

# **SOME CONSIDERATIONS ON THE PRE-AND PROTOHISTORIC SITES ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF THE ANDRAMYTTEION BAY AND THE PRESENCE OF THE BALCANIC PEOPLES IN THE REGION**

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The region of the Adramytteion Bay is one of the most interesting regions in northwest Anatolia. Regrettably, though, the studies dedicated to that region are not yet sufficient. Our approach deals not only with the presence of the Thracians and/or related peoples in that region, but also its interaction with the southeastern European area.

In the last years we have been involved in the survey of the Pre- and Protohistoric sites in this area. This investigation put at our disposal a richer general information and also offered a better knowledge of the Bronze and Iron Age sites in the Gomec and Ayvalik regions. The surveys of the area yielded some materials revealing the presence of both ancient Balcanic and Sea peoples (?) in that region, according to the ancient sources (such as: Strabon, Stephanus Byzantios etc.). Some sites and sherds related especially to the "*Crisis Years*" have also been identified. Due to the today special conditions of that region, we still do not dispose of the bulk of information on a great deal of sherds and sites. The samples gathered in the field, therefore, are of great interest in this context. The paper will be approaching sites and materials available till now.