

## **Dromos Burials of Tasmola Culture in Central Kazakhstan**

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**ABSTRACT** Based on the archeological materials, specialists have concluded that, in the age of Saka, a large Tasmola, historical and cultural community existed on the territory of Central, North Kazakhstan and steppe part of the southern Ural. The core of this community was the tribes living in Central Kazakhstan. The Tasmola culture was revealed by materials of 1950-1960, was localized at that region. Over the last 15 years, the authors have been obtaining new data on peculiarities of the tombs arrangement, which was unknown before. The paper considered dromos burials of Tasmola culture which were excavated by the authors on the territory of Karaganda region. Dromos tombs, in most cases, were attributable to burials of the elite. The elite burials were also distinguished by stone constructions above a tomb.