

Summary

Yeşilova-Çeltek Hoard of Sidetan Tetradrachms

The hoard, comprising 33 coins, was found in 1995 at the village of Çeltek in the Yeşilova district of Burdur province; it was subsequently acquired through purchase by the Burdur Museum. The find-spot lies on the border between the ancient regions of Pisidia and Phrygia. All of the coins are silver tetradrachms of the Side mint with an average weight of 16.71 g., which is unusually high. Six specimens bear countermark. Such countermarks, known as 'cistophoric countermarks' are associated with cities that were controlled by the Kingdom of Pergamum. The present hoard includes clear examples for Pergamum, Apameia and Sardis, and two other countermarks probably represent Ephesos and Synnada, while one further type remains unassigned.

The hoard contains 2 different magistrates' names, one of which is previously unrecorded. According to the tables compiled by Leschhorn, the coins in the hoard belong to the first series of Sidetan tetradrachms, starting in 205 BC. The hoard may thus be buried earlier than c.178 BC and, if the later dating of the countermarks is followed, even as late as the mid-second century BC.