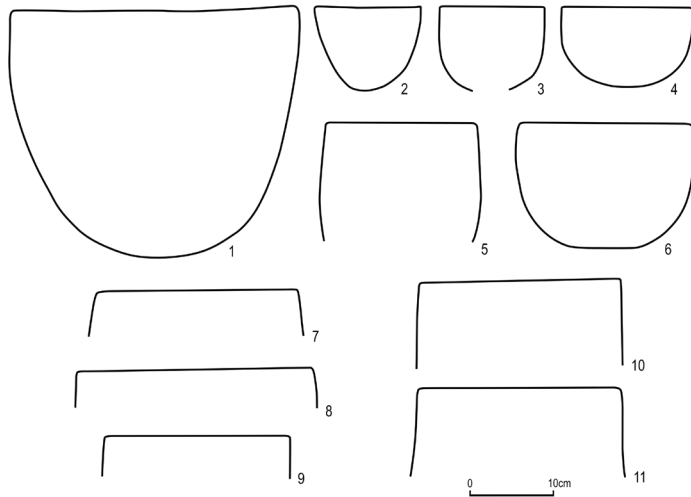


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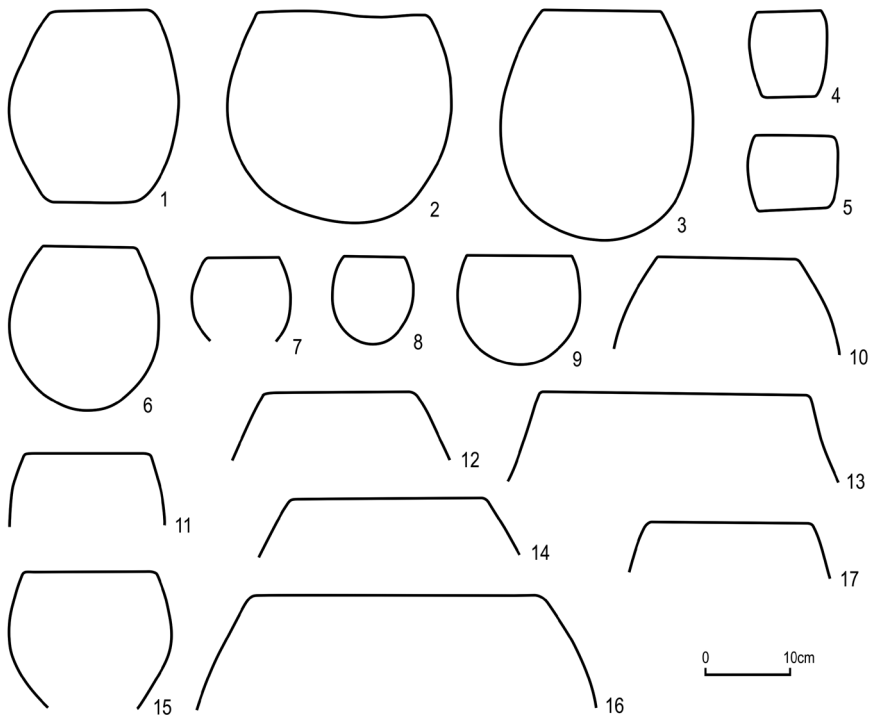




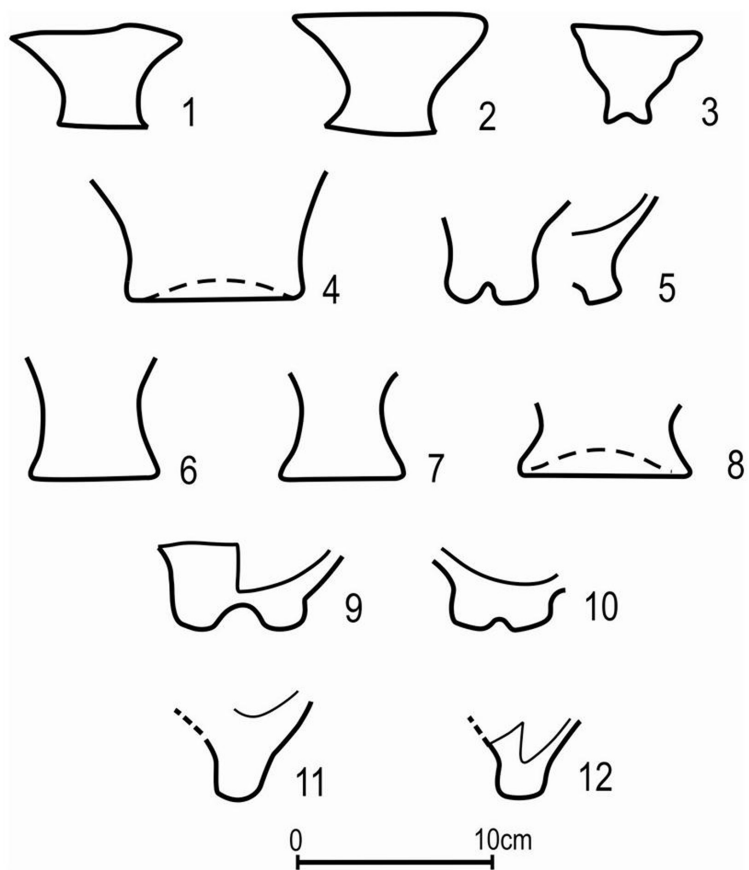
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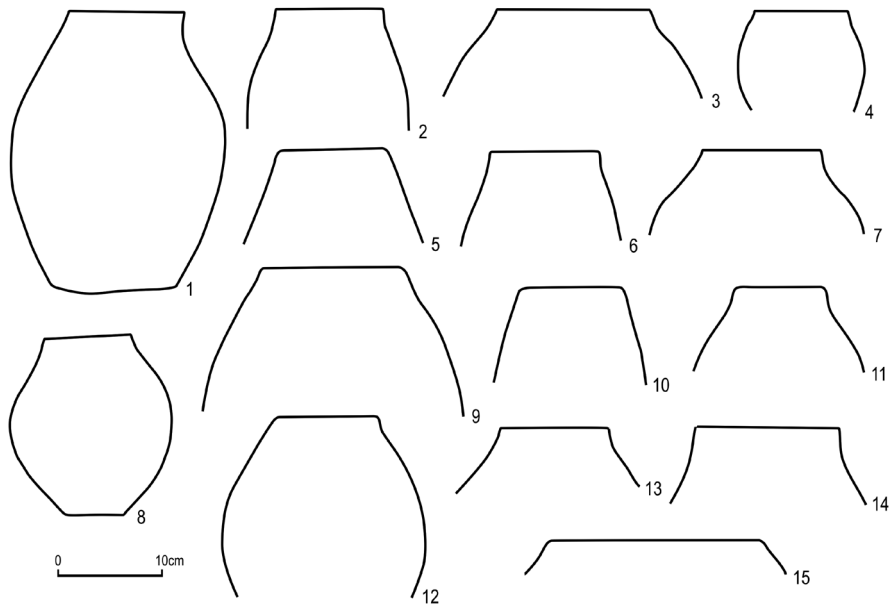
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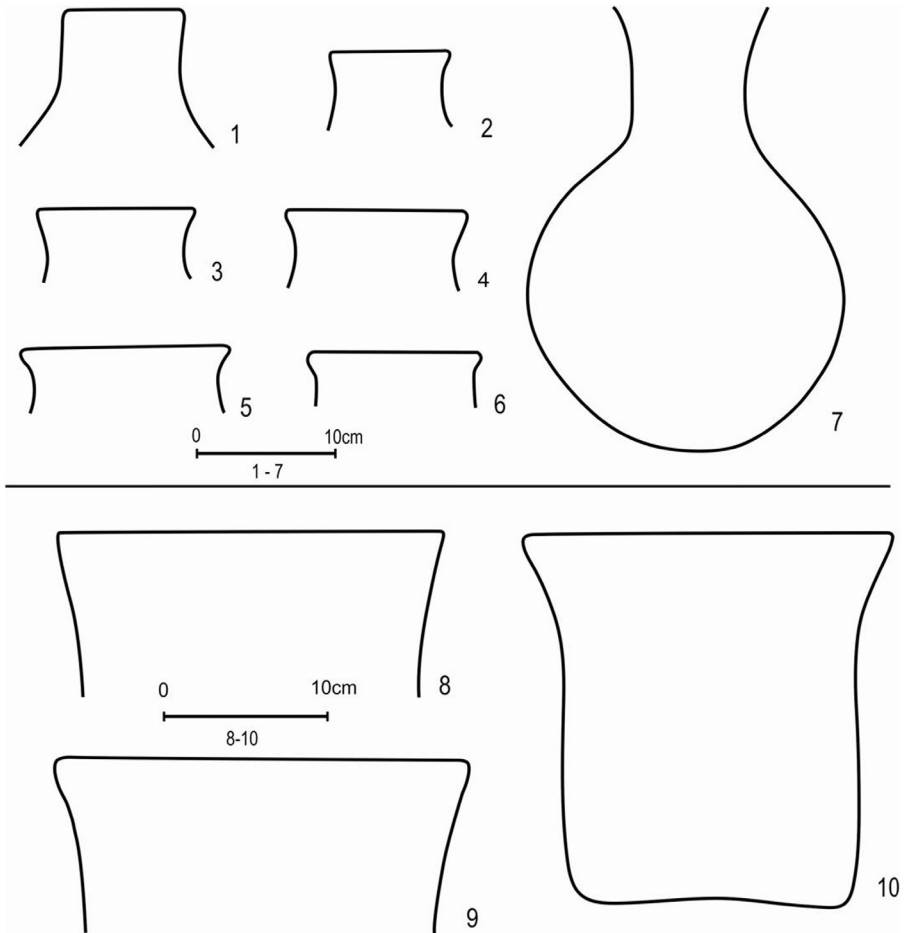
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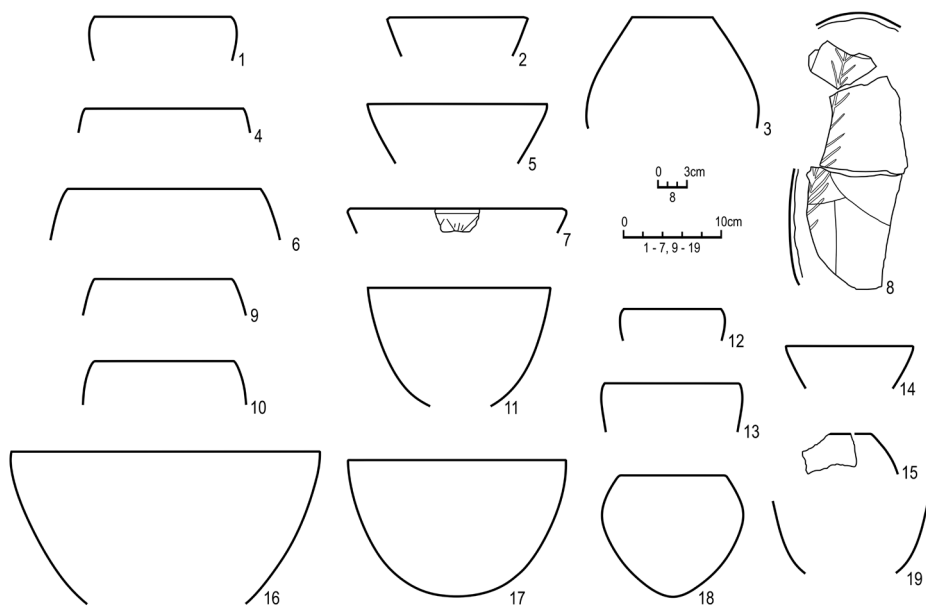
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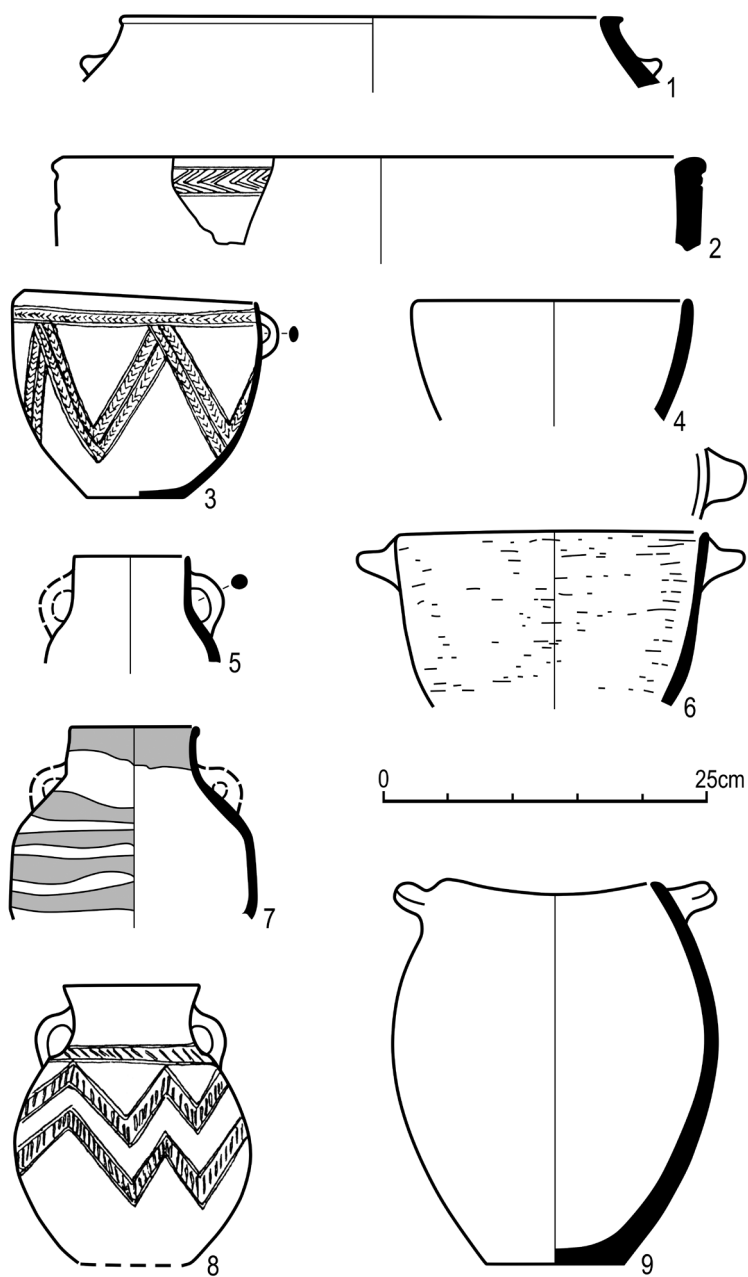


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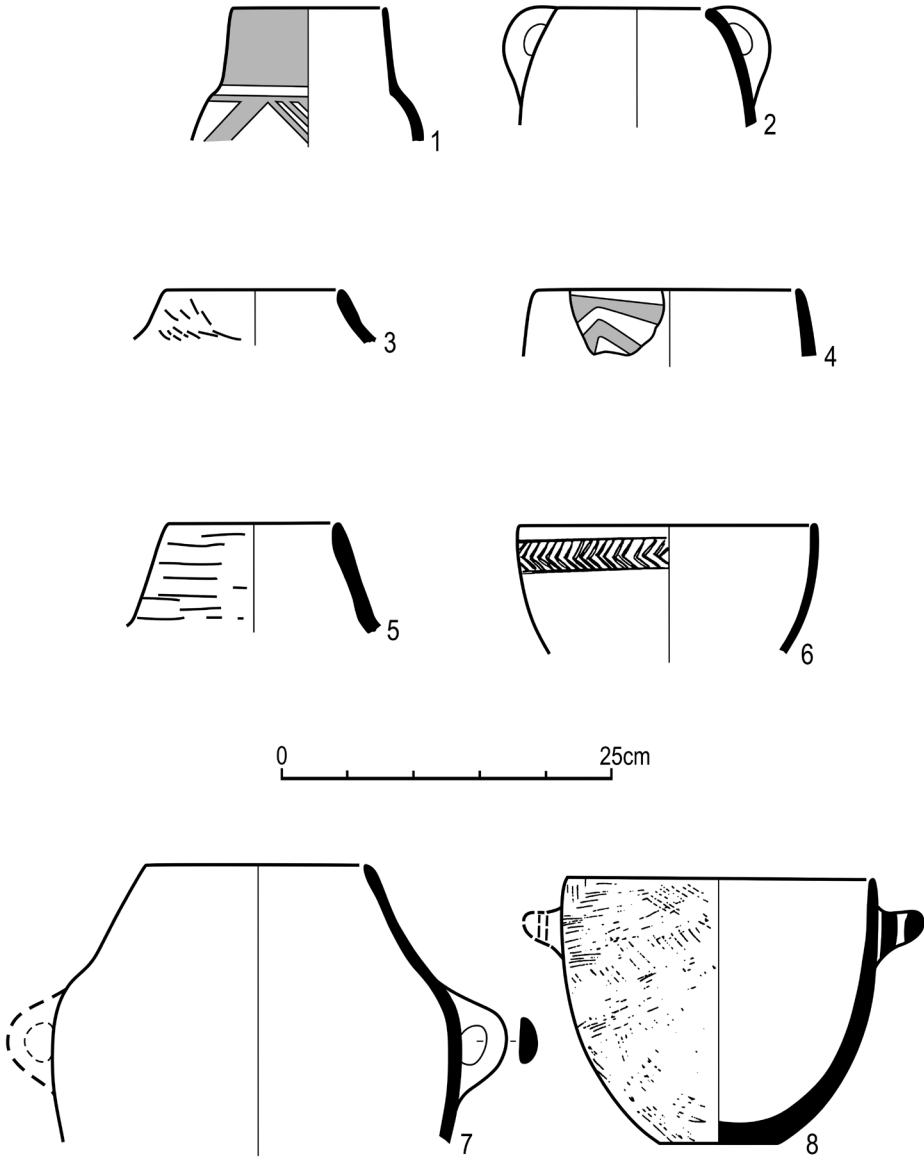
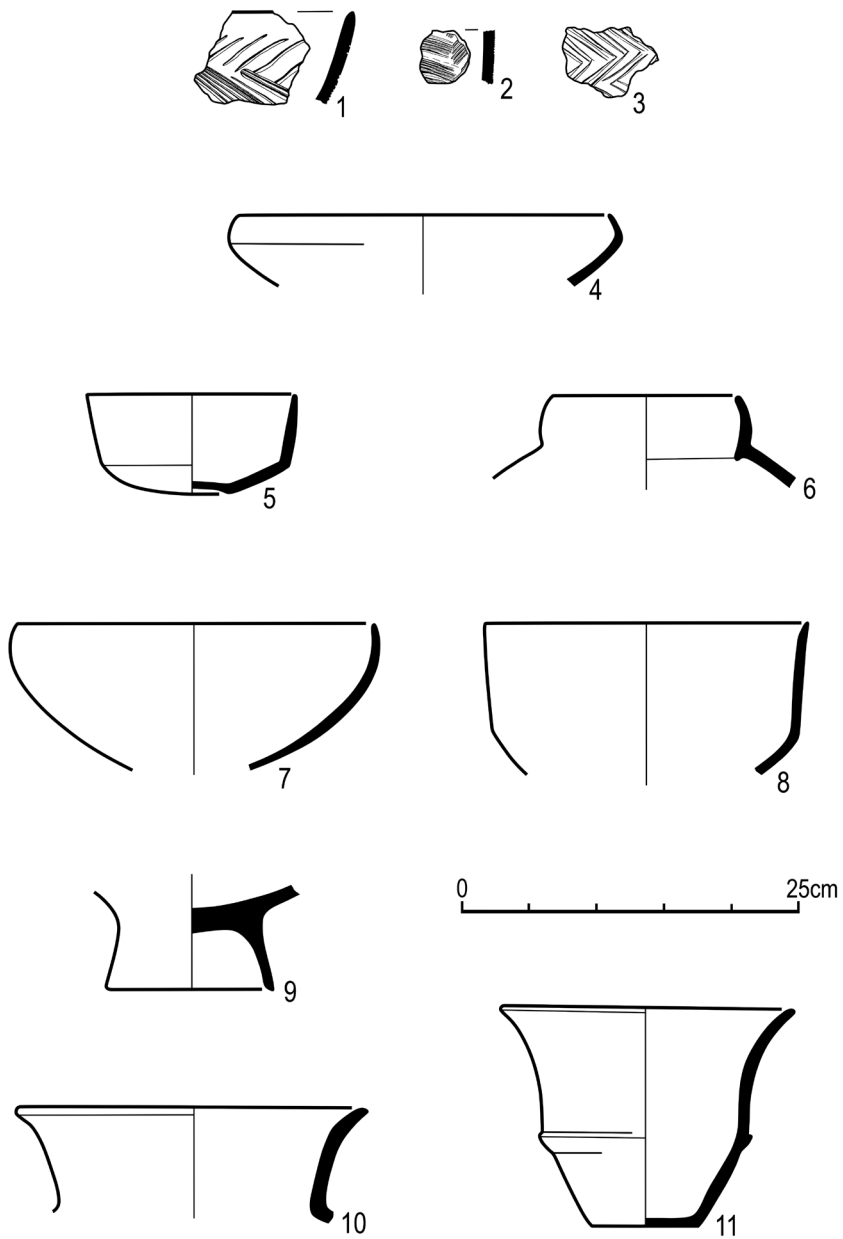
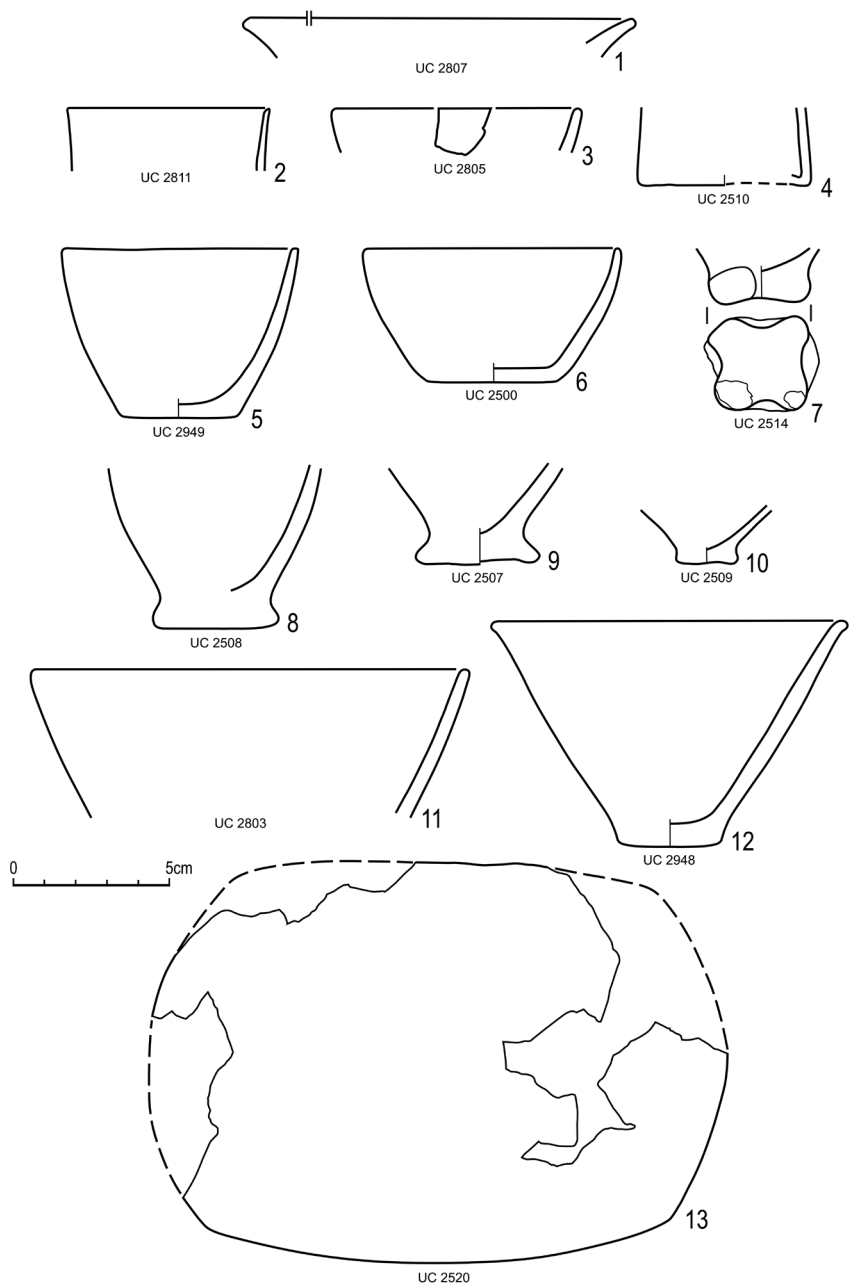


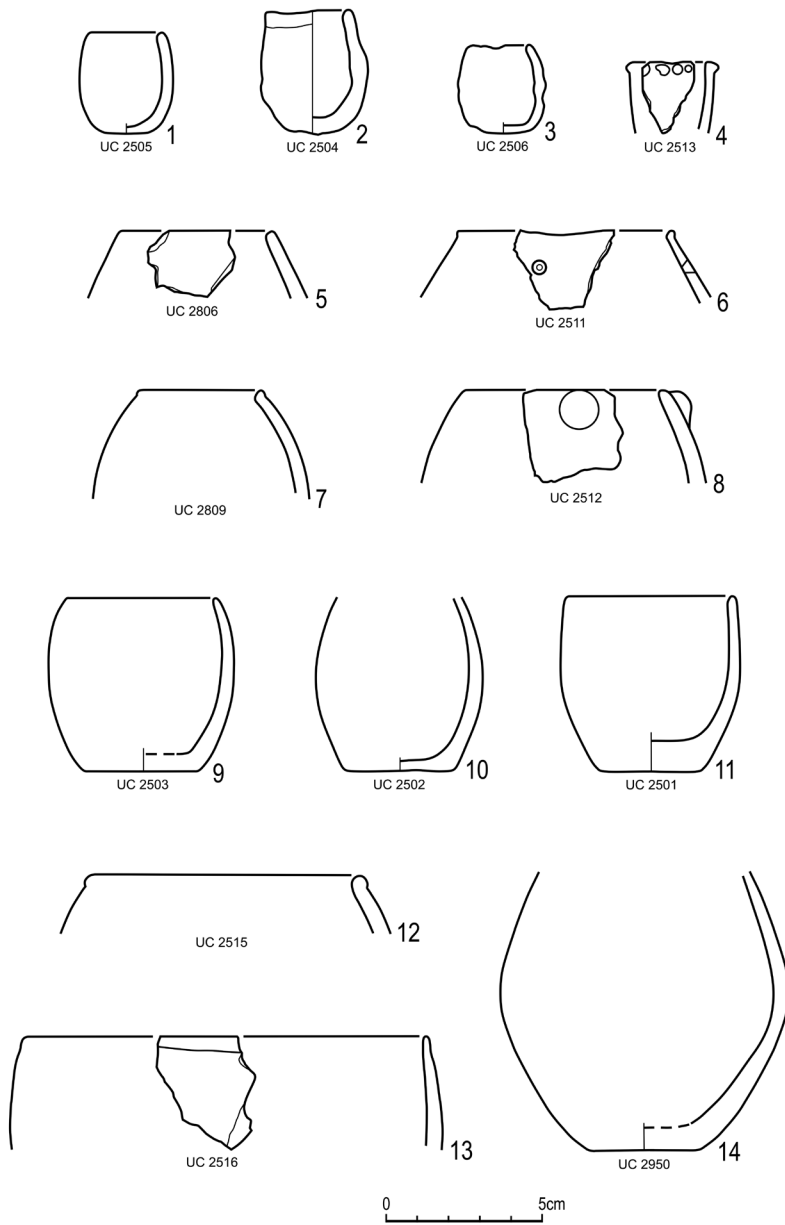
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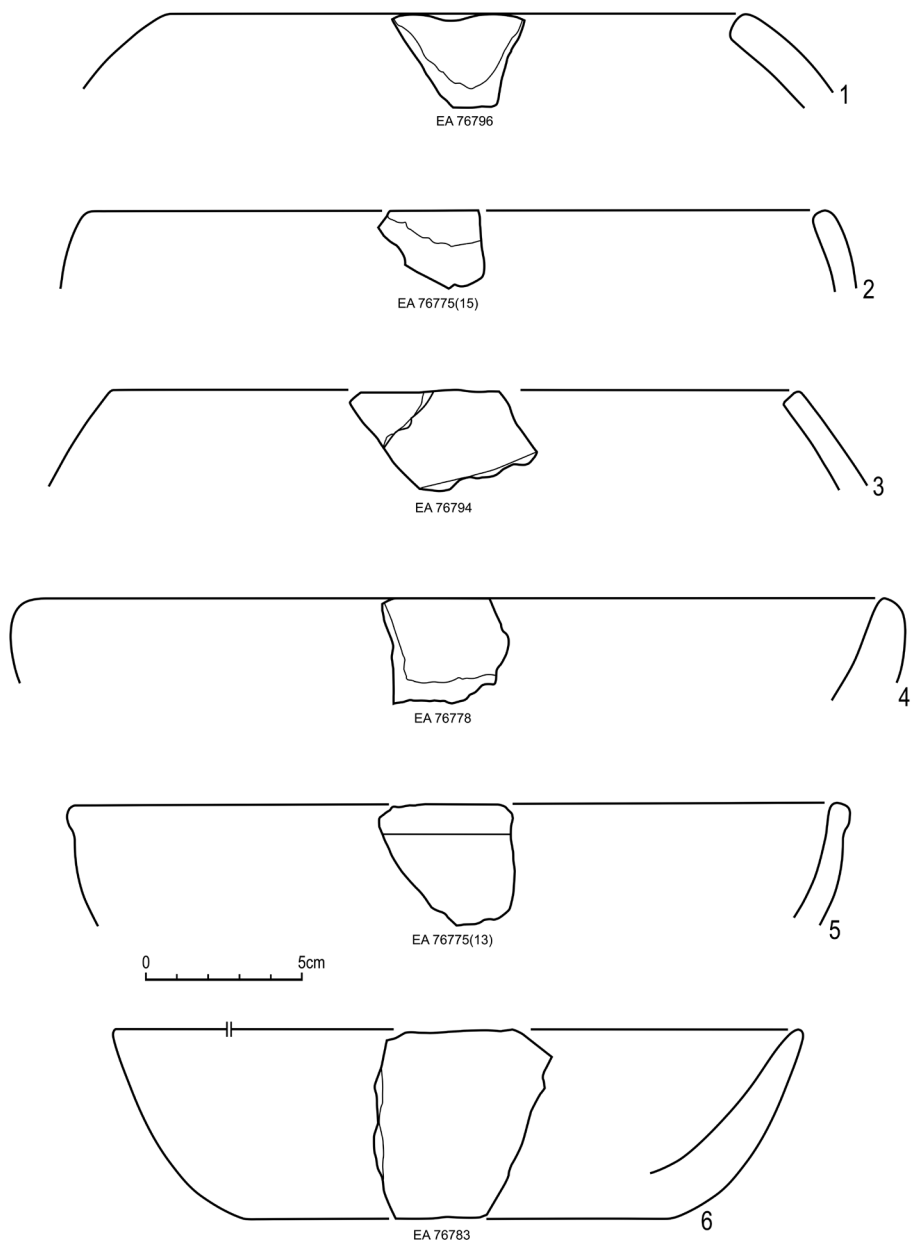
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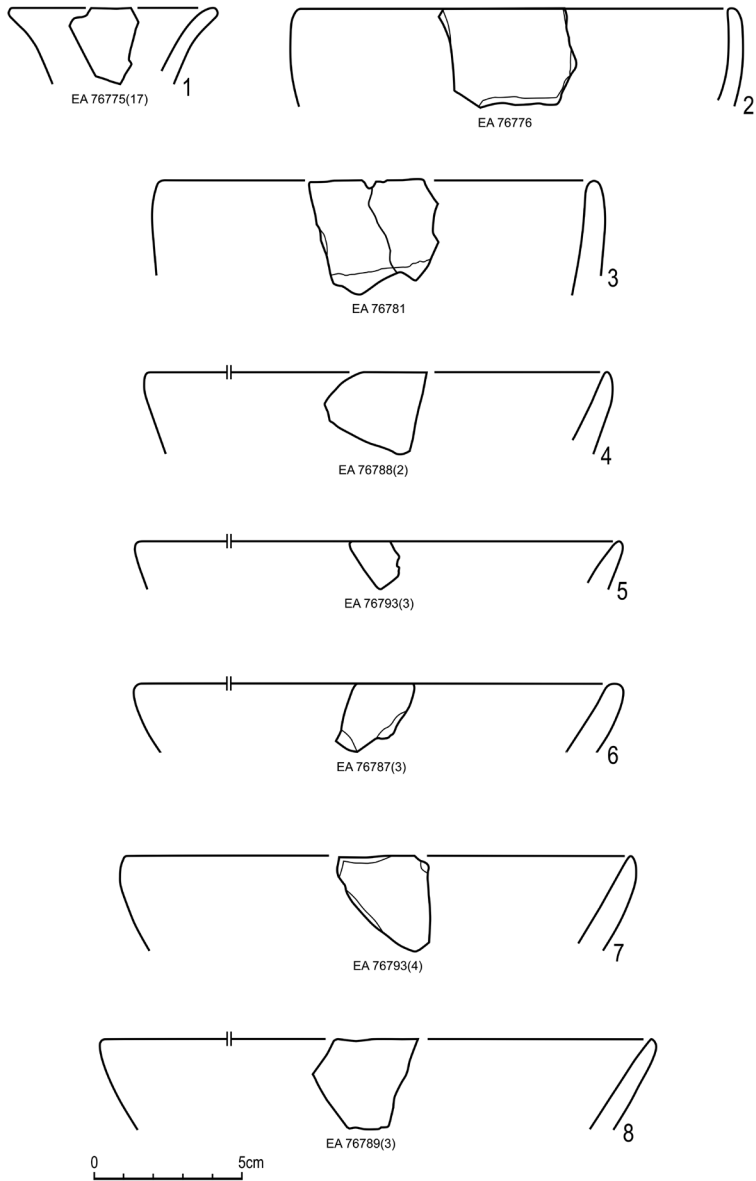
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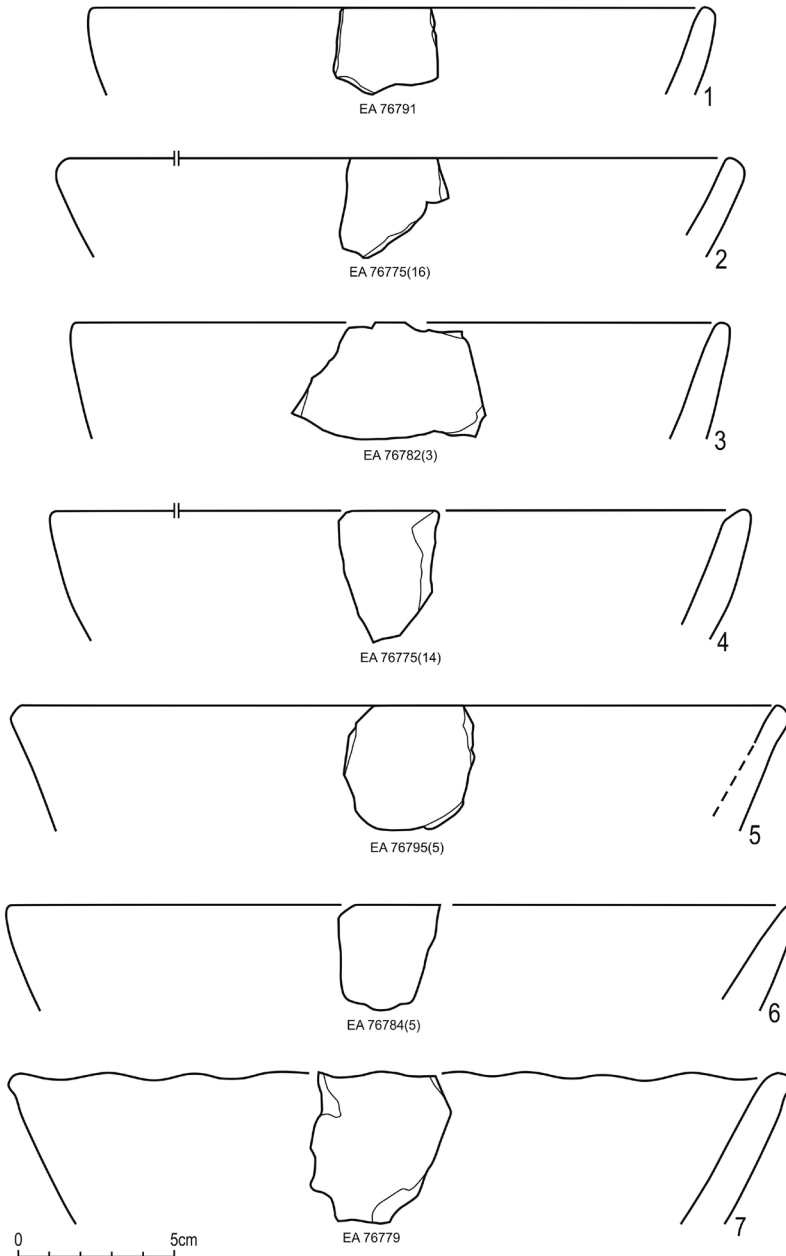
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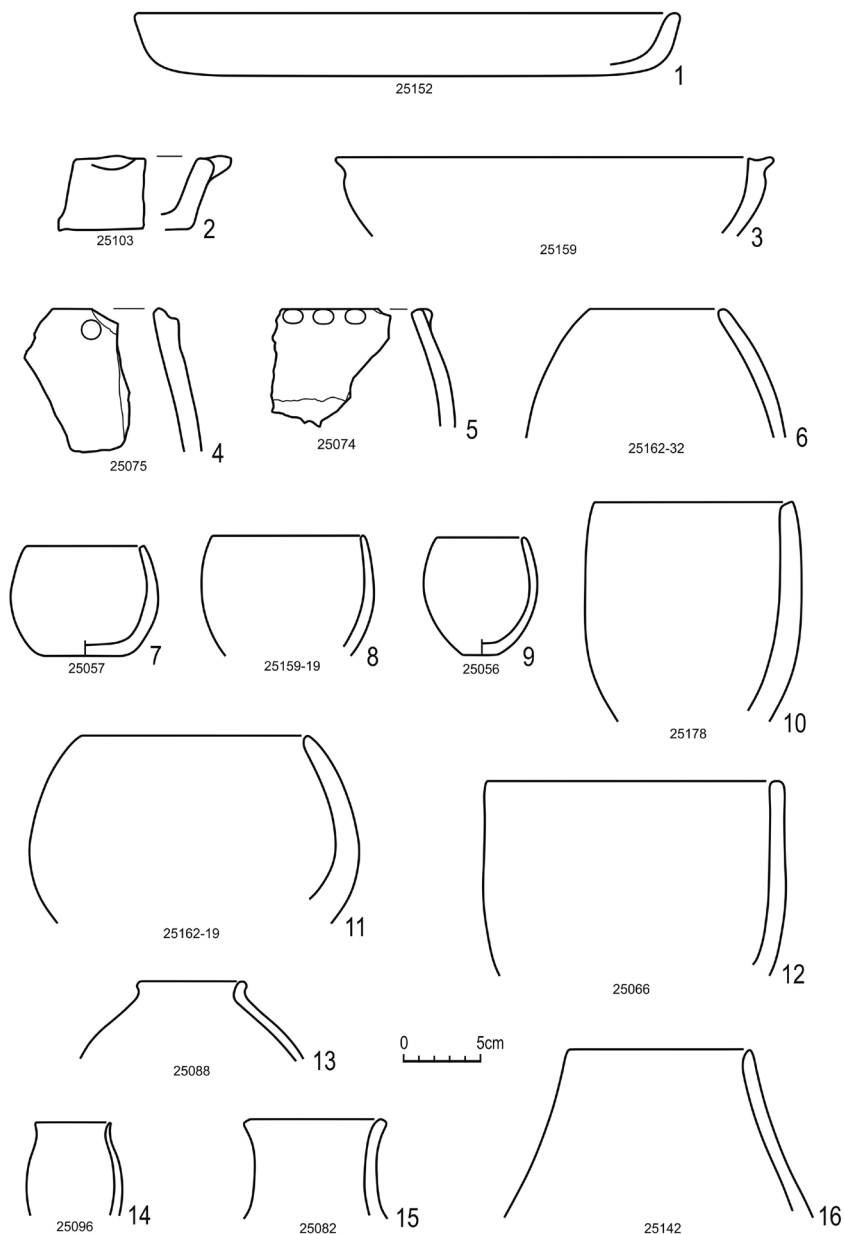


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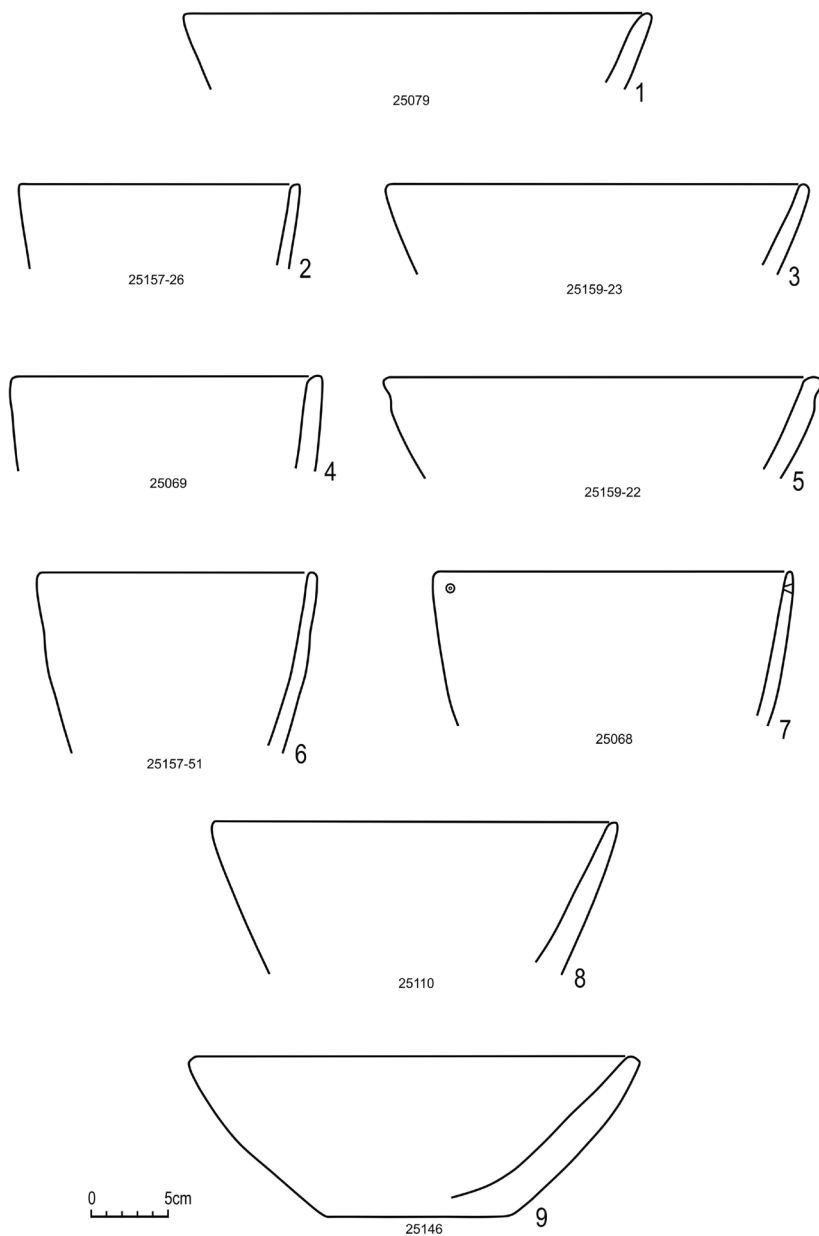


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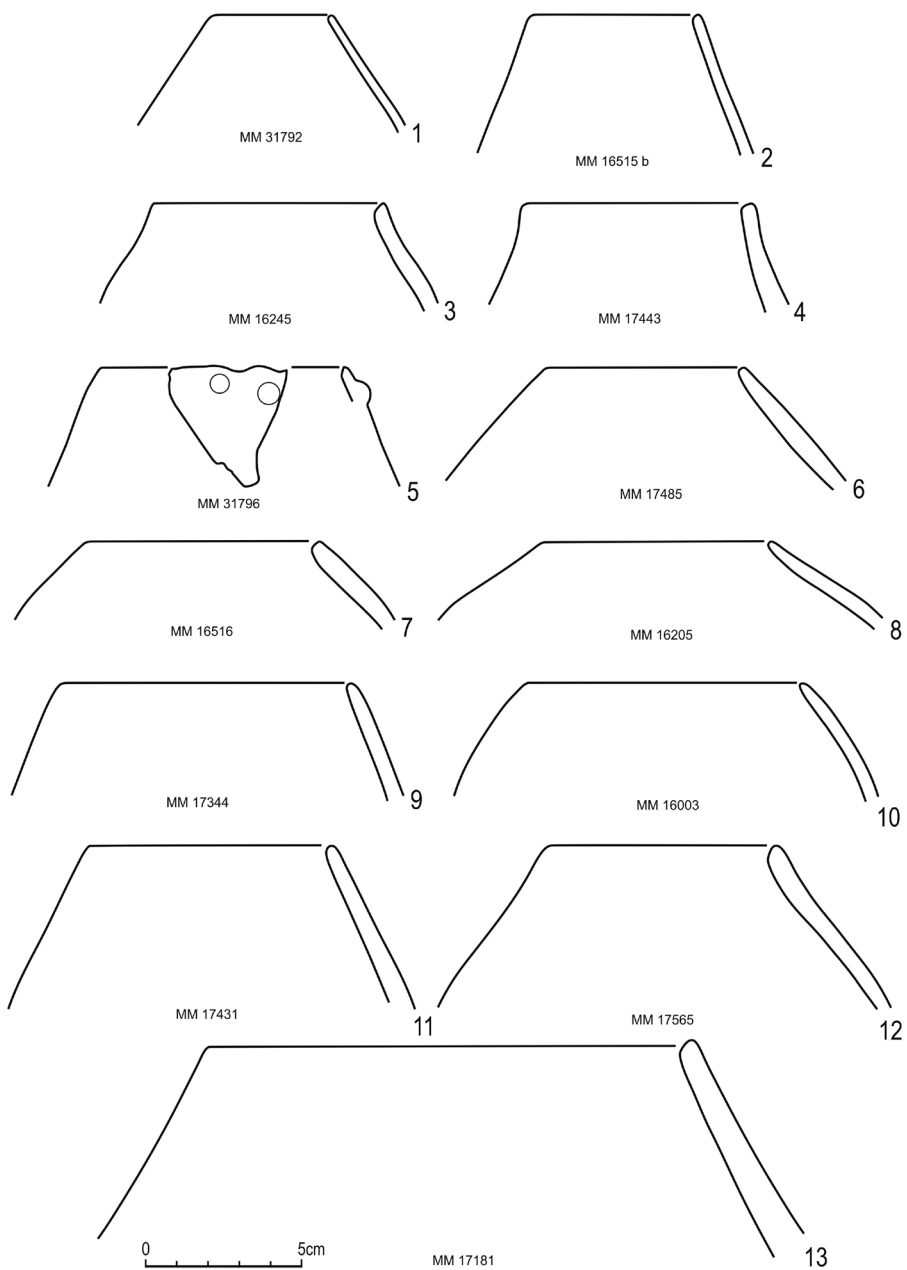




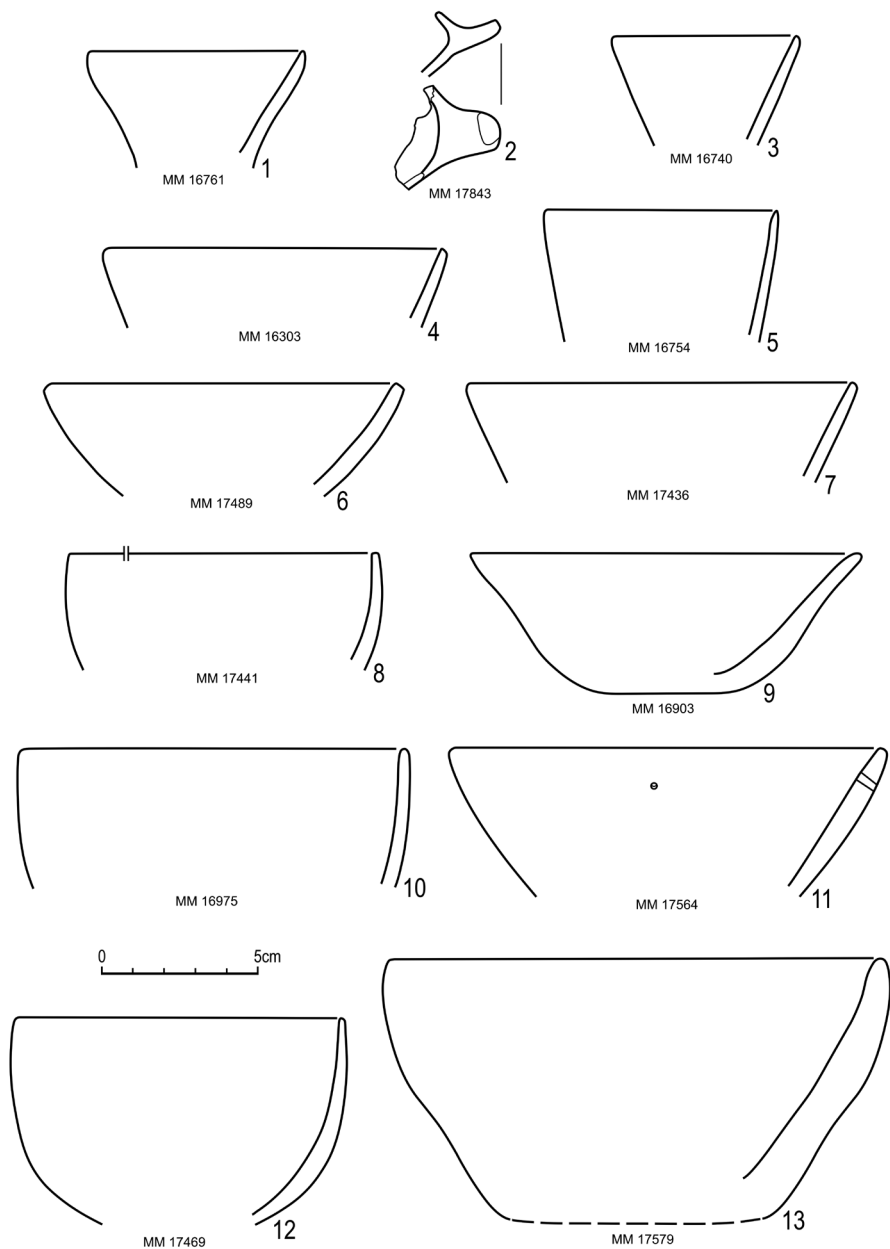
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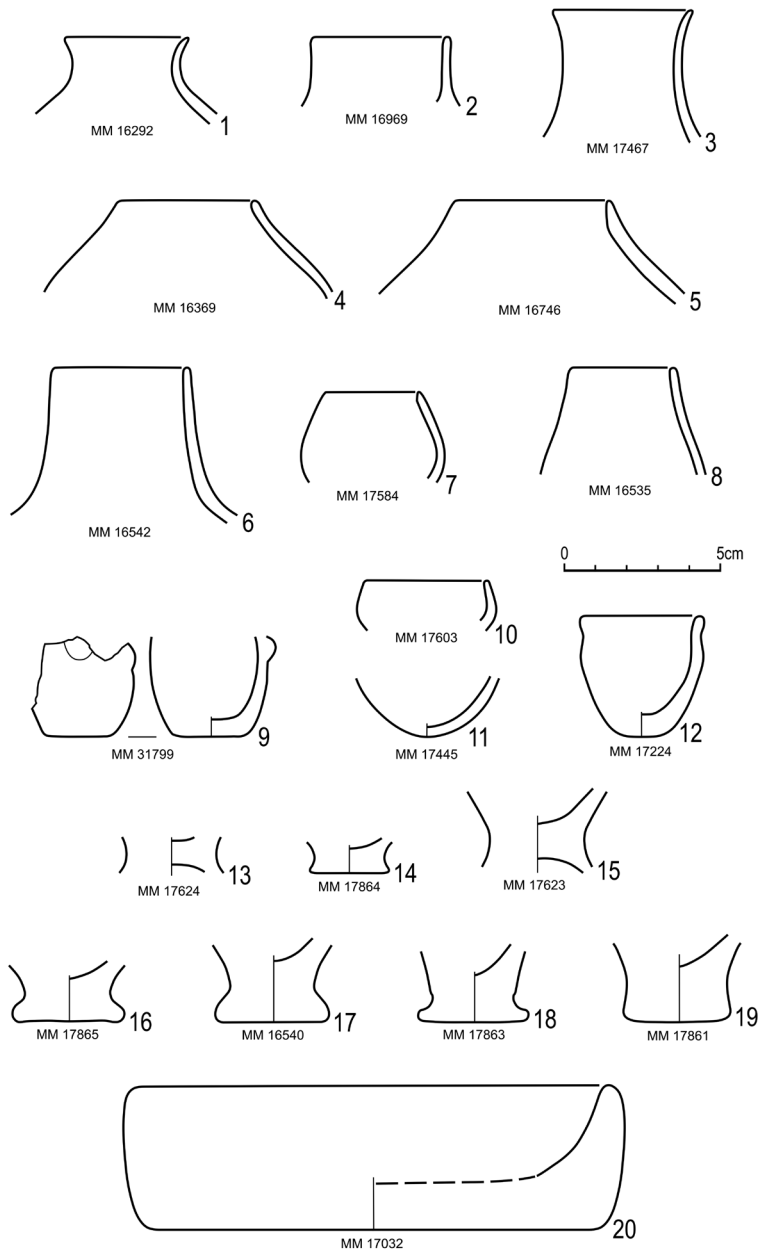
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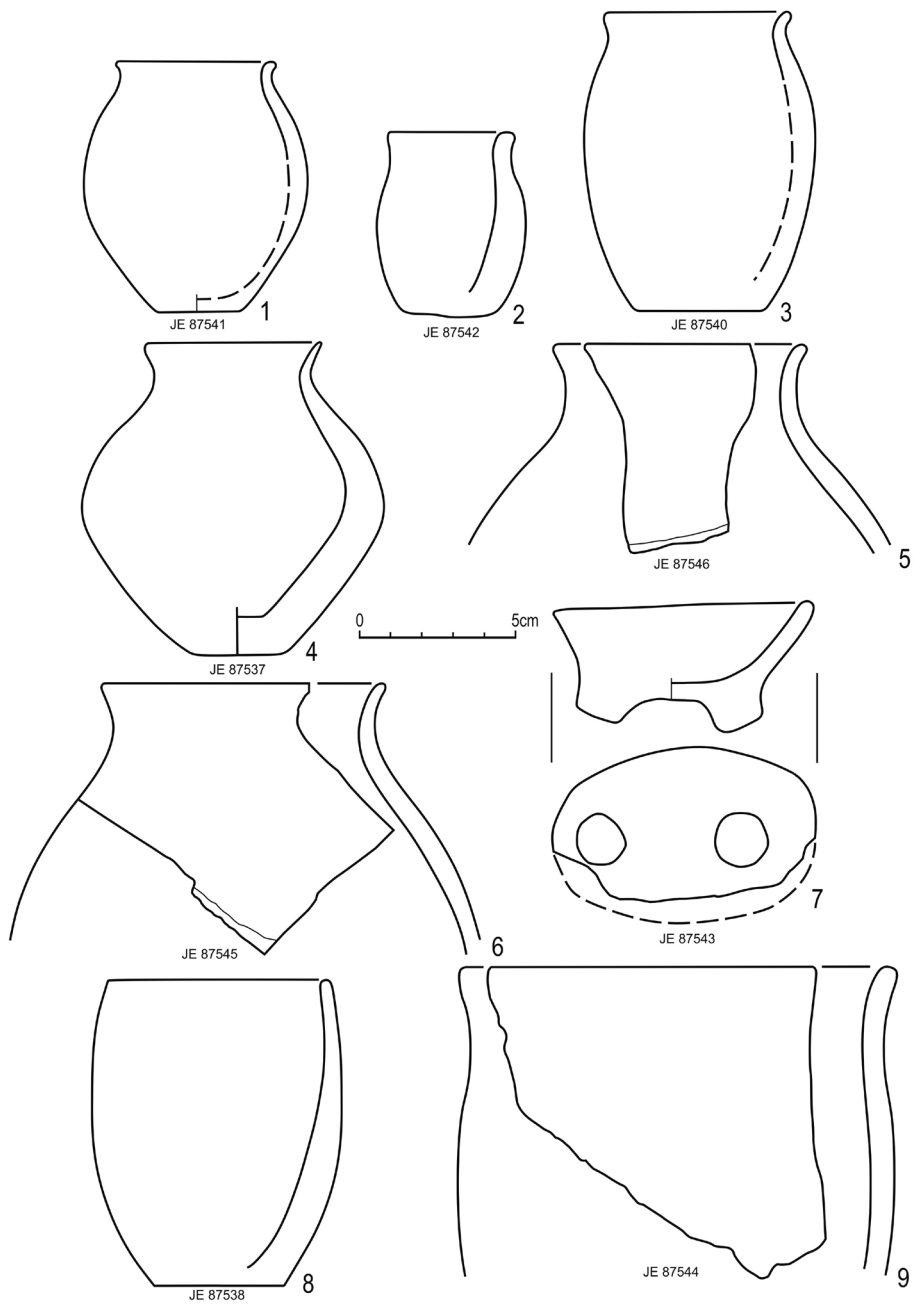
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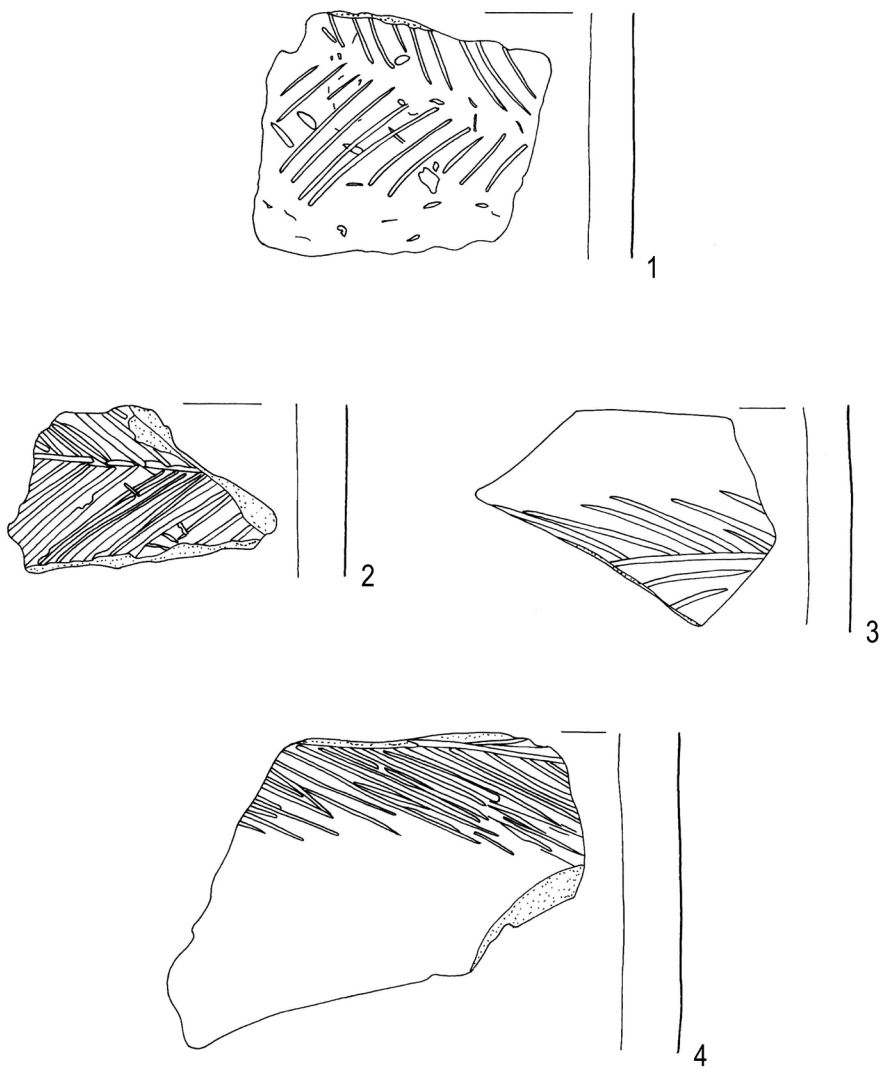
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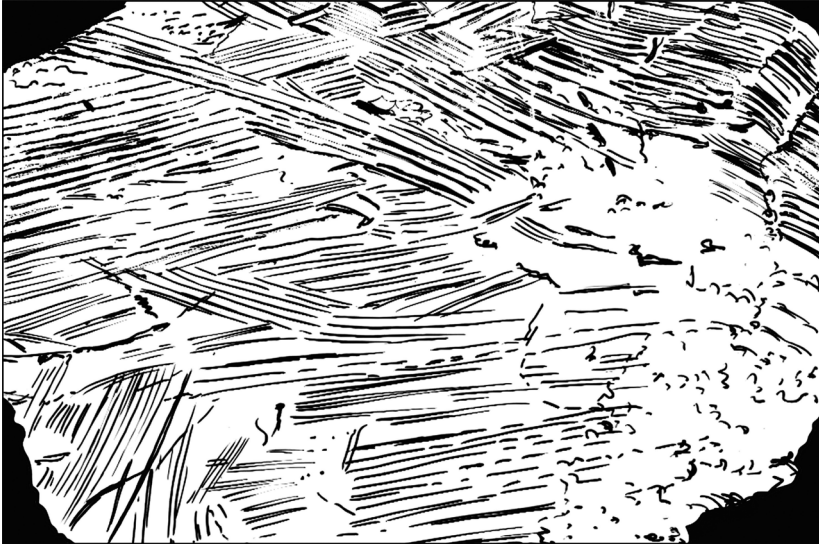
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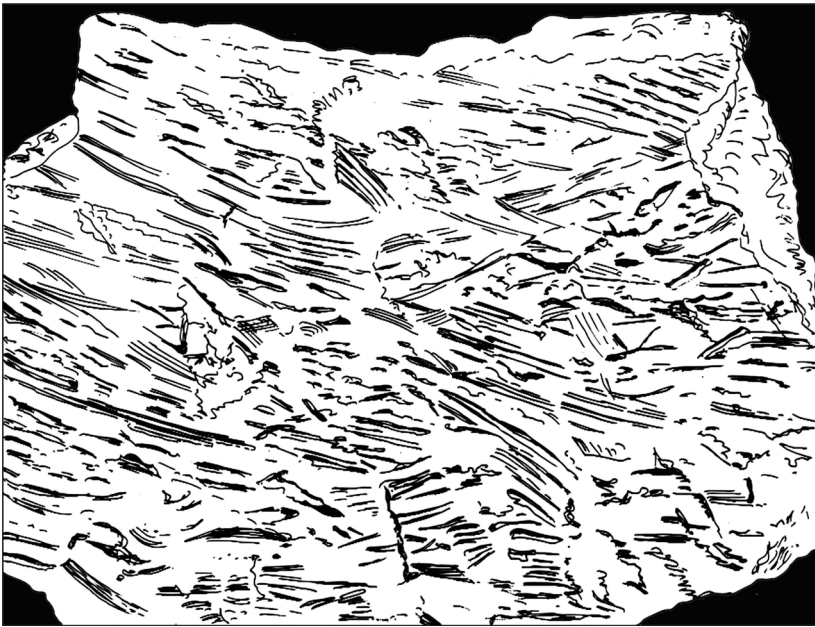
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Figure 23. Internal walls of Merimde sherds with traces of wiping and smoothing using grass or straw (Medelhavsmuseet, Stockholm): 1 – MM16884; 2 – MM16746 (drawn by B. Bednarczyk)