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Abstract

The Nevado de Chañi (5896 meters above sea level) is located in the eastern Andean Cordillera, between the Provinces of Salta and Jujuy, to the north of Argentine territory. In 1905, amidst a military campaign, an infant mummy with a textile wrapping was recovered from the heights of Nevado de Chañi and delivered to the Ethnographic Museum of Buenos Aires. The prospect campaigns, carried out by the author in the Nevado de Chañi in October of 1996 and December of 1997, permitted the discovery of the sanctuary architecture of the peak, intermediary stations and a base camp of said ceremonial complex as well as the surface collection of ceramic and bone materials, wood chip fragments and charcoal. Since, it has been attempted to obtain data that permit the inference of ritual use strategies and logistics of the mountains in times of Incan dominance in order to more fully understand the context in which the ceremony at Capacocha was performed.

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Highland shrines, Capacocha, ceremonial architecture.

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