Mount Kohi

A survey has been conducted by the University of Ioannina along the steep ridge of the rocky Mount Kohi (or Koki), above the Cave of Euripides at Peristeria. An interesting, perhaps occasional, occupation of parts of the oblong upper part of the mount for military/defensive purposes by the Athenian city-state during historical times (in the Classical/early Hellenistic period) has been documented on the evidence of the following elements:

a. Remains of a possible tower on one of the summits, close to the "column" (fixed point) of the Army Geographical Service; **b.** A thick curving enclosing wall of defensive character, with a wide entrance, on a small terrace on the north side of the eastern part of Mount Kohi, most probably closely related to a known Late Classical fort site in the area of Danili and **c.** A checkerboard (*petteia*), of known type, engraved on the natural rock, immediately above the aforementioned enclosing wall, most probably used by abeyant guards, perhaps based at Danili (for another portable example from the Classical town at Ambelaki, see *Akamas*, No. 9-10, 2015-2016).



Kohi. View of curving enclosing wall on the north side of the eastern part of Mount Kohi, from the northwest. © University Excavation of Salamis Archives.