#articleTitle

**An Inscription from the Reign of Probus in the Isis Temple at Berenike**

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| Find no. | BE-15/18/22 111.999.001 |
| Inventory no. | inv. 111016 |
| Dimensions: height | 72 cm |
| Dimensions: width | 83 cm |
| Dimensions: thickness | 9 cm |
| Material | anhydritic gypsum |
| Inventory Number | CBL 142.2 |
| Date | AD 276–281, November 17/18 |
| Inscription identified | 26.01.2022 |

#introduction

The stele published here was first excavated, albeit partially, in 2015 in the forecourt of the Isis temple at the port of Berenike on Egypt’s Red Sea coast.[[1]](#footnote-1) It lay under a pile of large stones heaped near the northwest corner of the temple courtyard. The inscribed side was not exposed until January 2022 after a large roof block had been removed.

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1. [.?].4[.?]

2. [ca.3].2ων̣ ἀνέθηκεν εὐσ̣[εβ]ε̣ία[ς]

3. [χ]ά̣ριν̣ ἐπ᾿ ἀγαθọῖ̣ς̣ [ca.4] Πρόβο̣[υ]

4. τ̣οῦ κ̣υρίου ἡμῶν Σεβαστοῦ \*filler(extension)\*

5. [.?].3 Ἁθὺρ κα  \*hedera\*

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#translation

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“… set this up as an expression of piety for the benefits … of Probus our lord Augustus…Hathyr 21 (hedera).”

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#commentary

2 On autopsy, the reading [ ca. 3 ]α̣ρ̣ων̣ seemed plausible, but not firm enough to warrant being printed in the text.

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1. This article is part of a larger project to document inscriptions from the port of Berenike, most of which have been found in recent years in the central Isis temple. For information about the Isis Temple project, see \*\*\*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)