
A CROSS-SHAPED IDOL
The 1 and 2 euro coins depict a cross - shaped idol. It dates back to the chalcolithic period (3.000 BC), and was found in Pomos, a village in the district of Paphos. It is a characteristic example of prehistoric art in Cyprus and represents the heritage and civilisation of a country endowed with a history of over 10.000 years.
THE KYRENIA SHIP
The 10, 20 and 50 cent coins depict the Kyrenia ship, which is the wreck of a 4th century BC Greek merchant ship accidentally discovered by a diver in the sea off the coastal town of Kyrenia. It is the oldest and best preserved ship from the classical period of Greek civilisation found to date. Its depiction on the euro coins symbolises the importance of sea, shipping and trade throughout Cyprus's history.
THE MOUFFLON
The 1, 2 and 5 cent coins depict the moufflon, an endemic wild sheep, found in the Paphos forest. The moufflon is a unique species and is highly protected. It symbolises the island's rich wildlife and is considered one of the natural treasures of the island.
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