A000-Am,S-Moche-Figurine-Male-Ceramic-IV Period-400-600 CE





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**Formal Label:** Moche-Figurine-Male-Ceramic-IV Period-400-600 CE

**Display Description:** Moche ceramic of a high-ranking, seated male figurine wearing a crimson cap and cape, ivory nose ornament and circular shell earrings from the N Coast of Peru dating to the Moche 1V period 400-600 CE.

**LC Classification: F3430.1.**

**Date or Time Horizon:** 400 BCE-600 CE

**Geographical Area:** N coastal Peru

**Map, GPS coordinates: -6.80139 -79.60202; 6º48'5" S 79º36'7.28" W.**

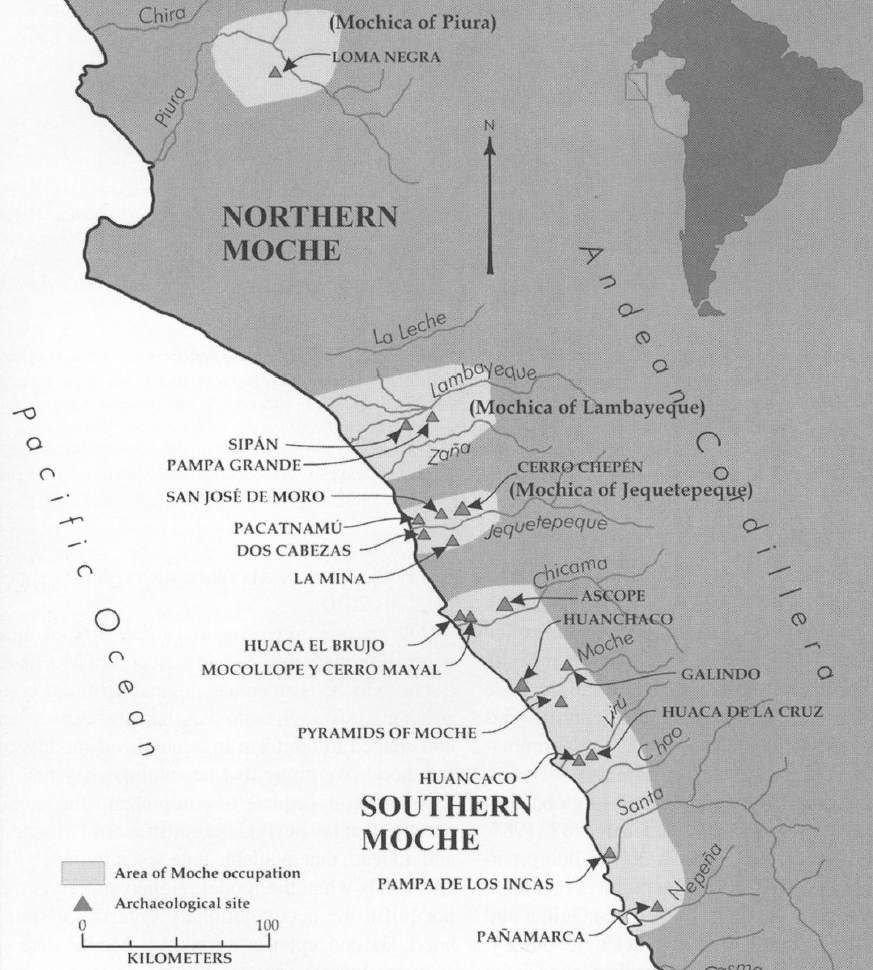


Fig. 6. Map of Moche regions as currently conceived and significant Moche sites. Map courtesy Moro Archaeological program.

**Cultural Affiliation:** Moche, Mochica

**Media:** clay; polychrome colors: red, cream, black, skin color

**Dimensions:** H mm; in

**Weight: gm; oz**

**Condition: original**

**Provenance:** unknown

**Discussion:**

In 1987 archaeologists excavated a site called Huaca Rajada, near the village of Sipán in the Lambayeque valley, and uncovered the elaborate, jewelry-filled tomb of a Moche warrior-priest. Several more burial chambers containing the remains of Moche royalty were soon excavated, all dating from about 300 ce. In 1997 excavations at Dos Cabezas, a site inhabited from roughly 150 to 500 CE, revealed the first of three tombs containing the remains of three Moche elite. Each tomb was adjacent to a small compartment containing a miniature representation of the contents of the tomb, complete with a copper figure representing the dead man. The skeletal remains indicated that each of the men was 8 to 12 inches taller than the average Moche adult male.

This figurine may be intended to indicate this dimporphic physical difference between the commoners and the high-ranking members of this society.

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