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CAPInv. 1056: **dolon**

I. LOCATION

i. **Geographical area**	Western Asia Minor	
ii. **Region**	Mysia	
iii. **Site**	Kyzikos	

II. NAME

i. **Full name (original language)**	δόλων (Suid., s.v. δόλων)	
ii. **Full name (transliterated)**	*dolon*	

III. DATE

i. **Date(s)**	Inc.	

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. **Name elements**	Other:	LSJ[9], s.v. δόλων: 1. flying jib, 2. secret weapon, 3. fishing rod Hasluck (1910, 233) assumes in light of the name *dolon* that a ritual consisting of the procession of a vessel would have been part of the celebration of the cult of Artemis.
iii. **Descriptive terms**	θίασος, *thiasos*	

V. SOURCES

i. **Source(s)**	Suid., s.v. δόλων	
i.a. **Source type(s)**	Literary source(s)	

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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Women
Note	γυναικεῖος θίασος (Suid., s.v. δόλων)

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Artemis
Deities worshipped	Artemis

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	According to Suidas citing Ailianos, *dolon* designates the female *thiasos* centered around the cult of Artemis in Kyzikos (ὁ παρὰ τοῖς Κυζικηνοῖς τήν ″Αρτεμιν θεραπεύων γυναικείος θίασος, ὥς φησιν Αἰλιανός). The use of the term *thiasos* in this instance seems to designate a closed group that bears a distinct name and its members are apparently exclusively women. The private nature of this *thiasos* remains open to question. This is not the first attestation of the cult of Artemis in Kyzikos. SEG 28: 953 attest to the existence of an association of *Pythaistrides* centered around the cult of Artemis, probably Artemis Pythia (CAPInv. 1055). According to Strabo Artemis was also venerated as Artemis Mounichia (Str. 639), whose cult is further attested in the two honorific inscriptions for Kleidike, who held the priesthood of Artemis Mounichia (IMT Kyz Kapu Dağ 1432 l. 12; IMT Kyz Kapu Dağ 1433 l. 14 (CAPInv. ....).
iii. Bibliography	Hasluck, F.W. 1910. *Cyzicus. Being Some Account of the History and Antiquities of that City, and of the District Adjacent to it, with the Towns of Apollonia Ad Rhyndacum, Miletupolis, Hadrianutherae, Priapus, Zeleia, etc.* Cambridge

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The name *dolon* and the exclusivity of the members (only women) points to a sort of a closed group. What is unclear, however, is the private nature of the association.

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