

CAPInv. 1983: to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Lykion

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Paphos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσομένων Λυκίων (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76, ll. 4-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Lykion

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	131 - 118 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Lykioi</i> : mercenaries from Lycia
	Geographical:	<i>en tei nesoi</i>
	Professional:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : the soldiers stationed on the island
	Status-related:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : the soldiers stationed on the island
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76, l. 4; ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77, l. 1; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81, l. 4; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80, ll. 3-4; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79, ll. 3-4.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 (127-124 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 (131-127 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 (123-118 BC)
Note	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 = OGIS 147 = SEG 13: 575 ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 = OGIS 146 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 = SEG 13: 583 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 = OGIS 162 = SEG 13: 580 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 = SEG 13: 577
Online Resources	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 and AGRW ID 20541 ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 and AGRW ID 20546 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 and AGRW ID 20564 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 and AGRW ID 20552 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 and AGRW ID 20550
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedications of statues to governors of Cyprus and members of the governors' families.
i.c. Physical format(s)	State bases.
ii. Source(s) provenance	All the inscriptions were found in the sanctuary of Aphrodite.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military character of the <i>koinon</i> , it is likely that the members were men.
iv. Status	The members of the <i>koinon</i> were presumably formed by the Lycian mercenaries stationed on the island.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> honoured with statues governors of Cyprus and members of their families: the daughter of governor Lochos (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76), a certain Diasthenes (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77), the son of the governor Theodoros (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81), the wife of the governor Theodoros (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80), and the governor Theodoros himself (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On <i>koina</i> of mercenaries on Cyprus see also: Thompson Crawford 1984: 1073-4 and Kruse 2015: 292-6.
iii. Bibliography	Kruse, T. (2015), 'Ethnic <i>koina</i> and <i>politeumata</i> in Ptolemaic Egypt'. in V. Gabrielsen and C. A. Thomsen (eds.), <i>Private Associations and the Public Sphere: Proceedings of a Symposium held at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 9-11 September 2010</i> . Copenhagen: 270-300. Thompson Crawford, D. J. (1984), 'The Idumaeans of Memphis and the Ptolemaic Politeumata', in <i>Atti del XVII Congresso Internazionale di Papirologia</i> . vol. 3. Napoli: 1069-75.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology employed (*koinon*) and the character of the group, together with parallels of other military *koina* on the island, point to a private association. It is less likely that the *koinon* was the loose community of mercenaries without a more structured and durable associational organisation.