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MARE CYPRIUM: MULTIMEDIA APPLICATIONS FOR CYPRIOT MARITIME CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Maritime Archaeological Research Laboratory (MARELab) of the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Cyprus has developed many projects and training for the underwater archaeology, as it is the only institution in Cyprus able to conduct underwater archaeological investigations. One of its projects is the Mare Cyprium Project, which aims to build on existing digital data that can be integrated into multimedia applications, to promote the maritime cultural heritage of Cyprus. A series of digital products will be created to help the public (non-specialists) comprehend the significant contribution of maritime cultural heritage to the history of Cyprus but also the wider region of the eastern Mediterranean. The multimedia digital applications aim to address a wide range of audiences, while it will establish synergies with the Honor Frost Foundation's Google Arts and Culture. Also, the digital media will be utilised to convey information and knowledge on ships, shipwrecks, and harbours, through the following sites:

- 1) the Hellenistic Mazotos shipwreck from 4th century BC
- (2) the Nissia Shipwreck, an 18th century AD site
- (3) the Hellenistic – Roman Harbour of ancient Paphos, which has been investigated in the 1990s, and MARELab has recently undertaken a pre-construction survey, which includes extensive digital mapping and documentation
- (4) the Hellenistic Harbour of Amathous, which was excavated in the 1980s and fully published recently, has been digitally recorded by MARELab, as a deliverable of the ANDIKAT Project
- (5) the Agios Spyridon Trawler, which is a ship dismantled in a controlled way and fully digitally recorded by MARELab, during two seasons in 2018-2019, and finally

(6) six traditional Cypriot boats from the MARELab collection of fishing boats, which are kept at the storage facilities of MARELab/UCY, and have already been partially recorded during seminars with under- and post- graduate students.



View of the Mazotos shipwreck site ³²

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