

## A FEW MONETARY SIGNS DISCOVERED IN DOBRUJA

### ABSTRACT

The two authors present five monetary signs discovered in Dobruja, four of which are arrowheads, and the fifth one a little dolphin from Olbia. The four arrowheads have been discovered in Corbu, Cotu Văii and Histria (two pieces), and the little dolphin from Olbia in Târgușor, in the centre of the territory between the Danube and the Sea. In the case of the arrowheads-monetary signs, we must

note that one piece was discovered in the territory of influence of Callatis (Cotu Văii). Also, the two pieces from Histria display the letter A (on both sides, nr. 2) and a four-spokes wheel (on one side, nr. 3), a symbol used on the coins of the type „with wheel“ issued by Histria. For the first time a little dolphin made of silver is published (all the other known discoveries are made of bronze). In this situation, we can speak for the first time of the existence, for the monetary signs, of the standard quasi-primary exchange of bimetallism, which was widespread in the monetary process of the ancient world's workshops.