

FOURTH CATARACT – ULI ISLAND

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APPENDIX 2

ROCK DRAWINGS FROM ULI ISLAND

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Rock petroglyphs were recorded on seven sites identified during the survey of Uli Island. The drawings were fairly legible. Most of them depicted animals. A chronological attribution of the petroglyphs is possible only in the case of Uli 5, where three Greek crosses can be discerned. On the other sites, the representations can be dated only on the grounds of archaeological material from the vicinity and the iconography and style of the representation.

Two representations of cattle were identified on the north face of a small rock formation designated as Uli 30. Both were outlined by picking with a stone on the rock surface. One is 0.46 m long and 0.40 m high [Fig. 14 a], the other 0.31 m long and 0.23 m high [Fig. 14 b].

The figures were depicted facing right. In both cases the back leg, back and neck with head were depicted with a continuous line. In the drawing on the left, the same line went on to depict the front leg. Another line outlined continuously the other front leg, belly and second back leg. The long tail ends in a bunch of hair. The horns are rather massive and curving to the back. In the middle of the body, a wide vertical band connects the back with the belly. The animal is depicted in standing position. In the other figure, the horns are curved up in an arch. The second line marks the head, dewlap, front legs and part of the belly of the animal. The front legs are shown stepping forward.

The two images are likely connected with Kerma-Horizon occupation, a site at-

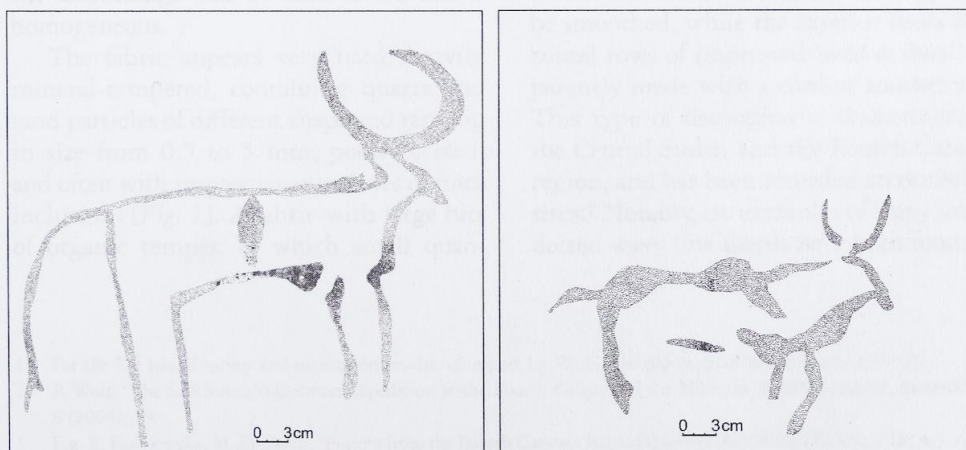


Fig. 14. Uli 30. Rock petroglyphs depicting cattle from Uli Island
(Drawing M. Osypińska)