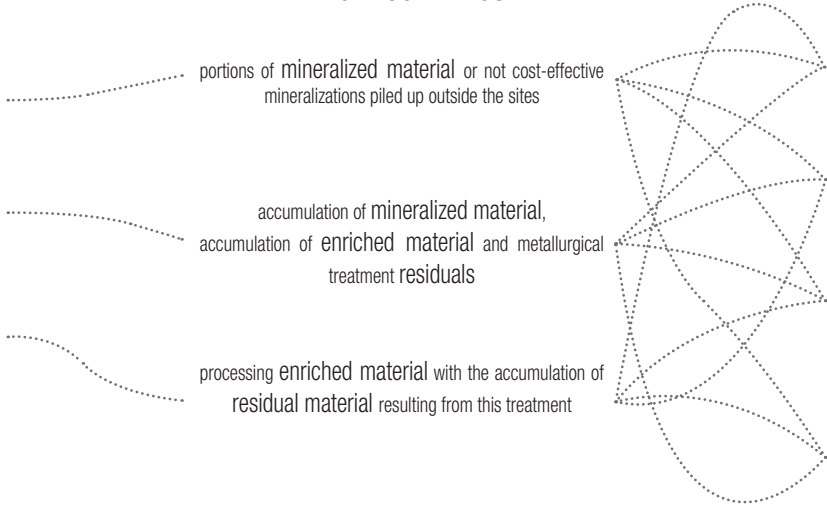
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

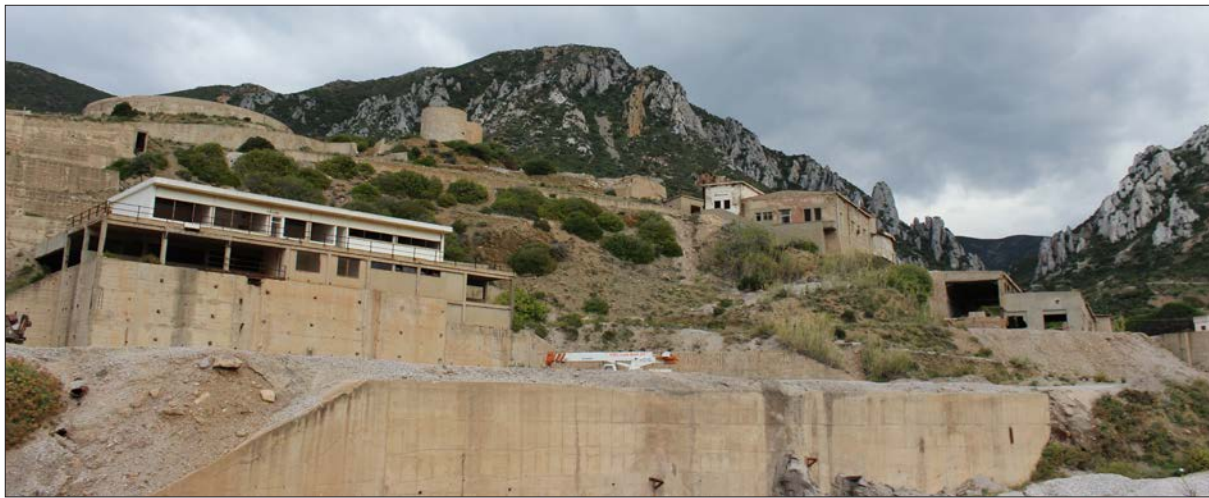
Thin-grained residuals from sand and silts

contamination by heavy metals from aggregation of material exposed to the erosive action of surface water flow

move of contaminated materials that were deposited in river mouths, coastal ponds, sediments and marine beach deposits, sometimes dispersed in extened or dense areas

accumulations of contaminated material, stratified in sediments of coastal and harbour beach





Open-air excavations
24.263 m²

Mining dumps
332.910 m²

Residual muds
168.300 m²

Mineral accumulation
3.403 m²



Major treatment plant located a few meters from the beach

Open-air and underground cultivations surrounding the village

Treatment of the material extracted from the mine of Acquaresi, Nebida and small adjacent deposits

Residuals of treatment discharged directly into the sea; only in the last period of activity, large sterile basins were created near the plant

In the area surrounding the plant, several non-confined accumulations of treated mineral: potential risk to human health and to the quality of the ecosystem

Pollution mainly from the oxidation of sulfides produce a strong acidification of the substrate releasing zinc and lead



Open-air excavations
684.152 m²

Mining dumps
775.870 m²

Residual muds
1.209.380 m²

Mineral accumulation
207.565 m²

Dispersion of residual material (especially red mud) due to the wind and runoff water

Contaminated surface water and sediments with arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead and zinc

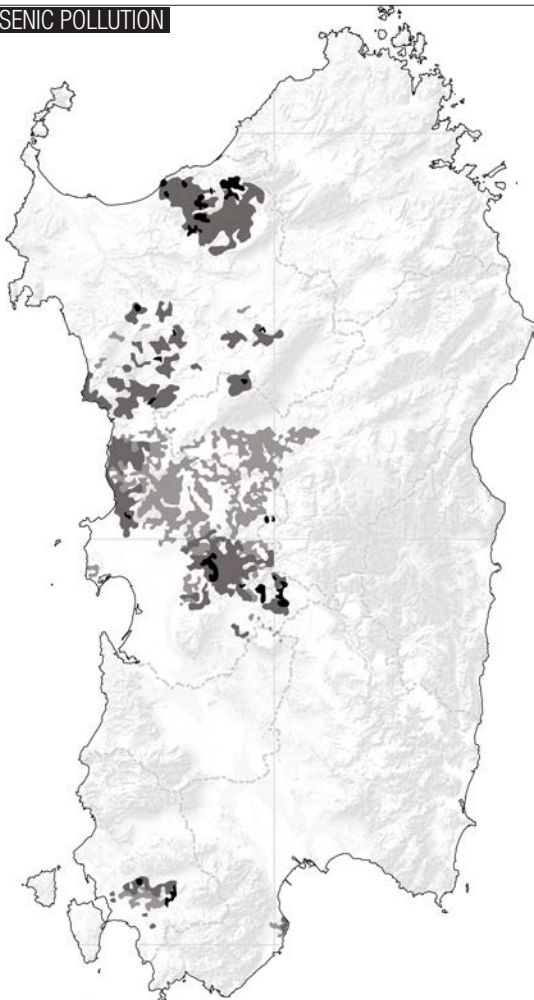
Mineralurgical components, due to contact with atmosphere, surface waters and groundwater, are subject to constant change as a result of oxidation-reduction reactions that alter the species leading to new minerals.

The geochemical risk is often amplified by the content in mineral sulphides which, after oxidation induced by exposure to air, causes acidification of water and increase the mobility and bioavailability of potential contaminants in environment

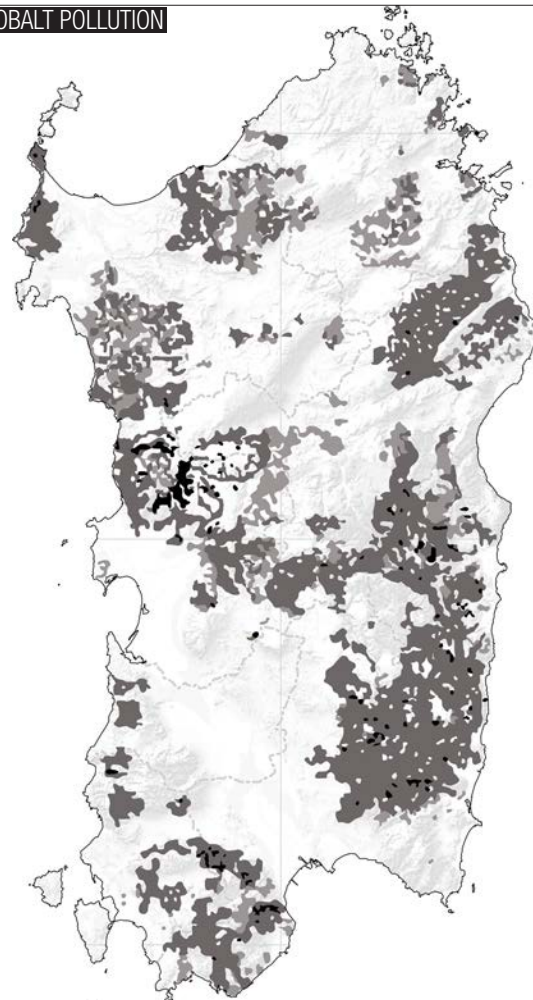
Unfenced excavations, open mining way-in, unstable buildings



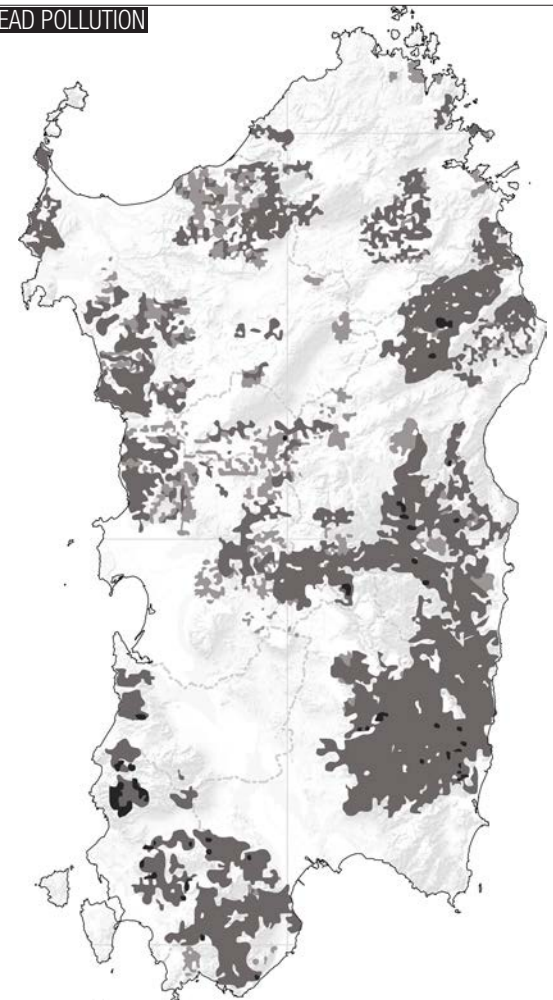
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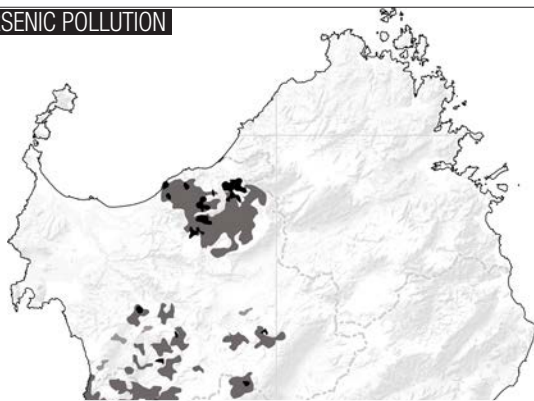
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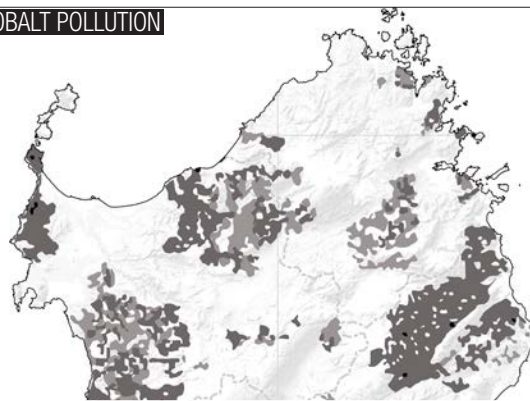


ARSENIC POLLUTION



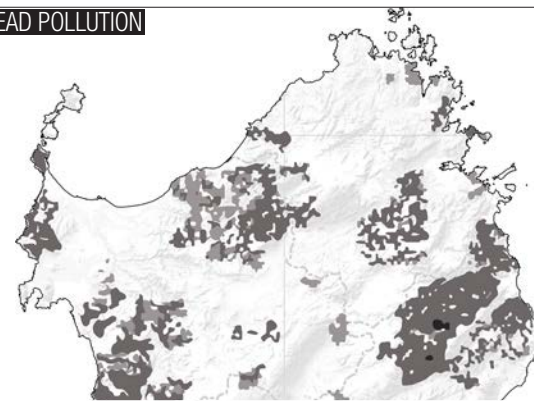
Risk areas due to Arsenic pollution are identified around Laconi, in the southeast of Carbonia and in a significant area between Castelsardo, Tempio Pausania, and Sassari. All the risk areas are characterized by outcrops of Tertiary calcalkaline andesite-rhyolite volcanics.

COBALT POLLUTION



Significant risk areas land use occur between Macomer and Oristano, where Plio-Pleistocene alkaline to subalkaline outcrops are present. Other isolated risk areas, for both the residential and agricultural land uses, are found in the southeastern and southwestern Sardinia.

LEAD POLLUTION



Risk areas have been identified around the town of Iglesias, with the historic Lead and Zinc mining district and its widespread dumps and tailings. Smaller and scattered risk areas are also seen southeast of Carbonia, in the Villasalto area, east of Laconi, west of Urzulei and between Siniscola and Bitti.

NEW GROWING VEGETATION ON POLLUTED SITES



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The *Genista sulcitana* endemism can form garrigues and low spots over dumps and flotation basin.



Rumex bucephalophorus L. - annual herb forming extensive colonies on coarse-grained substrates, usually sandy or gravelly soils, particularly in river channels. It fits very well in the dumps, creating a uniform coverage.



The *Resedo-Limonietum merxmuelleri* is plant of Iglesias, where it has its greatest development on thin or coarse-grained soils heavily polluting. The photo shows a population on a sludge basin.



Once, with the passage of time, the pioneer vegetation favoured the stabilization of dumps, on these a new soil starts forming and more demanding plants in soil and less tolerant about pollution can take over. On the dumps, then, *Cistus* start growing.



Casabonae Ptilostemon colonizing a pebbly area on mining dump; suitable to spread out of these materials, poor and inconsistent, due to the high number of seeds produced, the ability of the roots to grow deep stabilizing the substrate and the high tolerance to heavy metals in the soil.



MASUA DEVELOPMENT 1954-2010



Masua in 2010



Masua in 1968



Masua in 1977



Masua in 1954

NEBIDA DEVELOPMENT 1954-2010



Nebida in 2010



Nebida in 1968



Nebida in 1977

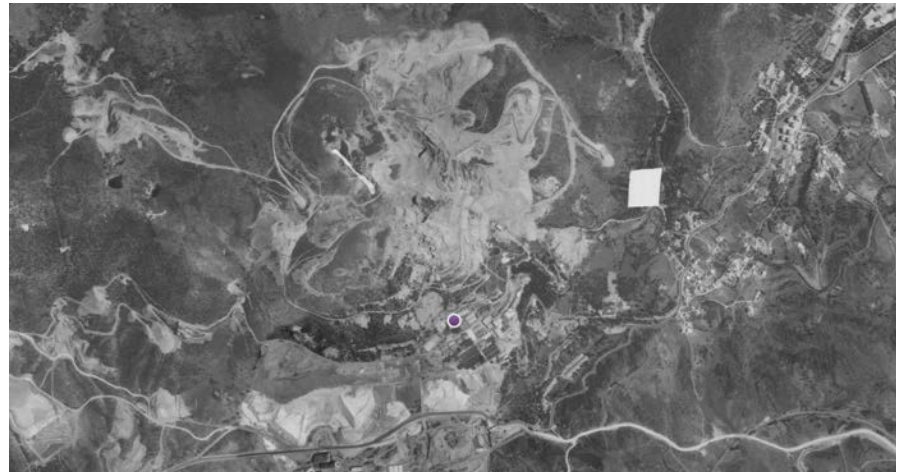


Nebida in 1954

MONTEPONI DEVELOPMENT 1954-2010



Monteponi in 2010



Monteponi in 1968



Monteponi in 1977



Monteponi in 1954

REOPENING	Is the reopening of zinc mines a possibility, on the accountance of periodical floods?
REFILLING	Refilling of the voids would consume 2 millions m ³ of earth. Is it too expensive in terms of economy, management and manpower?
REUSE	Is it possible to reuse residual material with the help of new technologies?

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Macro-area Masua

Title of Intervention: *Plan of the coastal marine system characterization of Masua*

Typology of activity: Characterization plan

Status of implementation: Plan approved on 11 November 2005

FUTURE PLANS

Steps regarding the safety of mud reservoirs by improving and securing contaminated land, securing permanently i.e removing of mining dump sites that are in great danger. Also, tasks like identification and creation of a site for the materials removed have been taking place. Consolidation or uniting of the underground voids, remediation or removal of pollutants, contaminants and hazardous waste from the underground voids are also being processed.

Total cost: 32.000.000 euro

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Macro-area Valle of Rio San Giorgio-Iglesias

Title of Intervention: *Securing landfill "red mud" in the Valley of Iglesias*

Typology of activity: Permanent safety risk minimisation measures of pollution resulting from the storage of "red mud" and surrounding areas in the Valley of Iglesias

Status of implementation: Plan approved on 31 May 2005. Works is nearing completion

Title of Intervention: *The Monteponi mining area-San Giovanni mine (safety and environmental rehabilitation of excavation and mining dumps)*

Typology of activity:Emergency safety

Status of implementation: Plan analyzed on 11 November 2005. Works finished

FUTURE PLANS

Interventions relating to the reclamation of areas of Monteponi Red Mud and Pisano are in progress.They are subjected to productive redevelopment projects like removing or securing mineral and waste dumps in the areas in geater danger.Also one or more collection sites are being identified and implimented. Consolidation or uniting of the underground voids,remediation or removal of pollutants,contaminants and hazardous waste from the underground voids are also being processed.

Total cost: 123.000.000 euro

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