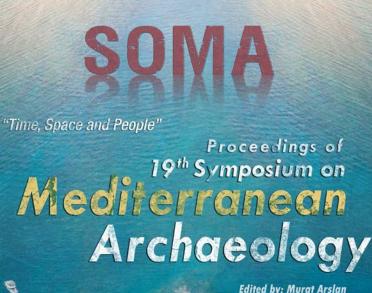
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The nineteenth annual meeting of the Symposium on Mediterranean Archaeology (SOMA) was held in Kemer/Antalya (Turkey) from the 12th to the 14th of November 2015. As it has been in the past, this symposium will continue to provide an important opportunity for scholars and researchers to come together and discuss their works in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Our spectrum is growing wider due to the increased importance and knowledge of interdisciplinary works in today's scientific era.

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THE UNDERWATER STUDY OF MAGYDOS HARBOUR MAGYDOS LIMANI SUALTI ÇALIŞMASI

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Abstract: Ships often followed coastlines in the period from antiquity to the use of the compass. This was frequently the case for reasons of trade, ship size and access to water supply. It can be thought that this practice caused a denser pattern of coastal settlements and the greater use of harbours with this quantity of coastal traffic. The structures of a harbour, which can be evaluated as a com- plex, have been physically destroyed over the course of time, through earthquakes, coastal change and human interventions and today we have what has remained un-derwater. Only parts of the harbor of the ancient city of Magydos, one of the most important coastal settlements of Pamphylia, due to the above mentioned problems, re- mains underwater today with the remains onshore sub-jected to repeated modern interventions. However, underwater investigations were undertaken in 2013 to establish the parts remainig underwater of this important harbour and some important discoveries were made.

Keywords: Magydos • Karpuzkaldıran • Pamphylia • Ancient Harbours • Breakwater • Underwater • Archaeology Öz: Antikçağlardan pusulanın kullanımına kadar geçen sürede gemiler kıyıları takip ediyordu. Bu, çoğunlukla; ticaretin, gemi boyutunun ve su kaynağının neden olduğu durumdu. Kıyı trafik miktarı ile limanların daha fazla kullanımı ve daha sık kıyı yerleşimlerine yol açmış olduğu düşünülebilir. Bir kompleks olarak değerlendirilebilen liman direkleri fiziksel olarak, zamanla depremler, kıyı değişiklikleri, insan müdahaleleri ve de bugün hala su altında kalan şeyleri yok etti. Pamphylia'nın en önemli kıyı yerleşimlerinden birisi olan Magydos antik kent limanı, yukarıdaki problemlerden dolayı bugün sualtında kısmen kalmıştır. Sahildeki bölümü ise modern müdahalelere maruz kalmıştır. Zira, sualtı araştırmaları, bu önemli limanın sualtında kalan kısmının tespit etmek için 2013'te girişildi vebazı önemli keşifler yapıldı.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Magydos • Karpuzkaldıran • Pamphylia • Antik Limanlar • Dalgakıran • Sualtı • Arkeoloji

The Mediterranean shores of Anatolia formed a passage wayjoining the East to the West for sea-men who sailed ships than could not easily face difficult sea conditions because the technologies of building ship was very weak in antiquity. Most of the ships which travelled in the Mediterranean at that time were small cargo ships which made the trip along the coastline¹. Many harbour cities were built on the Anatolia coastline along the route followed by these ships. Harbours were one of the areas which experienced the most direct interaction between cultures and they were necessary loading and unloading places for goods, in providing the daily needs of large populations. The ancient city of Magydos, situated at the border of Muratpaşa in Antalya and today largely within the area of the Karpuzkaldıran Military Camp, was an important harbour city of the period.

Information about the city survives in the ancient historical sources. The earliest information

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¹ Casson 2002, 138. See also contra Casson (1974), at D. L. Davis, *Commercial Navigation in the Greek and Roman World*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, The University of Texas. Austin 2009, viii, 'My research concludes that both coastal and open-sea sailing were matters of routine in the commercial sector, that commercial seafarers did indeed sail at night and employ the stars to deduce navigational information, that winter sailing was a widespread practice, and that crews employed navigational strategies to weather storms, usually successfully'.

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from this record states: "...and if you go up (to the North), you meet the city and Harbour of Phaselis (it is a gulf) and the city of Idyros, Lyrnateia island, Olbia, the rivers of Magydos and Katarraktes, the city of Perge and the temple of Artemis" which belongs to the work of Pseudo-Skylaks, which includes some information dating from the 4th century B.C.². In addition, although Strabon, who gave information about the region, mentions both the Katarraktes River and the Kestros River in his *Geographica* (XIV.4), he relates nothing about Magydos, between these two rivers. This presents another problem, as we have record of this city from Ptolemaios and it is also recorded in the *Stadiasmus Maris Magni*³. The Ancient City of Magydos which minted coins under its own name from the 2nd century B.C.⁴ was one of the six important cities of Pamphylia. These six important cities were Magydos, Attelia, Sillyon, Aspendos, Perge and Side⁵.

Captain Francis Beaufort, visited the city's ruins in 1811, listed the remains. He mentioned the harbour, an aquaduct⁶, a quay, a stoa and an agora⁷. A study wasmade by the Museumof Antalya in the 1970's. In this study, the remains of ancient city were indicated and it records that there were public baths, aquaducts, the remains of the city wall, the remains of a depot and other remains of building. It wasagreed that it is necessary to protect the remains of the ancient city, including all these visible remains in 1977, and the 1st degree archaeological site boundaries were determined in 2008⁸. The remains of the ancient city, at present are situated within the facilities of the Ministry of National Defense.

A stone inscription was found in the excavation of the Saint Ioannes Church in 1976. After studying it, it was understood to concern the Customs Law of Roman province of Asia. In this inscription the harbour of Magydos was named as an official customs harbour together with harbours of Attelia, Aspendos, Perge, Phaselis and Side⁹.

Purpose

The aim of this study was to conduct an underwater survey of the harbour of Magydos, a ancient city whose name is recorded in both ancient and modern sources and to evaluate the results of this survey. The fact that no underwater research has been conducted in the area to date made this research.

Method

In 2013, dives were conducted in the area with the permission of the Ministry of Culture, by Dr. Hakan Öniz and his team from Selçuk University. The aim of these dives was to determine the remaining parts underwater of the harbour of Magydos. With this aim, one ship, one sonar scanner boat and scuba equipment was used. In addition, equipment such as an underwater camera, measures, drawing board and an arrow direction were used. Dives were conducted by at least two divers using the "U searching Method¹⁰". The coordinates which were taken as UTM 6 degree ED datum were applied to digital maps with the help of floats on the surface.

² Arslan 2012, 251.

³ Adak- Atvur 1999, 65.

⁴ Adak- Atvur 1999, 59.

⁵ Demirtas 2014, 235.

⁶ Beaufort 2002, 139.

⁷ Hellenkemper – Hild 2004, 702.

⁸ Regional Counsil of Protection of Cultural and Natural Monuments: dated, 27.03.2008, no 2279.

⁹ Takmer 2013, 143.

¹⁰ Öniz – Başgelen 2009,95.

Evidence

In the course of these dives, firstly, the remains of two breakwaters belonging to the Magydos Harbour were found. One was about 220 meters long and the other about 340 meters in length. It was found that the large stone blocks which had been employed in the construction of these breakwaters had been destroyed or were eroded and damaged. It was further understood that these breakwaters constructed with large stone blocks were tied together with the rock outcrops on the seabed, designed to anchor these man-made constructions in place (Fig. 1). When the remains of these breakwaters were followed underwater, it was found that the entrance to Magydos harbour faced west. The pieces of amphoras which were found in dives in the area show the harbour was employed for commercial purposes (Fig. 2). In addition, pieces of clay waterpipe were found in dives (Fig. 3). The city of Magydos is 1 kilometer from the Katarraktes River to the West and 10 kilometers from the Kestros River to the East and there are also the remains of an aquaduct. From this location and these remains, it can suggested that in antiquity fresh water was taken by means of aquaducts from the Kestros and Katarraktes Rivers and this fresh water was supplied through clay pipes to the ships in the harbour.

Captain Francis Beaufort walked around the ruins of the city and he mentioned the pieces of columns which he saw in the city. There are the remains of a building on the promontory to the South of the city but these building remains have largely been destroyed. From observation, these walls are thick and there is almost no passage between them. There are no other remains around this building, which was constructed upon hard rock. Further, this building is far away from the other remains of the city. There is the possibility that these building remains on this promontory are the surviving remains of the lighthouse of Magydos Harbour.

Conclusions

The coastline between eastern Antalya and Syria, upon which Magydos stands, was in antiquity generally more 50 cm above the current sea level, unlike the coastline to the west of Antalya. The reason for this difference along this coastline is the 6000 years old vertical regional earthquakes (that result in seismic alteration to the elevation above sea level of the coastline)¹¹. The city is known to have experienced earthquakes at various times. Magydos and its harbour can have been affected from the numerous earthquakes in this region, including those between the years 141-144 A.D.¹².

The only antique source we could obtain providing some technical information relating to harbour construction was the study "*De Architectura*", written by Vitruvius in the the 1st century B.C.. In the XII. book, there is some technical information concerning the topographical selection of locations for breakwater and for shipyards and the correct mixture of mortar to be used to produce strong mortar for underwater construction *etc.*¹³.

The port at Magydos has largely the characteristics of an artificial harbour. Although it was created, benefitting from a mainland port, it can be said that the capacity of the harbour, because of the artificial breakwaters, extended over an area of approximately 77000 square-meters, which is quite large. In consequence, we calculate that the capacity of Magydos Harbour and suggest that 42 commercial

¹¹ Fouache et al. 1999, 94.

¹² Karagöz 2005, 38.

¹³ Aslan 2011, 22.

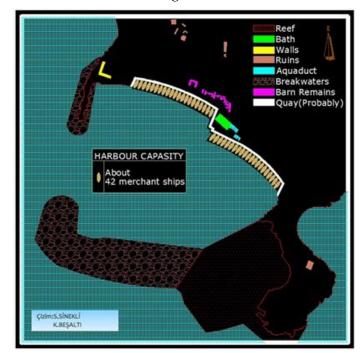








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vessels of an average size could harbour at Magydos at the same time (Fig. 4). Also, 50 warships of the trireme type could be in to the harbour at the same time.

An artificial harbour of this size should date from an earlier period than Attelia but it seems possible that a new large harbour was built so close, after the harbour of Attelia had been built¹⁴. The ruins of structures such as baths, fountains, warehouses, etc. which are understood to have existed on the coast by the harbour indicate this harbour was quite active and had a large volume of maritime traffic. It is not therefore surprising that such a large scale port was a regional harbour. Despite the above, this research was insufficient to fully understand the history of Magydos and its harbour. If more extensive studies were to be conducted, both on the land and underwater, then this har-bourcity could be more fully understood.

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