

Methodological update – December 2025.

General Guidelines

- a. *Nomismata* is a database built primarily on published material and, in a limited number of cases, on unpublished evidence.
- b. Numismatic research in its various fields proceeds from the material provided by the database and from its gradual expansion.
- c. The reliability of the database rests on the quality of its sources.
- d. All information relating to isolated finds from archaeological excavations (single finds), hoards or small treasure groups (hoards), grave finds (grave), and foundation deposits (foundation deposit) is included.
- e. The addition of numismatic data from series dependent on the Byzantine monetary system (Ostrogoths, Vandals, Lombards, imitations, Latin Empire, etc.) is both foreseen and encouraged.
- f. The chronological span of *Nomismata* runs from 498 to 1453.
- g. Data entry (templates) is carried out centrally.

Compiling Templates

- a. All template records are written in English.
- b. Templates are compiled directly from the original sources.
- c. The wording of each template must reflect the source faithfully.
- d. Wherever possible—and not subject to copyright—sources are reproduced in full text in the “Sources” section, allowing users of *Nomismata* to verify the information.
- e. Names of find-spots are given in their English transliteration.
- f. The names of rulers, issuing authorities, mints, and all archaeological or contextual details included in the “Notes” field are likewise provided in English.
- g. Coin denominations follow those established in the standard reference works.
- h. Alongside the traditional denomination (e.g. *folles*, *nomisma histamenon*, *aspron trachy*, etc.), an additional field records updated or debated terms (e.g. *anonymous folles*, *stamenon*, *solidus* of 23 carats, etc.).
- i. Standard reference works include **MIBE**, **MIBEC**, **MIB III**, **DOC I–V**, and the catalogues of the **Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris (BNP)**. For older bibliography, W. Wroth (*Catalogue of the Imperial Byzantine Coins and of the Vandals etc. in the British Museum*, I–III) may also be accepted.
- j. In the “**Additional bibliography**” field, it is advisable to list all works in which the same coin has been published or discussed more than once. This is crucial to avoid double entries in the database.
- k. Wherever known, the weight of the coin should be supplied; this is mandatory for gold and silver issues when the source records it.
- l. Where details (mint, issuing authority, precise find-spot, etc.) are unavailable, the terms “**unknown**” should be used.

Remarks

- a. Issues of attribution (issuing authority, mint, chronology, denomination) are noted in the “Notes” field but do not affect the structure of the template.
 - b. Coins held in museum collections are excluded. Only when firm archaeological and curatorial evidence indicates that a collection originates from a specific area will it be treated as relevant to a documented locality or, more broadly, to a territory (e.g. museums of Turkey, Greece).
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At the last online *Nomismata* team meeting – November 7th, 2025 – the *Nomismata* Scientific Committee released an *Alternative Denomination Vocabulary* (see below).

Nomismata strives to reproduce as faithfully as possible the denominations found in the sources on which it relies. However, in some cases these designations reflect outdated usage or terms that are not universally accepted within the scholarly community. For this reason, we felt it useful—where applicable—to provide, alongside the denomination as given in the source, an alternative denomination.

Users will now find in the section **Coins**, below the filter **Source denomination**, a corresponding new filter: **Coins → Alternative denomination**. The database, from now on, thus enables dual search functionality on denominations.

The alternative denominations preparation benefited from the substantial contributions of Cécile Morrison, Pagona Papadopoulou, Vujadin Ivanisevic, and Stojan Mihailov. Their critical observations were discussed, incorporated, and applied.

Below you can find the documents used during the discussions.

Trieste, 10th December 2025.

Bruno Callegher.

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Source Denomination	ALTERNATIVE DENOMINATION
1/8 stavraton	aspron
Anonymous follis	Follis
Aspron trachy	stamenon
Billon coinage	stamenon
Billon Trachy	stamenon
Bulgarian imitative	Imitative Stamenon (faithful copy)
Hexanummium	6 nummi
Latin imitative (larger and smaller module)	Stamenon (latin imitation)
Latin imitative (larger module)	Stamenon (latin imitation, large module)
Latin imitative (smaller module)	Stamenon (latin imitation, smal module)
Scyphate coin	stamenon
Silver 200 nummi	200 nummi
Tornese	Tournesion

Initial settings

Source denomination originally in Nomismata	Set the standard vocabulary for demonimation (Final Proposal Bruno & Cécile) for the B column
1/2 Follis	1/2 Follis
1/2 siliqua	1/2 siliqua
1/2 tetarteron	1/2 tetarteron
1/3 Miliaresion	1/3 Miliaresion
1/3 siliqua	1/3 siliqua
1/4 dinar (tari)	tari
1/4 siliqua	1/4 siliqua
1/6 Siliqua	1/6 siliqua
1/8 siliqua	1/8 siliqua
1/8 Stavraton	aspron
10 nummi	10 nummi
12 nummi	12 nummi
16 nummi	16 nummi
2 ½ nummi	2 ½ nummi
2 nummi	2 nummi
20 nummi	20 nummi

21 nummi	21 nummi
22 carats solidus	22 carats solidus
3 nummi	3 nummi
3/4 Follis	30 Nummi
30 nummi	30 nummi keep 30 nummi since you mean AE coin inscribed lambda
33 nummi	33 nummi
4 nummi	4 nummi
40 nummi	40 nummi
5 nummi	5 nummi
6 nummi	6 nummi
8 nummi	8 nummi
AE	AE
AE Aspron Trachy	Stamenon
AE Half-tetarteron	Half tetarteron
AE Tetarteron	Tetarteron
AE Tetarteron	Tetarteron
AE Trachy	Stamenon
AE Vandalic	AE
AE Vandalic countermarked	AE
AE3	AE3
AE4	AE4
AE5	AE5
Anonymous Assarion	Assarion
Anonymous Basilikon	Basilikon
Anonymous follis	Follis
Anonymous Politikon Tornese	Tournesion
Antoninianus	Antoninianus
AR Aspron Trachy	Trikephalon
Asper	Asper

Aspron Trachy	Stamenon
Aspron Trachy Trikephalon Manuelatus	Trikephalon
Assarion	
Aureus	Aureus
Barbarian imitation of byzantine coin	AE or AR or AU
Barbarian imitation of the silver byzantine coin of Basil II and Constantine VIII (976-1025)	AE or AR or AU
Barbarian imitation of the solidus of Basil I and Constantine (869-879)	AE or AR or AU
Barbarian imitations cast from a coin of Constans II (642-668), valued at 1/2 solidus	
Basilikon	Basilikon
Billon Aspron Trachy	
Billon byzantine coin	Stamenon
Billon coinage	Stamenon
Billon or copper trachy coinage	Stamenon
Billon Trachy	Stamenon
Bronze (Cherson)	Bronze
Bulgarian imitative	Imitative Stamenon (faithful copy)
Centenionalis	Centenionalis
Clipped billon trachy	Stamenon
Copper barbaric imitation of miliaresion	AR
Copper byzantine coin	AE
Copper coins of Anastasius I bearing punchmarks	AE

Copper small denomination	AE
Copper Tetrarteron	Tetrarteron
Copper Trachy	Stamenon
Copper trachy coinage	Stamenon
Copper vandalic coin	AE
Copper vandalic countermarked coin	AE
Counterfeit Billon Trachea Of Latin Empire 1204-1261	Stamenon (Latin imitation)
Counterfeit tetartera after 1204	Tetrarteron
Countermarked coins	AE or AR or AU
Decanummium	Decanummium
Decanummium or Pentanummium	Decanummium or Pentanummium
Denarius	Denarius
Denier	Denier
Dinar	Dinar
Direct copy of Billon Trachy	Imitation Stamenon (faithful copy)
Dirhem	Drahm
Dodecanummium	Dodecanummium
DOMINO NOSTRO coins	AE3
Doukatopoulon duchatelo/aspron	Aspron
Drahm	Drahm
Ducat	Ducat
Ducatello	Aspron
Electrum Aspron Trachy	Trikephalon
Electrum Trachy	Trikephalon
Fals	Fals
Florin	Fiorino

Follaro	Follaro
Follis	Follis
Gold byzantine coin	Gold
Gold histamenon	Histamenon
Gold roman coin	Gold
Gros	Gros
Grosso	Grosso
Half centenionalis	Half centenionalis
Half follis, second period	Half follis
Half-Basilikon	Half basilikon
Half-follis	Half Follis
Half-Stavraton	Half Stavraton
Half-Tetarteron Noummion	Half tetarteron
Hexagram (from 615)	Hexagram
Hexanummium	6 Nummi
Histamenon	Histamenon
Hyperpyron	bronze
Imitation of Aksumite coin	AE
Imitation of cast dodecanummia	AE
Imitation of follis	Follis (imitation)
Imitation of lead solidus	Solidus (imitation)
Imitation of Victory advancing left coin	AE4
Imitations of cast fifth-century coin	AE4
Imitations of cast fourth-century	AE4
Imitations of cross type coin	AE

Imitations of lead follis	Follis (imitation)
Imitations of pentanummium	Pentanummium
Imitations of vota coin	AE4
Imitative coinage	AE or AR or AU
IMITATIVE COINAGE ASSIGNED TO THE PERIOD OF THE LATIN EMPERORS, 1204-61, AND KINGS OF THESSALONICA	Stamenon (Latin)
IMITATIVE COINAGE ASSIGNED TO THE PERIOD OF THE LATIN EMPERORS, 1204-61, AND KINGS OF THESSALONICA	Half stamenon (Latin imitation)
IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE PERIOD OF THE ASENID TSARS OF BULGARIA c. 1195	Stamenon (faithful copy)
Imitation of copper vandalic coin	AE
Ingot	Ingot
Large follis, third period	Follis
Latin imitative (larger and smaller module)	Stamenon (latin imitation)
Latin imitative (larger module)	Stamenon (latin imitation, large module)
Latin imitative (smaller module)	Stamenon (latin imitation, smal module)
Medallion	Medallion
Mezzanino	Mezzanino
Miliarensis	Miliaresion
Miliaresion	Miliaresion
Minimi	Minimi
Nomisma Histamenon	Nomisma
Nummus	Nummus
Obsolete ancient coins	Unknown
Ottavo di siliqua	1/8 siliqua
Pentanummium	5 nummi

Politikon	Politikon
Proto-Vandalic copper coin	AE
Proto-Vandalic, D in wreath coins	Nummus
Proto-Vandalic, eight-pointed star coins	Nummus
Proto-Vandalic, rho-cross within wreath coins	Nummus
Proto-Vandalic, six-pointed star coins	Nummus
Proto-Vandalic, Victory advancing left coins	Nummus
Pseudo-Byzantine coin minted in Syria under Arab rule	Fals
Reformed follis, first period	Follis
Reformed follis, second period	Follis
Reformed half follis, first period	Follis
Scyphate billon coin	Stamenon
Scyphate bronze coin	Stamenon
Seal	Seal
Semissis	Semissis
Siliqua	Siliqua
Siliqua (fraction of)	Siliqua
Silver 200 nummi	200 Nummi
Silver byzantine coin	AR
Silver Trachy	Trikephalon
Small 5 Nummi	5 nummi
Small half follis	Half follis
Solidus	Solidus
Solidus (silver)	Solidus
Solidus 20 Sil	Solidus
Solidus fourré	Solidus
Solidus light weight	Solidus
Solidus Light Weight 23-carat	Solidus
Stamenon	Stamenon
Stauraton	Stavraton
Subaeratus	Subaeratus

Tari	Tari
Tetarteron	Tetarteron
Tornese	Tournesion
Tornese politikon	Tournesion
Tornesello	Tornesello
Trachy coinage	Stamenon
Tremissis	Tremissis
Trikephalon	Trikephalon
Two-thirds Miliariesion	Miliariesion
Undefined byzantine coin	Unknown
Undefined roman coin	Unknown
Unidentifiable coins	Unknown
Vandalic coins (Autonomous/Municipal, N/III)	4 nummi
VOT XIII	Nummus