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CAPInv. 781: Dioserapi(as)tai

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands |
| ii. Region | Messenia |
| iii. Site | island Prote |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | Διοσεραπι(ας)ταί (IG V.1 1543, ll. 1-2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>Dioserapi(as)tai</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | ii (?) - iii (?) AD |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Theophoric: <i>Dioserapiastai</i> : The reading is uncertain. |
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V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | IG V.1 1543 (II-III AD?) |
| Online Resources | IG V.1 1543 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek graffito: Euploia inscription (wish for a safe sea voyage) |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | Graffito on the rock |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | Inscribed on the rocks of the island Prote, off the Messenian coast, between Kyparissia and Pylos |

XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | <p>In IG V.1 1543 the reading of the name of the group appears as [φι]<λ>οσεβά[σ]των ([phi]<l>oseba[s]ton), whilst the majuscule of the text shows that the reading is not at all certain. Sandberg (1954: 9 no. 6) suggests Διοσεραπι(ασ)τῶν, <i>Dioserapi(as)ton</i>. This seems more compatible with the majuscule given in IG.</p> <p>Both suggestions, <i>Dioserapi(as)tai</i> and the earlier reading <i>Philosebatoi</i>, display a cultic element. Generally on the sea routes around the Cape Maleas, see Henning 2002.</p> |
| iii. Bibliography | <p>Henning, D. (2002), 'Die antike Seehandelsroute um Kap Malea', <i>MBAH</i> 20: 23-37.</p> <p>Sandberg, N. (1954), <i>EYIIA OIA. Etudes Epigraphiques</i>. Gothenburg.</p> |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Possible |
| Note | The bad preservation of the inscription, which hampers reading with certainty, and the brevity of the text do not allow any certainty about the nature of the group mentioned. |