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NİF (OLYMPUS) DAĞI KARAMATTEPE YERLEŞMESİ'NDE BULUNAN KUŞLU KOTYLE VE SKYPHOSLARLA İLGİLİ İLK DEĞERLENDİRMELER

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Abstract

Preliminary Remarks on Bird-Kotylae and Bird-Skyphoi Discovered in Karamattape Settlement on Nif (Olympos) Dağı

Nif (Olympos), situated within the borders of Kemalpaşa, Torbalı, Buca and Bornova districts of İzmir, used to be part of ancient Ionia and Lydia regions in the antiquity. Prof. Elif Tül Tulunay has initiated first detailed and systematic researches in this region that has comprehensively been investigated neither by ancient voyagers nor by researchers, as preliminary visits in 1999. Survey has been carried out in 2004-2005 and archaeological excavations started in 2006 under the direction of Prof. E. Tül Tulunay. Excavations revealed architectural remains and some contexts related to this structures dating from Archaic Period (7.-6. c. B.C.). Beside, pottery dating to earlier periods (last quarter of 8th c. BC) are not related to any of above mentioned Archaic structures. This pottery should belong to the earliest phase of the settlement that has been destroyed by later layers after 8th c. BC. The above mentioned pottery dating from the last quarter 8th-7th centuries BC is mainly composed of bird-kotylae and bird-skyphoi which are the subject of this paper. According to pottery taken into consideration in the study, three main groups have been observed in Karamattepe settlement: First, bird-kotylae with four panels dating between the last quarter of 8th century and the beginning of the 7th century; second, bird-kotylae with three panels dating from 700-650 BC and third, bird-skyphoi dating from the mid-7th century BC. This paper is a preliminary assessment, which calls attention to the fact that the distribution of bird-kotylae and bird-skyphoi is not limited to the cities in the islands and the seashore but covers some settlements of the highlands areas such as Nif Dagi.

Keywords: Nif Dagi, Late Geometric Period, Archaic Period, Bird-kotylae, Bird-skyphoi.

Antik kaynaklarda¹ Olympos olarak geçen Nif Dağı, İzmir Körfezi'nin doğusunda, Ionia ve Lydia bölgelerinin sınırları içinde bulunmaktadır (Fig. 1). Çevresindeki ulaşım ağıyla, hem deniz hem de iç kesimle bağlantılı, madenlere, verimli topraklara ve arazi yapısından dolayı çok sayıda su kaynağına sahip, doğal korunaklı, kısacası yerleşim için her türlü olanağa sahip bir konumdadır².

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¹ Athenaios, Deipnosophistai, (II, 38, f).

² Tulunay 2006, 189; Tulunay 2012, 81.