

According to Greek mythology, Apollo had a son, Anios, who became the king of Delos, and the first high-priest of the sanctuary of his divine father.

Anios had three daughters, Elais (Olive girl), Spermo (Seed Girl) and Oeno (Wine Girl), who received from Dionysus, one of their divine ancestors, the gift of producing olive oil, grain and wine at will.

When Agamemnon was on the way to punish Trojans for the abduct of Helena, the then most beautiful woman in the world, by Paris, he had wanted to take these girls, with him to supply his forces with food but Dionysus transformed them into doves, in order to save them, which is why doves were held sacrosanct ever after in Delos.

It was forbidden to hunt them.