A000-Eur-Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Bust-Ceramic-6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic



Fig. 1. Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Bust-Ceramic-6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic

**Case no.: 1**

**Accession Number:** A000

**Formal Label:** Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Bust-Ceramic-6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic

**Display Description:**

A hollow ceramic with suspension holes on either side suggesting its use was as a pendant. Images of anthropomorph masks such as this one may have been created for the kuker festival when strange, masked creatures were invoked to bless a fruitful harvest for the New Year. These hollow ceramic masks appear as though they were miniatures for such festivals.

**LC Classification:** DR98 S83

**Date or Time Horizon:** 6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic

**Geographical Area:** Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

**Map:**



Fig. 2. Map of location of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. From <http://latitude.to/lat/42.42604/lng/25.63356>



Fig. 3. Neolithic House, Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum, Bulgaria. http://www.getmetravelled.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Neolithic-Dwellings-Museum\_Stara\_Zagora\_Bulgaria.jpg

**GPS coordinates:** 42º25'33.74" N 25º38'0.81" E

**Cultural Affiliation:** 6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic

**Medium:** Original, ceramic; replica is made of a ceramic material and painted with special varnish and paint.

**Dimensions:** H 50 mm, W 33 mm

**Weight: 34 g**

**Condition: ceramic replica**

**Provenance:** original, Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum

**Discussion:**

The original wasfound in the ruins of a Neolithic settlement in the region of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria the Original is on display in the Archaeological Museum in Stara Zagora.

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