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- 1) Remember to take everything you brought to the site with you when you leave.
- 2) Do not remove anything from the site. Although you may not think something is not significant to the site, all pieces make up the whole.
- 3) Remember that many sites include culturally sensitive areas and therefore behavior should always be respectful.

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Site No.: B:NG-1:2



Site Name: Olsechall ra Ruchel
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Site Type: Stone Platform
Site Location: Ngebeanged Region
State: Ngeaur (Edeaur)

The Olsechall ra Ruchel is a stone platform on a rocky ridge in Ngebeanged region. The site is listed in the Palau Register of Historic Places (1998). The site is also known as Olsechall ra Rubak. The site has two intact stone platforms. According to an informant, there were several monoliths standing on the corners of the stone platform. According to oral tradition, the site was where the traditional council (klobak) of Palau began. This site is significant in that this was the place where the Uchel came to and organized the traditional government of Belau and gave out the basic principles of the whispered policies.

The site is significant to the cultural history of Angaur as well as the whole of Palau because it is where the gods descended and from there, all the titles and the whispered policies were distributed. Kelulau (whispered policies) and the titles, kebekuul or the first four and the teleuchel a dui, the fifth to the tenth are the basis on which each of the traditional communities of Palau is governed or operates. The gods sanctified all the titles and the kelulau and gave them to all the entities of Palau as guidelines in the governance of each community.

Source:
 1996 Olsudong, Rita, and Vince Blaiyok. Preliminary Report: Reconnaissance Survey of Archaeological Sites in Angaur State. Palau: Division of Cultural Affairs. Pp. 16

1996 Theodosia Blailes, member Society of Historians (Angaur), personal interview

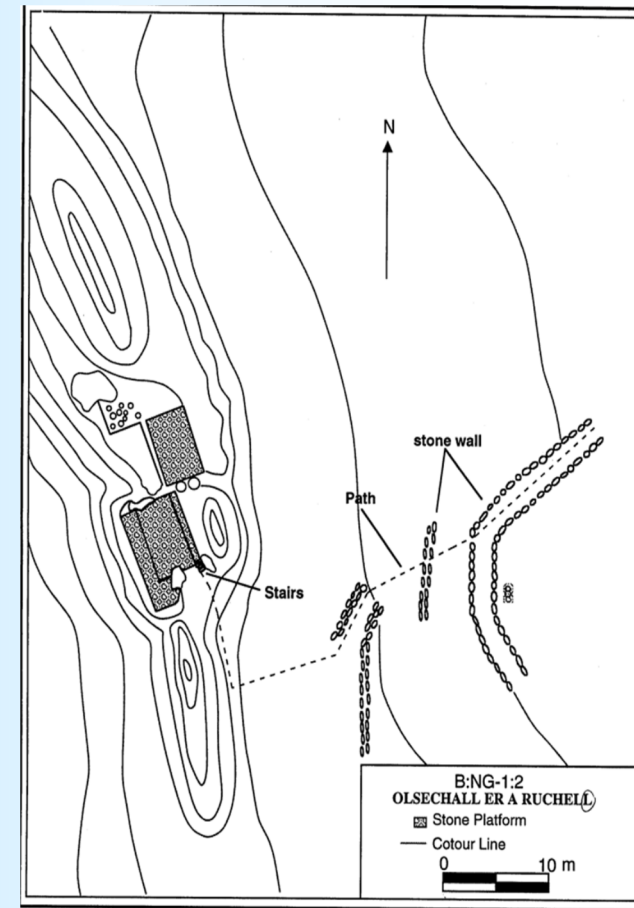
1995 Rucheuodel Vol. 1. Palau: Division of Cultural Affairs.

A chelsel a survey el lulengetmokl er ngii a obis er a Cultural Affairs er a beluu er a Ngeaur er a rak er a 1996, el melangch a klalo er a ibetel a cherechar, e te mlo sebecherir el mo tmangch a teblong er a kmal meklou a ultutelel el odesongel el ngar er a bebul a chelebacheb er a Ngebeanged. Tiang el basio a sel le ngar er ngii a cheldeklel a Olsechall er a Ruchel.

Tiang el Olsechall er a Ruchel a ngar er a chel-dechedechal a beluu er a Belau er a irechar el blol metengel a ruchel el chelid el mo er ngii e tmouch a dirir a re klobak er a Belau, e mades a kelulul a klobak er a beluu er a Belau el rokir. A irechar e a ruchel er a le bo er ngii a meklou el ureor er a beluu er a Ngeaur el mengiis a ringko me a dirrek el chelsel a mekemad er a Siabal me a Merikel e ng kmal mle klou a le tilmelii er a beluu er a Ngeaur, e te mla er ngii a re mle meklou el chad er sei el taem el milsaod er a mle teletelel tia el odesongel el kmo ng mla er ngii a btangch el bad el dilchor er a ike el bek el saus er ngii. Aika el btangch a mle btengchir a ruchel el mle kldibel er tia el odesongel e melib a mo kelulul a Belau.

A ngar er a cheldecheduch er a Belau er a irechar a mo meketeklii el kmo tiang el odesongel a ngar er a rois er a Ngebeanged a blel metengel el mei er ngii a ruchel e tmouch a dirir a re klobak er a Belau, mades a kelulul a klobak er a Belau el rokir. Me a ngar er ngii el cheldechedechal a 'kelulau er a Belau' a mo meketeklii el kmo ng milengai er a beluu er a Ngeaur el ua teletelel a bersoech. A bersoech a kemanget el charm el ngar er ngii a bdelul me a kemril. Ng belkul a kmo a kelulau er a Belau a dirrek el ngar er ngii a bdelul e mrael el me ruriul, e ulekedelad e ulengeasek el kirel a bek el belual Belau.

Tiang el kelulau el milngai er a Ngeaur a ngii a sile-mechokl e kudmokl a kebekuul me a teleuchel a dui e chemedaol e kmull e msang a klisichel. E dualem a klobak er a bek el belual a Belau, e mlo oterekokl er tir a tekingel a kelulau me ng mlo sebechir el olab e omtebechel er a Belau.



DCA 1996 Map of Olsechall er a Ruchel stone platform

