Two Bone Artefacts from the Sanctuary of Iupiter Heliopolitanus in Carnuntum (Lower Austria)


Abstract

In this paper, the author presents the scarce evidence of bone manufacture in the Roman Age Sanctuary of Carnuntum-Mühläcker. A not completely finished pipe with a single hole was made from the humerus of a greylag or domestic goose (Anser anser/A. domesticus). The function of the other artefact is not exactly known. The carved metacarpus III of an equid, most likely a horse (Equus caballus L.), resembles a skate or a polisher. In any case, the slight polish marks with scratches of undefined direction point to a barely used implement. The paper puts these infrequent objects from Austria in a regional and chronological context.