

# Zeus « qui-régit Dodone (Δωδώνης μεδέων, Il. XVI, 233-234) » et ses épigones. Sur quelques attributs onomastiques toponymiques en pays grec.



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# Μεδέων / Μεδέουσα (« who-rules ») + place-name

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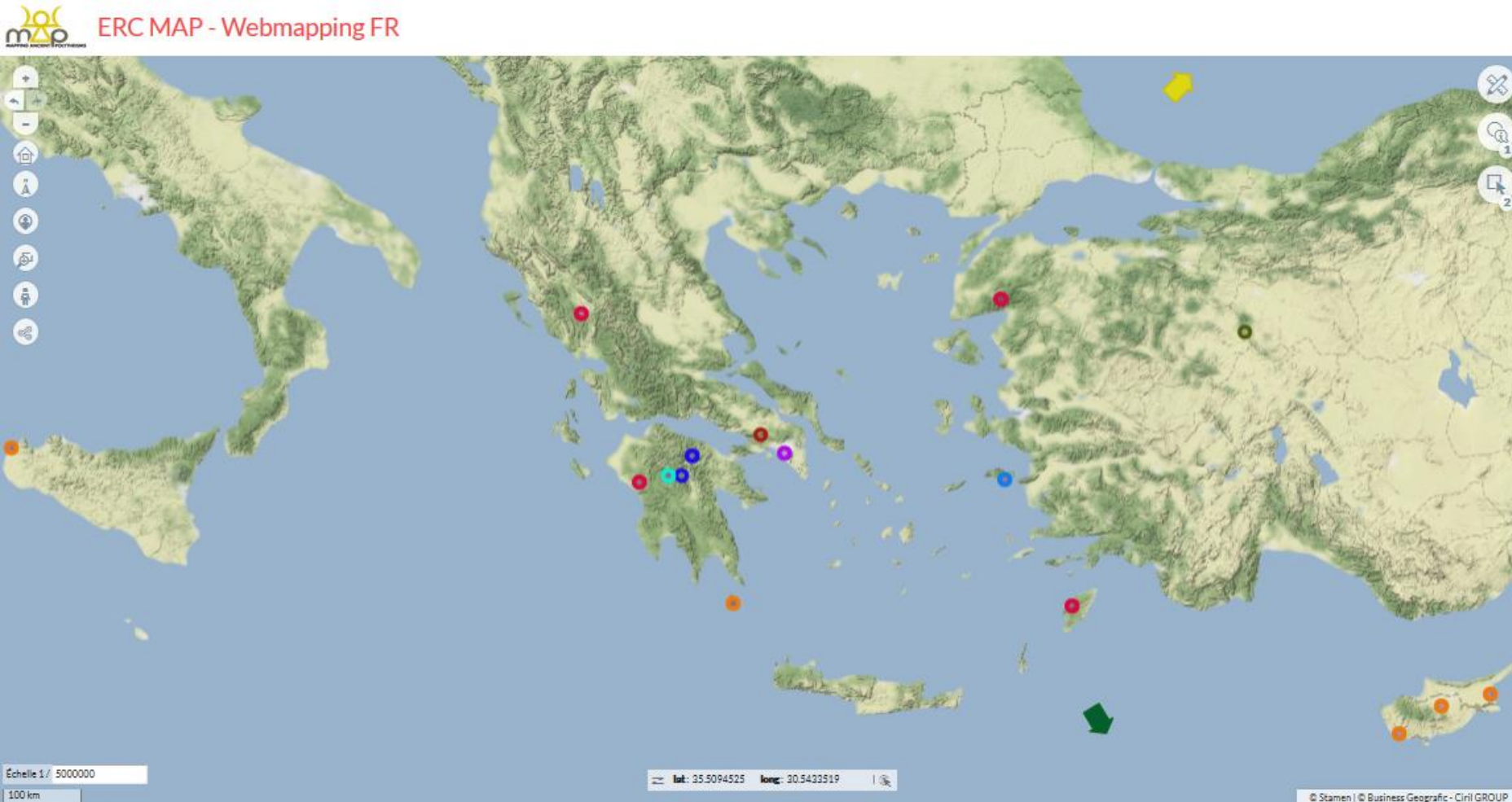
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# Mapping (Greek) god(desse)s who-rule somewhere (literary sources)



	Deity	Place
	Achilles	Scythia
	Aphrodite	Cyprus / Paphos / Salamis Cythera Eryx
	Athena	Athens
	Hera	Samos
	Hermes	Arcadia / Mt Cyllene
	Isis	Egypt
	Mnemosyne	Eleutheræe
	Pan	Arcadia
	Sabazios	Phrygia
	Zeus	Dodona Mt Atabyrion Mt Ida (Troas) Olympia

Cf. *I.Cret.* I, viii, 34 (Cnossos, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> c. BCE), l. 4 : θεοὶ μεδέοντες Ὀλύν(που)

# Mapping (Greek) god(desse)s who-rule somewhere (epigraphy)



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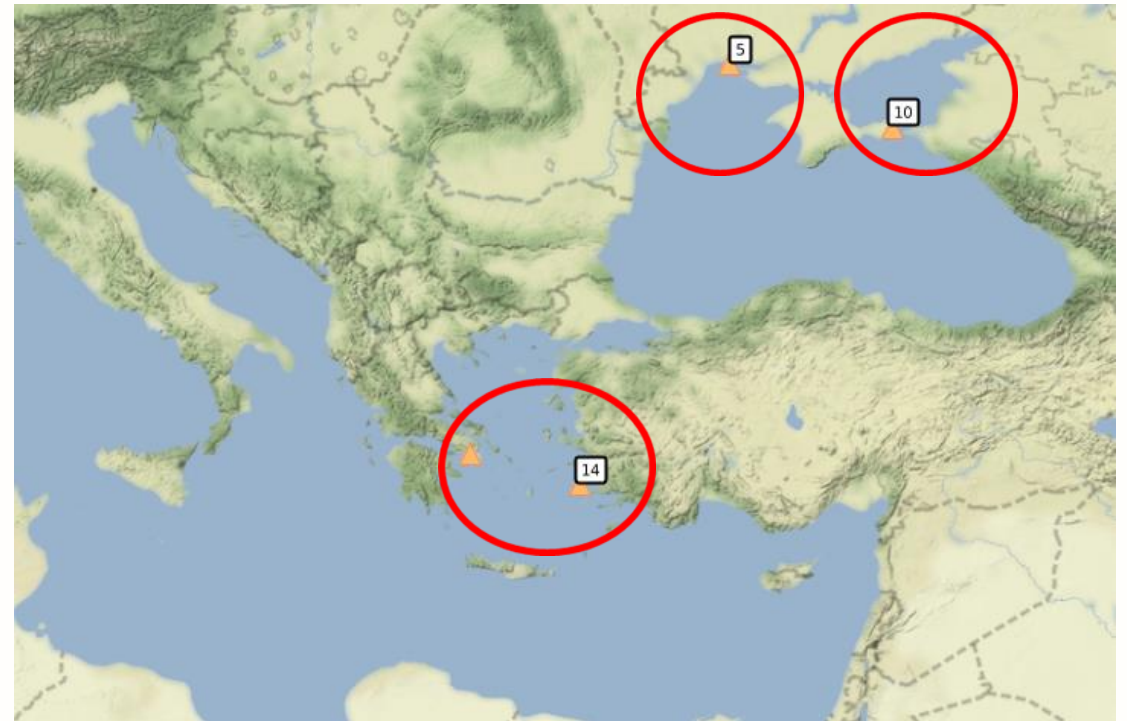


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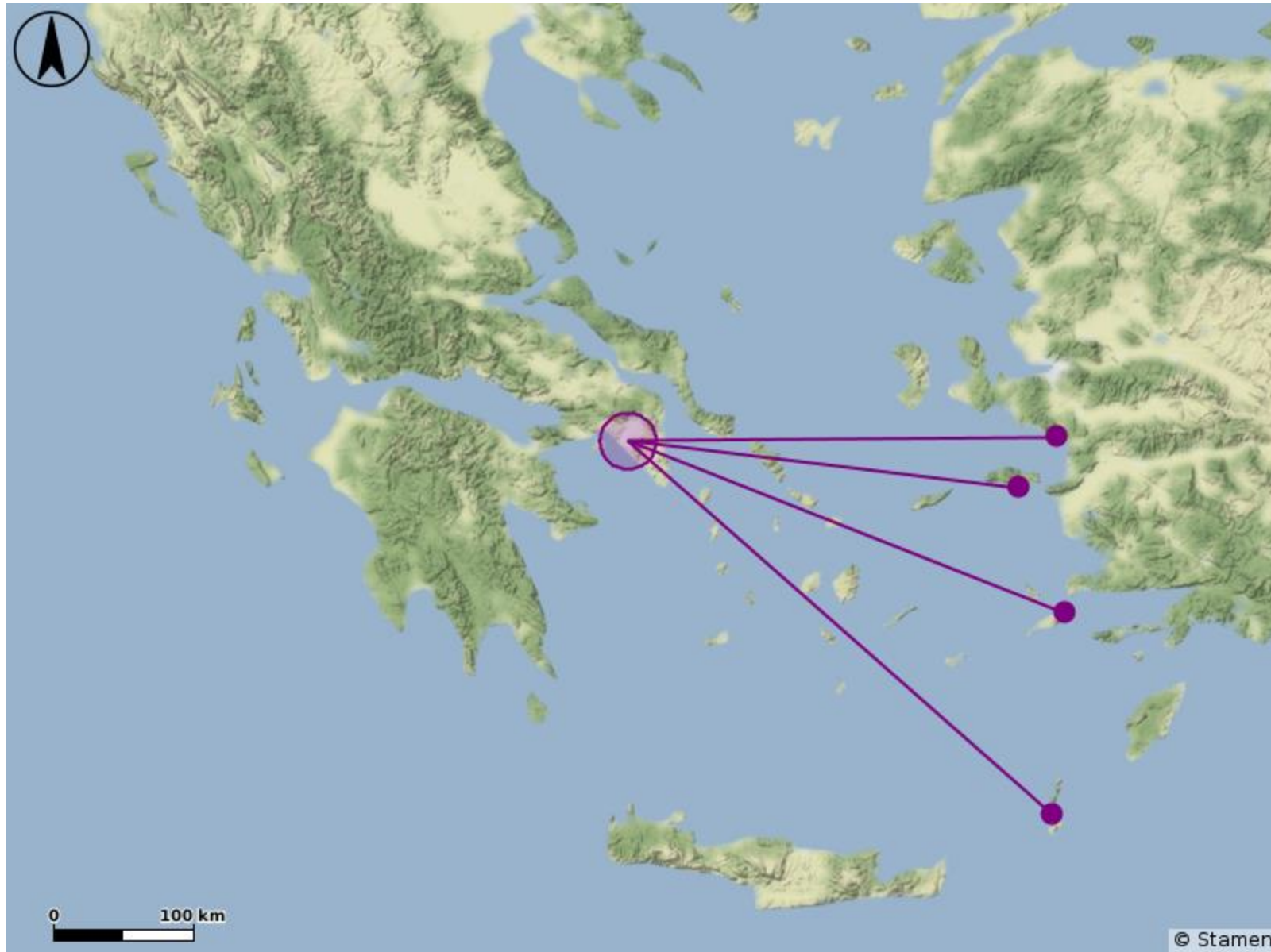
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# Ruling the Athenian Empire: *Athena Athênôn medeousa*





# Deities *medeontes* the Black Sea: Olbia, Istros, Hylaie, Leuke

## ■ **IGDOP 58 (SEG 42, 712). Olbia Pontica (W *temenos*), ca. 475-450 BCE.**

Ξάνθος Πό[σιος] | Ἀπόλλωνι Ἴητρ[ῶι] | Ἴστρῶ μεδέοντ[ι] | Ὀλβιοπολίτης.

1. Πο[σιδήο] or Πο[σιδέο] Bravo (cf. SEG 51, 969).

Xanthos (son) of Posis (or Posideos?), citizen of Olbia,  
to Apollo *Ietros* (“Physician”) who-rules Istros.

## ■ **IGDOP 81. Olbia Pontica (W *temenos*), ca. 500-450 BCE.**

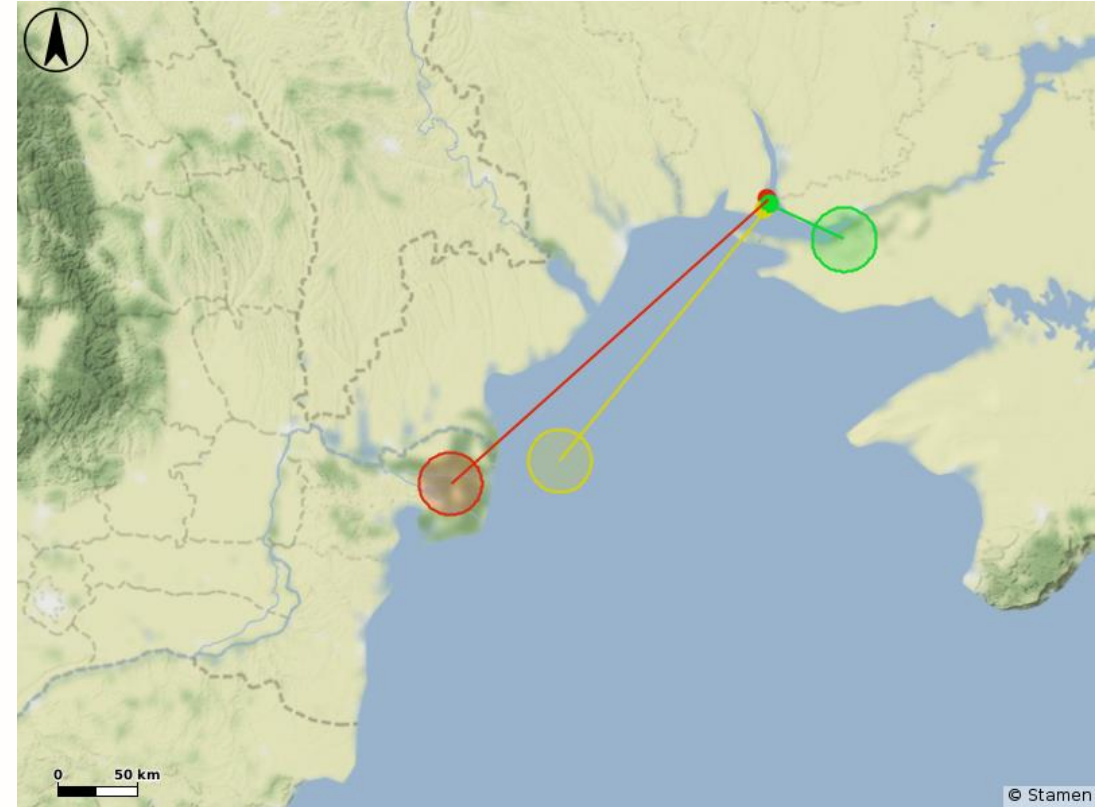
[Μητρὶ Θε]ῶν μεδεῖσ[ηι] Ὑλαί[νης]

[To the Mother] of the Gods who-rules Hylaie.

## ■ **IGDOP 49 (IOSPE I<sup>2</sup> 326). Leuke, ca. 400-350 BCE.**

[ὁ δεῖνα Δη]μοστράτῳ Ἀχιλλεῖ  
[Λευκ]ῆς μεδέοντι Ὀλβιοπολίτη|ς.

[So-and-so] (son) of Demonstratos, citizen of Olbia,  
to Achilles who-rules Leuke.



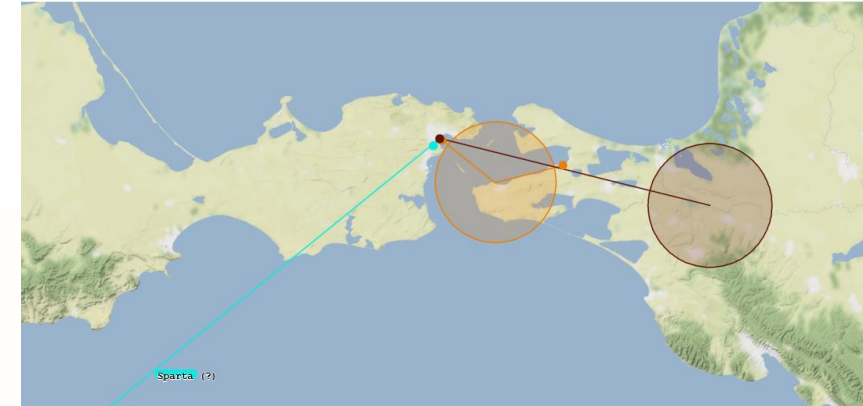
# Deities *medeontes* the Black Sea: Cimmerian Bosphoros

## ■ Aphrodite *Ourania* who-rules Apatouron (Ἀπατούρου μεδέουση):

Phanagoreia: CIRB 971 (344-310 BCE), *SEG* 56, 932 (ca. 16-23 CE)

Taman Peninsula: *CIRB* 1111 (389-348 BCE), 53, 758 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> c. CE)

Pantikapaion: *CIRB* 75 (ca. 150-125 BCE), 31 (9 BCE – 7 CE), 35 (243 CE)



## ■ *SEG* 56, 885. Labrys (Semibratnye), 389-348 BCE.

Εὐξάμενος Λεύκων υἱὸς Σατύρ[ο τόδ' ἄγαλμα]  
Φοίβωι Ἀπόλλωνι στήσε τῶι ἐν Λ[άβρυι (?)]  
τῆσδε πόλεως μεδέοντι Λάβρύτωμ, Β[οσπόρο ἄρχων]  
Θευδοσίης τε, μάχηι καὶ κράτει ἐξελ[άσας]  
Ὀκταμασάδεα γῆς ἐΞίνδων παῖδ' Ἐκ[αταίο]  
τοῦ Σίνδωμ βασιλέως, ὅς πατέρα ο[ϊκηίης (?)]  
ἐγβάλλων ἀρχῆς εἰς τήνδε πόλιγ κ[ατέκλεισεν (?)]

Having made a vow, Leukon son of Satyros erected [this statue] to Phoibos Apollo who is in [Labrys (?)] who-rules this city of Labrytai, [archon of the Bosphoros] and Theodosia, after [having] driven out through battle and (military) force from the land of the Sindoi the child of Hekataios the king of the Sindoi, Oktamasades who, robbing his father of his [own] power [broke his way] to this city

(*Trans. Tokhtas'ev, ACSS 12, 2006, 5, slightly mod.*)

## ■ *CIRB* 22 (*IOSPE* II 23). Pantikapaion, 3<sup>rd</sup> c. BCE.

Βάθυλλος Δέρκιος | Ἐκά[τη]ι Σπάρτης μεδεούσ[η]

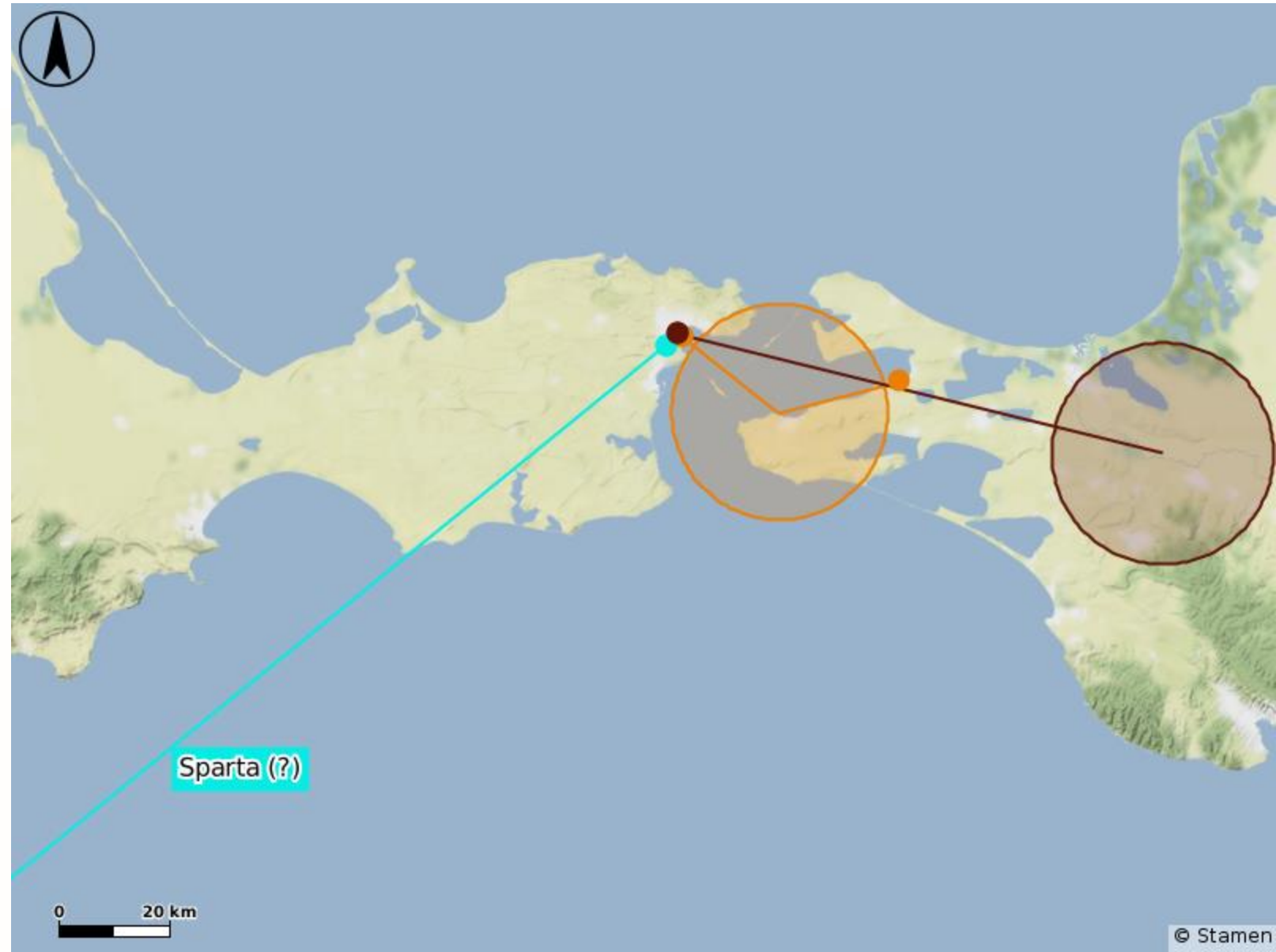
Bathyllos (son) of Derkis, to Hekate who-rules Sparta

# Deities *medeontes* the Black Sea: Cimmerian Bosphoros

■ Aphrodite *Ourania* who-rules Apatouron

■ Apollo « who-rules this city of Labrytai »

■ Hekate who-rules Sparta



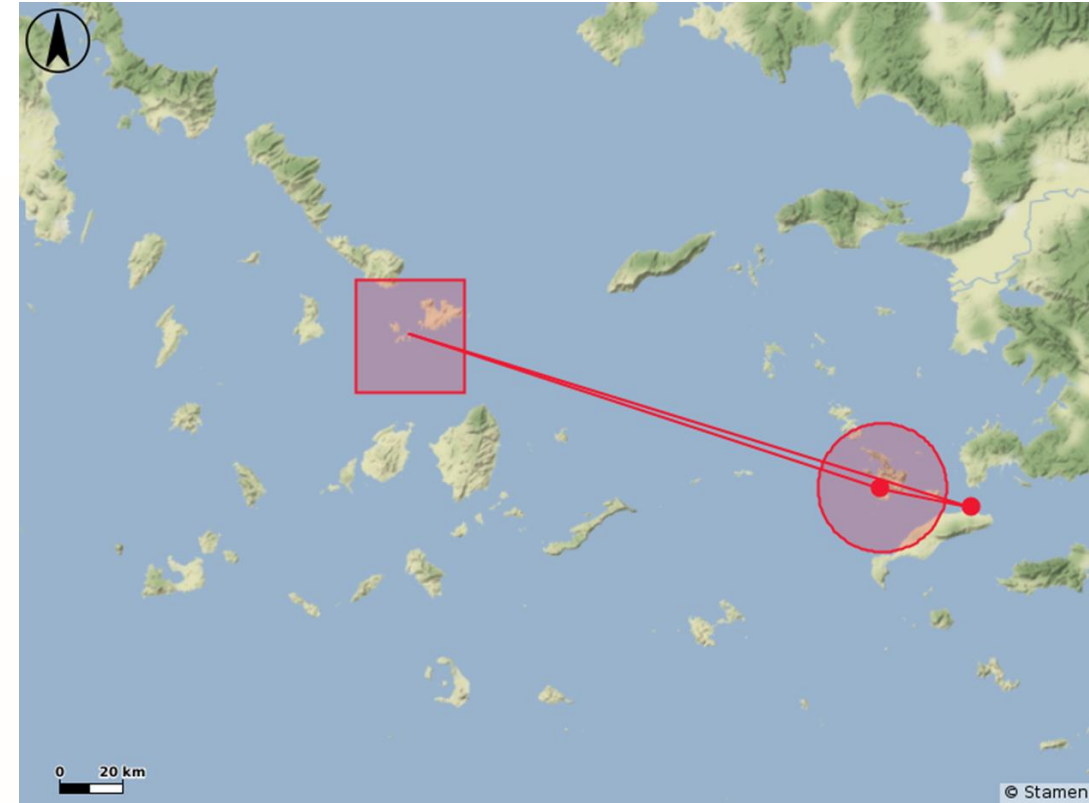


# Apollo *Dalios Kalumnas medeôn* between Calymna, Cos and Delos

**IG XII 4, 532. Cos, 1st c. BCE.**

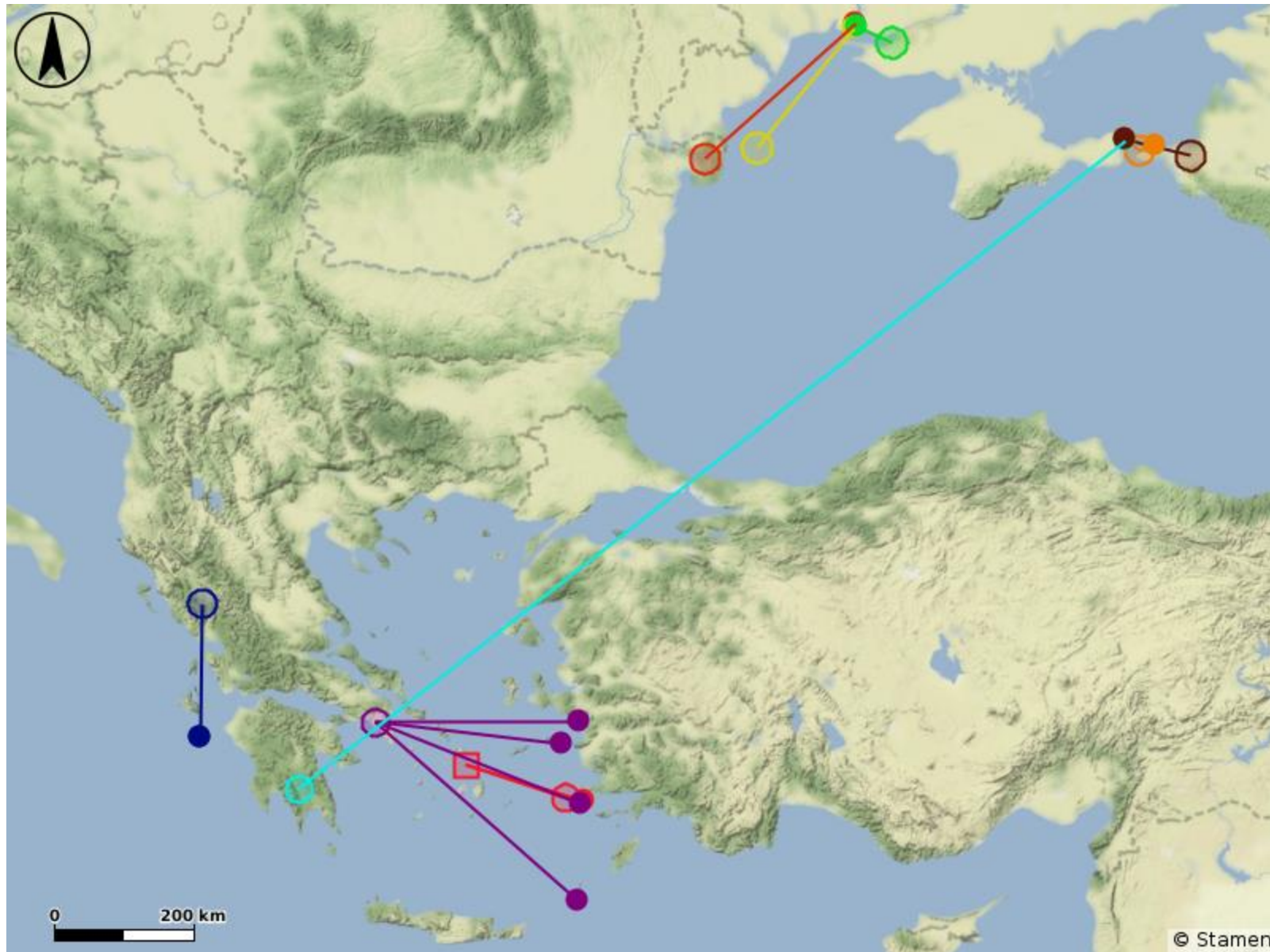
Ἀπόλλωνι Δ[α]λίῳ Καλύμνας  
μεδέοντι κατὰ χρησζμόν  
Διδυμέως Λό[χ]ος Λόχου φύσι  
δὲ Ξενοκρά[τ]ους μετὰ τῶν  
5 τέκνων Νικομήδους, Ὀλυμ-  
πίχου τοῦ καὶ Κλευσθένης, Ξε-  
νοκράτους τοῦ καὶ Βωλίου,  
καὶ τῆς γυναικὸς Πώλλης  
[τ]ῆς Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ  
10 [Χρ]ηστόπου τοῦ Λό-  
[χο]υ Λόχου.

9-11. καὶ... Λόχου: later addition.



To Delian Apollo *Kalumnas medeôn*, according to an oracle of Didymian (Apollo), Lochos (son) of Lochos and by birth of Xenokrates (dedicates this) with his children Nikomedes, Olympichos *alias* Kleusthenes, Xenokrates *alias* Bolios, and his wife Polle (daughter) of Alexandros, and Chrestopos (son) of Lochos (son) of Lochos.

# Conclusion



○	Place over which a given deity “rules”
●	Location of the inscription or of the agent
/	Link between the two foregoing places
□	Other <u>toponymic</u> attribute (ex. Delian)
■	Zeus “who-rules” Dodona
■	Athena “who-rules” Athens
■	Apollo <u>letros</u> “who-rules” <u>Istros</u>
■	Mother of the Gods “who-rules” <u>Hylai</u>
■	Achilles “who-rules” <u>Leuke</u>
■	Aphrodite <u>Ourania</u> “who-rules” <u>Apatouron</u>
■	Apollo “who-rules” the city of the <u>Labrytai</u>
■	<u>Hekate</u> “who-rules” Sparta
■	Delian Apollo “who-rules” <u>Calymna</u>

# Conclusion

**IG I<sup>3</sup> 426 (“Attic stele” VI). Athens, 414/3 BCE.**

l. 65-69:

[Πολυστρά]το τῷ Διοδόρο Ἀγκυλέος  
οἰκία ἐν Κυδαθηναίῳ[ι, εἰ πρόθυρον]  
τὸ δίκιον, εἰ γείτον ἐ[στι τὸ *hieron*]  
[. . . .]Ἰ<sup>Α</sup> Ἀρτέμιδος τῆς Ἀθμον[όθεν]  
Ἀμαρυσίας

(Properties) of Polystratos son of Diodoros of Ankyle:

a house in Kydathenaion [whose porch has]

(sale): ?

two columns, which is next to [the sanctuary]

(tax): > 50 dr.

of Artemis from Athmonon

*Amarusia* (“Of Amarynthos”).

