

## Islet of Atalanti

The existence of an Early Byzantine (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century A.D.) refuge settlement has been established on the islet of Atalanti (Talantonisi or Talanto), to the southwest of Psyttaleia in the Saronic Gulf, by a team from the University of Ioannina. Atalanti lies at a short distance from an Early Byzantine settlement site, on a small promontory on the northwest coast of Psyttaleia, which was excavated by V. Ch. Petrakos in 1986 (see *Ergon* 1986). In Sectors A and B on Atalanti visible architectural remains of the Early Byzantine period have been photographed, measured and drawn; diagnostic surface sherds have also been collected.

In Sector Gamma, on the east side of the islet, abundant sherds of small black-glazed pots, chiefly of Classical date, have been identified. This concentration of Classical sherds is rather intriguing and should be further investigated by trial trenches.



*Atalanti. Aerial view of part of the islet, from east-southeast (photo. K. Xenikakis).*