

## Barca

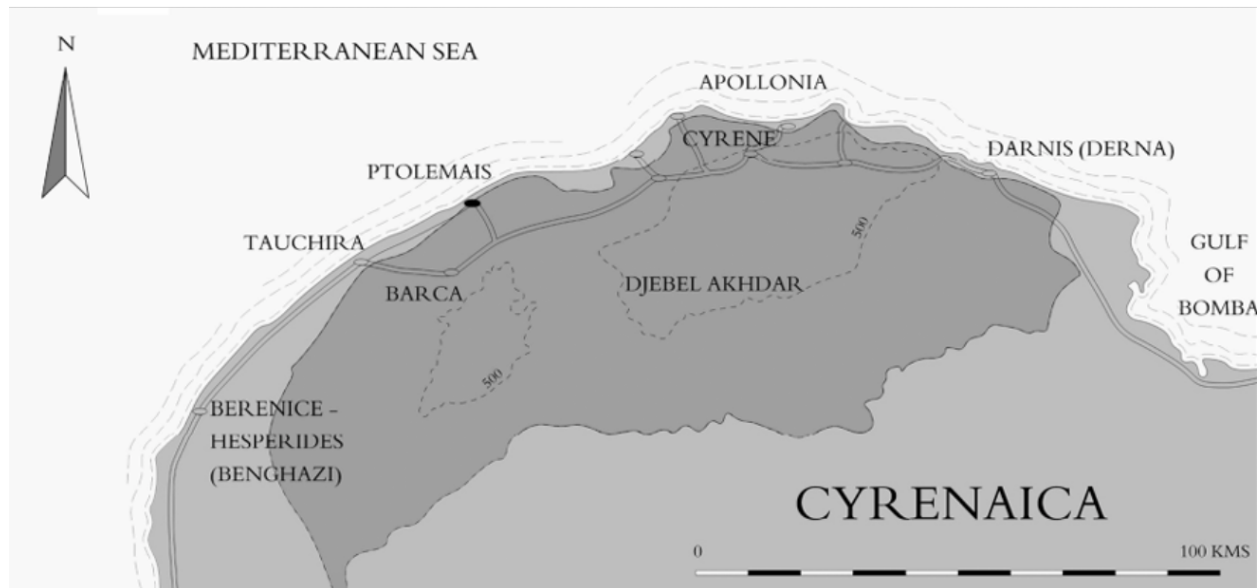


Figure 1. Location of Barca (Map by R.A. York and D.P. Davidson)

### Historical Overview

- 554 BCE (?): The city of Barca founded.
- 525 BCE: Surrendered to Achaemenid Persian king, Cambyses II.
  - Barca became the satrapy (province) of Egypt.
- 510 BCE: Barca sacked by the Persians.
- 252 BCE: The port of Barca renamed "Ptolemais."

### Locations of Coin Hoards by Date

- 500 BCE:
  - Rhodes, Greece
  - Damanhur, Egypt
- 475 BCE: Asyut, Egypt
- 375 BCE: Malayer, Iran
- 350 BCE: Naucratis, Egypt

## Iconography of Barcan Coins before 300 BCE



Left: Silver Tetradrachm, 525-480 BCE.

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1977.47.1. Center: Silver Coin, 435-308 BCE.

Right: Silver Tetradrachm, 435-308 BCE. 1944.100.79518.

- Obverse: Silphium plant.
- Reverse: Head of Zeus Ammon

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