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The objective of this disertation is to provide a comprehensive overview of all archaeological evidence of metal finds and archaeological proof of secondary metallurgy in Western Anatolia in 2nd millennium BC. The motivation behind this topic was the lack of research on metal finds from this region in the 2nd millennium BCE. So far, in the context of metallurgy and metal objects in western Anatolia during the 2nd Millennium BC, there has been a lack of comprehensive work that summarizes all the finds and typologically sort them. Current knowledge is primarily derived from published reports of archaeological excavations, alongside a handful of smaller studies and articles. There is only a limited number of ongoing research projects in the West Anatolian sites, and the published material is even scarcer. My approach is to provide a comprehensive survey of the published metal finds, shedding light on the evidence of metalworking across all regions of Western Anatolia. To provide a new perspective on the entire region in terms of metal finds. The purpose is to provide a new broader understanding of the region, not only known by pottery, settlement pattern, burial practices and so on. This aim is also encouraged by the assumption that Western Anatolia in 2nd Millennium BC had a highy developed metallurgical production based on a rich metallurgical tradition in previous periods. Early Bronze Age and Late Chalcolithic showed evidence of significant metallurgical innovations at several sites, along with the utilization of local abundant resources. The initial idea stemmed from my diploma thesis where metal objects from western Antolian coast and Eastern Easgean (so-called Eastegean and West-Anatolian interface) islands were collected, typologically evaluated, and compared with other regions in an attempt to demonstrate their local distinctiveness. The East Aegean and West-Anatolian interface in the 2nd millennium BC is a geographic-cultural concept defined by Penelope Mountjoy in 1998¹, based in particular on the exploration of Mycenaean ceramics in the region of the eastern Greek islands and the adjacent Anatolian coast, where the Minoan and Mycenaean influence meets with the Anatolian, as well as lively maritime contacts with areas far away. With her outcomes, she has proven that ceramics are not identically identical to those on the Greek mainland or Crete, and that there is a local mix of Aegean, Anatolian and other influences. It also divided the area into southern and northern, where the southern part, especially in the Dodecanese and adjacent Anatolian coast, was under the strong Minoan influence in the Middle Bronze Age, and later on the Mycenaean, and the northern part was more under the Anatolia cultural influence. In my diploma research, after overview of published metal finds metal from the Interface area, it appears that some of these items might

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¹ Mountjoy 1998.

have been made locally, based on their type and appearance, showing unique mixtures of different cultural influences. Therefore, the author of this work decided to extent this aim to region of Western Anatolia in the same time period. So far there is no archeological work concerning summarization of metal objects in 2nd Millennium BC Western Anatolia that is giving them typological, chronological, and regional analysis. The current state of knowledge is limited only to publications from archaeological excavations and several minor works and papers. Therefore, this thesis is collecting all metal finds published from 2nD Millennium B.C. in Western Anatolia. Main focus is on chapters on types of metals with their typological representatives and subgroups.

The coastline has been fairly well-researched, especially the Dodecanese and Troy, which were undoubtedly important centers in their time. In summary, the further south we go, the stronger the cultural connections to the Minoan and Mycenaean world, and moving north, the connections are more Anatolian in nature. As we will see later, the coastline and its immediate surroundings also have their own unique forms of certain metal objects, with their distribution almost exclusively limited to the coastal area. It is worth mentioning that the coastline is also part of the theory of the eastern Aegean and western Anatolian interface proposed by Penelope Mountjoy, which was addressed in a previous thesis that examined metals, attempting to characterize them typologically and identify any differences from other regions, such as the mainland. It appears that there is regional diversity and unique local types of metal objects. It was collected and catalogized up to 1286 metal pieces of all categories (weapons, working tools, jewellery). In terms of typology, it was shown that some metals evidence for possible local production and no similar paralels from Aegean or Anatolia. The significant example is the group of metals, named Siana, consisting of swords and knives with typological unique mixture of Aegean and Anatolian influences. Similar case would a group of non-canonical Aegean swords, named by the author of this as Interface Swords.²

Culturally, the forms of metal finds in inland Anatolia are close to parallels found throughout Anatolia. However, the region is less explored, and there are not many well-known or published sites across a large area. The northwestern inland Anatolian region has great potential for metallurgy, especially considering the research on the period preceding the MBA. For our period, particularly the MBA, SH plays a significant role with a large number of finds and evidence of casting. The connection to rich deposits in the surrounding area directly contributes to the flourishing of this region. Other sites, including burial grounds and

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² Roháček 2019b.

settlements other than Seyitomer Hoyuk, provide fewer pieces of evidence. Beycesultan is genuinely significant for the southwestern inland region, as the quantity of metals and evidence of production indicate. However, other sites in the region have only a few metal finds or are not fully published. The same applies to Kaymakci. The eastern area is more associated with Hittite influence. If we were to generally classify the inland western Anatolia as a whole, despite its regional differences, we can note that, in its own way, the entire western Anatolia has a distinctive character with local peculiarities regarding metal finds, which sets it apart from, for example, central Anatolia and the Aegean region.

To conclude, the metal finds and metallurgy evidence from Western Anatolia suggest that the entire territory of Western Anatolia in 2nd Millennium BC is showing evidence of abundant metal finds and local metallurgical production. The region is large therefore it can be divided into several locally specific areas. It can be stated with certainty that the southwest coast of Anatolia is more connected with the Aegean region and Dodecanese and the north-west coast with an example of Troy is more connected with Anatolia. The coast is different from inland, then inland is specific and can be further divided, and finally sites in Eastern most part of the region are more connected with Central Anatolia. General typological analysis can point to out a strong Anatolian character of metals, yet Western Anatolia can be separated from neighboring regions like Aegean, Central Anatolia or further East, and acts on its own.

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