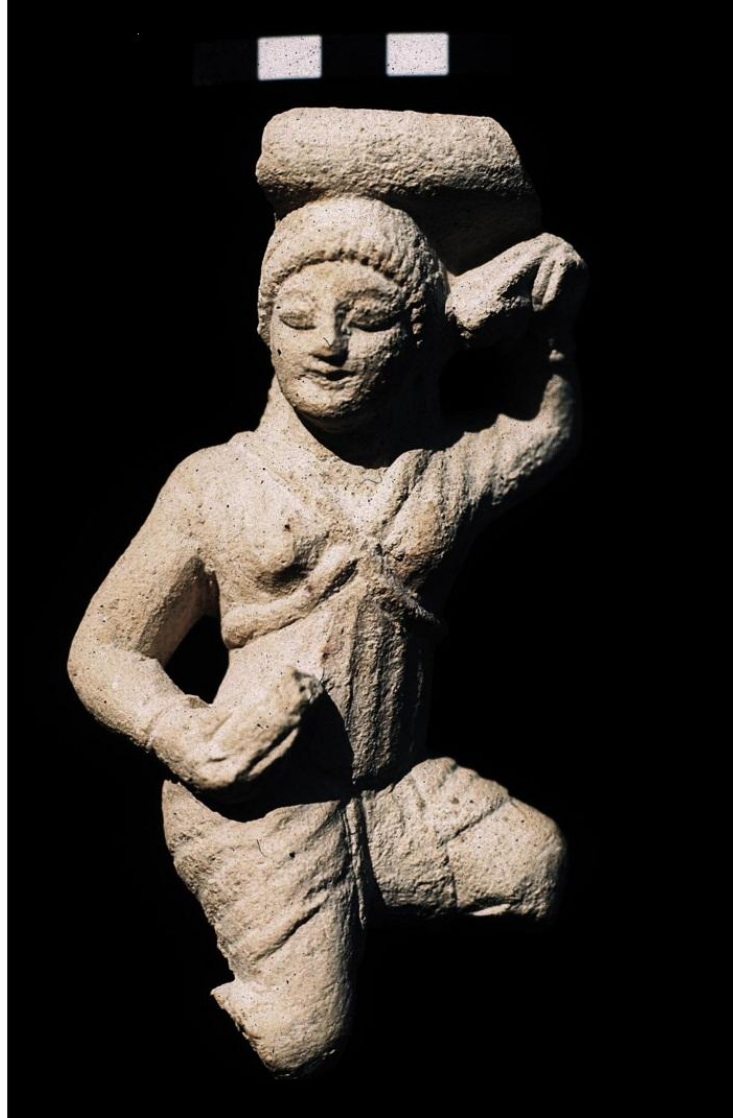


PRESS RELEASE

The Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Communications and Works, announces the completion of the 2012 excavation season at the site of the Lower City of ancient Idalion, conducted by the Lycoming College, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Caber. The Lycoming Mission continued its investigation in the area, which is interpreted by the excavator as a sanctuary of Adonis in the eastern Acropolis of Idalion, at Moutti tou Arvili. During this season, foundation levels were found at certain parts of the site, dating to the 11th century B.C.

During last winter, works of widening the road connecting Dali and Lympia resulted to the need of rescue excavation between the Eastern and Western Acropolis of Idalion. The excavation to the west of the road was undertaken by the Department of Antiquities. The excavation to the east of the road was undertaken by the Lycoming mission. The work of the latter revealed wall remains dating to the Cypro-Archaic as well as the Hellenistic and Roman periods.

The Lycoming mission continued its research at the Lower City. This site is located immediately to the north of the Western Acropolis and the excavation conducted there by the Department of Antiquities. At parts of the trenches excavated this year, remains of Late Cypriot Bronze Age III and the early Cypro-Geometric period were revealed. Remains of heavy burning, revealed during this season, were interpreted by the excavator as the remains of a destruction in the mid 5th century BC. The mission of the Lycoming College thanks the Department of Antiquities as well as CAARI for their continuous support.



Sculpture from ancient Idalion (Lycoming College Expedition)