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CAPInv. 1103: **synkynagoi**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Greece with the Ionian Islands
ii. Region	Akarnania
iii. Site	Astakos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	συγκυναγοί (IG IX.1^2.2 435, l. 15)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	*synkynagoi*

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	*synkynagoi*: it is not clear if this board of hunters is an association of cultic or professional nature.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG IX.1^2.2 435 (ii BC)
Online Resources	IG IX.1^2.2 435
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Artemis *Agrotera*. IG IX.1^2.2 435 consists of a dedication to the goddess (l. 1), followed by a list of 13 people (recorded by name and patronimic, ll. 2-14), then by the title *synkynagoi* (l. 15), then again by 6 people (recorded by name and patronimic, ll. 16-21).

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i.c. Physical format(s)	Rectangular limestone stele
ii. Source(s) provenance	Church of *Hagii Apostoli* in Dragamesto (ancient Astakos), stele reused as table of the altar.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Unknown. The men recorded in the inscription are 19.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	It is certain that the members of the association, the hunters, are male (IG IX.1^2.2 435, ll. 2-14, 16-21).

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Votive dedication to Artemis *Agrotera*
Deities worshipped	Artemis *Agrotera*

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Klaffenbach (ad IG IX.1^2.2 435), following Rhomaios, thinks that the first 13 persons mentioned in the inscription are hunters, despite the title *kynagoi* is not present, and that the last 6 are actually *synkynagoi*. I am not convinced; I rather think of a dedication of *epheboi* and of a collective name (*synkynagoi*) which was engraved in a prominent position of the text. The rare epigraphic definition of the group (*synkynagoi*) is very important for its mythic significance and therefore for the social impact of this testimony. The context of the dedication and the literary references to mythical hunters converge on the cult of Artemis *Agrotera*. Cf. Antonetti 2010: 316-7.
iii. Bibliography	Antonetti, C. (2010), 'I diversi aspetti di una koine socio-culturale nella Grecia nord-occidentale di epoca ellenistica', in C. Antonetti (ed.), *Lo spazio ionico e le comunità della Grecia nord-occidentale. Territorio, società, istituzioni*, Pisa: 301-26.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The absence of more specific terminology for association and the uncertain character of the group make it only probable that the *synkynagoi* were a private association. See also XII.i 'Comments'.

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