

David Gagoshidze, A possible portrait of Ptolemy I from Dedoplis Gora in Caucasian Iberia (Georgia).

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In 2017, during the archaeological excavations of room N24 of the Palace of Dedoplis Gora (Caucasian Iberia, Georgia), built in the 2nd-1st c. BCE, fragments of a small statuette carved from bone were discovered. The statuette is a miniature sphinx with a human head and may have been an element of furniture. The male head is adorned with the nemes, a headdress worn by pharaohs. Suggests that the head of the sphinx may portray Ptolemy I Soter, the first king of Ptolemaic Egypt.

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