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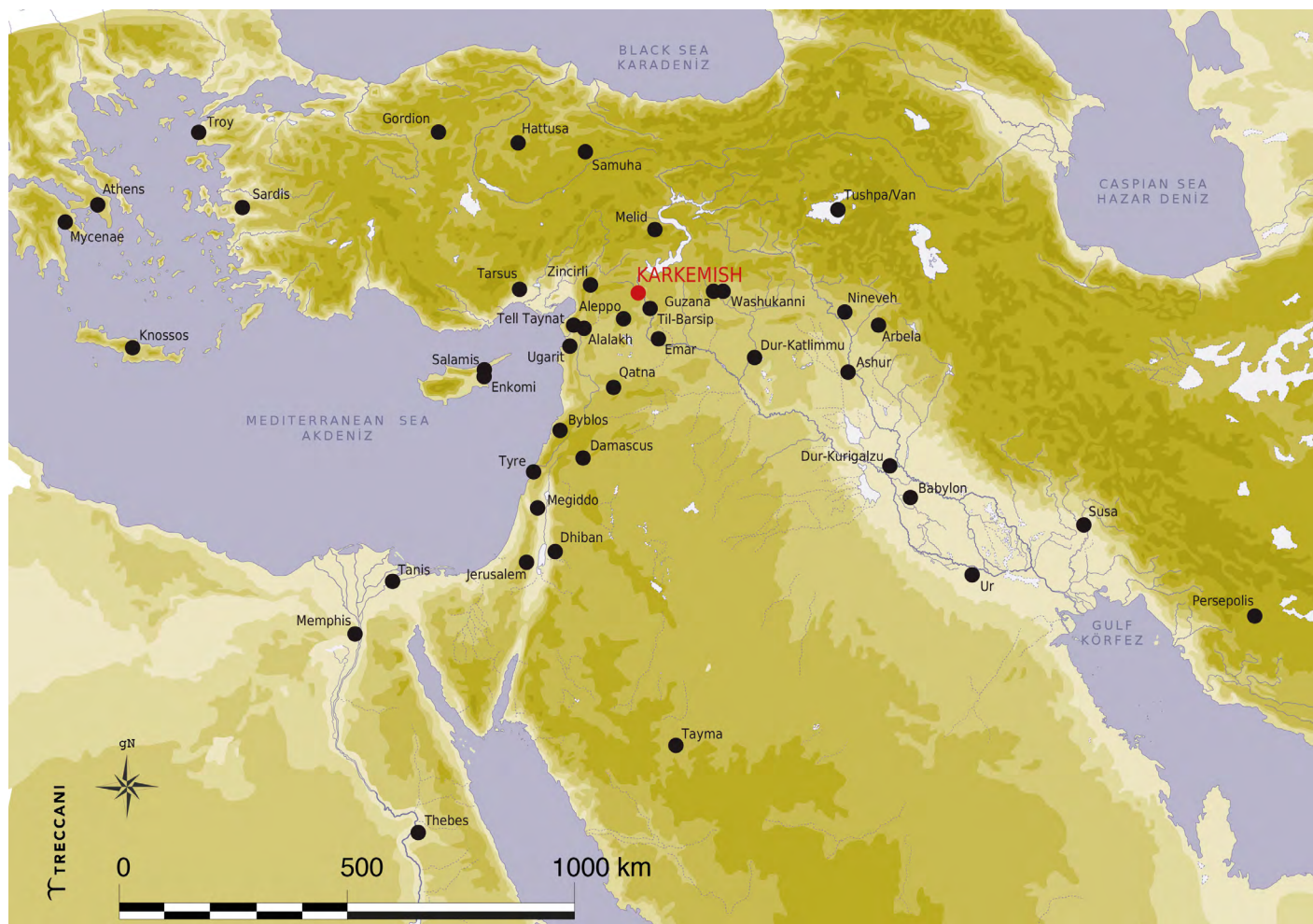
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Impressed sealing

Excavation no. KH.19.O.304 (Gaziantep)

Material: Clay

Dimensions: l. 5.1; w. 3.5; th. 3.4 cm

Context: Lower Palace, area C East, Seal-house, fill F.8867 (phase A)

Date: Late Bronze IIB, 13th century BCE

Description

Large, nearly complete clay sealing from the deposit in the lowermost layer in the Seal-house (phase A), lying below the floors and walls of the western sector of that complex: the deposit included 547 sealings, both impressed and not, and represents a discarded archive, sealed by a construction level with open and closed spaces, from which another 153 sealings were retrieved (phase B), mainly from the courtyard to the West of the building. The reverse shows the negative impressions of two strings wrapped around a rounded object (bundle) with a smooth surface. On the obverse there are four impressions of a circular stamp seal (diam. 1.7 cm) with a field surrounded by a notched border. The hieroglyphs of the name of the owner are the ibex *sâ* (L104 = CAPRA₂)+*US* (L421)-*ka* (L434)-CERVUS₂ (L102.1)-*t[iʔ]* (L90), which can be read Šaušga-Runtiya. No title or profession is given. The name Šaušga-Runtiya is attested in both cuneiform and hieroglyphic sources (Laroche 1966: 1144; Herbordt 2005: 271), but there is not enough evidence available to equate the personage from Karkemish with one of the individuals documented so far.

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