

THE SILIQUA COIN FINDS IN THE REGION BETWEEN DNIESTER AND PRUT. A CASE STUDY (CONTINUATION)

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Rezumat: În articolul de față este prezentat un lot de 40 piese de tip *argenteus/siliqua*, recent atestate pe teritoriul Republicii Moldova. Datele vin în completarea discuției despre prezența monedelor de acest tip în zona situată între Nistru și Prut, publicată în volumul tematic „Coin Hoards in Southeastern Europe (1st-6th century AD)”, în Ruse (Bulgaria), în anul 2021. Piesele incluse în articol sunt analizate din punct de vedere al emitenților (opt împărați, de la Constantin II, Constantius II și Constans I până la Valentinian I și Valens), a atelierelor monetare în care au fost bătute (ale Imperiului de Est și de Vest), tipurilor monetare (de tip *Vota*, *Vota/Felicitas Rei Publice*, *Victorie*, cu trei ramuri de palmier, cu o stea) și urmelor de refolosire (cu tăieturi, perforate sau cu o urechiușă de prindere). De asemenea, este discutată repartizarea pieselor în spațiul între Nistru și Prut (pentru exemplarele cu proveniență certă), precum și cadrul cronologic al emisiunilor (din anii '20-30 ai sec. IV, până la 364-367). Mai detaliat sunt descrise două piese de la Constans I și Constantin II, de tip inedit, ce pot fi folosite pentru completarea catalogului RIC.

Abstract: The article at hand describes a batch of 40 coins of *argenteus/siliqua* type, recently attested on the territory of the Republic of Moldova. The data complete the discussion on the presence of such items in the region situated between the Dniester and Prut rivers, published in the thematic volume “Coin Hoards in Southeastern Europe (1st-6th century AD)”, in Ruse (Bulgaria) in 2021. The items are analysed from the point of view of issuers (eight emperors, from Constantine II, Constantius II, and Constans I to Valentinian I, and Valens), of mint-place (Eastern and Western mints), of the monetary type (*Vota*-type, *Vota/Felicitas Rei Publice*-type, *Victory*-type, types with three palm branches and with a star), and traces of reuse (with cuts, perforated or looped). Also, the

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distribution of the coins in the Dniester-Prut area is discussed (for specimens with certain provenience), as well as the chronological framework of the issues, set from the 20s-30s of the 4th century to 364-7. Two pieces from Constans I and Constantine II of an unknown type are described in more detail. They can be used to complete the RIC catalogue.

Introduction

The information that I intend to discuss in this article completes the data published in a thematic volume, "Coin Hoards in Southeastern Europe (1st-6th century AD)", edited by the Regional Museum of History in Ruse (Bulgaria) in 2021¹. Then I had the initiative to collect data on all the Roman coin finds of the argenteus/siliqua type, attested in the region between the Dniester and Prut rivers (Republic of Moldova and Odessa region, Ukraine). This ambition concluded in the publication of data on both types of discoveries, hoards and single finds, recently attested on the above-mentioned territory, as well as the resumption of information mentioned in historiography on the items of the same type, which were published superficially or without images. The information was gathered for ten hoards. Some of them were scattered shortly after the discovery, which makes it difficult to calculate the real number of pieces the hoards were formed of², and 112 single finds³. The re-evaluation of the information allowed me to define some hypotheses regarding the circumstances of the entry and spread of Roman silver coins among the bearers of the Sântana de Mureş-Chernyakhiv culture in the 4th century.

In addition to the data published in 2021, my paper aims to discuss the following 40 Roman coins of argenteus/siliqua type⁴, which were recently discovered in the area between the Dniester and Prut, limited by the borders of the Republic of Moldova. To avoid overlapping in the numbering of the coins with those published in 2021, I decide to follow the numbering from the previous article, Catalogue B, section Single Finds. Thus, the catalogue will start with no. 113 and will continue to no. 152.

The catalogue is organized according to the place of find: coins obtained from a certain place of found (nos. 113-24) are succeeded by those with an uncertain provenience (nos. 125-52). The Roman Imperial Coinage catalogue (= RIC), volumes VII-VIII, and IX have been used for identification of the coins; abbreviations as follows: AR - silver, g - gram, mm - millimetre.

Chronology of the coins

The catalogue includes 40 items (nos. 113-52 and **Pls. I-III**), issued in the name of eight Roman emperors. The distribution by issuers is unequal (**Pl. I**).

¹ DERGACIOVA 2021, p. 118-186.

² DERGACIOVA 2021, Catalogue A.

³ DERGACIOVA 2021, Catalogue B.

⁴ It is quite complicate to differentiate these two values. In the numismatic bibliography, they are sometimes called argenteus (or heavy siliqua), sometimes siliqua (or light siliqua), but both belong to the same iconographical type. The only one criterion that can help to identify the nominal of the coins is their weight. However, I do not intend to discuss the metrological features of the coins, because of the missing data for some pieces from my catalogue. For general discussions on this topic see VONDROVEC 2018, p. 31-39.

The coins struck by Constantius II are registered in a predominant number – 65 % (26 items); in a much smaller percentage, those from Constans I – 10 % (4 items), Valens - 7.5 % (3 items), Constantine II – 5 % (2 items), and Valentinian I -5 % (2 items). Only one coin has been submitted for the emperors Vetrano, Constantius Gallus, and Julian each, which represents 2.5 % for each. It should be noted that Vetrano and Julian's items are recorded among the Moldovan finds for the first time.

As monetary type, *Vota*-type issues are recorded in the biggest percentage – 50 % (20 items from Constantius II, Julian, Valentinian I, and Valens). *Vota/Felicitas Rei Publice*-type and *Victory*-type coins are attested in a smaller, but still significant percentage - 22.5 % (9 items from Constantius II only), and 20 % respectively (8 items from Constantine II, Constans I, Constantius II, and Vetrano). Three palm branches type and the type with a Star coins are registered in a small, irrelevant percentage - 2.5 % for each (1 item from Constans I and 1 item from Constantius Gallus). One item in our catalogue belongs to the unspecified type, brockage strike during Valens' reign (no. 118).

Based on the mint-place, the issues are distributed disproportionately between the Eastern and the Western Empire (**Tab. I**). The coins struck by the eastern mints have a leading position: Constantinople - the majority, 37.5% (15 items); Sirmium - 17.5% (7 items); Thessalonica - 10% (4 items); Heraclea - 5% (2 items); Nicomedia - 5% (2 items); Antiochia - 5% (2 items). The Western Empire is represented only by two mints, Rome and Siscia, 2.5% (1 item) and 12.5% (5 items) respectively. The mint place for two last coins could not be identified (nos. 118 and 146).

Geographic distribution of the finds

The coins listed in the catalogue were found occasionally in the region situated between the Dniester and Prut rivers, shorted by the current border of the Republic of Moldova (**Pl. IV**). Among the 40 coins, only 12 have a certain provenance (nos. 113-24), for other 28, data are missing. Only the fact that they were discovered dispersed on the territory of the Republic is known (nos. 125-52).

The issues with the certain place of found are distributed as follows: eight items are attested in the area between two above-mentioned rivers, on the upper course of the Dniester River (nos. 117-24). Four other specimens come from the lower course of the Dniester, the Ialpuș river valley in the Cimișlia region, already highlighted in historiography by the discovery of Roman coins of the same type⁵ (nos. 113-6). Although the percentage of localized coins is quite small (30% = 12 items), it can be used to map new siliqua discoveries, published in 2021 and resumed here in an updated form (**Pl. V**). With an important clarification, no die-link matches have been attested for the coins in my catalogue and those published in 2021.

⁵ DERGACIOVA 2021, Catalogue B, nos. 36-39.

Preservation and Coin Condition

The preservation of the coins is various, but in general, very good. Some of the coins are extremely well preserved (nos. 113, 117, 130, 132, 136, 140, 143 and so on), others appear to be more used, sometimes, small cracks can be detected (nos. 115, 129, 133, 150).

On a piece struck by Constantius II, some visible scratches formed by several long lines cut quite deep in metal can be seen, which are concentrated in the middle of the coin, on the emperor's bust (no. 127). In my opinion, the purpose of such cuts was to divide the coin into two equal parts. This phenomenon has been observed by the other pieces of the same type, where the coins had the same traces of cutting or were even cut in two pieces⁶.

Also, other four coins from various emperors have been reused as pendants by perforating (no. 123 from Vetrano; no. 129 from Constantius II; no. 148 from Constans II) or looping (no. 146 from Constantius II), a phenomenon also already certified for *siliqua* single finds⁷. All the pieces were perforated or looped in the area of the emperor's head. Most likely, it was done intentionally, so that the coin was turned towards the viewer with the effigy of the emperor⁸.

It should be noted that neither the pieces with obvious traces of cutting, nor those used for decorative purposes have any preference towards the issuer or the monetary type. The pieces are of the *Victory*-type, struck by Constantius II (no. 127) and Vetrano (no. 123), as well as those of the *Vota/Felicitas Rei Publice*-type, minted by Constantius II (nos. 146). Three palm branches type with the name of Constans II (no. 148) have been attested too. This leads me to the conclusion that there were no preferences in choosing the iconographic type, coins were subjected to both interventions by chance.

New coin variants

Several pieces attract attention due to their features. They can be used to complete the RIC series.

One of them can be described as follows: the emperor's bust to the right on obverse, three palm branches on reverse (no. 148; **Plate III/148**). According to the legend and mint abbreviation, it was struck during the reign of Constans I in the Siscia mint. The coin belongs to a new variant since the name of the mint, abbreviated as SIS, appears without a dot at the end. The presence or absence of the dot in front of the SIS is not certain because of the perforation, which cuts the first part of the name of the workshop and the place the dot could have been. The RIC VIII volume reproduces only the issues of the Siscia mint, where SIS is completed by two dots, one in front and the other at the end of the name. No coins without dots are listed (cf. the description from RIC VIII, 354, nos. 65-6 and no. 148 from my catalogue). It leads me to the conclusion that the coin in discussion can be attributed to a new variant, unknown to the authors of the

⁶ DERGACIOVA 2021, Catalogue A, no. X.18 (Telenești region/before 1393-4 hoard); Catalogue B, nos. 6, 72, 87, 102; ISVORANU 2014, p. 30, no. 126 (Budăi/1951 hoard).

⁷ DERGACIOVA 2021, Catalogue B, nos. 1, 6, 32, 42-4, 66, 70, 83, 102-3.

⁸ BURSCHE 2008, p. 400.

volume. It also missing from the online database "Online Coins of the Roman Empire"⁹.

The second piece falls into the category of new coin types. It has emperor's bust without legend on obverse and Victory walking left on reverse; with the legend CONSTAN – TINVS AVG on the reverse side (no. 126). According to the legend and mint abbreviation, the coin was struck in the name of Constantine II in the Heraclea mint. RIC Catalogue does not list any analogy for siliquae of this type struck in the name of Constantine. The catalogue only mentions the issues of this type struck in the name of Constantius II and Constans I (cf. the description from RIC VIII, 430-1, nos. 11-2 and no. 126 from my catalogue). No coins of this type were registered by the "Online Coins of the Roman Empire" database¹⁰, which forced us to propose the completion to the RIC catalogue. Also, I would like to underline that, although the coin in discussion was found in the Republic of Moldova, it was recently sold by Solidus Numismatik, Auction 82, Lot 1423.

Some observations and ideas

Consequently, the article briefly analysed 40 recently found coins in the Dniester-Prut area. Chronologically, they cover a relatively long period of time, highlighting earlier issues than those described in the 2021 article. Among such items, siliquae from the time of Emperors Constantius II, Constans I, and Constantine II can be mentioned. Thus, the lower limit for siliqua issues can be set down to the 20s-30s of the 4th century, although it is obviously difficult to estimate the period of entry and diffusion of early siliqua in the barbarian environment. Instead, the upper limit for siliquae issues remains unchanged. The most recent recorded coins, as well as those published in 2021, do not exceed the reigns of Valentinian I and Valens, dated 364-7.

I would also like to emphasize once again that single finds in siliqua coins continue to record several monetary types. Not only those of the *Vota*-type are registered, widely attested in the single finds and, especially, in all ten hoards already discussed in the 2021 article, but also those of less common types, of the *Vota/Felicitas Rei Publice*-type, *Victory*-type, the type with a star or with three palm branches. The last of this type is highlighted for the first time in the region situated between Dniester and Prut. All these indirectly support the previous hypothesis that different types of siliqua issues could enter the local coin circulation sporadically, without pre-selection. In the meanwhile, large-scale political-military payments were reserved only for *Vota*-type issues¹¹.

⁹ bit.ly/ocre-constans (visited on June 20, 2022).

¹⁰ bit.ly/ocre-constantineII (visited on June 20, 2022).

¹¹ DERGACIOVA 2021, p. 36-38.

**CATALOGUE OF SINGLE FINDS IN ARGENTEUS/SILQUA COINS
(Pls. I-III)
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

CIMIȘLIA region

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTV / XXX In exergue C • Γ

113. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found along the bed of the Yalpug River, between the villages of Javgur and Cenac (closer to Javgur), in 2012. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, March 15, 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 456, no. 102).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. C • H (?) in exergue.

114. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in Javgur village. Private collection.

Valens. Constantinople, February 25, 364 - August 24, 367 (RIC IX, p. 211, no. 11(d)1 = argenteus).

Obv. D N VALENS – P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOT / V Legend within wreath. **CONS A** in exergue.

115. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found along the bed of the Yalpug River, between the villages of Javgur and Cenac (closer to Javgur), in 2015. Private collection.

Constantius II. Nicomedia, Spring 340 - January 19, 350 (RIC VIII, p. 474, no. 40).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed head to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXV / MVLTVS / XXX Legend within wreath. **SMN** in exergue.

116. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found along the bed of the Yalpug River, between the villages of Javgur and Cenac (closer to Javgur), in 2013. Private collection.

DROCHIA region

Constantius II. Thessalonica, December 25, 350 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 417, no. 163).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed head to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. **TES** in exergue.

117. AR; ? g; about 20 mm; found in Pervomaiscoe village. Private collection.

FĂLEȘTI region

Valens. Mint not identified (cf. RIC IX).

Obv. D N VALENS – P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. Brockage.

118. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

FLOREȘTI region

Constans I. Siscia, Spring 340 - January 19, 350 (RIC VIII, p. 361, no. 168).

Obv. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory walking to the left, holding a palm and a trophy. **SIS** in exergue.

119. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in Alexeevca village. Private collection.

GLODENI region

Valentinian I. Constantinople, February 25, 364 - August 24, 367 (RIC IX, p. 211, no. 11(g)2 = argenteus).

Obv. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOT / V Legend within wreath. **CONS A** in exergue.

120. AR; 2.56 g; 20 mm; found in 2015. Private collection.

OCNIȚA region

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTV / XXX In exergue C • A

121. AR; ? g; 21 mm; found in Otaci village. Private collection.

ORHEI region

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 68 = reduced siliqua).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. **SIRM** in exergue.

122. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in Brăviceni village, in 2015. Private collection.

ȘOLDĂNEȘTI region

Vetranio. Siscia, January 19 - December 25, 350 (RIC VIII, p. 368, no. 267).

Obv. D N VETRA – NIO P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a trophy. **SIS** in exergue.

123. AR; ? g; 21.5 mm, pierced. Private collection.

SOROCA region

Constans I. Thessalonica, September 9, 337 - Spring 340 (RIC VIII, p. 406, no. 54).

Obv. CONSTANS – P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VICTORIA – D D M NAVGG Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a palm branch. **TES** in exergue.

124. AR; ? g; about 20 mm; found between Decebal and Oclanda villages, on field. Private collection.

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Constantine II. Siscia, September 9, 337 - Spring 340 (RIC VIII, p. 353, no. 53).

Obv. No legend. Diademed head to the right.

Rev. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a palm branch. **SIS** in exergue.

125. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2021. Private collection.

Constantine II. Heraclea, September 9, 337 - Spring 340 (RIC VIII, no. -; cf. p. 430-1, nos. 11-2 for Constantius II and Constans I).

Obv. No legend. Diademed head to the right.

Rev. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a palm branch. **SMH** in exergue.

126. AR; 2.78 g; 20 mm; found in 2020-1. Private collection. Solidus Numismatik. Auction 82. Lot 1423. Date June 29, 2021 (this coin).

Constantius II. Siscia, 326-7 (RIC VII, p. 451-2, no. 213).

Obv. FL IVL CONSTANIVS NOB C Diademed and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VICTORIA – CAESARVM Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a palm branch. **SIS** in exergue.

127. AR; 3.32 g; 21 mm. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-88995> (visited on November 21, 2020, this coin).

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 385, no. 17).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. •**SIRM** in exergue.

128. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 66).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. •**SIRM**• in exergue.

129. AR; 3.00 g; 21 mm, pierced; found in 2019. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-80916> (visited on November 28, 2019, this coin).

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 66).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. •**SIRM**• in exergue.

130. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2015. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-40432> (visited on November 16, 2015, this coin).

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 66).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. •SIRM• in exergue.

131. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 68 = reduced siliqua).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. SIRM in exergue.

132. AR; 2.85 g; 21 mm; found in 2013. Private collection.

Constantius II. Sirmium, September 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 389, no. 68 = reduced siliqua).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTI / XXXX Legend within wreath. SIRM in exergue.

133. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Thessalonica, September 9, 337 - Spring 340 (RIC VIII, p. 406, no. 53).

Obv. CONSTANTI – VS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VICTORIA – DD NN AVGG Victory walking to the left, holding a wreath and a palm branch. TES in exergue.

134. AR; ? g; about 20 mm; found in 2015. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-40144> (visited on November 8, 2015, this coin).

Constantius II. Heraclea, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 432, no. 40).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTI / XXX In exergue SMH

135. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTI / XXX In exergue C • A

136. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2014. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-28216> (visited on October 5, 2014, this coin).

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTI / XXX In exergue C • A

137. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTV / XXX In exergue C • Γ

138. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2014. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-26272> (visited on July 16, 2014, this coin).

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTV / XXX In exergue C • Δ

139. AR; 2.25 g; 20 mm; found in 2018. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, Spring 340 - March 15, 351 (RIC VIII, p. 451, no. 59 first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTV / XXX In exergue C • Δ

140. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2017. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, March 15, 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 456, no. 102).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. C • Γ in exergue.

141. AR; ? g; about 21 mm; found in 2015. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-36688> (visited on July 13, 2015, this coin).

Constantius II. Constantinople, March 15, 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 456, no. 102).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. C • S in exergue.

142. AR; 2.94 g; 20 mm; found in 2014. Private collection.

Constantius II. Constantinople, March 15, 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 456, no. 102).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. C • S in exergue.

143. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Nicomedia, March 15, 351 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 478, no. 81).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTVS / XXXX Legend within wreath. SMN in exergue.

144. AR; 2.95 g; 20 mm; found in 2018. Private collection.

Constantius II. Antioch, Late 347 - November 6, 355 (RIC VIII, p. 520, no. 106).

Obv. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Diademed head to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / XXV / MVLTI / XXX Legend within wreath. **ANT** in exergue.

145. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Constantius II. Mint not identified (RIC VIII, no. -; cf. p. 432, no. 40 for Heraclea; cf. p. 451, no. 59 for Constantinople first period).

Obv. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FELICITAS REI PVBLICE Within wreath, VOT / XX / MVLTI / XXX

146. AR; ? g; about 21 mm, with a broken loop; found in 2012. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-12510> (visited on January 31, 2013, this coin).

Constans I. Rome, c. 347 (RIC VIII, p. 252, no. 70 first group).

Obv. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVGG Victory walking to the left, head turned to the right, holding a wreath and a palm; behind her, a bowing captive. R in exergue.

147. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-83410> (visited on February 16, 2020, this coin).

Constans I. Siscia, September 9, 337 - Spring 340 (RIC VIII, no. -; cf. p. 354, no. 65-6).

Obv. CONSTAN – S P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. CONSTANS AVG Three palm branches; above central palm, a star. **SIS** in exergue.

148. AR; ? g; about 21x23 mm, pierced; found in 2011. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-5059> (visited on November 30, 2011, this coin).

Constantius Gallus. Antioch, March 15, 351 - late 354 (RIC VIII, p. 520, no. 110).

Obv. D N CONSTANTI – VS NOB CAES Head to the right.

Rev. Star within a wreath. **ANT** in exergue.

149. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

Julian the Apostate. Thessalonica, Summer of 361 - June 26, 363 (RIC VIII, p. 423, no. 221 = reduced siliqua).

Obv. FL CL IVLIA – NVS P P AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOTIS / V / MVLTI / X Legend within wreath. **TES** in exergue.

150. AR; 2.24 g; 18 mm; found in 2019. Private collection. <https://bit.ly/oldstory-80916> (visited on November 28, 2019, this coin).

Valentinian I. Constantinople, February 25, 364 - August 24, 367 (RIC IX, p. 212, no. 13(a)6 = siliqua).

Obv. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.

Rev. VOT / V Legend within wreath. **C • A** in exergue.

151. AR; 1.57 g; 21 mm; found in 2019. Private collection.

Valens. Constantinople, February 25, 364 - August 24, 367 (RIC IX, p. 211, no. 11(h) = argenteus).

Obv. D N VALENS – P F AVG Diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust to the right.
Rev. VOT / V Legend within wreath. **CONS B** (?) in exergue.

152. AR; ? g; about 21 mm. Private collection.

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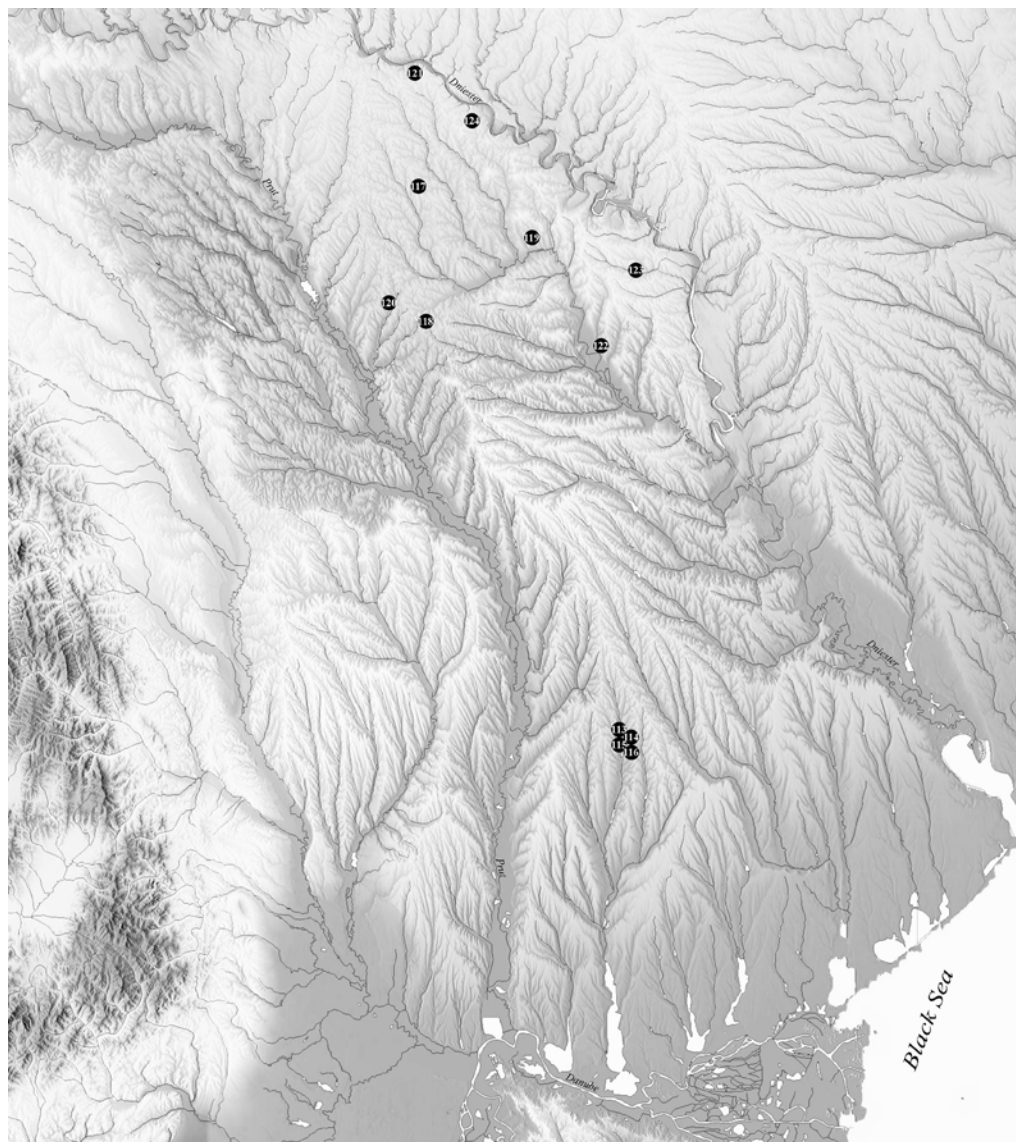
Pl. I. Single finds of siliqua coins of Constantius II (nos. 113-4, 116-7, 121-2, 125-7), Constans I (nos. 119, 124), Vetrantio (no. 123), Valentinian I (no. 120), Valens (nos. 115, 118) attested on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.



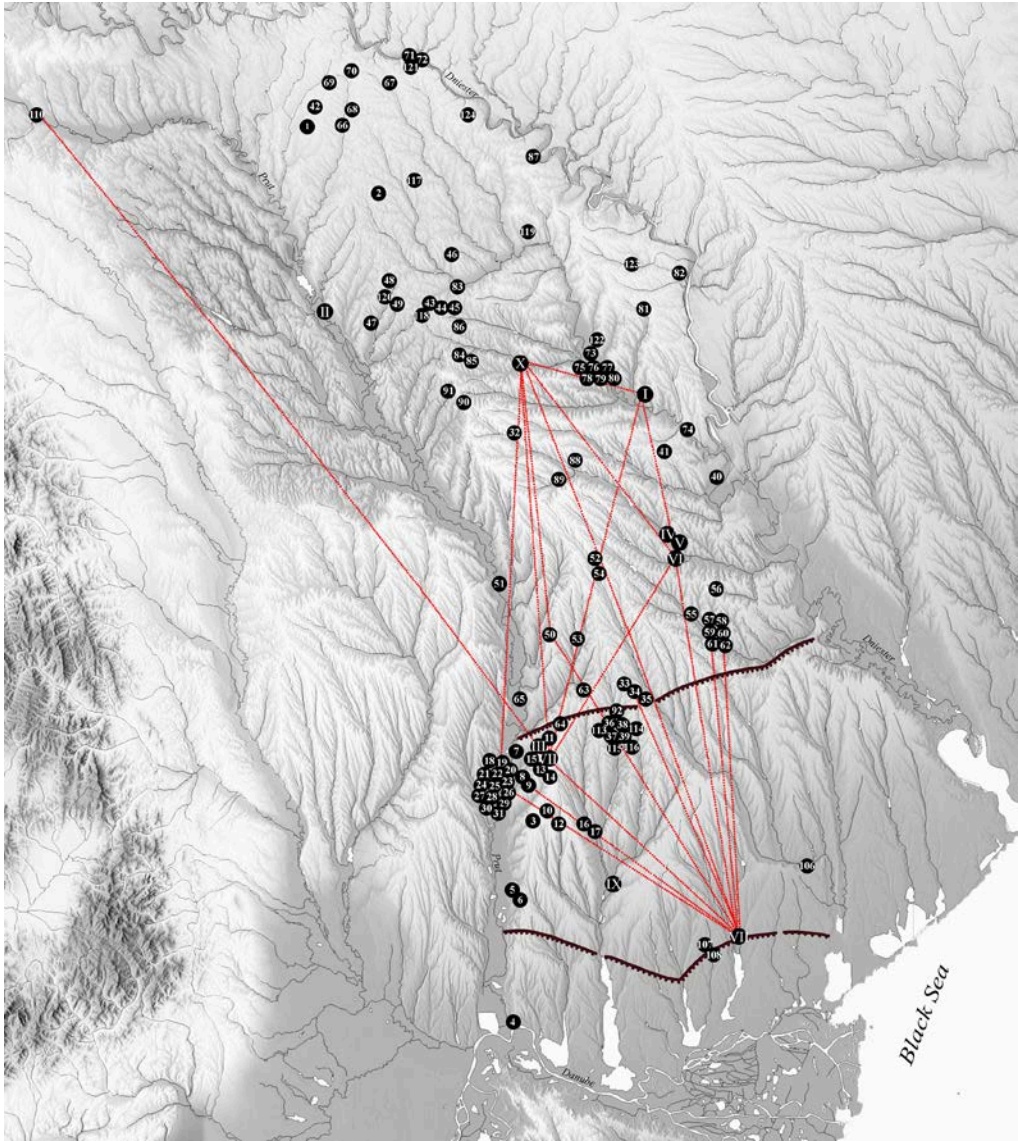
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Pl. IV. Map of siliqua single finds recently attested on the territory of the Republic of Moldova with a certain place of found.



Pl. V. Map of siliqua issues attested in the hoards and single finds in the Dniester-Prut region (after DERGACIOVA 2021, pl. XXIV completed with recent data in single finds).