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# Earthworm (Clitellata, Megadrili) fauna of Kuttanad wetland, southern part of Vembanad-Kol Ramsar site, India

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**Abstract.** The earthworm fauna of the wetlands of India is highly undocumented. We have carried out a survey of earthworms in the Kuttanad wetland, an integral part of the Vembanad-Kol Ramsar Site, India's largest wetland of international importance. Current investigation has documented 17 species belonging to 7 families. *Megascolex travancorensis pentagonalis* Stephenson, 1916 and *Glyphidrilus fluviatilis* Rao, 1922 were reported for the first time since their original descriptions. Based on the current study, *M. t. pentagonalis* is raised to species rank as *M. pentagonalis* from the subspecies status. *G. fluviatilis* and *Lenngaster chittagongensis* (Stephenson, 1917) are new records for the state of Kerala. Present results provide a more complete picture of the earthworm fauna of Kuttanad wetland.

**Keywords.** *Drawida*, Megascolecidae, *Megascolex*, Moniligastridae, Kerala.

## INTRODUCTION

The earthworm fauna of India is highly diverse and is well reported as compared to other Asian countries (Julka *et al.* 2009) with around 451 species (Narayanan *et al.* 2020a, 2021, Tiwari *et al.* 2021). The Indian state of Kerala is a small and narrow strip of land spreading over an area of 38,863 km along the southwest corner of the Indian subcontinent and the earthworm fauna of the state is very rich and fairly well documented compared to other states of India. Various workers have documented the earthworm fauna of the

state since the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century (Fedarb 1898, Michaelsen 1910, Cognetti 1911, Stephenson 1915, Aiyer 1929 *etc.*). About 80% of the currently known species were recorded in the early part of the last century (Narayanan *et al.* 2016a). At present, 120 species of earthworms representing 31 genera in 9 families are recorded from Kerala state (Narayanan *et al.* 2016a, b, c, 2017, 2019a, b, c, 2020b, 2021, 2022, Anuja *et al.* 2020, Lone *et al.* 2022). Wetlands are often termed as 'biological supermarkets' because of the extensive food chains and rich biodiversity they support, providing unique habitats for a wide

range of flora and fauna (Mitsch & Gosselink 2000). The earthworm fauna of Ramsar wetlands of India is not well documented (Chandra *et al.* 2021), except Renuka wetland, Pong Dam and Chander Lake (Julka & Paliwal 2000, Paliwal & Julka 2009, Paliwal 2018). Kuttanad wetland is one of the best-known backwater ecosystems of India and an integral part of India's largest wetland of international importance, the Vembanad-Kol Ramsar site (Narayanan *et al.* 2011). A recent study by the Zoological Survey of India did not report any earthworm species from this wetland (Anon. 2009). Albeit, eight species of earthworms were randomly reported from the various regions of this wetland (Michaelsen 1910, Aiyer 1929, Narayanan *et al.* 2015, 2016d, Anuja *et al.* 2020, 2023). They are *Drawida impertusa* Stephenson, 1920, *Pontoscolex corethrurus* (Müller, 1857), *Argilophilus variabilis* (Aiyer, 1929), *Eukerria kuekenthali* (Michaelsen, 1908), *Lampito mauritii* Kinberg, 1867, *Metaphire houlleti* (Perrier, 1872), *Megascolex insignis* Michaelsen, 1910 and *M. konkanensis* Fedarb, 1898. Among these seven were reported before independence. Here we provide new earthworm records from the Kuttanad wetland, based on collections carried out between 2010 and 2022.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Kuttanad is a highly complex wetland ecosystem, primarily a deltaic formation of four-river systems, namely, Achencovil, Pamba, Manimala and Meenachil, located in the fertile low-lying areas of Vembanad estuarine system in the Kerala state of southwest India (Fig. 1) (John *et al.* 2009). This region lies between 9°8' – 9°52'N and 76°9' – 76°44'E, with a geographical area of 1,100 km<sup>2</sup> which spreads over Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts and separated from the Arabian Sea by a narrow strip of land (Shari & Chitra 2005, John *et al.* 2009, Narayanan *et al.* 2011). Kuttanad wetlands has many characteristic features compared to the other wetlands of the world, one distinct feature is that it lies 0.6 to 2.5 m below mean sea level, receives nearly 3,200

mm of annual rainfall through two monsoon seasons, with uniform high air and water temperature (22–35°C), having humidity ranges between 70–80% throughout the year (John *et al.* 2009).

The area comprises flood plains, coastal alluvial belt, river networks, numerous canals, large paddy fields, lakes, and remains water-logged almost throughout the year, subjected to continued flood submergence during monsoon and saline water ingress during the summer months (John *et al.* 2009, Narayanan *et al.* 2011). Kuttanad wetland has 53,639 ha of paddy fields and is known as the 'rice bowl of Kerala'. Most of these paddy fields remain submerged in water during the non-crop season and water has to be pumped out to the backwaters before the commencement of the cultivating season (Sashikumar & Palot 1996). Based on the soil, pH, geomorphology and salinity intrusion, Kuttanad is subdivided into six agro-ecological zones *viz.*, Vaikom Kari, North Kuttanad, Kayal lands, Lower Kuttanad, Upper Kuttanad, and Purakkad Kari (Indo-Dutch Mission 1989).

Earthworms were collected primarily by digging and hand sorting method (Julka 1990) from various habitats, such as dykes, home surroundings, paddy fields, recently reclaimed wetlands by filling the lateritic soils from the midland hills, grassy patches, wooded areas, in detritus and other natural substrates, also handpicked from soils under logs, branches, rocks, stones *etc.* Collected live specimens were placed in small plastic bags along with the substrate. Later collected specimens were washed and preserved in 5% formalin, if possible in the field itself. All anatomical observations were made by dorsal dissection under binocular stereomicroscope (Nikon SMZ800 N). Specimens were identified following standard literatures (Stephenson 1923, Aiyer 1929, Gates 1972, Julka 1988, Blakemore 2012, Chanabun *et al.* 2013). Identified specimens were deposited in the earthworm laboratory of the Advanced Centre of Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (ACCESSD), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India.

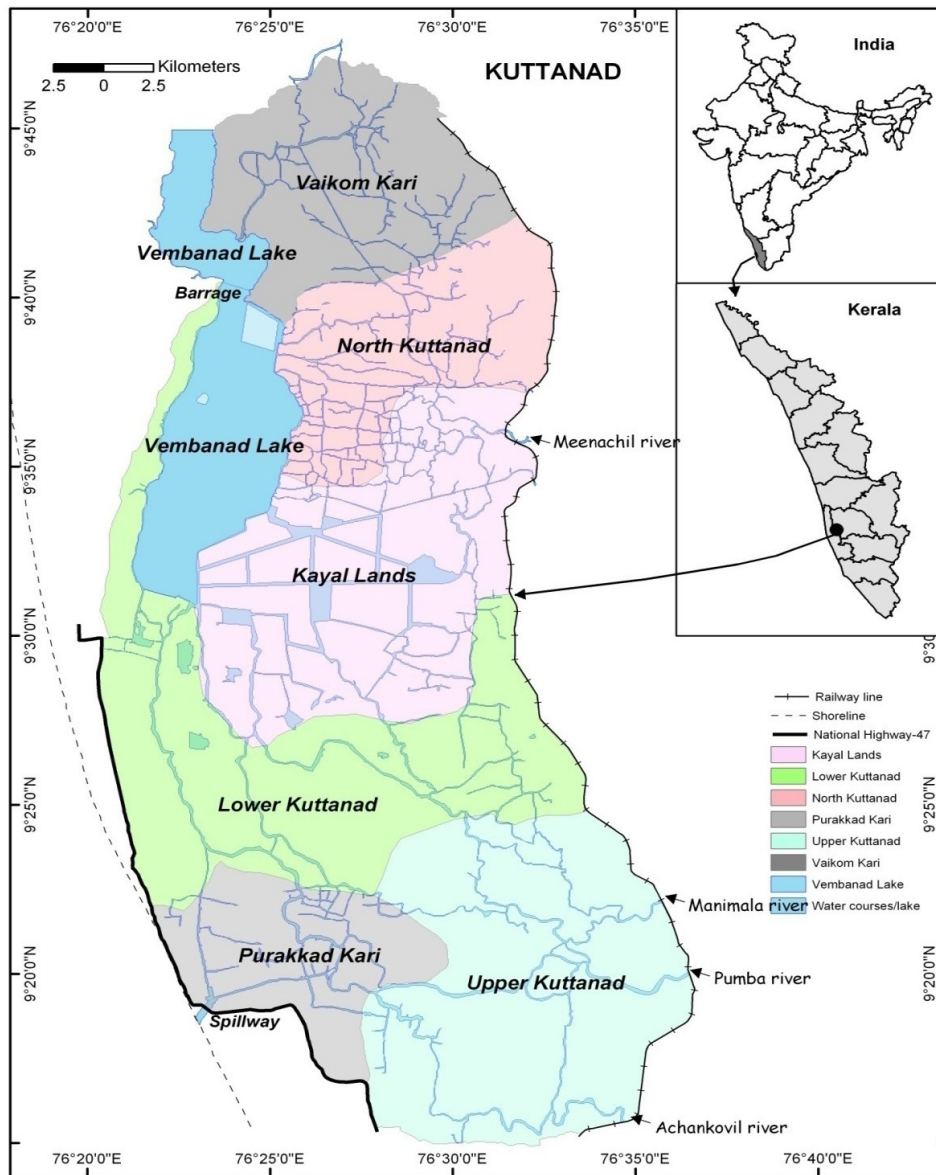


Figure 1. Location of the Kuttanad wetland in southwest India

## TAXONOMY

### Family Moniligastridae Claus, 1880

### *Drawida ghatensis* Michaelsen, 1910

*Drawida ghatensis* Michaelsen, 1910: 52.

*Material examined.* 1 a clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1030), Aymanam, Kottayam Dist., Kerala, home garden, 03.01.2018, leg. G. Sreekumar; 1

a clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1072), Kumarakom (9.6175°N 76.4301°E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, near pond, 07.03.2019, leg. G. Sreekumar; 2 juveniles, 9 a clitellates, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1520), Vadayar (9°45'29"N 76°26'50"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, edge of paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Aymanam, Kumarakom, Vadayar (new records), Anikadu, Aruva-

pulam, Athirampuzha, Bonacaud, Charupara, Kadakkal, Kakkara, Kalleli, Karimbinthodu, Kavalai in Forest Tramway, Kottayam, Kulathupuzha, Kurichi, Maddathoray, Marangatupally, Mukkunn Reserve Forest, Munnilavu, Nedumkunnam, Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Njaloor, Orekar, Pinangathodu, Plassinal, Ponthenpuzha, Ponnudi, Pulpally, Puthuvely, Road to Valiyaparathodu (Silent Valley National Park), Thenmala, Thiruvalla (Michaelsen 1910, 1913, Stephenson 1915, Aiyer 1929, Julka & Chandra 1986, Narayanan et al. 2014, 2016a, Nair et al. 2015, Stahrumithra et al. 2018, John et al. 2019, Thakur et al. 2021, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Endemic to India. Thakur et al. (2021), reported *D. ghatensis* from Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary of Kerala and as per the description provided, prostate is ovoid or thickly pear-shaped, as stated by Stephenson (1923). But later Julka & Chandra (1986) described the prostate as shortly stalked and ovoidal that means ‘mushroom-shaped’ with a figure. In Thakur et al.’s figure (4C) *vas deferens* joins the prostate at its lateral side. But in Stephenson (1915) *vas deferens* joins the prostate at its anterior face. Therefore, this record needs further corroboration. *D. ghatensis* is a species complex, shows great variation with respect to the shape of the spermathecal atrium (Stephenson 1915, 1923; Aiyer, 1929; Julka & Chandra, 1986). But Thakur et al. (2021) present initiation of the DNA barcode signatures (COI) of this group will be helpful in future to resolve taxonomical problems in this species complex.

#### ***Drawida impertusa* Stephenson, 1920**

*Drawida barwelli* var. *impertusus* Stephenson, 1920: 200.

*Drawida barwelli* var. *impertusa*: Stephenson 1923: 134.

*Drawida impertusa* (Stephenson): Gates 1965: 87.

*Material examined.* 1 juvenile, 6 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1094), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7"N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 21.12.2018, leg. R. Anuja; 2 a clitellates, 2 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1482), Illichira (9°20'23"N 76°23'7"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, dyke

with grass patch close to *Pandanus* stand, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 juveniles, 7 a clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1487), Edathua (9°21'47"N 76°28'52"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surrounding, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 2 a clitellates, 2 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1488), Mepral (9°21'47" N 76°28'52" E), Pathanamthitta Dist., Kerala, home surroundings in paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 7 a clitellates, 10 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1491), Karumadi (9°22'48"N 76°23'12"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, open grassy (*Axonopus compressus*) area in a dyke, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 a clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1502), Chennithala (9°16'43"N 76°30'10" E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surrounding in a reclaimed land within paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 3 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1524), Pattassery near Neelamperoor (9°31'3"N 76°30'32"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, home surroundings within paddy field, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 a clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1526), Kainady (9°30'4"N 76°28'28"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, bund between paddy field and lake, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 juveniles, 1 clitellate (ACESSD/EW/1529), Paral (9°26'57"N 76°31'32"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 4 a clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1537), Kainakari (9°29'4"N 76°23'3"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, bund with tree near river, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 a clitellate, 1 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1562), Cheepungal (9°38'26.2"N 76°25'16.9"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Cheepungal, Chennithala, Edathua, Illichira, Kainady, Kainakari, Karumadi, Mepral, Paral, Pattassery near Neelamperoor, Perumthuruthu (new records), Anikadu, Kanjikode, Kanjirapally, Karimbinthodu, Kerumaadi (Karumady, Karumadi), Marangatupally, Monipally, Munnilavu, Pallikathodu, Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary, Perumthuruthu, Thiruvella (Thiruvalla), Vandiperiyar (Michaelsen 1910,

Aiyer 1929, Gates 1965, Kathireswari et al. 2005, Thakur et al. 2021, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Native peregrine (Narayanan et al. 2016a). Thakur et al. (2021) records from Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary of Kerala state needs further corroboration. Since, certain key characters given and the figures provided are not matching. Genital markings are very rare in *Drawida* (Gates 1972), Thakur et al. (2021) themselves stated same in paper (Thakur et al. 2021: 123). Hence, the presence of genital marking is of great importance in species level identification of *Drawida*. In *D. impertusa* genital markings are always present (Gates 1965), as a pair of fairly large, oval whitish papillae on segment 10 in front of the male pores (Stephenson 1923, Aiyer 1929, Gates 1965, Blakemore 2012). Thakur et al. mentioned the presence of whitish papillae in front of the male pores, but such papillae are not shown in the figure of the species provided. Thakur et al. described the prostate as spherical or sometimes pear-shaped, glandular, duct (*vas deferens*?) joins at the anterior end. But as per Stephenson (1923), Aiyer (1929) and Blakemore (2012) and our personal observations, prostates are glandular, sessile and circular (spheroidal), and the vas deferens joins the prostate at its antereo-median side (Aiyer 1929, Gates 1965).

#### ***Drawida travancorensis* Michaelsen, 1910**

*Drawida travancorensis* Michaelsen, 1910: 46.

*Material examined.* 2 a clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1376), Neelamperoor (9°29'48"N 76°30'21"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surroundings in lateritic soil within Kuttanad, 08.10.2021, leg. Sreehari Mohan.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Neelamperoor (new record), Anchal, Anikadu, Chadayamangalam, Edamarug, Ezhukone, Illikalkallu, Kanjirapally, Karimbinthodu, Kodanoor, Kolazhy, Kottayam, Marangatupally, Meenadam, Melukavu, Monipally, Munnilavu, near Thangalpara - Vagamon, Nedumkunnam, Pampady, Pangada, Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary, Plassinal, Ponthenpuzha,

Poonjar, Puthuvely, Tenmalai, unspecified locality within Wayanad forest, Uzhavoor, Vattiyoor-kavu, Vembayam (Michaelsen 1910, Aiyer 1929, Nair et al. 2007, 2015, Kushwaha et al. 2015, Narayanan et al. 2016a, Athira et al. 2016, Kumari et al. 2021a, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Endemic to southwest India. Often misspelled as *D. travancorensis* (Thakur et al. 2021, Reynolds & Wetzel 2023).

#### **Family Acanthodrilidae Claus, 1880**

##### ***Lenogaster chittagongensis* (Stephenson, 1917)**

*Eudichogaster chittagongensis* Stephenson, 1917: 411.  
*Lenogaster chittagongensis* (Stephenson): Gates 1940: 192.

*Material examined.* 5 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1076), Ramankary (9°25'27"N, 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead, 11.08.2019, leg. S.P. Narayanan.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Ramankary (new record for the state).

*Remarks.* Subendemic species. As of now it is known only from this site in the state.

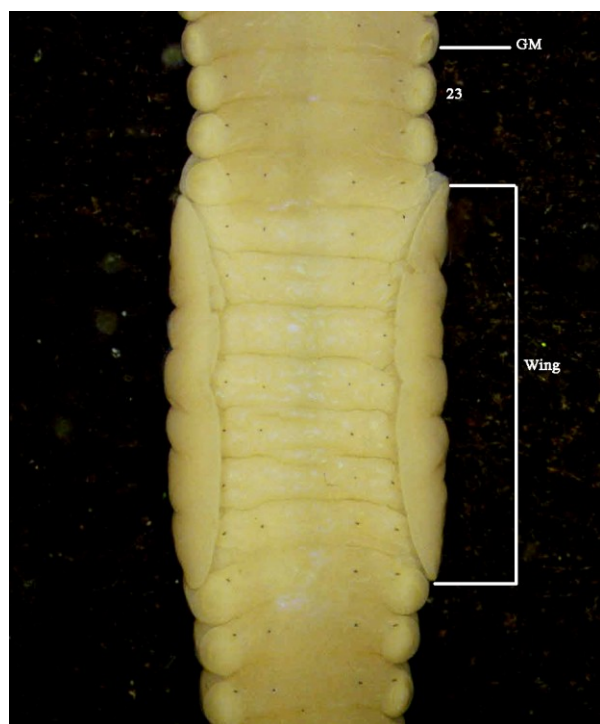
#### **Family Almidiae Duboscq, 1902**

##### ***Glyphidrilus annandalei* Michaelsen, 1910**

(Figure 2)

*Glyphidrilus annandalei* Michaelsen, 1910: 101.  
*Glyphidrilus achencoili* Cognetti, 1911: 506 (*lapsus*).  
*Glyphidrilus rarus* Rao, 1922: 64.  
*Glyphidrilus safforensis* Rao, 1922: 66.

*Material examined.* 1 juvenile (ACCESSD/EW/861), Neendoor (9°41'33.8"N 76°29'29.2"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 12.12.2018, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V. T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 1 clitellate (Fig. 2) (ACCESSD/EW/1525), Kainady (9°30'4"N 76°28'28"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.



**Figure 2.** *Glyphidrilus annandalei* Michaelsen, 1910, wings – ventral view. GM = genital marking.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Kainady (new record), Achencoil (Achankovil) River banks, Calicut (Kozhikode), Chathannoor, Chavara, Jaithy Field (Jagathy?), Karunagapally, Kottiyam, Kurichi, Madathoray (Madathara), Malabar, Malapuram (Malappuram), Neendoor, Neyyattinkara, Periya, Quilon (Kollam), Tiruvallur, Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram), Vatakara, Vellany (Vellayani) (Michaelsen 1910, 1913, Cognetti 1911, Stephenson 1916, ElAmmari *et al.* 2015; Nair *et al.* 2015, Narayanan *et al.* 2016a, Deepthi & Kathireswari 2016, George *et al.* 2017, Sathrumithra *et al.* 2018, Anuja *et al.* 2023).

*Remarks.* Endemic to India.

### ***Glyphidrilus fluviatilis* Rao, 1922**

(Figure 3)

*Glyphidrilus fluviatilis* Rao, 1922: 53.  
*Glyphidrilus annandalei* (Rao): Stephenson 1922: 387.  
*Glyphidrilus fluviatilis*: Chanabun *et al.* 2013: 27.

*Material examined.* 4 juveniles, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1494), Mukkada (9°20'29"N 76°25'5"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Description.* Dimension: Clitellate – length 173 mm, width 3.5 mm (at segment 25), segment number 332. Setae lumbricine, body cylindrical in the anterior region, quadrangular behind clitellum. Clitellum annular in segments 13–38; ventrolateral clitellar wing (Fig. 3A) is in segments 25–31. Dorsal pores absent, male pores, female pores, spermathecal pores invisible. Genital markings present (Fig. 3B), in segments 13–24, 33, 34, 35 paired on *bc* setal lines; median single one on segments 12–22, 37–39 on *aa* setal lines.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Mukkada (new record).

*Remarks.* Endemic to India. New addition to the Kerala state, previously it was known only from Madapur (= Madapura), Fraserpett (Kushalnagar), Shimoga (Shivamogga) of Karnataka state and Narayan of Vordevia Dicu (Karnataka state?) (Rao 1922, Chanabun *et al.* 2013).

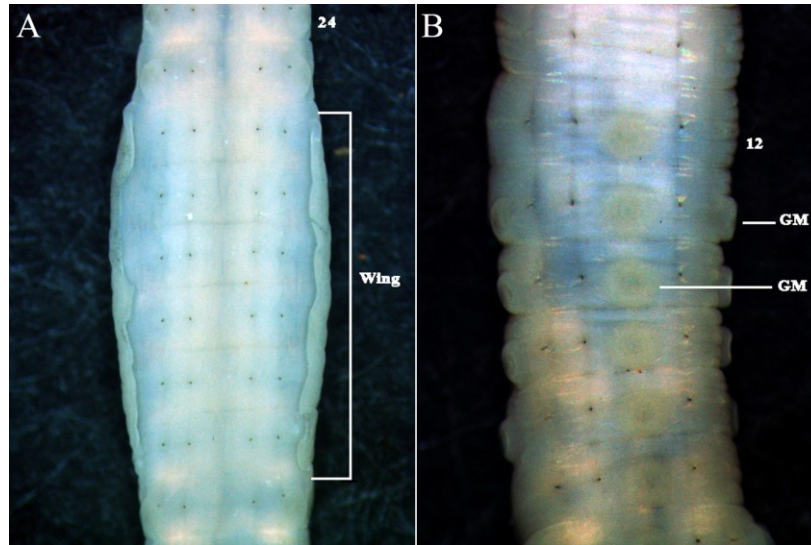
### **Family Benhamiidae Michaelsen, 1897**

#### ***Dichogaster bolau* (Michaelsen, 1890)**

*Benhamia bolavi* (corr. *bolau*) Michaelsen, 1891: 9.  
*Dichogaster* (*Diplotheodrilus*) *bolau*: Csuzdi 2010: 102 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 1 juvenile, 1 acitellate, 13 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/9), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, roof top of house, 30.12.2010, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 2 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/9), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), homestead, 08.06.2016, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 18 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1319), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), from decaying leaf litter on roof top, 19.09.2021, leg. S.P. Narayanan.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Ramankary (new record), Athirampuzha, Ernakulam, Kanjikode, Kottikal, Monipally, Neyyattinkara, Periya, Trivand



**Figure 3.** *Glyphidrilus fluviatilis* Rao, 1922: A = Ventral view of wings; B = Ventral view of anterior portion. GM = genital marking.

rum (Thiruvananthapuram), Vatakara (Michaelsen 1910; Stephenson 1916; Kathireswari *et al.* 2005b, Narayanan *et al.* 2014a, Deepthi & Kathireswari 2016, George *et al.* 2017, Anuja *et al.* 2023).

*Remarks.* Exotic species. One of the most widespread peregrine earthworm species in the world (Csuzdi *et al.* 2008).

**Family Megascolecidae Rosa, 1891**

***Amyntas alexandri* Beddard, 1901**

*Amyntas alexandri* Beddard, 1901: 999.

*Amyntas alexandri*: Blakemore 2012: 331 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 1 juvenile (ACCESSD/EW/1122), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55" E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, road side, 11.08.20 19, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 4 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1517), Neendoor (9°41'33"N 76°29'29"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, roadside in paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1533), Veliyanadu (9°26'43"N 76°27'49"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, beneath decaying tree

trunk, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Neendoor, Ramankary, Veliyanadu (new records), Adakasthala, Changuvetty, Chempala, Devi Estate Pettickal (Attappady), Kaniyambatta, Kooriyad, Manjeswaram, Nellikkuzhy, Ponpally, Pulpally, Thazhesambarkode - Attappady, Vallikadavu, Vazhakkulam (Narayanan *et al.* 2016b; Sathrumithra *et al.* 2018; John *et al.* 2019)

*Remarks.* Exotic species, widely distributed in the world (Blakemore 2012). Narayanan *et al.* (2016b) reported this species for the first time from the state. Now its range is expanding within the state.

***Lampito mauritii* Kinberg, 1857**

*Lampito mauritii* Kinberg, 1867: 103; Blakemore 2012: 331 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/866), Neendoor (9°41'33.8"N 76°29'29.2" E), Kottayam dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 4 a clitellates, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/



EW/870), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7"N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V. T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 6 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1095), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7"N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam dist., Kerala, paddy field, 21.12.2018, leg. R. Anuja; 2 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1480), Illichira (9°20'23"N 76°23'7"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, dyke with grass patch close to *Pandanus* stand, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile (ACCESSD/EW/1492), Karumadi (9°22'48"N 76°23'12"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, open grassy (*Axonopus compressus*) area in a dyke, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 5 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1532), Veliyanadu (9°26'43"N 76°27'49"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Illichira, Karumadi, Veliyanadu (new records), Chittur, Ernakulam, Kanjikode, Kerumaadi (Karumady), Killipalam, Kolazhy, Murukunpuzha, Neduvathoor, Neendoor, Oachira, Ollur, Palakkad town, Pallode, Paravoor, Peringandoor, Perumthuruthu, Shasthancottah (Sathamkotta), Shertalay (Cherthala), Trichur (Thrissur), Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram), Vanchiyoor, Vatakara, Vazhote, Vazhuthakaud (Michaelsen 1910, 1913, Cognetti 1911; Kathireswari et al. 2005, Nair et al. 2007, 2015, Manazhy et al. 2013, ElAmmari et al. 2015, Athira et al. 2016, Deepthi & Kathireswari 2016, Jacob et al. 2017, Sreelekshmi et al. 2017, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Native peregrine species (Narayanan et al. 2016a). Acquired wide global distribution (Blakemore 2012).

#### ***Megascolex konkanensis* Fedarb, 1898**

*Megascolex konkanensis* Fedarb, 1898: 434.

*Material examined.* 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/867), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7"N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T.

Kurien; 3 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1073), Kumarakom (9.6175°N 76.4301°E), near pond, 07.03.2019, leg. Sidharth Mohan; 1 juvenile, 1 a clitellate, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/557), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead, 18.01.2016, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 3 juveniles (ACCESSD/EW/1377), Neelamperoor (9°29'48N 76°30'21"E), home surroundings in lateritic soil within Kuttanad, 08.10.2021, leg. Sreehari Mohan; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1483), Eramathoor (9°18'27"N 76°31'27"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead near paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1515), Neendoor (9°41'33"N 76°29'29"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, roadside in paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1530), Paral (9°26'57"N 76°31'32"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution.* Eramathoor, Kumarakom, Neelamperoor, Neendoor, Paral, Ramankary (new records), Amalagiri, Aryankavu, Athirampuzha, Calicut (Kozhikode), Chempala, Chennithala, Chittur, Elavathur, Engandiyur, Ernakulam, Kadakkal, Kalady, Kalleli, Kaniyambatta, Kanjikode, Karimbithodu, Kavalai, Kerumaadi (Karumadi), Kokkathodumoozhy, Kottayam, Kulattupuzha (Kulathupuzha), Kummanoor, Maddathoray (Madathara), Manalithara, Maneera, Meenadam, Mlappara in Periyar National Park, Monipally, Muthalamada, Palghat (Palakkad), Pangada, Parambikulam road – Muthalamada, Pathanapuram, Peechi, Perumthuruthu, Pinanganthodu, Pulpally, Puthuvely, Quilon (Kollam), Shasthancottah (Sathamkotta), Thenmala Reservoir – Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Thiruvanjoor, Tirur, Tiruvallur, Travancore, Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram), Vettoor (Fedarb 1898, Michaelsen 1910, Stephenson 1916, 1925b, Kathireswari et al. 2005, Narayanan et al. 2014, 2016a, 2019b, Balachandran et al. 2015, El Ammari et al. 2015, Nair et al. 2015, Athira et al. 2016, Jacob et al. 2017, Sreelekshmi et al. 2017, Sathrumithra et al. 2018, John et al. 2019, Chandini et al. 2021, Lone et al. 2022, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Endemic to India. Intestine origin is of species specific importance in the identification of *Megascolex* species. In this species the intestine begins in segment 16 (Fedarb 1898, Stephenson 1923), whereas in Lone *et al.* (2022) specimens it starts from segment 18. Moreover Lone *et al.* (2022) figures (5a and 5b) depicting the genital region and spermathecae of *M. konkanensis* is not corresponding with the actual description of *M. konkanensis*. The provided genital region figure is matching with the description of *M. cochinensis* Stephenson, 1915 and not with *M. konkanensis*. Hence due to Lone *et al.* (2022) contradicting anatomical features and figures provided, the identity of the species from Parambikulam road – Muthalamada, Thenmala Reservoir – Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Mlappara in Periyar National Park needs further corroboration.

***Megascolex pentagonalis* Stephenson, 1916  
stat. rev.**

(Figure 4)

*Megascolex pentagonalis* Stephenson, 1916: 331.

*Megascolex travancorensis* var. *pentagonalis* Stephenson: Stephenson 1923: 278.

*Megascolex travancorensis pentagonalis* Stephenson: Blakemore 2007: 37.

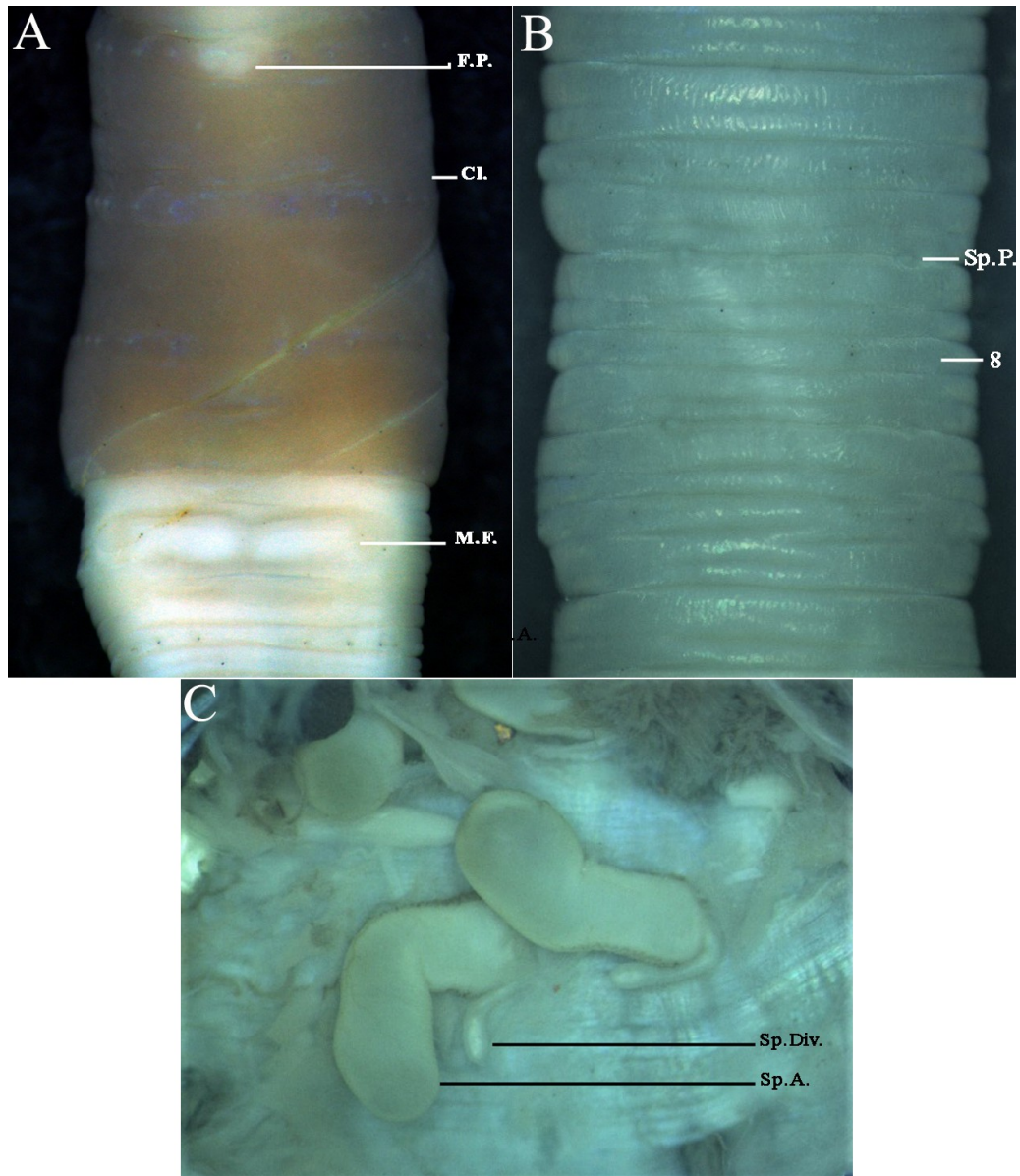
*Material examined.* 7 clitellates and 2 juveniles, (ACCESSD/EW/1501), Chennithala (9°16'43"N 76°30'10"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surrounding in a reclaimed land within paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1504), Eramathoor (9°18'27"N 76°31'27"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead close to paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Description.* Dimension: clitellate – length 274 mm, width 6 mm, segments 331, and juvenile – length 272 mm, width 5.5 mm, segments 417. Colour a uniform medium grey. Secondary annulations present in segments 7–9. Anterior end truncated. Setae enlarged at the anterior portions. Prostomium combined pro-epilobic. First dorsal pore in intersegmental furrow 5/6, indication

present in furrow 4/5. Ventral setae in regular longitudinal lines, dorsal setae are not. Clitellum light pinkish cream colour (in life), in segments 14–1/417 (3¼). Male field on segment 18, pentagonal in shape, with the base forwards, the whole occupying the anterior 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of segment; lateral area to outwards, the whole area surrounded by a groove and marked by an inverted T-shaped depression (Fig. 4A). Spermathecal pores small, in intersegmental furrows 7/8/9, in line with *b* (Fig. 4B). Septa 6/7–10/11 thickened, following septa are moderately thickened, gradually thinner as far as 16/17. Gizzard barrel-shaped, in segment 5. Last heart in segment 13. Holandric, testes and funnels free in segment 10 and 11, seminal vesicles in segments 11, and 12. Intestine begins in segment 16. Prostates racemose, large, elongated band-like or irregularly rectangular, incised, in segments 17–20; prostatic duct muscular, shiny, ectal end thicker, transversely placed, gradually thinner at ental end, sinuous, with a bent and twisted before entering the gland. Spermathecal ampulla large, sausage-shaped, bent, ental end slightly dilated (Fig. 4C); duct short, half as thick as ampulla; spermathecal diverticulum arising from the ental end of the duct, more than half as long as ampulla, tubular, thin, with a slight dilatation at ental end.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Chennithala, Eramathoor (new records), Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) (Stephenson 1916).

*Remarks.* Endemic (Narayanan *et al.* 2016a). Earlier it was known only from the type locality. One clitellate and 1 juvenile worms are in full length the rest lost posterior portion while collecting. *M. pentagonalis* initially described at species rank by Stephenson (1916), but later he treated it as a subspecies of *M. travancorensis* Michaelsen, 1910 (Stephenson 1923). There are considerable differences in the male field, dimensions and shape of spermathecae in all the five subspecies of *M. travancorensis*. Due to these facts and based on the present study, *M. t. pentagonalis* is elevated to species rank as *M. pentagonalis* Stephenson, 1916.



**Figure 4.** *Megascolex pentagonalis* Stephenson, 1916: A = Male field; B = Spermathecal pore region; C = Spermathecae of the right hand side. *Cl.* = clitellum, *F.P.* = female pore, *M.F.* = male field, *Sp.A.* = spermathecal ampulla, *Sp.Div.* = spermathecal diverticulum, *Sp.P.* = spermathecal pore.

***Metaphire houlleti* (Perrier, 1872)**

*Perichaeta houlleti* Perrier, 1872: 99.

*Metaphire houlleti*: Blakemore 2012: 478 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 2 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/70), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76° 27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surroundings,

12.10.2012, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 1 clitellate (ACESSD/EW/868), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7" N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V. T. Kurien; 13 clitellate (ACESSD/EW/1485), Eramathoor (9°18'27"N 76°31'27"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead near paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 4 clitellate (ACESSD/EW/1486), Edathua (9°21'

47°N 76°28'52"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surrounding, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 6 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1489), Mepral (9°21'47"N 76°28'52"E), Pathanamthitta Dist., Kerala, home surroundings in paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 3 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1516), Neendoor (9°41'33" N 76°29'29" E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, roadside in paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1531), Veliyanadu (9°26'43" N 76°27'49" E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Edathua, Eramathoor, Mepral, Neendoor, Veliyanadu (new records), Athirampuzha, Changanacherry, Changuvetty, Chathurangappara, Chelamattom, Chempakathozhukudy, Chennithala, Chevayur near Calicut (Kozhikode), Chorayankundu, Edakadathy, East Okkal, Ethanur, Jellippara, Kadambupara, Kalady, Kallar, Karicode, Karippanthodu, Koratty, Kuttamathu temple - Cheruvathoor, Manjery, Manjeshwar, Marottikkadavu, Moovattupuzha, Muthalamada, Paloor streamside – Muthoor, Parapuram, Pattal, Perumthuruthu, Ponpally, Pozhuthana, Pulpally, Puthuppady, Ramankary, Sivajipuram, Thiruvengappura, Travancore, Trichur (Thrissur), Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram), Vandiperiyar, Vazhichal, Vengoor, Virakuthodu – Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary, Vythiri (Fedarb 1898, Michaelsen 1910, Stephenson 1916, Gates, 1934, 1937, Narayanan et al. 2014a, 2015, 2019b, Balachandran et al. 2015, Sathrumithra et al. 2018, John et al. 2019, Chandini et al. 2021, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Exotic species (Narayanan et al. 2016a) with cosmopolitan distribution (Blakemore 2012).

### ***Perionyx ceylanensis* Michaelsen, 1903**

*Perionyx ceylanensis* Michaelsen, 1903: 6.

*Material examined.* 1 acitellate, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/719), Kidangara, paddy field, 28.12.2016, leg. S.S. Nair.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Kidangara (new record), Pozhuthana, Pulpally, Silent Valley National Park, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Mohan et al. 2011, John et al. 2019).

*Remarks.* Subendemic species (Narayanan et al. 2016a), outside India it is known only from Sri Lanka.

### ***Perionyx excavatus* Perrier, 1872**

*Perionyx excavatus* Perrier, 1872: 126; Blakemore 2012: 283 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 2 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/588), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead, 08.06.2016, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1268), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, from bathroom wall, 16.01.2021, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1305), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), alt. 0 m asl, 18.07.2021, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 2 juveniles, 3 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1534), Veliyanadu (9°26'43"N 76°27'49"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Ramankary, Veliyanadu (new records), Athirampuzha, Kalady, Kalleli, Karumam, Monipally, Muthalamada, Orekar, Periya, Thalamanam, Vellayambalam, Vettoor (Nair et al. 2007, Manazhy et al. 2013, Narayanan et al. 2014a, Balachandran et al. 2015, George et al. 2017, Sathrumithra et al. 2018, Chandini et al. 2021, Anuja et al. 2023).

*Remarks.* Native peregrine species (Narayanan et al. 2016b), it acquired wide global distribution.

### **Family Ocnerodrilidae Beddard, 1891**

#### ***Eukerria kuekenthali* (Michaelsen, 1908)**

*Kerria kuekenthali* Michaelsen, 1908: 24.

*Eukerria kuekenthali*: Blakemore 2012: 182 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 16 clitellates, 184 a clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/872), Cheepunkal (9°38'26.2"N 76°25'16.9"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1479), Illichira (9°20'23"N 76°23'7"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, dyke with grass patch close to *Pandanus* stand, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Illichira (new record), Cheepunkal (Anuja et al. 2020, 2023).

*Remarks.* Exotic species. As of now in Kerala, it is known only from the Kuttanad wetlands.

### ***Ocnerodrilus occidentalis* Eisen, 1878**

*Ocnerodrilus occidentalis* Eisen, 1878:10.

*Ocnerodrilus occidentalis*: Blakemore 2012: 195 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 6 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/592), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead, 29.06.2016, leg. S.P. Narayanan.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Ramankary (new record), Athirampuzha, Chengannur, Nedumangad, Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) (Michaelsen 1910, Aiyer 1929, Narayanan et al. 2014a).

*Remarks.* Exotic species (Narayanan et al. 2016a).

### **Family Rhinodrilidae Benham, 1890**

#### ***Pontoscolex corethrurus* (Müller, 1857)**

*Lumbricus corethrurus* Müller, 1857: 113.

*Pontoscolex corethrurus*: Blakemore 2012: 554 (for complete synonymy).

*Material examined.* 1 juvenile, 2 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/24), Ramankary (9°25'27"N 76°27'55"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead, 20.12.2010, leg. S.P. Narayanan; 3 a clitellates, 5 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/864), Mannanam (9°38'37.66"N 76°30'42.19"E), Kottayam Dist.,

Kerala, 2 m asl, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 9 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/865), Neendoor (9°41'33.8"N 76°29'29.2"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 9 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/869), Perumthuruthu (9°41'22.7"N 76°27'49.5"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/871), Cheepunkal (9°38'26.2"N 76°25'16.9"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 11.12.2017, leg. R. Anuja, S. Sathrumithra, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1097), Cheepunkal (9°38'26.2"N 76°25'16.9"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, paddy field, 21.12.2018, leg. R. Anuja; 1 juvenile ACCESSD/EW/1375, Neelamperoor (9°29'48"N 76°30'21"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surroundings in lateritic soil within Kuttanad, 08.10.2021, leg. Sreehari Mohan; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1481), Illichira (9°20'23"N 76°23'7"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, dyke with grass patch close to *Pandanus* stand, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1484), Eramathoor (9°18'27"N 76°31'27"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, homestead near paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile (ACCESSD/EW/1493), Karumadi (9°22'48"N 76°23'12"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, Open grassy (*Axonopus compressus*) area in a dyke, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 juveniles, 1 a clitellate, 2 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1495), Mukkada (9°20'29"N 76°25'5"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, dyke in paddy field, 15.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 2 clitellates (ACCESSD/EW/1503), Chennithala (9°16'43"N 76°30'10"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, home surrounding in a reclaimed land within paddy field, 1.08.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 3 juveniles (ACCESSD/EW/1518), Neendoor (9°41'33"N 76°29'29"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, roadside in paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 3 juveniles (ACCESSD/EW/1519), Vadayar (9°45'29"N 76°26'50"E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, edge of paddy field, 12.10.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACCESSD/EW/1527), Kainady

(9°30'4" N 76°28'28" E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, bund between paddy field and lake, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 clitellate (ACESSD/EW/1528), Paral (9°26'57" N 76°31'32" E), Kottayam Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 3 juveniles, 1 clitellate, 1 post-clitellate (ACESSD/EW/1535), Veliyanadu (9°26'43"N 76°27'49"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, reclaimed land in wetland, beneath decaying tree trunk, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 2 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1536), Kainakari (9°29'4"N 76°23'3"E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, bund with tree near river, 07.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien; 1 juvenile, 2 clitellates (ACESSD/EW/1572), Pathiramanal Island (9°37'6" N 76°23'9" E), Alappuzha Dist., Kerala, wooded island, near canal, 21.12.2022, leg. S.P. Narayanan, V.T. Kurien.

*Distribution in Kerala.* Eramathoor, Illichira, Kainady, Kainakari, Karumadi, Mukkada, Neelamperoor, Paral, Perumthuruthu, Vadayar, Veliyanadu (new records), widespread in Kerala (Michaelsen 1910, 1913, Cognetti 1911, Stephenson 1916, Gates 1973, Mohan *et al.* 2011, Kathireswari *et al.* 2005, Nair *et al.* 2007, Narayanan *et al.* 2014a, 2016a, c, 2019b, Balachandran *et al.* 2015, ElAmmari *et al.* 2015, Nair *et al.* 2015, Deepthi & Kathireswari, 2016, Athira *et al.* 2016, George *et al.* 2017, Sathrumithra *et al.* 2018, John *et al.* 2019, Anuja *et al.* 2023).

*Remarks.* Invasive exotic species, wide spread within India. Most widely distributed earthworm species (Gates 1972) in tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world (Taheri *et al.* 2018).

## DISCUSSION

This study enhanced the knowledge available on the megadrile fauna of Kuttanad wetland. Current investigation has documented 17 species, before only 8 species of earthworms were known from this wetland. Species such as *Drawida ghatensis*, *D. travancorensis*, *Glyphidrilus annandalei*, *G. fluviatilis*, *Ocnodrilus occidentalis*, *Dichogaster bolau*, *Lenngaster chittagongensis*,

*Amyntas alexandri*, *Megascolex pentagonalis*, *Perionyx ceylanensis*, *Perionyx excavatus* were recorded for the first time from Kuttanad wetland. The study also noticed the absence of two species, *Argilophilus variabilis* (from North Kuttanad zone) and *Megascolex insignis* (Upper Kuttanad zone) which were previously recorded from this place (Michaelsen 1910, Aiyer 1929). Now, altogether 19 species of earthworms are known to inhabit this ecosystem. Among the earthworm species recorded, native peregrine and exotic species together forms the major portion (52.94%) of the earthworm fauna of this wetland.

In a broadly generalized approach, Kerala can be divided into three distinct physiographic regions, namely the coastal lowlands (< 75 m a.s.l.), midlands (75 – 500 m a.s.l.), and high ranges (500 – 2000 m a.s.l.) (Iype *et al.* 1991). *D. ghatensis* is mainly a species of the midlands and high ranges of the state (Narayanan, unpublished observations), but it has been recorded from Aymanam, Kumarakom and Vadayar, of this wetland. Among these, Aymanam is located in the eastern boundary, where Kuttanad wetland meets the midland areas of the Kerala state. However, it would have been introduced to the other two localities, as part of the wetland reclamation activities.

Exotic, invasive *Pontoscolex corethrurus* is the most widespread species followed by the native peregrine *D. impertusa*. Among the various agro-ecological zones maximum species number were recorded from the Lower Kuttanad (10 species), followed by Upper Kuttanad and North Kuttanad (9 species each), whereas Vaikom Kari has the lowest species diversity (2 species) (Table 1). This difference is mainly due to the differential exploration frequency.

*Megascolex pentagonalis* was previously known only from the type locality Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) (Stephenson 1916). In the present study, collections from two more additional sites (Chennithala and Eramathoor) indicated the expansion of its range to further north.

**Table 1.** Earthworm species recorded from various agro-ecological zones of Kuttanad wetland during the present study

	Vaikom Kari	North Kuttanad	Kayal lands	Lower Kuttanad	Upper Kuttanad	Purakkad Kari
<b>Moniligastridae</b>						
<i>Drawida ghatensis</i>	+	+				
<i>Drawida impertusa</i>		+	+	+	+	+
<i>Drawida travancorensis</i>			+			
<b>Acanthodrilidae</b>						
<i>Lenogaster chittagongensis</i>				+		
<b>Almidae</b>						
<i>Glyphidrilus annandalei</i>		+	+			
<i>Glyphidrilus fluviatilis</i>					+	
<b>Benhamiidae</b>						
<i>Dichogaster bolau</i>				+		
<b>Megascolecidae</b>						
<i>Amyntas alexandri</i>		+		+		
<i>Lampito mauritii</i>		+		+	+	+
<i>Megascolex konkanensis</i>		+	+	+	+	
<i>Megascolex pentagonalis</i>					+	
<i>Metaphire houlleti</i>		+		+	+	
<i>Perionyx ceylanensis</i>				+		
<i>Perionyx excavatus</i>				+	+	
<b>Ocnerodrilidae</b>						
<i>Eukerria kuekenthali</i>						
<i>Ocnerodrilus occidentalis</i>		+			+	
<b>Rhinodrilidae</b>						
<i>Pontoscolex corethrurus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+

Previously, *Glyphidrilus fluviatilis* was considered endemic to 4 locations, Madapur (= Madapura), Fraserpett (Kushalnagar), Shimoga (Shivamogga) in Karnataka state and Narayan of Vordeviu Dicu (Karnataka state?) (Rao 1922, Chanabun *et al.* 2013). Present record of *G. fluviatilis* from Kerala state is the first record after its original collection.

Ramsar sites like Renuka wetland and Pong Dam have 11 species each. Thus the Kuttanad wetland with its 19 species recorded proved to be earthworm rich among the wetlands of India. This is mainly due to geographical location of this wetland. Further investigation may add more species into the faunal list.

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# On the Trichoptera of Western Europe: survey on Ptilocolepidae family, *Anisogamus* and *Sericostoma* genera

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**Abstract.** In this paper on the Western European Trichoptera we survey the Ptilocolepidae family and the *Anisogamus* and *Sericostoma* genera as well as describe 12 new species: *Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov. (France), *Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov. (Portugal and Spain), *Rhyacophila fusunae* sp. nov. (Spain), *Ptilocolepus kover* sp. nov. (France and Spain), *Ptilocolepus sovan* sp. nov. (France and Spain), *Drusus demonta* sp. nov. (Italy), *D. roya* sp. nov. (France), *Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov. (France), *A. sandreniko* sp. nov. (France), *Consorophylax vellach* sp. nov. (Austria), *Sericostoma unaequale* sp. nov. (Italy). Moreover, *Rhyacophila ildefonsa* sp. nov. (Spain), is distinguished from *R. relictata* McLachlan, 1879, and *Rhyacophila erkakanae* Sipahiler, 1993 stat. nov. is considered as a valid species different from *R. rupta* McLachlan, 1879. The male of *Chaetopteryx cantabrica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022 is described for the first time. *Wormaldia maclachlani* Kimmins, 1953, *Tinodes jeekeli* Botosaneanu, 1980, *Lithax obscurus* (Hagen, 1859), *Crunoecia kempyi* Morton, 1901 are new for Italy, *Diplectrona magna* Mosely, 1930, *Drusus thibaulti* Decamps, 1972 are reported as new for Spain; *Chaetopteryx tomaszewski* Moretti, 1991, *Consorophylax kimera* (Oláh & Vinçon, 2021) are new for France.

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## INTRODUCTION

Applying the principles and procedures of fine phenomics, beside describing 12 new Western European caddisfly species, here we revise the small Ptilocolepidae family based on the lateral profile of the harpago, the second segment of the gonopod, overview the small *Anisogamus* genus with the description of a unique highly perturbed new lineage, as well as survey the *Sericostoma* genus by the divergences in the lateral profile of the spine-like pair of paraprocts. The particularly decorative small genus of *Sericostoma* was considered and treated as an unsettled taxon facing great difficulties in species delineation and identification. Suggested by the Atlas of European Trichoptera (Malicky 2004) many of us have identified species to “*personatum*” Kirby & Spence, 1826 or “*flavicorne*” Schneider, 1845 and set aside them for future revision. When starting this revision we were almost shocked to

realise that the confusion in their taxonomy was created almost artificially, by human hubris. We have found the paraproct, as the magic speciation trait, very applicable to establish the taxonomic position of each species. We are glad to declare that we do not need even to clear the genitalia to identify the *Sericostoma* species if we sacrifice and cut the left gonopod to expose the lateral profile of the left paraproct. This heavily sclerotized structure is very pronounced, easy to see, and as an adaptive, non-neutral speciation trait is very stable varying only in contact populations of the closely related sibling species like *Sericostoma personatum* and *S. pedemontanum*.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

In the present survey we have not sacrificed any gonopods; instead we have carefully cleared the genitalia of all specimens in 10 percent potassium hydroxid solution and carefully cleaned

by superfine tipped forceps for examination and drawings. All the collections of new specimens were realized by the second author.

*Depositories.* Canadian National Collection, Ottawa, Canada (CNC), Oláh Private Collection, Debrecen, Hungary, under national protection by the Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest (OPC).

## TAXONOMY

### Philopotamidae Stephens, 1829

#### *Wormaldia ariega* Oláh & Vinçon, 2021

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 760 m, 42.9137°N, 1.314°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 1 female; OPC). **France**, Ariège, Videssos, Las Rougos, Pla de l'Izard, Mounicou tributary, spring and brook, 1220 m, 42.6949°N, 1.4497°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC). **France**, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 840 m, 42.9195°N, 1.3267°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC). **France**, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 850m, 42.9195°N, 1.3267°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, OPC). **France**, Ariège, Videssos, Las Rougos, Pla de l'Izard, Mounicou tributary, spring and brook, 1220m, 42.6956°N, 1.451°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (12 males, OPC).

*Remarks.* In the same locality and at the same collecting dates occurs *W. artillac* Sipahiler, 1999 together with *W. ariega*. We have found significant and outstanding differences between the examined type specimens of *W. ariega* and Sipahiler's drawings of *artillac*, especially in the lateral profile of the head of segment X, the speciation trait of the genus as well as in the endothecal spine pattern. In case of the head lateral profile the delineation is very easy, reliable and stable. Unfortunately the drawing of the endothecal spine pattern is highly subjective and very sensitive to the individually varying disposition of spines as a result of copulatory processes. Imagine a semicircularly curving small spine cluster of

three spines turning around freely in the three dimensional space and you see and draw it, not carefully enough, only from a not perfectly perpendicular angle. Unfortunately no type specimens of *W. artillac* were available for direct comparative study.

#### *Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov.

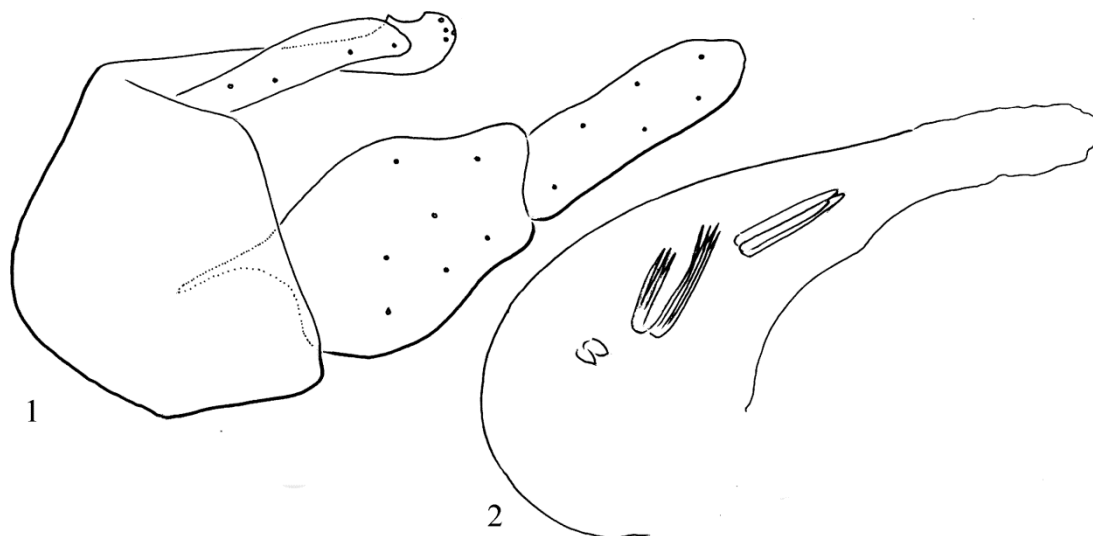
(Figures 1–2) (Photos 1, 2)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N, 1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* This new species is rather unique integrating character states of pointed apex of harpago present in *Wormaldia charalambi* species group and concave dorsum of the head of segment X, a rather specialised, apomorphic character state in the *Wormaldia subnigra* clade of the *Wormaldia subnigra* species complex in the *Wormaldia triangulifera* species group. Moreover, it has a peculiar spine pattern in the endotheca of the phallic organ that differs from any species known presently in the *Wormaldia charalambi* group (*ameliae*, *charalambi*, *gardensis*, *kurta*, *mari-louae*, *yavuzi*). *Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov. is characterized by endothecal spine pattern of spine clusters. In contrary, all the species in the *charalambi* group have various numbers of single spines in the endotheca. We are unable to place our new species in any of the known species group and keep it among species with Incertae Sedis, with uncertain placement.

*Description.* Male (in alcohol). Medium-sized brown animal. Sclerites medium brown, setal warts both on head and thorax and legs brown. Maxillary palp formula is I-II-IV-III-V. Forewing length 7 mm. Spur formula is 244.

*Male genitalia.* Segment X characterized by narrow parallel-sided and narrowing apex in dorsal view, and by a large, upward directed dorsal pointed subapical process dominating in lateral view; the apex or the head of segment X typically with concave dorsum semicircular apicad; the ending is armed with sensory struc



Figures 1–2. *Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov. Holotype male: 1 = genitalia in left lateral view; 2 = gonopods in ventral view.

tures of *sensilla basiconica* (pegs) or *sensilla coeloconica* (pitted pegs) both on the very dorsal ending of the apex. Cerci slender with blunt apex, slightly downward directed in lateral view. Gonopods very produced coxopodite and harpago with almost equal length; harpagones long, stout, with tapering apex in lateral view. Phallic organ with eversible membranous endotheca containing four components of endothecal spines. Two almost touching basad, the shorter cluster composed of three slender spines and the slightly longer cluster composed of four slender spines. Third is composed of three adhering stout spines. The fourth component is a pair of very short and stout structures near to the phallosomal sclerite complex.

*Character combination.* (1) Dorso-subapical point of segment X is a pronounced pointed process, visible in lateral profile as the top formed by the apical right-angle of the very shallow dorsal concavity as well as by the concavity of the head dorsum. (2) Apex of segment X with concave dorsum; counted from the dorso subapical point it is elongated and its apical margin clearly semi-circular. (3) Apex of cerci elongated slightly ventrad directed. (4) Ventromesal projection of cerci absent. (5) Harpagones long, robust with slightly narrowing head. (6) Four components of endothecal spines present. (7) Two almost touching basad, the shorter composed of three slender

spines and the slightly longer cluster composed of four slender spines. (8) Third is composed of three adhering stout spines. (9) The fourth component is a pair of very short and stout structures.

*Etymology.* Coined from the name of the type locality, a noun in apposition.

***Wormaldia cantabrica* González & Botosaneanu, 1983**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, road to the Puerto del Palo Allande, nice brook, 720 m, 43.2897N, 6.6431W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, 950 m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W up to 1000 m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550–650 m, 43.1377°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, brook and springs, from 1130m, 43.1095°N, 5.2188°W, to 1220m, 43.1073°N, 5.2159°W, 12.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, brook, 1020m, 43.0847°N, 4.2515°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, nice brook and seeping rocks, 1010m, 43.0857°N, 4.2589°W,

11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, from 1310m, 43.0409°N, 6.2519°W, to 1410m, 43.039°N, 6.2555°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, from 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W, up to 1000m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto del Ponton, Fuente del Infierno, brook and spring, 1260m, 43.1023°N, 5.0303°W, 12.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Wormaldia cianficconiae* Neu, 2017**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, E. Purello, nice spring and two brooks, 530 m, 43.32°N, 12.7733°E, 20.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia copiosa* (McLachlan, 1868)**

*Material examined.* **Switzerland**, Vaud, Les Fontannets de la Mothe, very nice spring, 600 m, 46.8195°N, 6.567°E, 10.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, OPC). Switzerland, Jura Massif, Soubey, Bief de la Côte au Bouvier, 600–650 m, 47.3°N, 7.06°E, 13.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia echinata* Tobias, 1995**

*Material examined.* **France**, Alpes-Maritimes, Bevera Valley, spring and brook, 1400-1500 m, 43.981N, 7.425E, 6.I.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia gattolliati* Malicky & Graf, 2017**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Emilie-Romagne, N.E. Passo Lagastrello, nice spring, 1110 m, 44.3562°N, 10.156°E, 17.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Italy, Emilie-Romagne, W. Rigoso, road to Prato Spilla, nice brook and spring, 1220 m, 44.3678°N, 10.127°E, 16.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia ligurica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Ligurian Apennines, above Rocca d'Aveto, nice brook and spring, 1400 m, 44.555°N, 9.4767°E, 15.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia maclachlani* Kimmins, 1953**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Piemont, Pennines Alps, Civiasco, spring below water catchment, 770 m, 45.8104N, 8.2973E, 27.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Remark.* New for the Italian Fauna.

***Wormaldia morettii* Vigano, 1974**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, above Casali, nice brook and spring, 1080 m, 42.9506°N, 13.177°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Wormaldia moselyi* Kimmins, 1953**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Marie-Blanque Pass, nice spring, 910 m, 43.0697°N, 0.5213°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia occipitalis* (Pictet, 1834)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, above Sorède, La Farga, nice brook, 450 m, 42.4979°N, 2.9572°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC).

***Wormaldia subterranea* Radovanovic, 1932**

*Material examined.* **Switzerland**, Vaud, Les Fontannets de la Mothe, very nice spring, 600 m, 46.8195°N, 6.567°E, 10.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Switzerland, Jura Massif, Soubey, Bief de la Côte au Bouvier, 600 – 650 m, 47.3°N, 7.06°E, 13.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, OPC).



***Wormaldia triangulifera* McLachlan, 1878**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, above Sorède, La Farga, nice brook, 450 m, 42.4979°N, 2.9572°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (12 males, OPC). **France**, Haute-Garonne, Bagnère-de-Luchon, Pique Valley above Hospice de France, nice spring, 1400m, 42.7195°N, 0.6564°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Wormaldia vargai* Malicky, 1981**

*Material examined.* **Slovenia**, Julian Alps, S. Vrsic Pass, Minarica trib., nice spring, 1300 m, 46.4113N, 13.7515E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 2 females; OPC). **Slovenia**, N.E. Bovec, nice seeping rocks, 430 m, 46.3399°N, 13.5745°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC).

***Philopotamus ludificatus* McLachlan, 1878**

*Material examined.* **France**, Drôme, Vercors, Tourtre, Adouin, 760 m, 45.0035°N, 5.4563°E, 11.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 4 females; OPC). **Italy**, Atesine Alps, N. Maranza, spring and brook, 1590 m, 46.8345°N, 11.6479°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Atesine Alps, N. Maranza, big brook near Hexenhütte, 1750 m, 46.8562°N, 11.6637°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Emilie-Romagne, above Prato Spilla, from 1580 m, 44.352°N, 10.1001°E to 1630 m, 44.35°N, 10.1°E, 16.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 3 females; OPC).

***Philopotamus montanus* Donovan, 1813**

*Material examined.* **France**, Hautes-Pyrénées, N.W. Aspin Pass, 1450 m, nice brook, 42.9454°N, 0.3202°E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 3 females; OPC). **Spain**, Val d'Aran, Portillon Pass, brook, 1260 m, 42.7645°N, 0.66°E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 2 females; OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Leitariegos, Brañas de Arriba, nice spring, 1400 m, 43.0128°N, 6.4451°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 3 females; OPC). **Spain**, Can-

tabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550–650 m, 43.1377°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Psychomyiidae Walker, 1852**

***Tinodes consiglioi* Botosaneanu, 1980**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, nice torrent at Ussita, 730 m, 42.943°N, 13.138°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Molise, Castel San Vincenzo, Sorgente Acquaruolo, 470 m, 41.6594°N, 14.0783°E, 19.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Molise, Castel San Vincenzo, River Volturmo, 530 m, 41.654°N, 14.077°E, 19.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, 6 females; OPC).

*Remark.* It is considered as a subspecies of *T. dives* in Lodovici & Valle (2020).

***Tinodes jeekeli* Botosaneanu, 1980**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Lombardian Pre-Alps, Bergamo, Passo San Marco, S. slope, nice spring, 1730 m, 46.0381°N, 9.6358°E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 2 females; OPC). **Slovenia**, Kranj, Pohorje Mountains, Travertine springs (limestone substratum), Kokra trib., 850 m, 46.3993°N, 14.4698°E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 5 females; OPC).

*Remark.* This species is new for the Italian Fauna.

***Tinodes rostocki* McLachlan, 1878**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Cantabria, Peñarubia, E Linares, resurgence, 420 m, 43.2554°N, 4.5741°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 3 females; OPC). **Slovenia**, near the Italian border, Julian Pre-Alps, below Livek, spring and brook, 600 m, 46.2123°N, 13.5939°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Slovenia**, N.E. Bovec, nice seeping rocks, 430 m, 46.3399°N, 13.5745°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, 3 females; OPC).

**Polycentropodidae Ulmer, 1903**

***Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov.**

(Figures 3–5) (Photos 3, 4)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, brooklet, on the snow, 1450–1480 m, 40.3802°N, 7.6457°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Paratype: **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, from 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W, up to 1000m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* A sibling species, close to *Plectrocnemia laetabilis* McLachlan, 1880 described from the Pyrenees (Col de Menté, Haute Garonne). This species from the Pyrenees is distinguished in the original species description by the very short, broad, and deeply excised inferior appendages (gonopods). Its ventral shape is characterized by pronounced apicomeresal lobe. *Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov. differs from *laetabilis* by the almost perfectly regular quadrangular shape of the gonopods in ventral view as well as by the more elongated and differently patterned

ventral profile of the dorsal and ventral arms of the paraproct.

*Description.* Medium-sized *Plectrocnemia* species of brownish body and wing colour with forewing length of 10 mm. Forewing densely covered with recumbent setae.

*Male genitalia.* In lateral view sternite IX subtriangular, dominating over the entire genitalia articulating and holding the periphallial organs of cerci-paraproct fused complex and the gonopods. Tergite IX small vertically elongated giving support to the membranous segment X. Cerci large foliform. Paraproct bipartite vertically elongated, its dorsal arms form part of the phallocrypt giving ventral support for the phallic organ, its ventral arm directed downward deep and densely covered with short stout peg-like setae. Gonopods regular quadrangular in ventral view without any apicomeresal lobes. Phallic organ composed, badly discernible without dissection, supplied with a pair of parameres corrugated from middle.

*Etymology.* Coined from the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.



Figs 3-5. *Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov. Holotype male: 3 = genitalia in left lateral view; 4 = gonopods in ventral view; 5 = phallic organ in left lateral view.

***Plectrocnemia praestans* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **France**, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, Fromagine spring, 1500m, 44.0208°N, 7.4317°E, 17.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Piémont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 14.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Plectrocnemia scruposa* McLachlan, 1880**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Is-saux, nice resurgence, 680m, 43.00655°N, 0.691°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Polycentropus flavomaculatus* Pictet, 1834**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Cantabria, Vega de Pas, brook and cascade, arroyo Enverao, 900m, 43.1208°N, 3.7133°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Hydropsychidae Curtis, 1835**

**Diplectroninae Ulmer, 1951**

***Diplectrona atra* McLachlan, 1878**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Lombardian Pre-Alps, Bergamo, Passo San Marco, S. slope, nice spring, 1730 m, 46.0381N, 9.6358E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 2 females; OPC).

***Diplectrona magna* Mosely, 1930**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, North Pola de Allande, nice springs, 750 m, 43.2862°N, 6.6136°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Remark.* This species is probably new for the Iberian Fauna.

**Rhyacophilidae Stephens, 1836**

***Rhyacophila adjuncta* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Candelario, Rio Becedillas at Becedas,

1110 m, 40.4013N, 5.6371W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Spain**, Communauté de Madrid, Sierra de Guadarrama, South-West Rascafria, nice brook, 1450 m, 40.8361N, 3.9131W, 26.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila denticulata* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, Videssos, Videssos River at Mounicou, 1100 m, nice river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 42.7077°N, 1.4503°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 2 females; OPC). **France**, Ariège, Videssos, Videssos River at Mounicou, nice river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1110 m, 42.70775°N, 1.4503°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila eatoni* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Is-saux, nice resurgence, 680 m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Iraty, nice resurgence, 1100 m, 43.0451°N, 1.0546°W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Ariège, Videssos, above Soulcem Lake, Gardelle brook, 1820 m, 42.657°N, 1.439°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Eaux-Bonnes, Iscoo spring, nice resurgence, 820 m, 42.969°N, 0.3806°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Marie-Blanche Pass, nice brook, 1050 m, 43.0643°N, 0.5033°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **France**, Haute-Garonne, Bagnère-de-Luchon, Pique Valley above Hospice de France, nice spring, 1400m, 42.7195°N, 0.6564°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Py, Rotja tributary, 1530m, nice brook, 42.4838°N, 2.3245°E, 7.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Val d'Aran, Artiga de Lin, nice spring and brook, 1150 m, 42.7073°N, 0.7138°E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550-650 m, 43.1377°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg.

G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook and spring, Luzaide tributary, 890 m, 43.0309°N, 1.3435°W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC). Spain, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook, Luzaide tributary, 620m, 43.0446°N, 1.3266°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, brook and spring, 1740m, 42.4459°N, 2.4155°E, 15.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, 2 females; OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, nice brook and seeping rocks, 1010m, 43.0857°N, 4.2589°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (7 males, OPC). Spain, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook, Luzaide tributary, 880-1000m, 43.0309°N, 1.3435°W, 10.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 3 females; OPC).

***Rhyacophila erkakanae* Sipahiler, 1993 stat. nov.**

*Rhyacophila rupta erkakanae* Sipahiler, 1993:46–47.

**Material examined.** France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Py, Rotja tributary, 1530m, nice brook, 42.4838°N, 2.3245°E, 7.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Remarks.** In the phylogenetic species concept subspecies and races are taken out from sciences (Oláh *et al.* 2018). Moreover, the morphological divergences between *Rhyacophila rupta* McLachlan, 1879 and *Rhyacophila erkakanae* Sipahiler, 1993 **stat. nov.** are very great both in the phallic and the periphallid structures.

***Rhyacophila evoluta* McLachlan, 1879**

**Material examined.** France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, 1900–2200 m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent and lateral springs, 1800-1900 m, 42.556°N, 1.768°E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, OPC). France, Ariège, Videssos, Videssos River

at Mounicou, nice river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1110 m, 42.70775°N, 1.4503°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila fasciata* Hagen, 1859**

**Material examined.** Slovenia, N.E. Bovec, nice seeping rocks, 430 m, 46.3399N, 13.5745E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

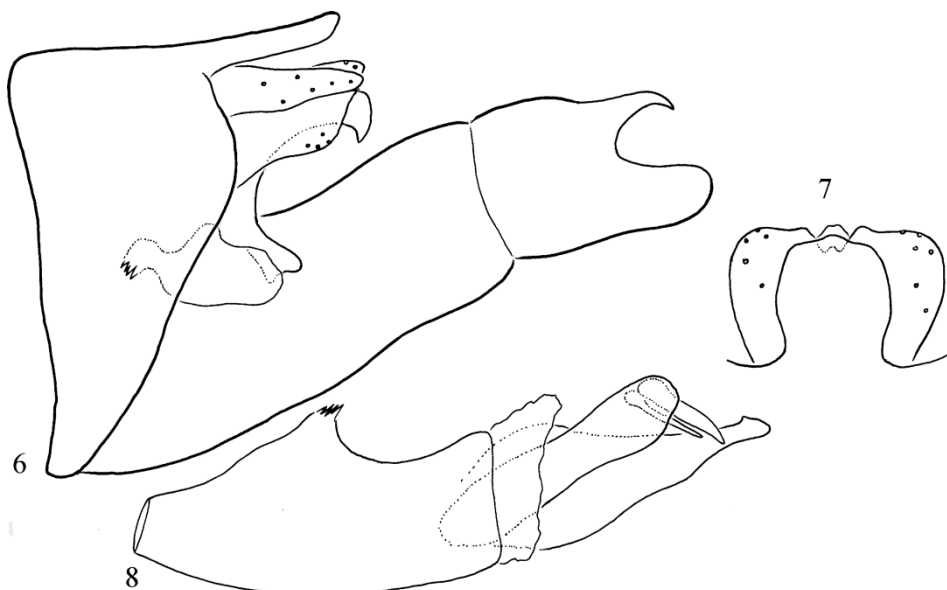
***Rhyacophila fusunae* sp. nov.**

(Figures 6–8) (Photo 5)

**Material examined.** Holotype: Spain, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550–650 m, 43.137°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Diagnosis.** This new species is close as a sibling to *Rhyacophila joani* Sipahiler, 2000; which was described from nearby habitat and related closely to the Pyrenean species *Rhyacophila rupta* McLachlan, 1879. *Rhyacophila fusunae* sp. nov. differs from *R. joani* by the differently shaped mesoapical dorsal process of segment IX both in the dorsal and lateral views; by the apically strait truncated dorsal profile of the cerci; by the harpago having apicodorsal pointed process turning mesad, not dorsad; by the longer paramere and by the ventral view of the aedeagus with lateral wings less pronounced.

**Description.** Dorsal apicomeral lobe of segment IX as long as cerci, little longer than broad in dorsal view, digitiform in lateral view. Cerci broad plate-like, almost straight truncated apicad. Segment X with downward curving hook-like apex in lateral view. Epiproct (anal sclerites), as usual, heavily sclerotized; slightly bilobed both in lateral and dorsal views. Paraproct (U-shaped tergal straps) short and high in lateral view. Harpago, the second segment of gonopod, with apicodorsal lobe pointed, slightly mesad turned. Phallic organ has very stout pair of parameres with two terminal unequal spines directed mesad; aedeagus narrowing apicad.



**Figures 6–8.** *Rhyacophila fusunae* sp. nov. Holotype male: 6 = genitalia in left lateral view; 7 = apicodorsal process of segment IX and the cerci in dorsal view; 8 = phallic organ in left lateral view.

*Etymology.* The name of this species is dedicated to Füsün Sipahiler who has described its sibling relative.

***Rhyacophila hirticornis* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Julian Pre-Alps, Cepletischis, spring and brook, 580 m, 46.1795°N, 13.5696°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Slovenia**, Julian Alps, E. Srednji Vrh, nice spring, 1060 m, 46.4952°N, 13.8518°E, 23.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Slovenia, Kranj, Pohorje Mountains, Travertine springs (limestone substratum), Kokra tributary, 850 m, 46.3993°N, 14.4698°E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila intermedia* McLachlan, 1868**

*Material examined.* **France**, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, Guiliman, 1990 m, 45.0354°N, 5.884°E, 6.VIII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, lateral spring, 2140m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila laevis* Pictet, 1834**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Julian Pre-Alps, road to Cepletischis, nice springs and seeping rocks, 340m, 46.1701°N, 13.5581°E and 46.1703°N, 13.5575°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Slovenia**, near Italian border, Julian Pre-Alps, below Livek, spring and brook, 600 m, 46.2123°N, 13.5939°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Rhyacophila laufferi* Navas, 1918**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Leitariegos, Brañas de Arriba, nice spring, 1400 m, 43.0128N, 6.4451W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila martynovi* Mosely, 1930**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 680 m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 720m,

43.0045°N, 0.693°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook, Luzaide tributary, 620m, 43.0446°N, 1.3266°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, brook and springs, from 1130m, 43.1095°N, 5.2188°W, to 1220m, 43.1073°N, 5.2159°W, 12.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, from 1310m, 43.0409°N, 6.2519°W, to 1410m, 43.039°N, 6.2555°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook, Luzaide tributary, 880-1000m, 43.0309°N, 1.3435°W, 10.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 7 females; OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto del Ponton, Fuente del Infierno, brook and spring, 1260m, 43.1023°N, 5.0303°W, 12.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 3 females; OPC).

***Rhyacophila melpomene* Malicky, 1976**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto del Ponton, Fuente del Infierno, brook and spring, 1260m, 43.1023°N, 5.0303°W, 12.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila meyeri* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Julian Alps, S. Fusine, nice spring below the water catchment, 840 m, 46.4922°N, 13.6689°E and two nice springs at 910 m, 46.4857°N, 13.6735°E, 23.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC). **Italy**, Julian Alps, W. Sella Nevea, brook, 1040 m, 46.3897°N, 13.4693°E, 24.05.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Slovenia**, Julian Alps, N. Vrsic Pass, Pišnica trib., nice spring, 1390 m, 46.4399°N, 13.7538°E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, OPC).

***Rhyacophila pongensis* Sipahiler, 2000**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, from 1310m, 43.0409°N, 6.2519°W, to 1410m, 43.039°N, 6.2555°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila producta* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Julian Alps, S. Fusine, nice spring below the water catchment, 840 m, 46.4922°N, 13.6689°E and two nice springs at 910 m, 46.4857°N, 13.6735°E, 23.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 6 females; OPC). **Slovenia**, Julian Alps, N. Vrsic Pass, Pišnica trib., nice spring, 1390 m, 46.4399°N, 13.7538°E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Rhyacophila rupta* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, above Biert, in direction of the Crouzette Pass, nice brook, 670 m, 42.9009°N, 1.3131°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Haute-Garonne, Bagnère-de-Luchon, Pique Valley above Hospice de France, nice spring, 1400m, 42.7195°N, 0.6564°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N, 1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Rhyacophila rectispina* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Piedmont, Pennines Alps, high Sesia Valley, above Sant'Antonio, big spring below Lago Nero, 2630 m, 45.814°N, 7.88°E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Rhyacophila relictata* species complex**

Having complex phallic organ, vertical segment X and cerci present this small complex belongs to the *Rhyacophila vulgaris* branch. Segment IX abbreviated ventrad and supplied with a strong dorsal lobe, a character state relating it to the *R. vulgaris* species group. Close to *R. nubila* and *R. dorsalis* complexes. Two species belong to this complex: *Rhyacophila ildefonsa* sp. nov. and *R. relictata*.

***Rhyacophila ildefonsa* sp. nov.**

*Rhyacophila relictata* McLachlan, 1879: Schmid 1970: 121. Identified and redrawn as *Rhyacophila relictata* McLachlan, 1879. Misidentification.

*Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879: Malicky, 1983: 7. Schmid's drawings accepted as *Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879. Misidentification.

*Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879: Malicky, 2004: 9. Schmid's drawings accepted as *Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879. Misidentification.

**Material.** Holotype: **Spain**, San Ildefonso, Sierra de Guadarrama, (Schmid 1970: documented in figure explanation, table VII, figures 16–18. Deposited as *Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879 in the Canadian National Collection, Ottawa)

**Diagnosis.** The new species is close to *Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879, forming together a small species complex, but differs by the short, not long, tapering, not parallel-sided, dorsal process of segment IX; it is much longer than the fused cerci. The fused cerci are convex apicad in dorsal view, not concave. The harpago with longer apicoventral narrowing structure. The pair of the ventral arm of aedeagus rounded apicad, not truncated.

**Description.** Dorsal process of segment IX elongated parallel-sided broad plate with truncated apex only slightly longer than cerci. Cerci fused to segment X forming together slightly convex apical margin in dorsal view. Paraproct (apical band of Schmid) well-developed, membranous, slightly sclerotized. Ventral arm of segment X pronounced, less sclerotized and attached to the pair of short heavily sclerotized epiprocts (anal sclerite of Schmid). The second segment of gonopod, the harpago with elongated ventral half. Phallic organ composed of a pair of stout spine-like paramere with mesad directed apical half and the complex of aedeagus; ventral arms of aedeagus rounded apicad.

**Etymology.** Coined from the name of locus typicus, as a noun in apposition

#### ***Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879**

*Rhyacophila relict* McLachlan, 1879:442. Pyrenees (River Néez, near Gan and Rénénaq, Basses Pyrénées, 17<sup>th</sup> June, Eaton, 2♂, 1♀). „In the ♂ the

dorsal process is longer than the lateral lobe, narrow, gradually narrowing from base to apex, which is truncate (not dilated).”

**Material examined.** **France**, Pyrenees, River system Nivelles, 12–18. VII. 1986, singled leg. J. Oláh (6 males, 1 female; OPC).

#### ***Rhyacophila stigmatica* Kolenati, 1859**

**Material examined.** **Italy**, Lombardian Pre-Alps, Bergamo, Passo San Marco, S. slope, nice spring, 1730 m, 46.0381°N, 9.6358°E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

#### ***Rhyacophila tristis* Pictet, 1834**

**Material examined.** **France**, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, Guiliman, 1990 m, 45.0354°N, 5.884°E, 6.VIII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 2 females, OPC). **Italy**, Marches, below Monte Acuto, Fonte Acera, 1190 m, 43.4628°N, 12.6944°E, 20.05.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Lombardian Pre-Alps, Bergamo, Passo San Marco, S. slope, nice spring, 1730 m, 46.0381°N, 9.635°E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 2 females; OPC). **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, torrent, 850 m, 40.333°N, 7.6869°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, nice brooklets, 940 m, 40.3381°N, 7.7074°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, nice spring with abundant aquatic vegetation, 980 m, 43.1156°N, 5.2395°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Leitariagos, Brañas de Arriba, nice spring, 1400 m, 43.0128°N, 6.4451°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Galicia, North-East Manzaneda, brook, 670 m, 42.3055°N, 7.2305°W, 22.IV.2022, , leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC). **Spain**, Galicia, West Ponte de Neira, nice springs tributaries of the Neira River, 550 m, 42.9185°N, 7.2147°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

#### ***Rhyacophila vandeli* Despax, 1933**

**Material examined.** **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste,

nice brook and spring, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (21 males, 3 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, brook and springs, 1910 m, 42.4603°N, 2.4161°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, 2 brooks and 1 nice spring, 1630 m, 42.4348°N, 2.394°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, Jourdonna brook and spring, 1740 m, 42.4459°N, 2.4155°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 3 females; OPC). **Spain**, Catalogna, tributaries of Riu de Carboner: spring, 1980 m, 42.4063°N, 2.324°E, and torrent dels Forquets, 2020–2050 m, 42.4118°N, 2.3171°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Rhyacophila vulgaris* Pictet, 1834**

*Material examined.* **France**, Drôme, South Vercors Massif, Archiane, nice big resurgence, 770 m, 44.7461°N, 5.5064°E, 11.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC). **Italy**, Atesine Alps, N. Maranza, big brook near Hexenhütte, 1750 m, 46.8562°N, 11.6637°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

**Glossosomatidae Wallengren, 1891**

***Glossosoma privatum* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Gredos, Garganta de Navamediana, 1130 m, 40.3156°N, 5.4159°W, 24.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Rio Saja, Mina da Lapiz, 520 m, 2 springs and the river, 43.1232°N, 4.2961°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC).

***Agapetus arvernensis* Malicky, 1980**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N,

1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Agapetus diversus* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, torrent, 850 m, 40.333°N, 7.6869°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Agapetus dubitans* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* France, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, Fromagine spring, 1500m, 44.0208°N, 7.4317°E, 17.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Agapetus fuscipes* Curtis, 1834**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, above Sorède, La Farga, nice brook, 450 m, 42.4979°N, 2.9572°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Agapetus insons* McLachlan, 1879**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Is-saux, nice resurgence, 680 m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, nice brook and spring, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). France, Haute-Garonne, Bagnère-de-Luchon, Pique Valley above Hospice de France, nice spring, 1400m, 42.7195°N, 0.6564°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (14 males, OPC). **Spain**, Val d'Aran, Artiga de Lin, nice spring and brook, 1150 m, 42.7073°N, 0.7138°E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Agapetus krawanyi* Ulmer, 1938**

*Material examined.* **Slovenia**, near Italian border, Julian Pre-Alps, below Livek, spring and



brook, 600 m, 46.2123°N, 13.5939°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### ***Agapetus lusitanicus* (Malicky, 1980)**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, nice spring with abundant aquatic vegetation, 980 m, 43.1156N, 5.2395W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (10 males, 3 females, OPC). Spain, Asturias, road to the Puerto del Palo Allande, nice brook, 720 m, 43.2897N, 6.6431W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, brook and springs, from 1130m, 43.1095°N, 5.2188°W, to 1220m, 43.1073°N, 5.2159°W, 12.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### ***Catagapetus nigrans* McLachlan, 1884**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, nice torrent at Ussita, 730 m, 42.943°N, 13.138°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Italy, Marches, E. Purello, nice spring and two brooks, 530 m, 43.32°N, 12.7733°E, 20.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### **Ptilocolepidae Martynov, 1913**

These small caddisflies with somewhat iridescent rounded forewing of 4–6 mm and primitive neuration populate hygropetric habitats of montane springs and seeps, among growths of moss and liverwort (Marshall 1979). *Ptilocolepus granulatus* (Pictet, 1834) was originally described in the *Rhyacophila* genus, later shown to be a senior synonym of *Ptilocolepus turbidus* Kolenati, 1848 (Hagen 1855), the type species thus became *Ptilocolepus granulatus*. McLachlan (1879) discussed its taxonomic status among rhyacophilids and glossosomatids. Describing its larval stage Thieneman (1904) noted its hydroptilid affinities, with the conclusion that it fits neither in the Glossosomatinae of Rhyacophilidae nor in Hydroptilidae. This position somehow prompted Ulmer (1907) to place the genus in the Hydroptilidae. Martynov (1913) describing two new species

from the Caucasus erected the Ptilocolepinae subfamily for the nominate genus retaining its taxonomic position in the Rhyacophilidae family. Finally, Ross (1956) transferred the subfamily to Hydroptilidae with inclusion of *Ptilocolepus* and *Palaeagapetus* genera.

Completing Thieneman (1904) findings, Malicky (2001) recently has raised the Ptilocolepinae subfamily to family rank: Ptilocolepidae Martynov, 1913. However, its taxonomic position was retained as a subfamily within Hydroptilidae by Holzenthal *et al.* (2007). The migration of *Ptilocolepus* through the Trichoptera system was discussed by Malicky (2008) and documented by Thieneman's original text.

#### **Isolation and delineation by harpago**

Harpago, harpagones in plural, is the grabbling terminal structure, the second segment of the gonopod usually with important functions in sexual processes. Already McLachlan (1879, 1884) has used exclusively the shape of harpago to separate species in the *Ptilocolepus* genus as well as presented rather reliable drawings of the furcate harpago suggesting that more species are hidden under the name of *Ptilocolepus granulatus*. He figured the differences in the lateral profile of the furcated harpago between specimens from Belgium and from the Pyrenees.

Diversity rate is significantly increasing from non-genital structures through non-intromittent genital structures to intromittent genital structures of the phallic organ. This gradient of diversity pattern suggests empirically that divergence mechanisms are driven by sexual integration (selection) operating in relation to sensory manipulation in mating, to ability of sperm removal in sperm competition, to control fertilization in sexual conflict, and to induce post-copulatory, prezygotic sperm selection in cryptic female choice (Arnquist 1997), the postcopulatory equivalent of the classic Darwinian precopulatory female choice.

Harpago could function as grasping, sensory, titillating, or even a harming organ liable to diver-

sify in isolation and producing distinct species by both prezygotic and postzygotic reproductive isolation that is performing the magic role of speciation traits and enabling us to delineate these incipient, sibling species.

Harpagones are almost completely fused to the gonopods with (*P. atiloma*) or without (*P. namnao*) visible vestigial sutures. The densely setosed gonopods themselves are fused completely (*P. atiloma*, *P. namnao*) or partially and definitely more ancestrally than the harpago. Based on the more recently diverging harpago structure, reflecting its integrative organization with speciation trait function and applying the principle of complex is plesiomorphic we distinguished three lineages in the *Ptilocolepus* genus. (1) *Ptilocolepus colchicus* species complex; (2) *Ptilocolepus granulatus* species complex; (3) *Ptilocolepus atiloma* species complex.

#### ***Ptilocolepus colchicus* species complex**

The gonopods are partially fused with the vestigial basal plate present in mesal position in the form of heavily sclerotized structure ending in an apical spine. Harpago fused to the coxopodite apicad forming a specific lobe pattern together with the gonopod. *Ptilocolepus colchicus* Martynov, 1913 specimens from Georgia, Iran and Turkey listed below, are cleared, cleaned and examined. Based on the lateral profile of the harpago they may represent several sibling species, but we do not describe them here.

#### ***Ptilocolepus colchicus* Martynov, 1913**

(Map 1)

*Ptilocolepus colchicus* Martynov, 1913:26–27. In Russian: Type specimen: “1♂. Forested mountain stream near Kvareli (Georgia) 21.VI.1907, leg. A. Martynov.”

**Material examined. Georgia:** Adjara, Mtirala NP, Chakvistavi 20 km NE Batumi, brooks, 41°40.6'N, 41°52.4'E, 315 m, 30.VI.2013, leg.P. Chvojka (2 males, OPC; 3 males, 4 females; NMPC); Georgia, Kakheti, Batsara Nat. Res.,

Samkura R. and Khadori waterfall, 42°16'28"N, 45°21'06"E, 1250 m, 2.V.2019, leg. D. Murányi & J. Oboňa (4 males, 1 female; OPC; 4 males, 1 female, NMPC); Georgia, Svanetia, stream N of Mestia, 43°03.0'N, 42°43.1'E, 1510–1700m, 5.VII.2013, leg.P. Chvojka (13 males, 1 female, NMPC). Georgia, Guria region, brooklet and cascade, tributary of Bzhuzhi River, 41°51'03" N, 42°06'55"E, 660m, 24.IX.2019, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Iran**, Gilan Province, South of Bandar Anzali, Talesh Mountain, small tributary to Masula River, 12.VIII.1990, leg. J. Oláh (2 males, OPC). Iran, Gilan Province, South of Bandar Anzali, Talesh Mountain, small tributary to Masula River, 16.IV.1991, leg. J. Oláh (2 males, OPC). **Turkey**, NE Anatolia, Rize prov., Çat SW of Çamlıhemşin - springs, brooks, 40°51.6'N 40°56.6'E; ca.1290 m, 9.VII.2013, leg. P. Chvojka (3 males, OPC; 5 males, 1 female; NMPC). Turkey, NE Anatolia, Artvin; source NE Hopa, 41 25 45 N, 41 26 50 E; 6.VII.1993, leg. P. Chvojka (3 males, OPC; 9 males, 8 females; NMPC). Turkey, NE Anatolia, Artvin; streams, Altıparmak NW Yusufeli, 40 57 00 N, 41 21 00 E; 7.VII.1993, leg. P. Chvojka (2 males, OPC; 9 males, 3 females; NMPC). Turkey, NE Anatolia, Trabzon; source, Sumela, 40 41 24 N, 39 39 39 E; 5.7.1993, leg. P. Chvojka (3 males, OPC; 4 males, 7 females; NMPC).

#### ***Ptilocolepus granulatus* species complex**

The gonopods are almost entirely fused with some mesal excision on its apical margin. Harpago fused to the coxopodite on its dorsum subapicad. Mostly European species complex with one species in the Caucasus: *Ptilocolepus dilatatus* Martynov, 1913, *P. extensus* McLachlan, 1884; *Ptilocolepus granulatus* (Pictet, 1834); *Ptilocolepus kover* sp. nov.; *Ptilocolepus sovan* sp. nov.

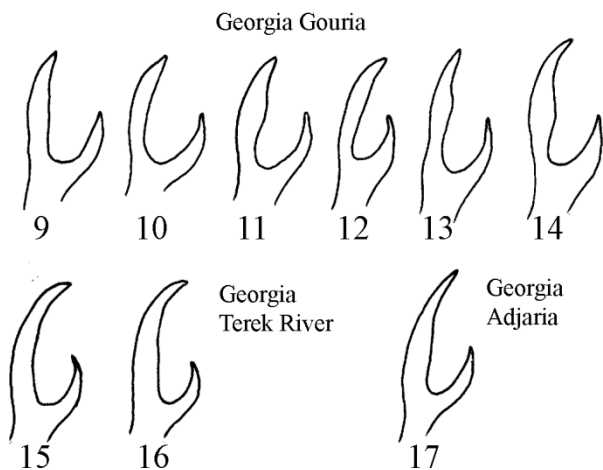
#### ***Ptilocolepus dilatatus* Martynov, 1913**

(Figures 9–17) (Map 1)

*Ptilocolepus dilatatus* Martynov, 1913:23–26. In Russian: Type specimens: “2♂, 1♀. Mountain stream in gorge near Lagodekhi (Georgia), 17.VI.1907, leg. A. Martynov. 2♂. Mountain stream



Map 1. Distribution of Ptilocolepidae species in Asia (full circles represent the type localities).



Figures 9–17. *Ptilocolepus dilatatus* Martynov, 1913.  
9–14 = Georgia, Gouria; 15–16 = Georgia, Terek River;  
17 = Georgia, Adjara.

**Material examined. Georgia:** Adjara, Mtirala NP, Chakvistavi 20 km NE Batumi, brooks, 41°40.6'N, 41°52.4'E, 315 m, 30.VI.2013, leg. P. Chvojka (25 males 9 females, NMPC); the same but spring brook, 41°40.7'N, 41°51.8'E, 280 m, 30.VI.2013, leg. P. Chvojka (15 males, 10 females, NMPC); the same but stream, 41°40.5'N,

41°52.2'E, 320m, 30.VI.2013, leg. P. Chvojka (26 males, 18 females, NMPC); the same but springs and brooks, 41°40.4'N, 41°51.2'E, 410 m, 1.VII.2013, leg. P. Chvojka (56 males, 31♀ females NMPC); Imereti, Pereval Nakeraf'skii, tributary of Tkibula River, 42°22'55"N, 43°01'07"E, 1016 m, 18.IX.2018, leg. J. Oboňa (1 male, 1 female, NMPC). Georgia, Mtskheta-Mtianeti region, side-stream of Terek r. with small waterfall in narrow rocky ravine, below Tsdo village, 1710m, 42°40'56.379"N, 44°37'58.846"E, 6.VII.2019, leg. P. Manko (1 male, OPC). Georgia, Adjara, Kintrishi Nature Reserve, sidebrook of Cherulisghele Stream, N41°44.003' E42°04.922', 1040m, 26.IX.2019, leg. T. Kovács, D. Murányi, & G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC). Georgia, Gouria region, brooklet, tributary of Bzhuzhi River, above Gomi, 41°52'25" N, 42°06'19"E, 390m, 24.IX.2019, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Ptilocolepus extensus* McLachlan, 1884**

(Map 2)

*Ptilocolepus extensus* McLachlan, 1884:70: "Portugal (between São Antonio and Coimbra, Beira Baixa,

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1♂; near Cea, about 1800 ft., Beira Baixa, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2♂, 1♀.”

**Material examined. Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, nice brooklets, 940 m, 40.3381°N, 7.7074°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Portugal, Serra da Estrela Massif, brooklet, on the snow, 1450–1480 m, 40.3802°N, 7.6457°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 1 female; OPC). **Spain**, Galicia, south-west A Fonsagrada, brooklet and cascade, 750 m, 43.0726°N, 7.1785°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, nice spring with abundant aquatic vegetation, 980 m, 43.1156°N, 5.2395°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Galicia, West Ponte de Neira, nice springs tributaries of the Neira River, 550 m, 42.9185°N, 7.2147°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550–650 m, 43.1377°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Peñarrubia, E Linares, resurgence, 420 m, 43.2554°N, 4.5741°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 3 females; OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, 950 m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W up to 1000 m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, 1360m, 43.0384°N, 6.2499°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, nice brook and seeping rocks, 1010 m, 43.0857°N, 4.2589°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Peñarrubia, E Linares, resurgence, 420m, 43.2554°N, 4.5741°W, 12.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (13 males, 9 females; OPC).

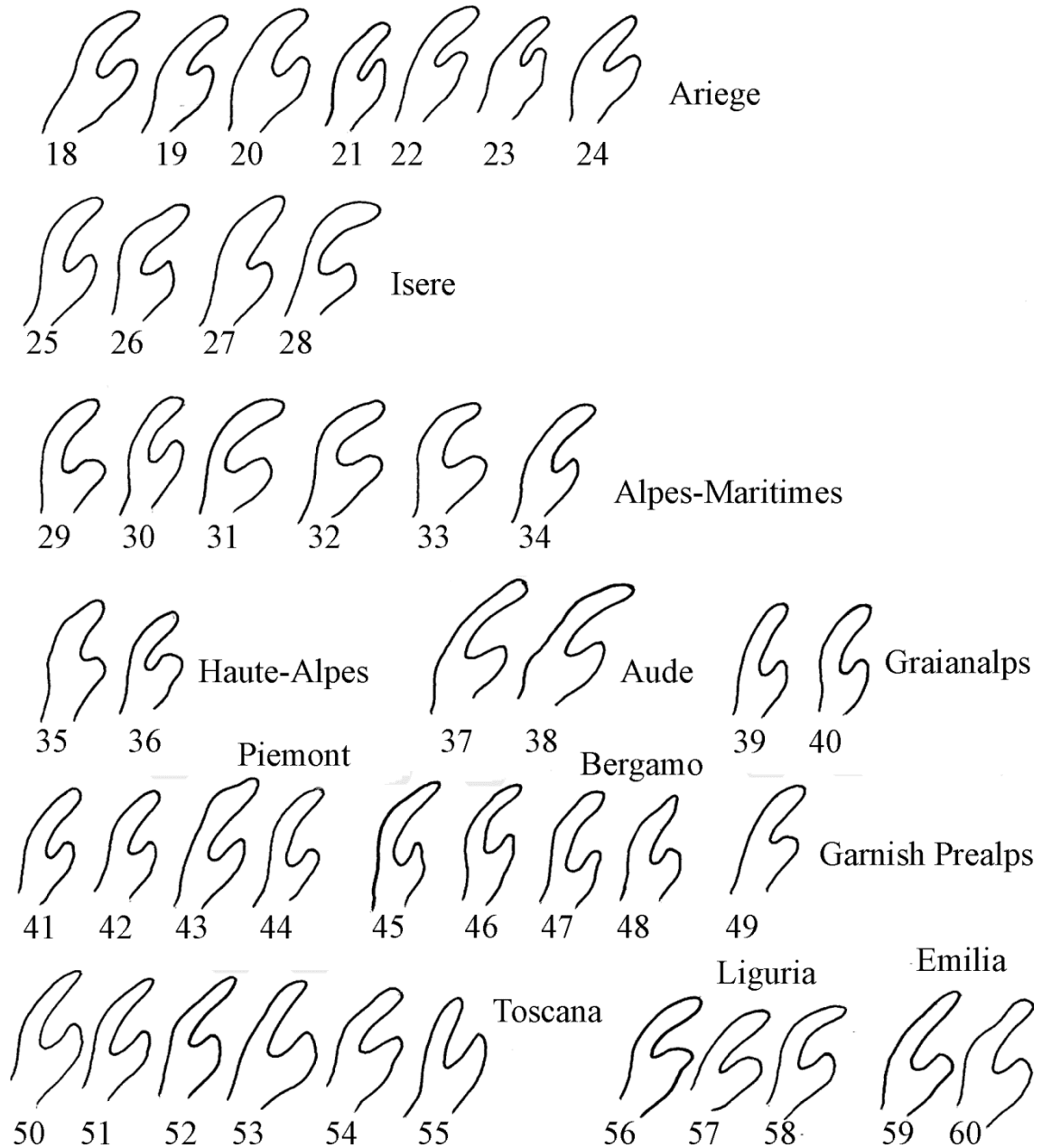
### ***Ptilocolepus granulatus* (Pictet, 1834)**

(Figures 18–60) (Map 2)

*Rhyacophila granulata* Pictet, 1834: 197–198. „J’ai trouvé cette espèce dans la vallée de Chamounix à la fin Juillet.”

*Ptilocolepus granulatus* (Pictet, 1834): McLachlan, 1879: 490. “France (Chamounix, Savoy, July, Pictet).”

**Material examined. France**, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 760 m, 42.9137°N, 1.314°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 840 m, 42.9195°N, 1.3267°E 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC). France, Ariège, above Biert, in direction of the Crouzette Pass, nice brook, 670 m, 42.9009°N, 1.3131°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (11 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Alpes-Maritimes, Courmes, brook, 570 m, 43.753°N, 7.005°E, 6.I.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 5 females; OPC). France, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, lateral spring, 1020 m, 44.011°N, 7.4602°E, 6.I.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 1 female; OPC). France, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, Fromagine spring, 1500m, 44.0208°N, 7.4317°E, 17.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (9 males, 6 females; OPC). France, Isère, Vercors Massif, springs and brooks below Cascade de Moulin Marquis, 450 m, 45.0563°N, 5.4343°E, 11.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, 5 females; OPC). France, Hautes-Alpes, Queyras Massif, Vars Pass, above Guillestre, 1630 m, Nice spring, 44.6241°N, 6.6834°E, 14.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). France, Aude, Citou, 43.408°N 2.591°E, 906 m, 14.VII.2007, leg. M. Bálint (2 males, OPC). **Italy**, Graian Alps, Viu Valley, Borgial, big torrent, 45.203°N 7.302°E, 1500 m, 26.VI.2020, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, 2 females; OPC). Italy, Ligurian Apennines, above Rocca d’Aveto, nice brook and spring, 1400 m, 44.555°N, 9.4767°E, 15.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC). Italy, Ligurian Alps, above Garessio, brook and spring ‘Sorgente del Carulin’, 650 m, 44.1925°N, 8.0404°E, 15.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (4 males, 4 females; OPC). Italy, Emilie-Romagna, S. Cerreto Laghi, Fosso dei Fontanini, nice spring and brook, 1550 m, 44.28°N, 10.25°E, 11.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Italy, Emilie-Romagne, N.E. Passo Lagastrello, nice spring, 1110 m, 44.3562°N, 10.156°E, 17.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Toscana, Passo di Cerreto, La Nuda Glacial Circus, spring + brook, 1440–1500 m, 44.2867°N, 10.2268°E, 10.VI.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (14 males, 26 females; OPC). Italy, Piemonte, Pennines Alps, Civiasco, spring below



**Figures 18–60.** *Ptilocolepus granulatus* (Pictet, 1834). Lateral profile of the harpago in 12 populations. 18–24 = Ariege, 25–28 = Isere, 29–34 = Alpes-Maritimes, 35–36 = Haute-Alpes, 37–38 = Aude, 39–40 = Graian Alps, 41–44 = Piemont, 45–48 = Bergamo, 49 = Garnish Prealps, 50–55 = Toscana, 56–58 = Liguria, 59–60 = Emilia.

water catchment, 770 m, 45.8104°N, 8.2973°E, 27.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Italy, Carniche Pre-Alps, Dolomiti Friuli, S. Preone, Casali Chiampon, nice spring and Arzino torrent, “il Fontanone”, 760 m, 46.3416°N,

12.8827°E, 24.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Piemont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 14.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (17 males, 7 females; OPC).

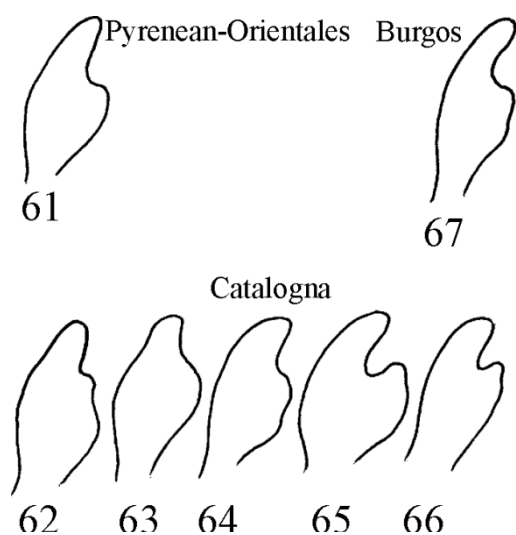
***Ptilocolepus kover* sp. nov.**

(Figures 61–67) (Map 2) (Photo 6)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, above Sorède, La Farga, nice brook, 450 m, 42.4979N, 2.9572E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Paratypes: **Spain**, Catalogna, Rio Rilort tributary, above Espinavel, nice brooklet, 1220 m, 42.3812N, 2.3932E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, OPC). Spain, Burgos, Espinosa de los Monteros, Portillo de Las Estecas de Trueba, Fuente Cornejo, spring, 1030 m, 43.1115N, 3.6786W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* This new species with speciation trait of very fat harpago is closer to *Ptilocolepus granulatus*, the ancestral species of the complex, but the ventral lobe of the harpago is vestigial as well as the dorsal lobe much abbreviated.

*Description.* Small dark species with forewing length of 2 mm. Hyaline transparent spot window at the fork of the median veins small. The speciation trait, the harpago is fused subapical to the coxopodite. Its lateral profile is very specific; the lower or ventral lobe is much reduced or



**Figures 61–67.** *Ptilocolepus kover* sp. nov. Lateral profile of the harpago in 3 populations. Holotype: 61 = Pyrenees-Orientales, Paratypes: 62–66 = Catalogna, 67 = Burgos.

completely disappeared; the upper or dorsal lobe is very stout broad with rounded apex; the entire harpago is rounded fat.

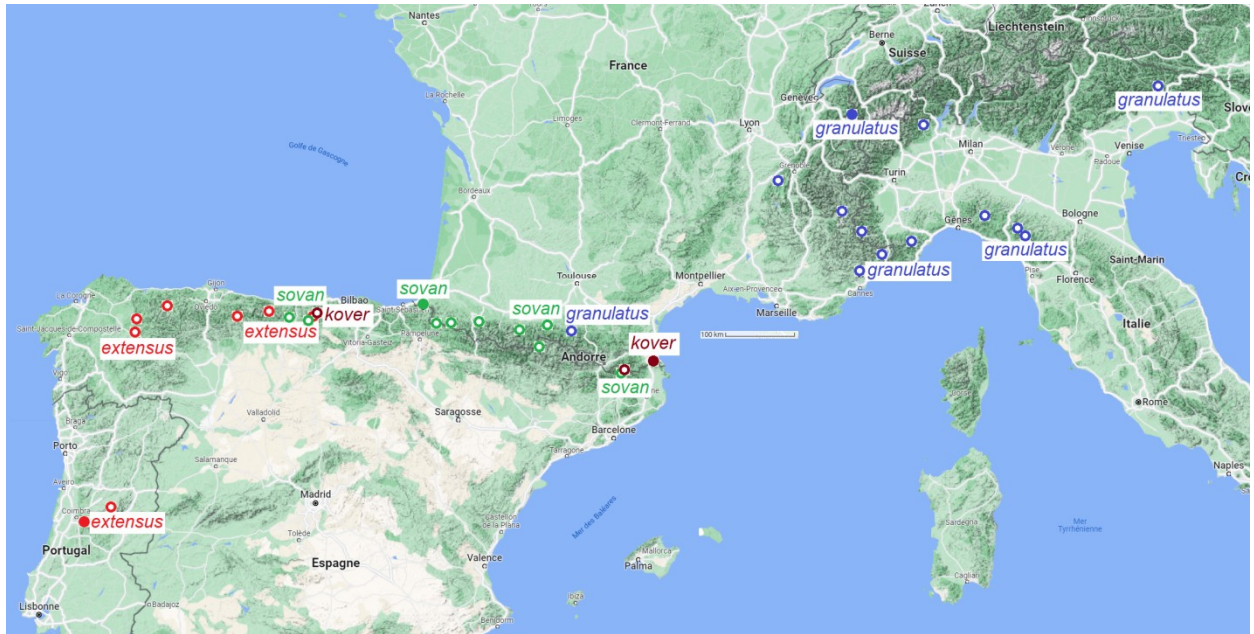
*Etymology.* *kover* from “kövér” fat in Hungarian, refers to the rounded, fat lateral profile of the harpago.

***Ptilocolepus sovan* sp. nov.**

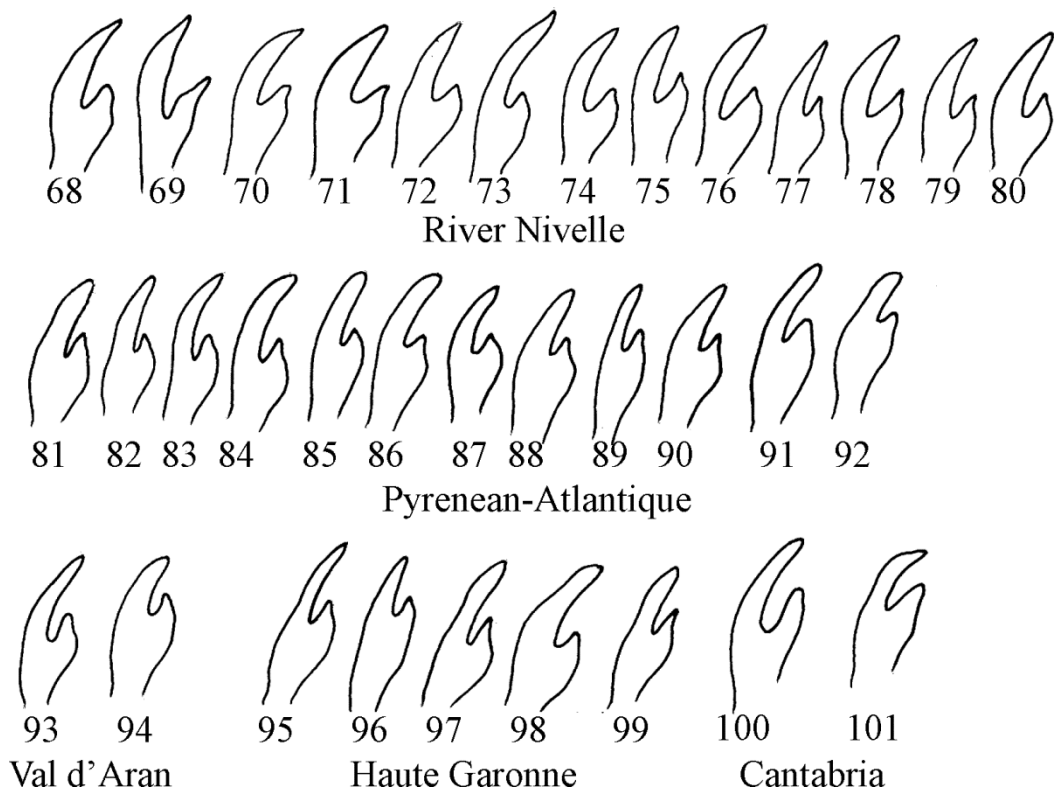
(Figures 68–101) (Map 2)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, River system Nivelles, 12-18.VII.1986, leg. J. Oláh (1 male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (16 males, 3 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Marie-Blanche Pass, nice spring, 910 m, 43.0697N, 0.5213W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (11 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Iraty, nice resurgence, 1100 m, 43.0451N, 1.0546W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). France, Hautes-Pyrénées, N.W. Aspin Pass, 1450 m, nice brook, 42.9454N, 0.3202E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 3 females; OPC). France, Haute-Garonne, Arbas Massif, Fontaine de l’Ours, spring, 1190 m, 42.9647N, 0.8789E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 2 females; OPC). **Spain**, Val d’Aran, Artiga de Lin, nice spring and brook, 1150 m, 42.7073N, 0.7138E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 4 females; OPC). Spain, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, nice brook and 2 cascades, 1010 m, 43.0857N, 4.2589W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550-650 m, 43.1377N, 3.7461W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Catalogna, Rio Rilort tributary, above Espinavel, 2 brooks, 1350 m, 42.3811N, 2.3734E, and 1400 m, 42.3811N, 2.3665E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook and spring, Luzaide tributary, 890 m, 43.0309N, 1.3435W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC).

*Diagnosis.* This new Pyrenean and Cantabrian species with speciation trait of slender and pointed harpago is closer to *Ptilocolepus granulatus*, the ancestral species of the complex,



Map 2. Distribution of Ptilocolepidae species in Western Europe (full circles represent the type localities).



Figures 68–101. *Ptilocolepus sovan* sp. nov. Lateral profile of the harpago in 5 populations. Holotype: 68 = River Nivelles, Paratypes: 69–80 = River Nivelles, 81–92 = Pyrenees-Atlantique, 93–94 = Val d'Aran, 95–99 = Haute-Garonne, 100–101 = Cantabria.



**Figures 102–103.** *Ptilocolepus atiloma* Schmid, 1990 and *Ptilocolepus namnao* Malicky, 1996. Lateral profile of the gonopod. 102 = *Ptilocolepus atiloma*, 103 = *Ptilocolepus namnao*

but the excision between the dorsal and ventral lobes is narrow, not wide; the dorsal arm is slim, slender with pointed apex, not so slim with rounded apex; the ventral lobe is abbreviated and pointed, not long and rounded.

*Description.* Small dark species with forewing length of 2 mm. Hyaline transparent spot window at the fork of the median veins small. The harpago, second segment of gonopod is fused subapically to the coxopodite. Its lateral profile is characterized with pointed lobe apices; the lower or ventral lobe is short abbreviated with pointed, tapering apex; the upper or dorsal lobe is slender with pointed apex; the excision between dorsal and ventral lobes are very narrow.

*Etymology.* *sovan* from “sovány” thin or lean in Hungarian, refers to the slim lateral profile of the harpago.

#### ***Ptilocolepus atiloma* new species complex**

The gonopods are almost entirely fused with some mesal less sclerotized region. Harpago fused to the coxopodite with (*P. atiloma*) or without (*P.*

*namnao*) vestigial sutures as a direct tapering structural continuation. Oriental species: *Ptilocolepus atiloma* Schmid, 1990 from India and *P. namnao* Malicky & Chantaramongkol, 1996 from Thailand.

#### ***Ptilocolepus atiloma* Schmid, 1990**

(Figures 102) (Map 1)

*Ptilocolepus atiloma* Schmid, 1990:239–241. “Holotype ♂ Inde, Assam, United Jaintia and Khasi Hills, Mawpran, 4–7.II.1961. Allotype ♀: Ibid., Tarangblang, 27.XII.1959 (CNC 21234).” “La découverte d’un *Ptilocolepus* en Assam est très inattendue, car ce genre n’avait encore jamais été signalé hors la région européenne, dont il semblait être un des éléments faunistiques typiques.”

#### ***Ptilocolepus namnao* Malicky, 1996**

(Figures 103) (Map 1)

*Ptilocolepus namnao* Malicky, 1996:119. “HT♂: Thailand, Nam Nao NP, 800m, 16.–17.IV.1996.” “♂ Kopulationsarmaturen: Sehr ähnlich den anderen Arten, besonders *P. atiloma*. Die untere Anhänge sind in eine lange dünne Spitze ausgezogen, und ihre theoretische Zweigliedrigkeit ist nicht zu erkennen.”

#### **Brachycentridae Ulmer, 1903**

##### ***Micrasema servatum* Navas, 1918,**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Galicia, south-west A Fonsagrada, brooklet and cascade, 750 m, 43.0726°N, 7.1785°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, nice spring with abundant aquatic vegetation, 980 m, 43.1156°N, 5.2395°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto de Leitariegos, Brañas de Arriba, nice spring, 1400 m, 43.0128°N, 6.4451°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Galicia, West Ponte de Neira, nice springs tributaries of the Neira River, 550 m, 42.9185°N, 7.2147°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC). Spain, Asturias, road to the Puerto del Palo Allande, nice brook, 720 m, 43.2897°N, 6.6431°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males,



OPC). Spain, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, 1360m, 43.0384°N, 6.2499°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Micrasema vestitum* Navas, 1918**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Is-saux, nice resurgence, 680 m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, nice brook and spring, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

**Uenoidae Iwata, 1927**

**Thremmatinae Martynov, 1935**

***Thremma tellae* González, 1978**

*Material examined.* **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, torrent, 850 m, 40.333°N, 7.6869°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, brooklet, on the snow, 1450–1480 m, 40.3802°N, 7.6457°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Gredos, Hoyos del Espino, nice brook with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1470 m, 40.3582°N, 5.1773°W, 24.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Galicia, North-East Manzaneda, brook, 670 m, 42.3055°N, 7.2305°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Galicia, West Ponte de Neira, nice springs tributaries of the Neira River, 550 m, 42.9185°N, 7.2147°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Spain**, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Candelario, Rio Becedillas at Becedas, 1110 m, 40.4013°N, 5.6371°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Comunidad de Madrid, Sierra de Guadarrama, South-West Rascafria, nice brook, 1450 m, 40.8361°N, 3.9131°W, 26.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, above Yera, nice brook, 550–650 m, 43.1377°N, 3.7461°W, 20.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, OPC). **Spain**, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Gredos, road to 'La Plataforma de Gredos', big brook,

1490 m, 40.304°N, 5.2088°W, 24.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (26 males, 4 females; OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, brook, 1020m, 43.0847°N, 4.2515°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto de la Palombera, nice brook and seeping rocks, 1010m, 43.0857°N, 4.2589°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Vega de Pas, brook and cascade, arroyo Enverao, 900m, 43.1208°N, 3.7133°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, from 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W, up to 1000m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Goeridae Ulmer, 1903**

***Lithax niger* (Hagen, 1859)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, spring Guiliman tributary, 1850 m, 45.033°N, 5.877°E, 21.06.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Julian Alps, W. Sella Nevea, brook, 1040 m, 46.3897°N, 13.4693°E, 24.05.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 1 female; OPC). **Italy**, Atesine Alps, N. Maranza, spring and brook, 1590 m, 46.8345°N, 11.6479°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Atesine Alps, N. Maranza, big brook near Hexenhütte, 1750 m, 46.8562°N, 11.6637°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 5 females; OPC). **Italy**, Rhaetian Alps, above Livigno, brook, 2130m, 46.5308°N, 10.1539°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 2 females; OPC). **Italy**, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, above St Jacques, near 'Alpe Mase', nice spring, 2400 m, 45.8929°N, 7.7039°E, 11.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Lithax obscurus* (Hagen, 1859)**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, E. Purello, nice spring and two brooks, 530 m, 43.32°N, 12.7733°E, 20.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, 7 females; OPC).

*Remark.* This species is new for the Italian Fauna.

**Lepidoptomatidae Ulmer, 1903**

***Crunoecia irrorata* Curtis, 1834**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Molise, Castel San Vincenzo, Sorgente Acquaruolo, 470 m, 41.6594° N, 14.078°E, 19.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Crunoecia kempnyi* Morton, 1901**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Julian Alps, S. Fusine, nice spring below the water catchment, 840 m, 46.4922°N, 13.6689°E and two nice springs at 910 m, 46.4857°N, 13.6735°E, 23.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 6 females; OPC). **Slovenia**, N.E. Bovec, nice seeping rocks, 430 m, 46.3399° N, 13.5745°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Remark.* This species is new for the Italian Fauna.

**Apataniidae Wallengren, 1886**

***Apatania eatoniana* McLachlan, 1880**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 680m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 1 female; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Iraty, resurgence, 1100 m, 43.0451°N, 1.0546°W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Marie-Blanche Pass, nice brook, 1050 m, 43.0643°N, 0.5033°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (12 males, OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto del Ponton, nice spring and brook, 1180 m, 43.1036°N, 5.0157°W, 21.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, 1 female; OPC). **Spain**, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook and spring, Luzaide tributary, 890 m, 43.0309°N, 1.3435°W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, 1 female; OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, 950 m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W up to 1000 m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 22.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 1 female; OPC). **Spain**, Asturias,

Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, 1360m, 43.0384°N, 6.2499°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Apatania fimbriata* Pictet, 1834**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, below Crouzette Pass, nice spring, 840 m, 42.9195°N, 1.3267°E, 15.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC). **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N, 1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

**Limnephilidae Kolenati, 1848**

**Drusinae Banks, 1916**

***Drusus annulatus* Stephens, 1837**

*Material examined.* **France**, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, spring Guiliman tributary, 1850 m, 45.033°N, 5.877°E, 6.VIII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Drusus apados* Oláh & Coppa, 2017**

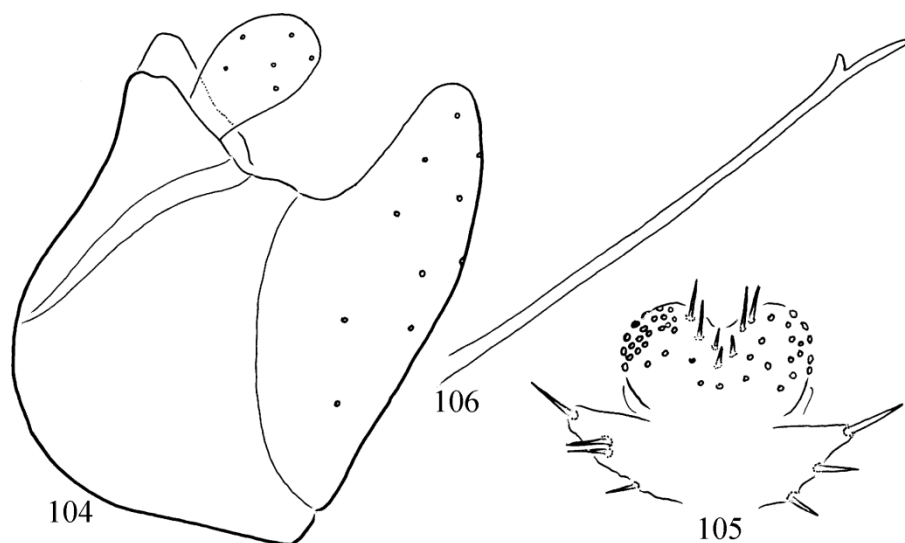
*Material examined.* **France**, Drôme, South Vercors Massif, Archiane, nice big resurgence, 770 m, 44.7461°N, 5.5064°E, 13.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 14 females; OPC). **France**, Drôme, South Vercors Massif, Archiane, nice big resurgence, 770 m, 44.7461°N, 5.5064°E, 15.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (25 males, 5 females; OPC).

***Drusus roya* sp. nov.**

(Figures 104–106) (Map 3) (Photos 7, 8)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **France**, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, tributary of Roya Valley, lateral spring, 1020 m, 44.011°N, 7.46°E, 17.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* A new species related to the *Drusus lepidopterus* siblings of the *D. greacus* species complex in the *Drusus bosnicus* species group. This species belongs to the southern group of *D. lepidopterus* siblings with pronounced microplate structures in the surface pattern on the



**Figures 104–106.** *Drusus roya* sp. nov. Holotype: 104 = genitalia in left lateral view, 105 = Paraproct in dorsal view; 106 = phallic organ in lateral view.

dorsal surface of the fused dorsal branches of the paraproct. The new species *D. roya* is most close to *D. lepidopterus*, but differs by both the shape and the surface pattern of the fused dorsal branch of the paraproct in dorsal view. The partially fused lobes of the dorsal arms of paraproct are rounded circular, not quadrangular; its basolateral lobes are longer; 2–3 primary setae of macrochaetes present also on the middle region.

*Description.* Black, large species with forewing length of 14 mm. The architectural shape of the dorsal profile of the fused dorsal arm of the paraproct is characterized by two circular lobes. Composed of the pair of fused circular dorsal arms and the triangular basolateral pair of lobes. The microplate field very pronounced, dominating on the surface; the entire surface is almost fully covered with small circular microplates having some pointed central outgrowth. The mesal suture line indiscernible. The paramere setal pattern of the holotype symmetrical, the erect, primary spine is short and robust.

*Etymology.* Name coined from the name of the type locality as a noun in apposition.

*Remark.* In the Roya Valley both siblings occur; *D. roya* sp. nov. and *D. lepidopterus* (Oláh *et al.* 2021, Oláh *et al.* 2022).

#### ***Drusus camerinus* Moretti, 1981**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, E. Purrello, nice spring and two brooks, 530 m, 43.32°N, 12.7733°E, 20.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Italy, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, Panico Valley, nice brook and spring, 1180 m, 42.945°N, 13.1995°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, 4 females, OPC).

#### ***Drusus demonta* sp. nov.**

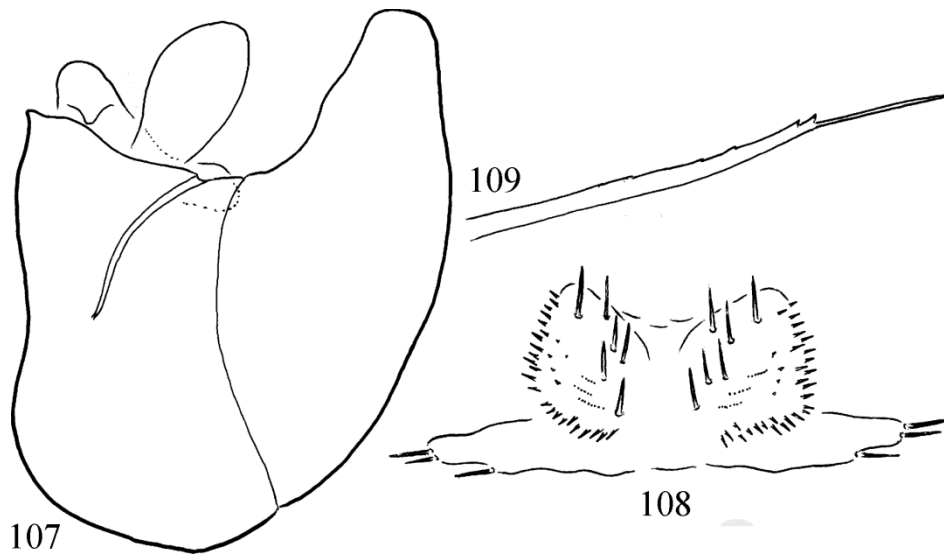
(Figures 107–109) (Map 3) (Photo 9)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Italy**, Piémont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 14.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* A new species related to the *Drusus lepidopterus* siblings of the *D. greacus* species complex in the *Drusus bosnicus* species



Map 3. Distribution of the *Drusus lepidopterus* siblings in the western Alps and northern Apennines (full circles represent the type localities).



Figures 107–109. *Drusus demonta* sp. nov. Holotype: 107 = genitalia in left lateral view, 108 = paraproct in dorsal view; 109 = phallic organ in lateral view.

group. This species belongs to the northern group of *D. lepidopterus* siblings without pronounced microplate structures in the surface pattern on the

dorsal surface of the fused dorsal branches of the paraproct. The new species *D. demonta* is most close to *D. piemontensis*, lives and was collected

together in the same habitat, but differs by both the shape and the surface pattern of the fused dorsal branch of the paraproct in dorsal view as well as radically differs by the spine pattern of the paramere. The partially fused lobes of the dorsal arms of paraproct are trapezoid, not rounded and more subdivided; its basolateral lobes are triple longer; 2–3 primary setae of macrochaetes present also on the middle region. The single robust and erected primary paramere spine characterizing all the known species of the siblings is unique in *Drusus demonta* sp. nov., reduced in size and subdivided.

*Description.* The forewing of the male is completely covered with slightly elongated scales; forewing length 9 mm. The architectural shape of the dorsal profile of the fused dorsal arm of the paraproct is characterized by complex amalgamated lobe system. Composed of the pair of fused vestigial dorsal arms and the elongated basolateral pair of lobes. There is no microplate field discernible; the entire surface is almost fully covered with short microspines as well as short transversal lines of spots as visible in dorsal view. The mesal suture line vestigial, present markedly apicad. The paramere setal pattern of the holotype asymmetrical, the erect, primary spine is uniquely subdivided, less pronounced; lateral and basal margin full of small tertiary spines.

*Etymology.* Name coined from the name of the type locality as a noun in apposition.

*Remark.* The distribution area of *D. demonta* sp. nov. meets the southern edge of the distribution area of its closest sibling *D. piemontensis* (Map 3).

#### ***Drusus discolor* (Rambur, 1842)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, Guiliman, 1990 m, 45.0354N, 5.884E, 6.VIII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female, OPC). **France**, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, > Cayolle Pass, spring and brook, 2460 m, 44.258N, 6.733E, 18.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 3 females, OPC).

#### ***Drusus flavipennis* (Pictet, 1834)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, > Cayolle Pass, spring and brook, 2460 m, 44.258°N, 6.733°E, 18.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### ***Drusus improvisus* (McLachlan, 1884)**

*Material examined.* **Toscana**, Passo del Cerreto, 1400–1500 m, springs and brooks, 44.285°N, 10.2286°E, 17.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female, OPC). **Italy**, Emiliè-Romagne, Lagdei, brook and spring near the peat bog, 1270 m, 44.4122°N, 10.0075°E, 16.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Ligurian Apennines, above Rocca d'Aveto, spring, 1640 m, 44.5598°N, 9.4872°E, 15.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 2 females; OPC). **Italy**, Toscana, Passo di Cerreto, La Nuda Glacial Circus, spring + brook, 1440–1500 m, 44.2867°N, 10.2268°E, 10.VI.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (14 males, 26 females; OPC).

#### ***Drusus lapos* Oláh, 2017**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Dolomiti, S.E. Moso, Parco Naturale Tre Cime, many springs below water captures, trib. Rio Bianco, 1650 m, 46.6557N, 12.4062E, 24.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC).

*Remark.* Based upon the lateral profile of the dorsal arm of paraproct and on the spine pattern of paramere we have distinguished two separate distinct species hidden under the name of *Drusus chrysotus* (Oláh *et al.* 2017). *Drusus chrysotus* (Rambur, 1842) the western sibling species and *Drusus lapos* Oláh, 2017 the eastern sibling species. All the examined specimens from France, Western Switzerland, and Western Italy represent *Drusus chrysotus* and all the specimens from Eastern Switzerland, Eastern Italy, Austria and Czech Republic represent *Drusus lapos*.

In the lateral profile the dorsum of the fused dorsal branches of paraproct is sloping anterad at *D. chrysotus* and flat horizontal at *D. lapos*.

Subapical spine on the paramere subdivided into two spines at *D. chrysotus* and not divided; only a sole spine is present at *D. lapos*. Recent collection of a single male of *Drusus chrysotus* in France (Oláh *et al.* 2022) and the present collection of two males and a single female have confirmed the stability of the paraproct and paramere divergences of the two sibling species.

***Drusus liguriensis* Oláh, 2017**

(Map 3)

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Ligurian Apennines, above Rocca d'Aveto, nice brook and spring, 1400 m, 44.555°N, 9.4767°E, 15.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female, OPC). Italy, Emilie-Romagne, above Lagdei, lateral spring, 1290 m, 44.4098°N, 10.01°E, 16.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 3 females, OPC). Italy, Emilie-Romagne, above Prato Spilla, 1450 m, 44.3578°N, 10.1057°E, 16.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, 2 females, OPC).

*Remark.* Lodovici & Valle (2020) mistakenly did not report this species from Italy. Its distribution area extends much to the east in the Northern Apennines and nearly meets the distribution area of its two siblings, *D. cerreto* Oláh & Vinçon, 2021 and *D. apuanensis* Oláh, 2017 (Map 3).

***Drusus magas* Oláh, 2017**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, St Jacques, above Lago Blu, nice torrent, 2400 m, 45.8964°N, 7.7457°E, 12.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC). Italy, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, St Jacques, above Lago Blu, big spring, 2470 m, 45.89775°N, 7.7471°E, 12.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, OPC).

*Remark.* In our previous study (Oláh & Vinçon 2022), we described *D. italiano* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022, close to *D. magas*, and at that time we thought that “It seems that all the known Italian specimens belong to the new species *D. italiano* and *D. magas* Oláh, 2017 is represented only by Swiss specimens, by the holotype and by the

drawings of Schmid (1956) from Swiss specimen under the name *D. muelleri*.” Now we can confirm that both species *D. italiano* and *D. magas* are sympatric in the Italian Pennines Alps.

***Drusus malickyi* (Sipahiler, 1992)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Drôme, South Vercors Massif, Archiane, nice big resurgence, 770 m, 44.7461°N, 5.5064°E, 11.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC).

***Drusus marinettae* Sipahiler, 1992**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, 1900-2200 m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, nice brook and spring, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Mantet, Rotja tributary, 1850 m, nice big spring, 42.4755°N, 2.325°E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Drusus melanchaetes* McLachlan, 1876**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, St Jacques, above Lago Blu, nice torrent, 2400 m, 45.8964°N, 7.7457°E, 12.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (5 males, 3 females; OPC). Italy, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, above St Jacques, N.E. ‘Alpe Mase’, spring and brook, 2530 m, 45.8965°N, 7.7093°E, 11.06.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Drusus mixtus* (Pictet, 1834)**

*Material examined.* **Switzerland**, Jura Massif, Soubey, Bief de la Côte au Bouvier, 600–650 m, 47.3°N, 7.06°E, 13.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (9 males, 3 females; OPC).

***Drusus monticola* McLachlan, 1876**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Rhaetian Alps, S.W. Passo dello Stelvio, springs and brooks, 2030 m,

46.5152°N, 10.4057°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC). Italy, Dolomiti, S.E. Moso, Parco Naturale Tre Cime, many springs below water captures, trib. Rio Bianco, 1650 m, 46.6557°N, 12.4062°E, 24.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Drusus nebulicola* (McLachlan, 1867)**

*Material examined.* France, Isère, Alpe du Grand Serre, Lavalens, Rif bruyant, 1860 m, dessous cascade, 44.9513°N, 5.911°E, 14.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (6 males, 18 females; OPC).

***Drusus piemontensis* Oláh, 2017**

(Map 3)

*Material examined.* Italy, Piémont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 14.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Piémont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 16.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, OPC).

***Drusus spelaeus* (Ulmer, 1920)**

*Material examined.* France, Drôme, Vercors, Tourtre, Adouin, 760 m, 45.0035°N, 5.4563°E, 11.III.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, OPC).

***Drusus thibaulti* Decamps, 1972**

*Material examined.* Spain, Navarra, Puerto de Ibañeta, Valcarlos, brook and spring, Luzaide tributary, 890 m, 43.0309°N, 1.3435°W, 19.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC).

*Remarks.* The recollection of this rare species is a great luck! During our revision of Drusinae subfamily we were unable to examine the type or any other specimens. The examination of the two males and single female confirm our conclusion based on the original description and drawings that this is a distinct independent species. (Oláh *et*

*al.* 2017). This species is probably new for the Spanish Fauna.

***Drusus vinconi* Sipahiler, 1992**

*Material examined.* France, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Labays Pass, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 680 m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 18.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 720m, 43.0045°N, 0.693°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC).

*Remarks.* This large elegant species was described from a single male accompanied by 5 females collected at the end of June, 1987 by Gilles Vinçon in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France. The single male holotype and the female allotypes were re-examined, re-diagnosed and its taxonomic position corrected and established (Oláh *et al.* 2017). Examination of the species group character state of paramere fine structure as well as the speciation trait of paraproot of the three newly collected specimens, the taxonomic position in the *Drusus annulatus* species group and *Drusus annulatus* species complex was confirmed.

***Ecclisopteryx asterix* Malicky, 1979**

*Material examined.* Slovenia, Julian Alps, N. Vrsic Pass, Pišnica trib., nice spring, 1390 m, 46.4399N, 13.7538E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 4 females; OPC). Slovenia, Julian Alps, E. Srednji Vrh, nice spring, 1060 m, 46.4952°N, 13.8518°E, 23.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC).

**Limnephilinae Kolenati, 1848**

**Limnephilini Kolenati, 1848**

***Limnephilus affinis* Curtis, 1834**

*Material examined.* France, Hautes-Pyrénées, below Tourmalet Pass, between 1610 m, Garet torrent, 42.9063°N, 0.2115°E, and 1970m, 42.8987°N, 0.2024°E, 17.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Limnephilus auricula* Curtis, 1834**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Molise, below Sant Angelo del Pesco, brooklet on calcareous substratum, 750 m, 41.882°N, 14.25°E, 19.V. 2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Molise, above Pescopennataro, Fonte della Gallina, nice springs and brooklets, 1420 m, 41.8547°N, 14.2932°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Limnephilus ignavus* McLachlan, 1865**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, 1900m, 42.556°N, 1.768°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Chaetopterygini Hagen, 1858**

***Annitella pyrenaica* (Navas, 1930)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, Videssos, Videssos River at Mounicou, river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1110 m, 42.70775° N, 1.4503°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, 1900m, 42.556° N, 1.768°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, lateral spring, 2140m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 2 females; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, lateral spring, 2140m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926° E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 4 females; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426° N, 1.76°E, 8.X. 2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, 2 females; OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice lateral spring, 1990m, 42.55175°N, 1.76484°E, 8.X. 2022, leg. G. Vinçon (4 male, 3 females; OPC).

***Chaetopterygopsis maclachlani* Stein, 1874**

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N,

1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X. 2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 2 females; OPC).

***Chaetopteryx cantabrica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022**

(Figure 110) (Map 4)

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Cantabria, San Roque de Riomiera, Portillo de Lunada, brook and spring below water catchment, 900m, 43.17°N, 3.686°W, 11.10.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 male, OPC). **Spain**, Burgos, Espinosa de los Monteros, Portillo de Las Estecas de Trueba, Nacimiento del Rio Trueba, brook and spring, 1140m, 43.114°N, 3.7021°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, 1 female in copula, OPC).

*Description of male.* *Chaetopteryx cantabrica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022 was described from a female holotype. We were lucky to collect three males of this sibling species in the *Chaetopteryx gonospina* species complex. Siblings in this small species complex indicate pronounced divergences in the female genital structures. The periphallallic organs of the male genitalia are rather stable without any discernible divergences. The parameres of the phallic organ seem to be the speciation trait exhibiting subtle, but stable divergences. The paramere shaft of the *Chaetopteryx cantabrica* male is straight, not curving as much as the shaft of the two other species. As well as the apicolateral spine row is shorter than at *C. gonospina* and the terminal S-curving is less pronounced than at *C. pyrenaica*.

***Chaetopteryx decampsi* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022**

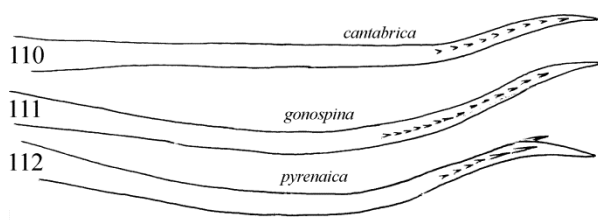
(Map 4)

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, road to Labays Pass, nice spring, 670m, 43.0177°N, 0.69°W, 10.X. 2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 females, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, before Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 680m, 43.00655°N, 0.6913°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).





Map 4 Distribution of the *Chaetopteryx gonospina* siblings in the Pyrenees and Cantabrian Cordillera (full circles represent the type localities).



**Figures 110–112.** Lateral profile of the parameres in the *Chaetopteryx gonospina* species complex. 110 = *Chaetopteryx cantabrica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022, 111 = *Chaetopteryx gonospina* Marinković, 1966, 112 = *Chaetopteryx pyrenaica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022.

*Remark.* In the Aspe Valley (surroundings of Oueils d'Issaux) both siblings *C. decampsi* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022 and *C. pyrenaica* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022 are sympatric (Map 4).

#### *Chaetopteryx lusitanica* Malicky, 1974

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, from 1310m, 43.0409°N, 6.2519°W, to 1410m, 43.039°N, 6.2555°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Leon, NE Aralla de Luna, nice brook, 1370m, 42.909°N, 5.8274°W, 14.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Leon, Puerto de Leitariegos, nice spring, 1480m, 42.9837°N, 6.409°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, 3 females; OPC). **Spain**, Cantabria, Puerto del Ponton, Fuente del Infierno, brook and spring, 1260m, 43.1023°N, 5.0303°W, 12.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### *Chaetopteryx tomaszewski* Moretti, 1991

*Material examined.* **France**, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, N.W. La Bâtie, Couissine brook and lateral spring, 1000 m, 43.8172°N, 6.5943°E, 5.I.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC). **France**, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, Above Castellane, Lecques Pass, brook, 1220 m, 43.875°N, 6.464°E, 5.I.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC).

*Remarks.* Apicomeresal process on the aedeagus is more blunt compared to populations from Toscana, Italy as well as from Alpes-Maritimes, France. The single male specimen collected from the same habitat in 23.X.2021 by G. Vinçon exhibited similar divergences from the populations of locus typicus. It is possible that populations from Alpes-de-Haute-Provence may represent a distinct new sibling species. However, more specimens are required to examine the stability of this speciation trait splitting siblings in the *Chaetopteryx gessneri* species complex. This species is new for the French Fauna.

#### *Chaetopteryx villosa* (Fabricius, 1798)

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Osse-en-Aspe, Oueils d'Issaux, nice resurgence, 720m, 43.0045°N, 0.693°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **France**, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Iraty, resurgence, 1100m,

43.0451°N, 1.0546°W, 10.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 female, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, brook and spring, 1740m, 42.4459°N, 2.4155°E, 15.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Ariège, Vicdessos, Las Rougos, Pla de l'Izard, Mounicou tributary, spring and brook, 1220m, 42.6956°N, 1.451°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (9 males, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Py, Rotja tributary, 1530m, lateral spring, 42.48375°N, 2.3246°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (8 males, OPC). France, Ariège, Vicdessos, Videssos River at Mounicou, nice river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1110 m, 42.70775°N, 1.4503°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, 1900m, 42.556°N, 1.768°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (14 males, 4 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, brooklet and spring, 1860m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 15.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (4 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Haute-Garonne, Bagnère-de-Luchon, Pique Valley above Hospice de France, Pique spring, 1450m, 42.7168°N, 0.6536°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (14 males, 6 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Py, Rotja tributary, 1530m, nice brook, 42.4838°N, 2.3245°E, 7.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males 2 females; OPC). **Spain**, Burgos, Espinosa de los Monteros, Portillo de Las Estecas de Trueba, Fuente Cornejo, spring, 1030m, 43.1115°N, 3.6786°W, 11.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

#### **Stenophylacini Schmid, 1955**

##### ***Allogamus brauerii* (Kolenati, 1859)**

*Material examined.* France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m,

42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

##### ***Allogamus fuesunae* Malicky, 2004**

*Material examined.* France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

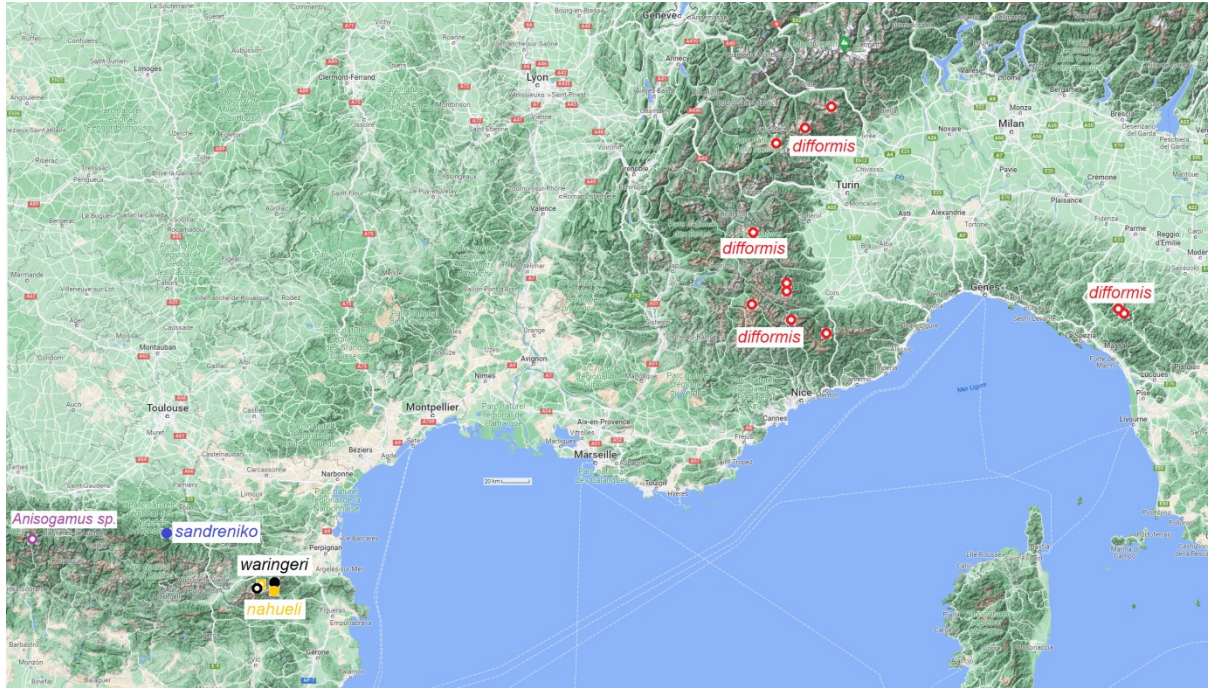
##### ***Allogamus laureatus* (Navas, 1918)**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Leitariegos, Brañas de Arriba, nice spring, 1400m, 43.0128°N, 6.4451°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, 3 females; OPC).

##### ***Anisogamus McLachlan, 1874***

(Map 5)

In the original genus description *Anisogamus* was placed close to *Stenophylax* (McLachlan, 1874, 1875). Schmid (1955) related it to *Potamophylax*. The following genital character state combination for the *Anisogamus* genus was elaborated in a lineage sorting study on the entire Limnephilinae subfamily (Oláh *et al.* 2019) (1) Presence (apomorphic) of spinulose protuberance on tergite VIII; (2) Reduced (apomorphic) state of tergite IX; (3) Setose inerm (plesiomorphic) state of cerci without sclerotic enforcement; (4) Produced (plesiomorphic) state of the dorsal branch of paraproct; (5) Separate free from each-other (plesiomorphic) state of the dorsal branch of paraproct; (6) Separate free-from-cerci (plesiomorphic) state of the dorsal branch of paraproct; (7) Reduced (apomorphic) state of the ventral branch of paraproct; (8) Separate free from each-other (plesiomorphic) state of the ventral branches of paraproct. This character state combination was based on the taxonomy of the type species *Anisogamus difformis* (McLachlan, 1867) but valid also for its sibling species *A. waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, 2015 and *A. nahueli* sp. nov. Discovering in France (see below: Pyrenean Ariège), a rather modified lineage in the *Anisogamus* genus and describing here as *Anisogamus sandreniko* sp.



Map 5 Distribution of the *Anisogamus* genus in the western Alps, northern Apennines and eastern Pyrenees (full circles represent the type localities).

nov. has modified significantly the character state combination of the *Anisogamus* genus. In the new lineage the tergite IX is not reduced, rather produced and the dorsal branch of the paraprot is vestigial, indiscernible, almost disappeared.

Paramere organisation proved to be the single speciation trait separating it to the three sibling species of the genus. The paramere of the phallic organ is a pair of simple spine-like, spiniform rods with upward turning apical portion; paramere surface is glabrous; the subapical region has corrugated-striated surface; the very tip of the paramere glabrous again without corrugations. The paramere of the new lineage has the same spine-like architecture, but more stout and with bifid apical head.

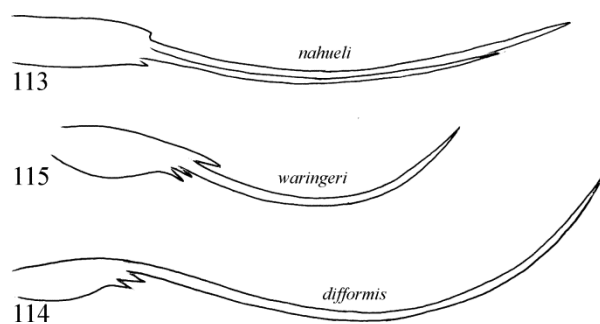
*Remarks.* The type species *A. difformis* populates crenal and epirhithral alpine habitats and of the Alps and was recently collected in Toscana (Oláh *et al.* 2022). A sibling species, *A. waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, was described (Graf *et al.* 2015) from the Pyrenees with well-defined divergences

in the paramere organisation. The paramere of *A. waringeri* is shorter and supplied with dorsomesal tine on the apical ending of the basal bulbous part lacking at *A. difformis*. One of the tiny ventral tines of *A. difformis* has developed into a long spine at *Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov. The variability/stability of paramere divergences was not examined comparatively in details due to lack of adequate number of specimens. We have found stable fine structures on the parameres at all of the examined specimens of *A. difformis*, well discernible paramere asymmetry among the 9 specimens of *A. nahueli* sp. nov. as well as stable bifid paramere head at all of the 12 paratypes of *A. sandreniko* sp. nov.

***Anisogamus difformis* (McLachlan, 1867)**

(Figure 114) (Map 5)

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Piemont, above Limonetto, < Lago dell Abisso, spring, 2200m, 44.1398°N, 7.5186°E, 16.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (7 males, 4 females; OPC).



**Figures 113–115.** Lateral profile of the parameres in the *Anisogamus* genus. 113 = *A. nahueli* sp. nov., 114 = *A. difformis* (McLachlan, 1867) 115 = *A. waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, 2015.

***Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov.**

(Figure 113) (Map 5) (Photos 10, 11)

**Material examined.** Holotype: **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, nice brook and spring, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E, 30.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (7 males, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Mantet, Rotja tributary, 1850 m, nice big spring, 42.4755N, 2.325E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC).

**Diagnosis.** It was a great surprise to discover this unique species on both slopes of the Canigou Massif, not far from the locus typicus of *Anisogamus waringeri* located on the northern slope of the same mountain range. Actually, we have found more divergences (Figures 108–110) between *A. nahueli* sp. nov. living nearby to *A. waringeri* and the other two species *A. difformis*, *A. waringeri* than between *A. difformis* and *A. waringeri* living far from each other's due probably to character displacement in reinforcement processes of speciation. Strictly speaking there are no real differences in the structure of the periphallidic organs between the three species of this small genus, except perhaps the apical length of the gonopods. The difference between *A. difformis* and *A. waringeri* is almost limited to the presence of the single tiny tine on the apicodorsal region of the paramere basement, beside the abbreviation of the entire paramere of *A. waringeri*.

This subtle divergence seems to be stable at least our discovery of *A. waringeri* in a new habitat (see below) confirms the stability of this small character state divergence. However, there are more distinct, definite divergence in the structure of the parameres of the new species, *Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov. In the new species one of the short tiny ventral tines is developed into a long secondary spine. However, examining the 12 paratypes there is a pronounced paramere asymmetry in the length of the long secondary spine.

**Description.** Similarly both to *Anisogamus difformis* (McLachlan, 1867) and *A. waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, 2015, this new species has yellow, fawn ochraceous colour. The basic architecture of the genitalia is almost identical to the above listed two species. Apical region of the gonopods appears similar to *A. waringeri*, a little longer and more slender than *A. difformis*. The paramere has unique structure; the spine-like paramere shaft is almost doubled. The main shaft is accompanied by a long spine, little shorter than the main paramere shaft with a tendency to paramere asymmetry as well as with a certain range of variation in the length of the second spine.

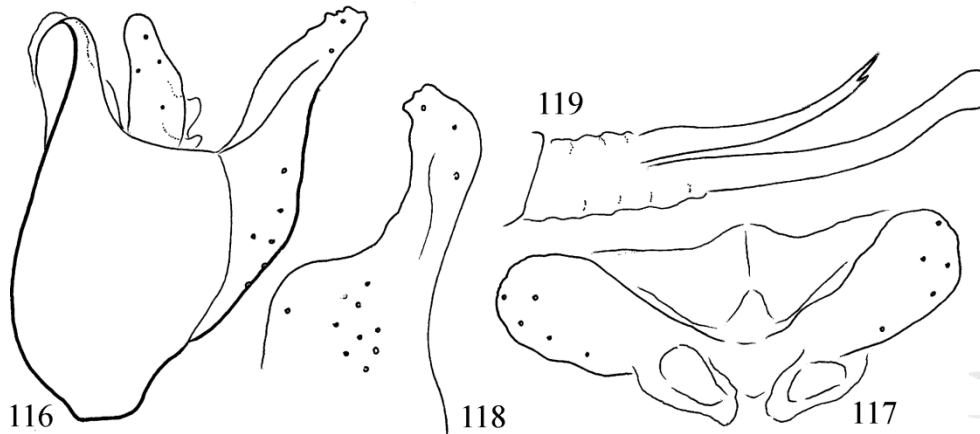
**Etymology.** This species was dedicated to Nahuel, newly born grandson of the collector Gilles Vinçon, son of Amélia Vinçon.

***Anisogamus sandreniko* sp. nov.**

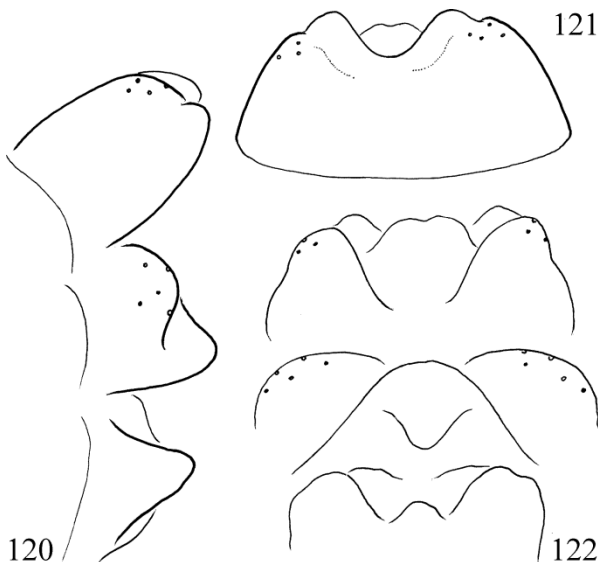
(Figures 116–122) (Map 5) (Photos 1, 2)

**Material examined.** Holotype: **France**, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142° N, 1.438°E, 9.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Allotype: same as holotype (1 female, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (12 males, 2 females; OPC).

**Diagnosis.** The known members of the genus *Anisogamus* have very conservative genital structure. Especially the periphallidic organs are stable. Speciation is realised by subtle divergences of the paramere. The new species of



**Figures 116–119.** *Anisogamus sandreniko* sp. nov. Holotype male: 116 = genitalia in lateral view; 117 = Cerci with the ventral arm of paraproct and the dorsum of segment IX in caudal view; 118 = left gonopod in ventral view; 119 = phallic organ in lateral view.



**Figures 120–122.** *Anisogamus sandreniko* sp. nov. Allotype female: 120 = genitalia in lateral view; 121 = genitalia in dorsal view; 122 = genitalia in ventral view.

*Anisogamus sandreniko* is a highly modified taxon. Dorsum of segment IX produced, dorsal arm of paraproct lost and the gonopods modified. Such a great change in the genitalia is considered to occur on genus level of lineages. However, we retain this new lineage in the *Anisogamus* genus because of the unchanged habitus of the male and particularly because of the unmodified female. The modification is restricted to male genital

structure as well as to the reduced male spur number of 034.

*Description.* Similarly to all *Anisogamus* species, this new highly modified species has preserved the typical yellow, fawn ochraceous colour as well as the pronounced sexual dimorphism of female brachyptery, but the spur formula has been reduced from 134 to 034 at the male, but preserved 134 at the female. The character state combination of the genital architecture is highly modified having the dorsal arm of the paraproct reduced, vestigial; it is almost completely disappeared. Dorsum of segment IX produced. Gonopods elongated enforced, particularly their apical region highly sclerotized and dentate.

*Etymology.* This unique, highly modified *Anisogamus* species or a possible representative of a new genus was dedicated to the granddaughters of the first author. The name was coined from their names Sandra and Enikő, as a noun in apposition: *sandreniko*.

***Anisogamus waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, 2015**

(Figure 115) (Map 5) (Photo 11)

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Mantet Pass, Rotja

tributary, 1850m, big spring, 42.4755°N, 2.325°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Consorophylax kimera* (Oláh & Vinçon, 2021)**

(Map 6)

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, 1900–2200 m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 14.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (22 males, 3 females; OPC). **Italy**, Piemonte, Pennines Alps, high Sesia Valley, above Sant' Antonio, big spring below Lago Nero, 2630 m, 45.814°N, 7.88°E, 26.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 4 females; OPC). Italy, Aosta Valley, High Ayas Valley, above St Jacques, near 'Alpe Mase', nice spring, 2400 m, 45.8929°N, 7.7039°E, 11.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 female, OPC). **Italy**, Dolomiti, S.E. Moso, Parco Naturale Tre Cime, many springs below water captures, trib. Rio Bianco, 1650 m, 46.6557°N, 12.4062°E, 24.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (8 males, 4 females; OPC). Italy, Rhaetian Alps, Livigno, N. slope of Passo del Foscagno, brook and spring, 2270 m, 46.4979°N, 10.2051°E, 25.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

*Remarks.* This species was only known from the Italian Alps. It is new for France and also the

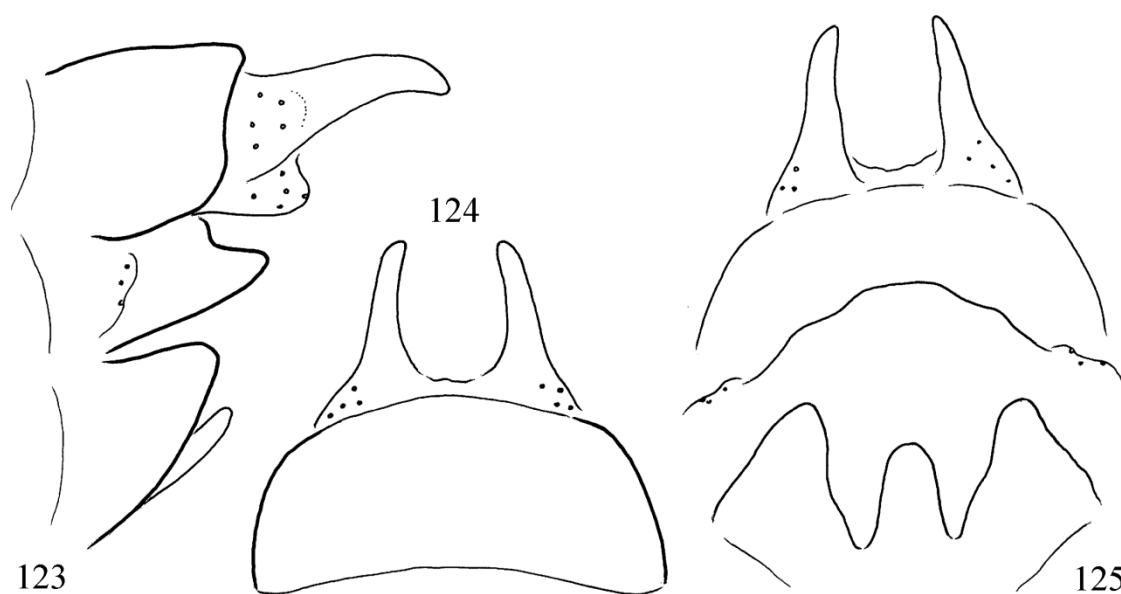
first mention of the genus *Consorophylax* in the Pyrenees (Map 6). The general tendency for brachyptery is lacking at specimens from the Dolomiti.

***Consorophylax vellach* sp. nov.**

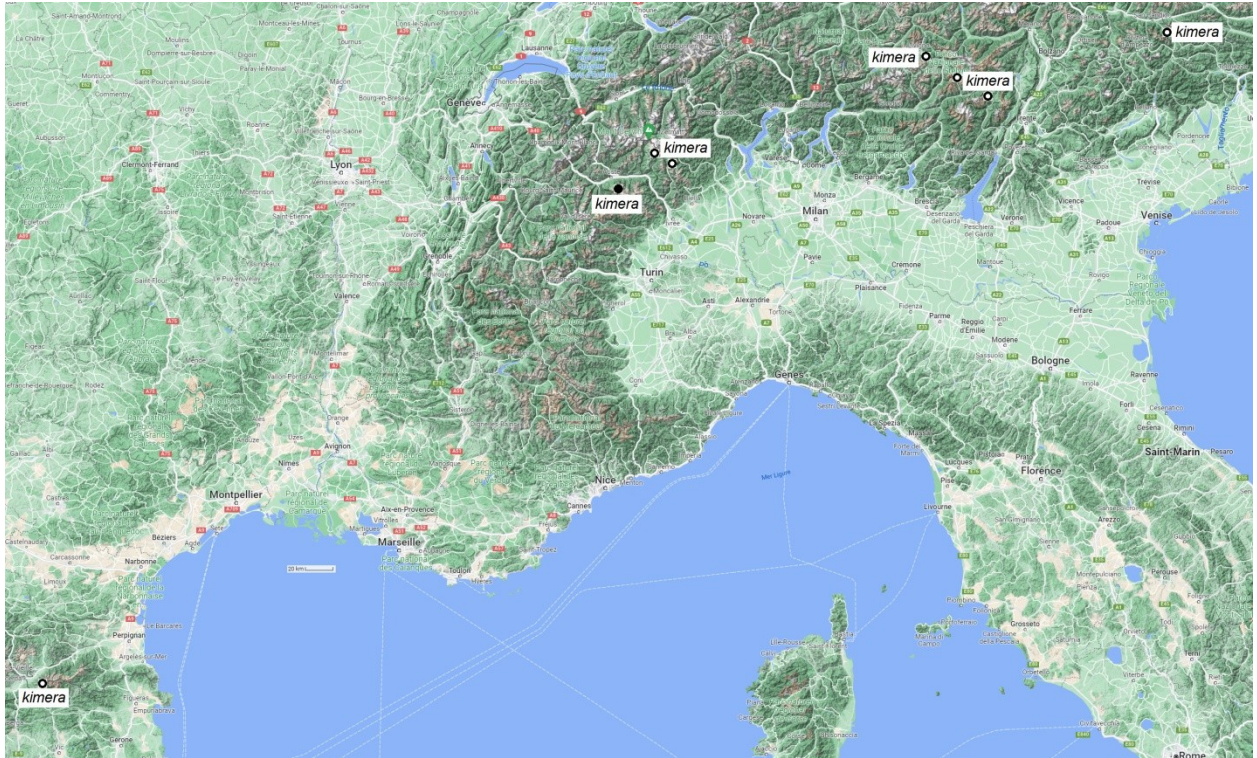
(Figures 123–125) (Photos 12, 13)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Austria**, Kärnten, S. Bad Vellach, Vrnik-Quelle, spring, 1380 m, 46.4214°N, 14.5723°E and brook, 1060 m, 46.4192N, 14.5607E, 22.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 female, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* This new species in the *Consorophylax* genus is described by a single beautiful female with remarkably brown-banded and light-spotted forewing. Its genital structure is diverged from all the female genitalia known in the genus (*cairos*, *carinthiacus*, *consors*, *juliae*, *kimera*, *lagoverde*, *montivagus*, *seolan*, *styriacus*, *vinconi*) by the extremely elongated digitiform lobes with downward turning apices on segment X and the males without known females are not banded and not spotted on forewing conspicuously (*corvo*, *delmastroi*, *lepontiorum*, *livek*, *piemontanus*).



**Figures 123–125.** *Consorophylax vellach* sp. nov. Holotype female: 123 = genitalia in lateral view; 124 = genitalia in dorsal view; 125 = genitalia in ventral view.



Map 6. Distribution of *Consorophylax kimera* in the Alps and eastern Pyrenees (full circles represent the type localities).

*Description.* Female (in alcohol). This is a brown species with light brown cephalic and thoracic sclerites and with variously lighter appendages. Forewing with strong, erect spine-like setae on the longitudinal veins; membrane mostly covered with tiny recumbent setae; forewing length 9 mm. Forewing is broad and beautifully patterned. Most of the longitudinal veins accompanied with darker brown band; bands are less pronounced along R1 and anal veins. Forewing membrane is remarkably light-spotted with spot-size of around the cell-size. Tibial spur number 134.

*Female genitalia.* Female genitalia is characterized with elongated two parted anal tube, formed by the complex of the fused tergite IX and segment X, basal part is almost quadrangular in dorsal view and the apical part is composed of two slender digitiform and elongated lateral lobes. Sternite IX is without true setal surface like at other member of this genus, but this new species retained some area with a few setae; the mesal

plate with ventral lobe as visible in lateral view; it is rounded in ventral view; this usually glabrous ventral surface of sternite IX functions like the upper vaginal lip present as a free supragenital plate. The lower vaginal lip, the vulvar scale is visible somewhat separated from sternite VIII by its more sclerotized structure; the mesal lobe is shorter than the lateral lobes.

*Etymology.* Coined after the name of the Locus Typicus, a noun in apposition.

#### *Enoicyla pusilla* (Burmeister, 1839)

*Material examined.* **France**, Ariège, Vicedessos, Videssos River at Mounicou, nice river with abundant aquatic vegetation, 1110 m, 42.70775° N, 1.4503°E, 8.X0.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, brook and springs, from 1130m, 43.1095°N, 5.2188°W, to 1220m, 43.1073°N, 5.2159°W, 12. X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice

spring, from 1310m, 43.0409°N, 6.2519°W, to 1410m, 43.039°N, 6.2555°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Somiedo, La Peral, brook and nice spring, 1360m, 43.0384°N, 6.2499°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC). Spain, Leon, NE Aralla de Luna, nice brook, 1370m, 42.909°N, 5.8274°W, 14.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, from 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W, up to 1000m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Halesus rubricollis* (Pictet, 1834)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, Laverq Valley, brook, 2230 m, 44.305°N, 6.5136°E, 16.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Parachiona picicornis*, Pictet, 1834**

*Material examined.* **Slovenia**, Julian Alps, S. Vrsic Pass, Minarica trib., nice spring, 1300 m, 46.4113°N, 13.7515°E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Potamophylax albergaria* Malicky, 1976**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, North Pola de Allande, nice springs, 750m, 43.2862°N, 6.6136°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, brook and spring, from 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W, up to 1000m, 43.2764°N, 6.6725°W, 13.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (6 males, OPC).

***Potamophylax asturicus* Martínez, Martín & González, 2016**

*Material examined.* **Spain**, Asturias, Puerto de Tarna, brook and springs, from 1130m, 43.1095°N, 5.2188°W, to 1220m, 43.1073°N, 5.2159°W, 12.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Potamophylax inermis* Moretti & Cianficconi, 1994**

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, Panico Valley, nice

brook and spring, 1180 m, 42.945°N, 13.1995°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (3 males, 5 females, OPC).

***Simaphylax andorricus* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, brook and spring, 2380m, 42.3882°N, 2.105°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Puigmal Massif, Ribera d'Err, lateral spring, 2140m, 42.3855°N, 2.0926°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (8 males, 2 females; OPC).

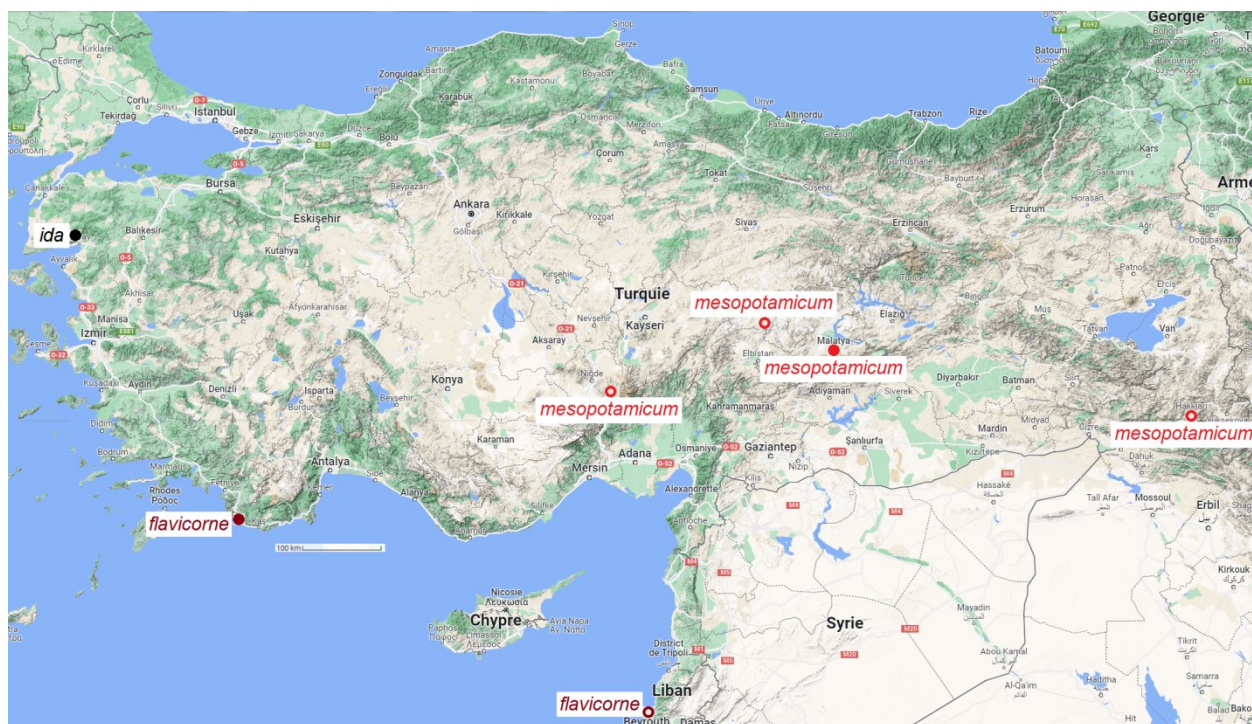
***Simaphylax ariegeus* Oláh & Vinçon, 2022**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, 1900m, 42.556°N, 1.768°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (3 males, 1 female; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, 2 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice brook and lateral springs, 2170m, 42.5426°N, 1.76°E, 8.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (12 males, 3 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Py, Rotja tributary, 1530m, nice brook, 42.4838°N, 2.3245°E, 7.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 5 females; OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, below Pas de la Case, rec del Baladrar torrent, nice lateral spring, 1990m, 42.55175°N, 1.76484°E, 8.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 male, 5 females; OPC).

***Simaphylax orientalopyrenaicus* (Coppa, 2017)**

*Material examined.* **France**, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, above Mantet Pass, Rotja tributary, 1870m, brook and spring, 42.4765°N, 2.3223°E, 7.X.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Canigou Massif, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, brook and spring, 1630m, 42.4348°N, 2.394°E, 15.X.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female, OPC).





Map 7. Distribution of the *Sericostoma flavicorne* group in Anatolia and Lebanon (full circles represent the type localities).

***Stenophylax permistus* McLachlan, 1895**

*Material examined.* Italy, Ligurian Apennines, above Rocca d'Aveto, nice brook and spring, 1400 m, 44.555N, 9.4767E, 15.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female, OPC).

**Odontoceridae**

***Odontocerum albicorne* (Scopoli, 1763)**

*Material examined.* France, Isère, Taillefer Massif, below Brouffier lake, spring Guiliman tributary, 2050 m, 45.0355°N, 5.8861°E, 21.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Molise, Castel San Vincenzo, River Volturno, 530 m, 41.654°N, 14.077°E, 19.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (6 males, 3 females; OPC).

**Leptoceridae Leach, 1815**

***Adicella meridionalis* Morton, 1906**

*Material examined.* Portugal, Serra da Estrela Massif, North Valezim, nice spring, 650 m,

40.3718°N, 7.713°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Adicella reducta* (McLachlan, 1865)**

*Material examined.* Spain, Castilla y Leon, Sierra de Candelario, Rio Becedillas at Becedas, 1110 m, 40.4013°N, 5.6371°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Beraeidae Wallengren, 1891**

***Beraea dira* McLachlan, 1875**

*Material examined.* Italy, Julian Pre-Alps, road to Cepletischis, nice springs and seeping rocks, 340 m, 46.1701N, 13.5581E and 46.1703N, 13.5575E, 21.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

**Sericostomatidae Stephens, 1836**

***Sericostoma* Latreille, 1825**

*Sericostoma* genus is considered from the very beginning (McLachlan, 1874-1880), until recently

(Malicky 2005), as one of the most difficult taxon among caddisflies. The discrimination or delineation of species in this genus presented unusual and grave difficulties, sometimes of artificial construct, wasteful byproduct of science, overly created by human limitations, including our hubristic and apophantic attitudes. Here, applying the paraproct as a speciation trait we delineate and specify each species lineages of the genus. However, in this survey we do not revise unsettled synonymies and poorly known species, instead we establish species groups and produce the lateral profile of the paraproct speciation traits for each species considered or proved to be valid with distinct and stable divergences in pure populations and taking into consideration the intermediate forms of the incipient sibling species under reinforcement with standing genetic variations and incomplete lineage sorting.

Having monotonous morphological characters, the present delineation of species in the *Sericostoma* genus is mainly, if not completely, based on the form of spines on segment X (Moretti & Cianficconi, 1978; Botosaneanu, 2000) that is on the shape of the paraproct and usually drawn and compared in lateral view. Already McLachlan (1876) considered that the superior and inferior appendages, the penis, the ventral process, and even the ventral triangle, do not, in most cases, furnish any good and safe characters, and there rest only the penis-sheaths, which do in many cases provide very satisfactory characters. According to McLachlan the penis-sheaths (paraproct), one of the primary sexual traits, are the most salient character in the *Sericostoma* genus. Corneous testaceous sheaths, shorter than the penis, and usually furcate or lanceolate at their tips (varying in form according to the species).

Species are separated both by reproductive isolation and by non-sexual differences in morphology and behaviour. Sexual mechanism is a fundamental function dominating in any kind of life beings. Environmental and sexual integration of any new species is a complex, interactive organisation. Male genitalia diverge more rapidly

than any other morphological traits. Rapidly diverging primary sexual traits suggest directly and empirically that speciation is initiated, driven and completed more by sexual organisation (sexual selection according to the Darwinist) and less by adaptive organisation (natural selection). The high diversity of paraproct is the direct, unquestionable indication of its central role in the sexual integration resulting in speciation processes mostly in allopatric isolation.

The speciation trait of the paraproct in the *Sericostoma* genus that are the lateral spiniform processes of segment X is not examined systematically for trait stability. Most species have rather peculiar shape divergence without creating any difficulties in species delineation. Only some species in the *Sericostoma personatum* and *S. vittatum* species complexes are experienced having rather wide range of variability in the lateral profile of the paraproct.

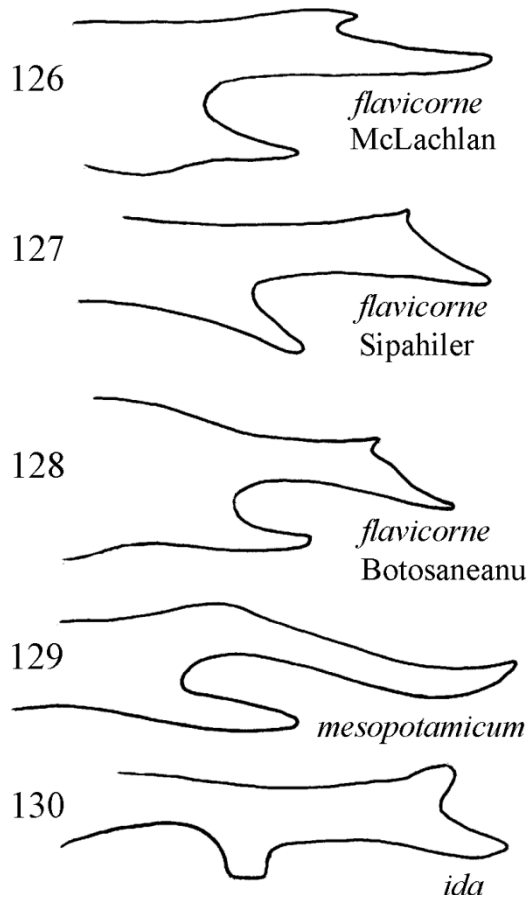
In practice, there are significant intermediate/intermediar paraproct shapes detected between species of *Sericostoma baeticum* and *S. vittatum* as well as between *S. pedemontanum* and *S. personatum*. However all the four species have very distinct and peculiar lateral profile of the paraproct in pure populations and the observed shape variations are typical sign of standing genetic variation and incomplete lineage sorting of incipient siblings, as well as suggesting speciation processes under reinforcement by character displacement either in primary or in secondary contact zones and along contact clines.

Moreover, the observed and drawn variations in the lateral profile of the paraproct are frequently produced by the observer due to lack of experience, inadequate observing angle and drawing style, prejudiced/biassed attitude or are the result of mating battles. In worn *Sericostoma* male the apical branches of the paraproct are frequently broken in various positions resulted in apparent, unusual bifid apices, distorted prongs, abbreviations or even the complete disappearance of either the dorsal or ventral branch.

***Sericostoma flavicorne* species group**

(Figures 126–130) (Map 7)

A small species group of enlarged maxillary palp with very long dorsal and very short ventral branches on the apical region of the paraproct. The dorsal branch has some additional dorsal elevation. Three species belong to this complex distributed in Turkey and in the Levant: *Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845; *Sericostoma ida* Sipahiler, 2000; *Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898. All the three species are well differentiated, and easy to delineate by the lateral profile of the paraproct.



**Figures 126–130.** Lateral profile of the paraproct in the *Sericostoma flavicorne* species group. 126 = *Sericostoma flavicorne*, McLachlan’s drawing; 127 = *S. flavicorne* Sipahiler’s drawing; 128 = *S. flavicorne* Botosaneanu’s drawing; 129 = *S. mesopotamicum*; 130 = *S. ida*.

***Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845**

(Figures 126–128) (Map 7)

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845:155. “♂ von Kellemisch (Turkey: Gelemis). Nigrum; palpis maxillaribus cochleiformibus.”

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845: McLachlan 1880: 48. “I have seen Schneider’s type, now in Hagen’s collection. The antennae have decided traces of dark annulations in their basal portion; nevertheless, I think it may be distinct from *schneideri*. ... the lower branch of the penis-sheaths is more considerably shorter than the upper, stouter and less contiguous.”

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845: McLachlan 1898:49. “examples in Albarda’s collection (whereof he presented me with one ♂) from Beirut, Syria pertain here. The penis-sheaths show an approach towards a condition sometimes present in *S. personatum*. There now seems no reason to doubt its distinctness from *S. schneideri*.” Excellent drawing is produced about the lateral profile of the apical region of the paraproct with short ventral branch and long dorsal branch; there is a pointed prong subapical on the dorsum of the dorsal branch.

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845: Botosaneanu 1992: 266–267. “a distinct species probably present exclusively in Asia Minor and the Levant.” The lateral profile of the paraproct apical region of four specimens from the Levant has exactly the same pattern as drawn by McLachlan (1898): short ventral branch, long dorsal branch with subapical dorsal prong.

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845: Sipahiler 2000:23–24. Examination and drawings of newly collected specimens nearby to locus typicus in Turkey confirmed the structural pattern of the paraproct presented first by McLachlan (1898).

*Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845: Botosaneanu 2001:518. “Schneider (1845: 155) described *Sericostoma flavicorne*, based on a ♂ specimen from a locality in SW Anatolia (“Kellemisch”; presently: Gelemis, a locality near the Mediterranean shores of Anatolia in one of the southernmost points, on a tributary of river Esen in its lower course).” “I could study the type specimen of *S. flavicorne* (from H. Hagen’s collection; kept in the MZC).” The lateral profile of the paraproct apical region of the holotype from Turkey has exactly the same pattern as presented first by McLachlan (1898) from specimen collected in Beirut.

**Diagnosis.** Holotype paraproct: upper branch considerably longer than the small, spiniform lower branch, and always antepically bearing a short dorsal prong or point (Botosaneanu 2001).

**Remarks.** It was simply a prejudiced/biased attitude (Malicky 2005) to question the identity of *Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845 and trouble the delineation between *S. flavicorne* and *S. schneideri* (Kolenati, 1848). Especially after published redrawings of type specimens of both species became available (Botosaneanu 2001). Not speaking about the long availability of the excellent drawings about the paraproct of the type specimen published already by McLachlan (1898). The same quality of excellent drawings was also available (McLachlan 1876, 1880) for the paraproct lateral profile of the other species *Sericostoma schneideri* (Kolenati, 1848). Difficult to understand why was any kind of questioning regarding the reliable delineation between *S. flavicorne* and *S. schneideri* having so different, clearly distinguishable paraproct structures.

#### ***Sericostoma ida* Sipahiler, 2000**

(Figure 130) (Map 7)

*Sericostoma ida* Sipahiler, 2000:24–25. “This species was found in the Kazdag (Ida Mountains) in north-western Anatolia. Holotype male and paratypes (3 females): Turkey, Balikesir, 25 km east of Edremit, Güre-Zeytinli, Kazdaglari, 400 m, Ayi deresi, (39°40’N; 26°49’E), 7.VIII.1994.” “Closely related to *S. flavicorne* Schneider.”

#### ***Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898**

(Figure 129) (Map 7)

*Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898: 49. “Maxillary palpi of ♂ very prominent. A very distinct form, in consequence of the great disproportion of the two branches of the penis sheaths.” “Mesopotamia (Malatia, 4♂, Albarda’s and my collection).”

*Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898: Botosaneanu 1992:266. “Mention should be made of *Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898; I shall not discuss the problem of its validity as a good species (this seems unlikely); the point is that

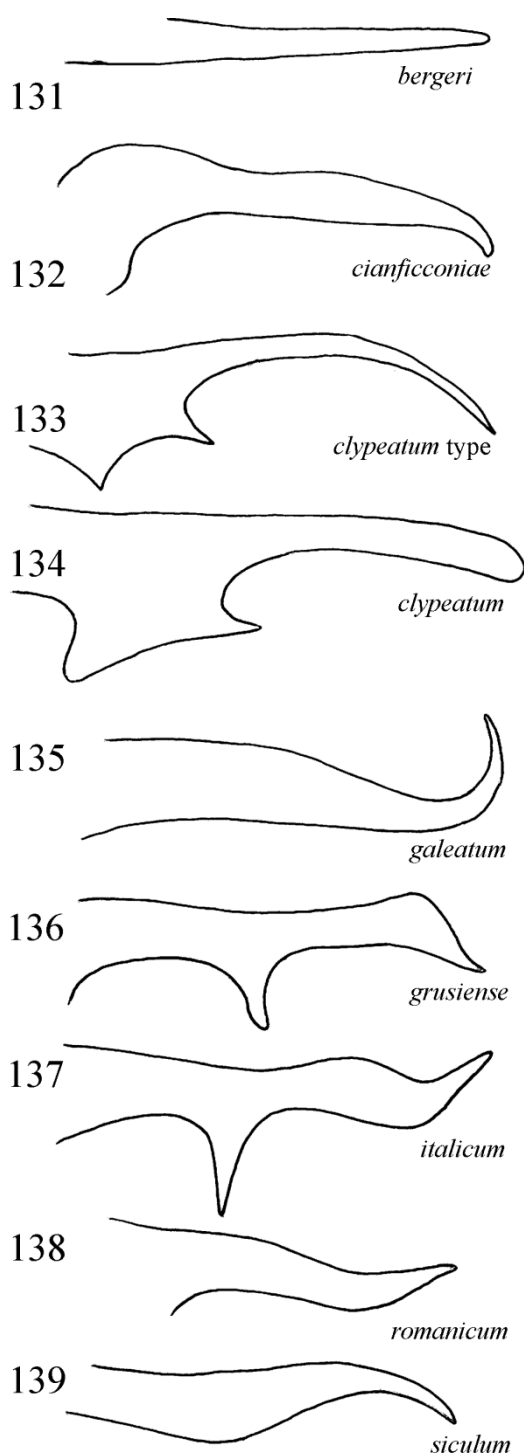
it was described from “Mesopotamia, Malatia”, but there is no Malatia in Mesopotamia (instead, there is one in Asia Minor, and a “Malatie” in Egypt).”

*Sericostoma mesopotamicum* McLachlan, 1898: Botosaneanu 2004:177. “McLachlan (1898) described and illustrated this species from a specimen caught in “Mesopotamia (Malatia)”; Malatia is in central-eastern Anatolia. No subsequent recording of *S. mesopotamicum* is known, and in Botosaneanu (1992:266) the opinion is expressed that this is unlikely a good species. Most to my surprise I have found in the Z.M.A. collections 4 males and 1 female of *S. mesopotamicum* sampled in Anatolia by Dutch entomologists and perfectly matching McLachlan’s description and illustration. The sampling data are as follows: 1 male “Nigde, 10 km S of Camardi, 1,300 m., 30.VI.1982, H. v. Oorschot & H. v. d. Brink”; 1 male “Sivas, Env. Gökpınar, 10 km S. of Gürün, 1,500-1,700 m, 30.VII.-2.VIII.1983, H. v. Oorschot, H. v. d. Brink & H. Wiering”; 2 males, 1 female “Hakkari, W. side and E. side Suvarihalil Gecidi, 1,900–2,250 m, 14.VI. 1985, H. v. Oorschot & H. v. d. Brink.”

#### ***Sericostoma galeatum* species group**

(Figures 131–139) (Map 8)

This species group could be the putative ancestral group distributed more widely, represented also in the Caucasus. However, its paraproct is apomorphic, at least if we follow the principles “complex is plesiomorphic”. According to Williston (1914), Ross (1956) and Schmid (1979) structures tend toward reduction (Oláh *et al.* 2014). Species in the *Sericostoma galeatum* group have simple, lanceolate apical region that is narrow and tapering to a point, not furcate. There are eight species in this group with simple monolobed apical region. We simply list the members of this group with their taxonomic history and present their paraproct lateral profile to distinguish them easily in routine determination procedures: *Sericostoma bergeri* Malicky, 1973; *Sericostoma cianficconiae* Moretti, 1978; *Sericostoma clypeatum* Hagen, 1864; *Sericostoma galeatum* Rambur, 1842; *Sericostoma grusiense* Martynov, 1913; *Sericostoma italicum* Moretti, 1978; *Sericostoma romanicum* Navas, 1930; *Sericostoma siculum* McLachlan, 1876.



**Figures 131–139.** Lateral profile of the paraproct in the *Sericostoma galeatum* species group. 131 = *Sericostoma bergeri*; 132 = *S. cianficconiae*; 133 = holotype of *S. clypeatum*; 134 = putative new species from Corsica; 135 = *S. galeatum*; 136 = *S. grusiense*; 137 = *S. italicum*; 138 = *S. romanicum*; 139 = *S. siculum*.

***Sericostoma bergeri* Malicky, 1973**

(Figure 131) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma bergeri* Malicky, 1973:249–251. “Holotypus ♂, Allotypus ♀ und mehrere Paratypen: Graecia, Insel Andros, Andros, 27.V.1973. Weitere Paratypen: Insel Andros: Apikia, 29.V.1973. Alle in meiner Sammlung. Diese Art steht durch die Form der Seitenteile des 10. Segments, der unteren Anhänge und des Ventralteiles des 9. Segments innerhalb der Gattung isoliert.”

***Sericostoma cianficconiae* Moretti, 1978**

(Figure 132) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma cianficconii* Moretti, 1978:9. “This species was previously assigned, with reserve, by one of us (Moretti) to *S. siculum*, but the differences that emerged from a subsequent direct comparison with specimens belonging to *S. siculum* made it necessary to separate it from this species and to create a new one. It has been found in Emilia, Apuanian Mountains, the Marches and in Umbria” Unfortunately there is no holotype with locus typicus designated. The species description was accompanied with a note “The *S. cianficconii* and *S. italicum* species have already been described in a special paper, now being printed.” However this paper with holotype and locus typicus designation has not been printed. We are unable to map its exact locus typicus. Instead we map the approximate empirical centre of the distributional area suggested by listing the provinces where *S. cianficconiae* was collected.

**Material examined.** Italy, Calabria, Aspromonte, 2 nice brooklets separated by about 10 m, with mosses and dripping rocks, 38.25°N, 15.853°E, 850–900 m, 7.IX.2020, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

***Sericostoma clypeatum* Hagen, 1864**

(Figures 133–134) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma clypeatum* Hagen, 1864:43. “Névroptères de la Corse.” “Les intermédiaires aussi longs que les inférieurs, leur branche interne peu visible, tournée en bas, formant un crochet court au milieu des appendices intermédiaires, la branche externe très longue, en lame aplatie.”

*Material examined.* **France**, Corsica, Haute-Corse, Castifao, Ponte Carnispola, 274 m, 14.X.1999, leg. Salmini (1 male, 1 female; OPC).

*Remarks.* We have a single male identified as *Sericostoma clypeatum* Hagen, 1864 and presented to our collection by the Bergamo Museum. After clearing, cleaning and drawing the paraproct lateral profile we were surprised to recognise an entirely new taxon with the same basic paraproct architecture characterising the known species of Corsica, *Sericostoma clypeatum* but with significantly diverged substructures. It would be reasonable to re-examine the taxonomic status of the *Sericostoma* populations in Corsica in a comprehensive sampling programme. Malicky (2010) has separated two very closely related species in Sicily in a carefully planned and sampled study with less diverged substructures.

***Sericostoma galeatum* Rambur, 1842**

(Figure 135) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma galeatum* Rambur, 1842:95–96. “Habite le midi de la France. C’est probablement l’espèce qui a servi de type à Latreille pour la création de ce genre.”

***Sericostoma grusiense* Martynov, 1913**

(Figures 136) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma grusiense* Martynov, 1913:64–67. Translated from Russian: „6♂, 1♀, Forested stream at Baisubani near village Mihailovki, 19.VI.1919, (leg. A. Martynov).”Species close to *S. baeticum* Pict. and *S. vittatum* Ramb., especially to the first.

*Material examined.* Caucasus, Armenia, Alagez, Inaklju, 27.VII.1934 (1 male, 2 females; OPC).

***Sericostoma italicum* Moretti, 1978**

(Figure 137) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma italicum* Moretti, 1978:10–12. “The appendages of segment X, seen from above, appear to be convergent or crossed and the ventral teeth are

strong, robust, long, turned outwards and a little backwards.” It is found in a well defined and continuous area, namely Tuscany, and the Apuanian Mountains, Umbria, Latium, Abruzzo, Molise and Campania Unfortunately there is no holotype with locus typicus designated. The species description was accompanied with a note “The *S. cianficconii* and *S. italicum* species have already been described in a special paper, now being printed.” However this paper with holotype and locus typicus designation has not been printed. We are unable to map its exact locus typicus. Instead we map the approximate empirical centre of the distributional area suggested by listing the provinces where *S. italicum* was collected.

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Abruzzi, Prati di Mezzo, spring below the water capture, 41.651N, 13.959E, 1700m, 1.VII.2020, leg. Gilles Vinçon (22 males, 4 females; OPC). **Italy**, Molise, Castel San Vincenzo, Sorgente Acquaruolo, 470 m, 41.6594N, 14.0783E, 19.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (8 males, 1 female; OPC).

***Sericostoma romanicum* Navas, 1930**

(Figure 138) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma romanicum* Navas, 1930: 149–151. Italy, Emilia Romagna.

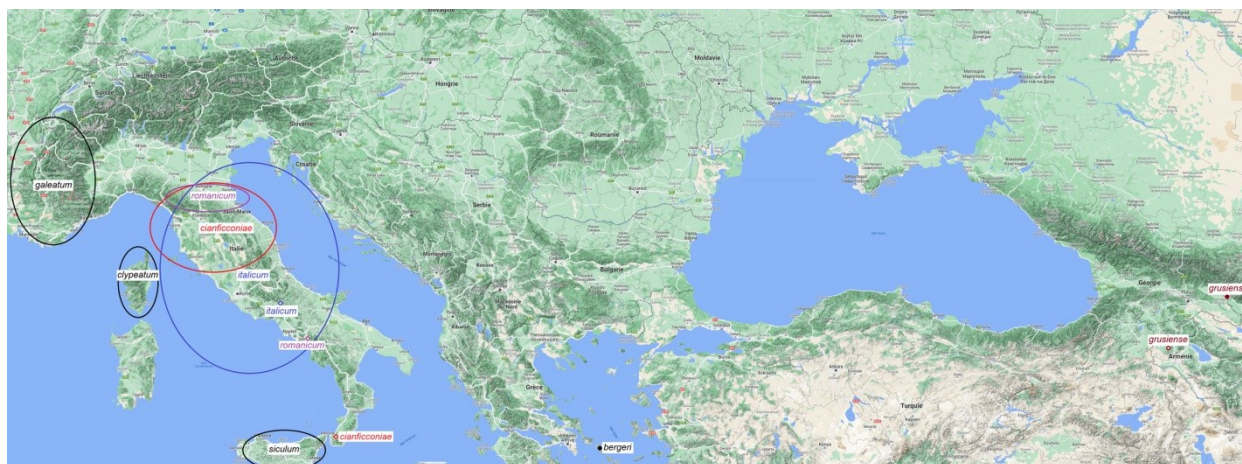
*Sericostoma romanicum* Navas, 1930: Malicky 2002: 11. „I, Rio Meri, 26.VI.2001 1♂, 1♀.” “Die mittleren Anhänge sind ungeteilt, schlank, spitz und distal leicht nach oben gekrümmt.”

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Campania, N Curticelle, N Giffoni Valle Piana, spring and brooklet, 720 – 820 m, 40.781°N, 14.924°E, 21.V.2021 leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC).

***Sericostoma siculum* McLachlan, 1876**

(Figure 139) (Map 8)

*Sericostoma siculum* McLachlan, 1876:232. “Sicily (Bellier de la Chavignerie), one ♂ in the De Selys collection.” “In the ♂ the penis-sheaths are simple, the lower branch being entirely absent; the lower edge somewhat dilated before the slender apical portion, which is very slightly curved.”



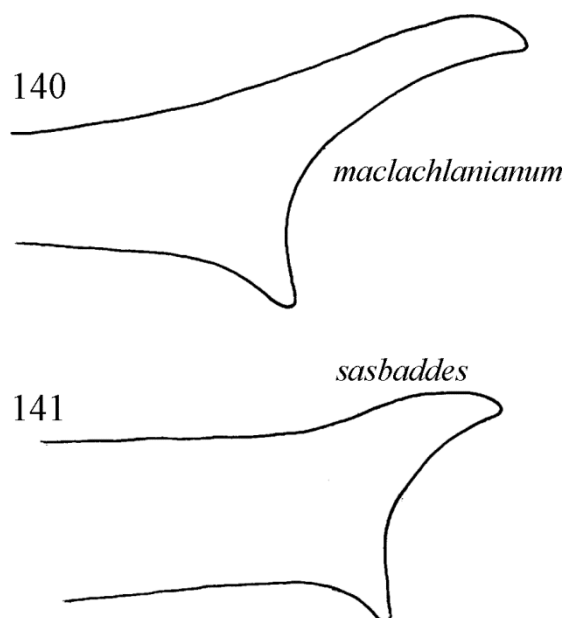
**Map 8.** Distribution of the *Sericostoma galeatum* group in Greece, Sardinia, and Spain (full circles represent the type localities).

### *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* species complex

(Figures 140–141) (Map 9)

This small species complex represented by two species in Sardinia: *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* and *S. sasbaddes*. This is a species complex with maxillary palp slightly prominent. Paraproct is characterized by very widely opened abbreviated fork with broad short branches; dorsal branch longer; ventral branch is very short. The dorsal branch is longer at *S. maclachlanianum* than at *S. sasbaddes*. According to the widely opened terminal structure of the paraproct the *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* complex is close and has relation to the *Sericostoma vittatum* complex.

According to Malicky (2010) at some specimens the delineation of the two species with the length of the dorsal branch of the paraproct is not consistent. This is not surprising, it is rather a rule, a typical condition characterizing the development of incipient sibling species. However, it is remarkable how the divergence of the two lineages is realised in isolation by integrative organisation in a small Island. The divergence of such a genetically and spatially close lineages is detectable only by such a detailed sampling as realised in the detection of splitting and in the delineation of siblings as well as describing the new species, *S. sasbaddes* Malicky, 2010.



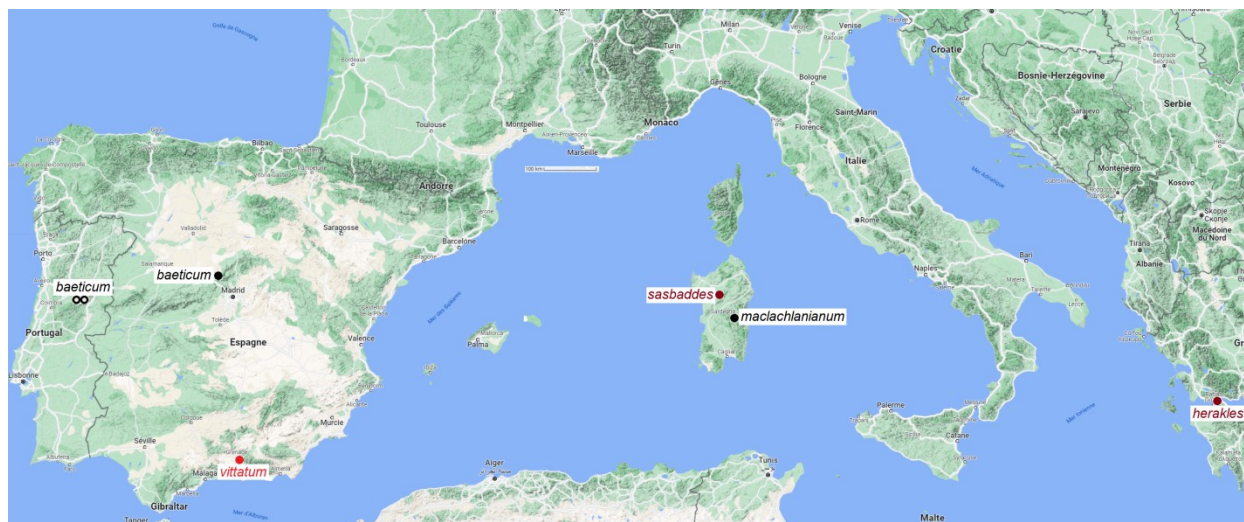
**Figures 140–141.** Lateral profile of the paraproct in the *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* species complex  
140 = *S. maclachlanianum*; 141 = *S. sasbaddes*.

### *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* Costa, 1884

(Figure 140) (Map 9)

*Sericostoma maclachlanianum* Costa, 1884:21. Sardinia!

*Sericostoma maclachlanianum* Costa, 1884: McLachlan 1884:22. “Island of Sardinia (Aritzo and the Mt. Gennargentu, A. Costa, 2 ♂ in the Naples Museum;



**Map 9.** Distribution of the *Sericostoma maclachlanianum* and *vittatum* groups in the Alps and Italian Peninsula (full circles represent the type localities).

also one in my own collection, presented to me by Prof. Costa.” Maxillary palpi of the ♂ slightly prominent.” “In the ♂ the upper branch of the penis-sheaths is long, nearly straight, or slightly curved downward at the tip (in one example the appendage seems slightly crenulated at the tip); lower branch shorter, directed downward almost at a right angle, triangular at the base, the apical portion slightly curved.” “Very distinct in the form of the penis-sheaths from anything known to me. In some respects intermediate between *clypeatum* (of Corsica) and *baeticum* (of Spain and Portugal), and, on the whole, probably more allied to the latter.”

*Sericostoma maclachlanianum* Costa, 1884: Malicky 2010:34. Typen stammen von Aritzo und vom Genargentu-Gebirge (McLachlan, 1884:22). „Wie die Karte zeigt, bewohnt *S. maclachlanianum* das Genargentu Gebirge.”

***Sericostoma sasbaddes* Malicky, 2010**

(Figure 141) (Map 9)

*Sericostoma sasbaddes* Malicky, 2010:31–33. „Holotypus ♂: Sardinien, Sas Baddes, 8°51'E, 40°25'N, 430m, 2.VI.1981, leg Malicky, in meiner Sammlung. Close to *S. maclachlanianum* Costa, 1884. „Charakteristisch sind die mittleren Anhänge, die eine nach hinten und eine nach unten gerichtete Spitze haben, wobei die erste kürzer ist als bei *maclachlanianum*.”

***Sericostoma personatum* species group**

(Figures 142–150) (Map 10)

This species group has apical region of paraproct clearly simple furcate. The dorsal branch of paraproct is simple (typically) spine-like, usually a tapering pointed process as the dominant trait. Possibly the recessive (sleeping) traits of dorsal prong, tooth or corrugation on the dorsal branch could be present, infrequently observable as signs of standing genetic variation, incomplete lineage sorting or indication of reinforcement processes in contact zones or clines.

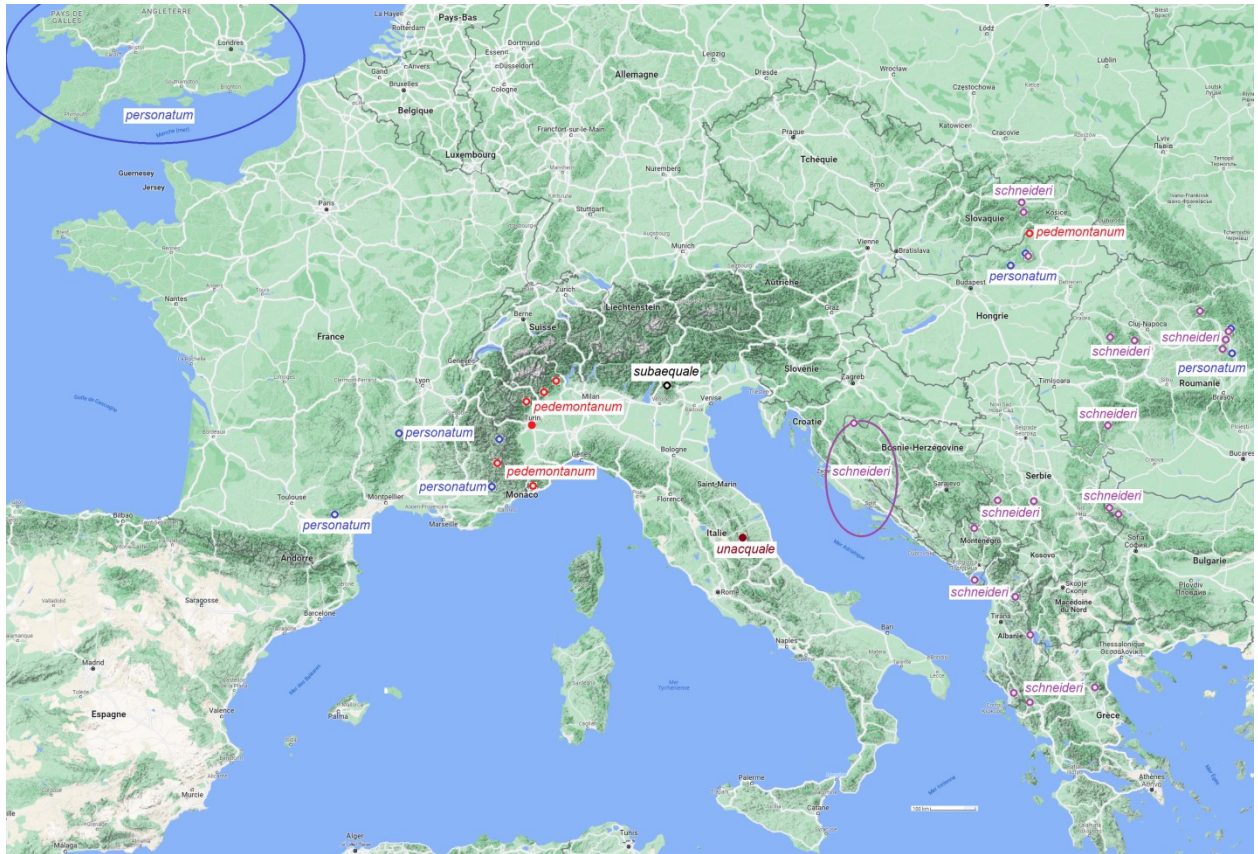
Five species belong to this group: *Sericostoma pedemontanum* McLachlan, 1876; *Sericostoma personatum* (Spence, 1826); *Sericostoma schneideri* (Kolenati, 1848); *Sericostoma subaequale* McLachlan, 1898; *Sericostoma unaequale* sp. nov.

***Sericostoma pedemontanum* McLachlan, 1876**

(Figures 142, 147) (Map 10)

*Sericostoma pedemontanum* McLachlan, 1876:229. “Turin (Italy) (Ghiliani). I possess one ♂. Possibly only an extreme local form of *personatum*. Upper branch of the fork of the penis-sheaths much longer





Map 10. Distribution of the *Sericostoma personatum* group in Europe (full circles represent the type localities).

than the lower, slender, slightly curved, the two branches rather widely divergent.”

*Sericostoma pedemontanum* McLachlan, 1876: McLachlan 1884:20–21. “My former *personatum* was in part made up of materials that I now consider to belong to *pedemontanum*. Regarding all the materials (200–300 examples) before me as pertaining to one species, this is one of the most common insects in all the more hilly district from Northern Central Europe to Central Italy, but I have not seen it (with certainty) from the Pyrenees and the Iberian Peninsula.”

**Material examined.** **France**, Provence Alps, Jausiers, 44.390 6.776, 1500 m, 11.VII.2007, leg. M. Bálint (7 males, 5 females, OPC). France, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros Valley, Fromagine spring, 1500m, 44.0208°N, 7.4317°E, 17.VII.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (5 males, 5 females; OPC). **Hungary**, Aggtelek national Park, Ménes

stream, 23.VII.1985, light leg. J. Oláh (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Piemonte, Pennines Alps, Biella, above Santuario di Oropa, spring, 45.6435°N, 7.969°E, 1800m, 4.VII.2020, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Graian Alps, Ingria, torrent, Rio del Mulinet, 45.463°N, 7.5676°E, 900 m, 8.VIII.2020, leg. Gilles Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Italy, Castel Vittorio (IM) 400m, affl. Rio Gordale T.L., 30.V.2001, leg. Museo Caffi BG, Coll Mus. Sc. Nat. Bergamo (1 male, OPC). Italy, Piemont, Pennines Alps, Civasco, spring below water catchment, 770 m, 45.8104°N, 8.2973°E, 27.V.2022, leg. Gilles Vinçon (2 males, OPC).

**Remarks.** Due to the various intermediate forms of paraprot between *Sericostoma personatum* described from England and *Sericostoma pedemontanum* described from Italy (Piemonte) their delineation became uncertain and doubtful, sometimes synonymised in faunal list (Coppa &

Tachet 2022). However, as explained above the presence of intermediate forms are rather a rule than exception for incipient sibling species in contact or along cline populations under reinforcement with standing genetic variation and incomplete lineage sorting. In Italy (Piemont) and in France (Provence Alps) near locus typicus we have examined pure population with typical paraprot, identical with the type's speciation trait. The divergence in the lateral profile of the paraprot is supported by the divergence in the curvature of the sclerotized phallic organ. The curvature is more developed in *S. pedemontanum* than in *S. personatum*.

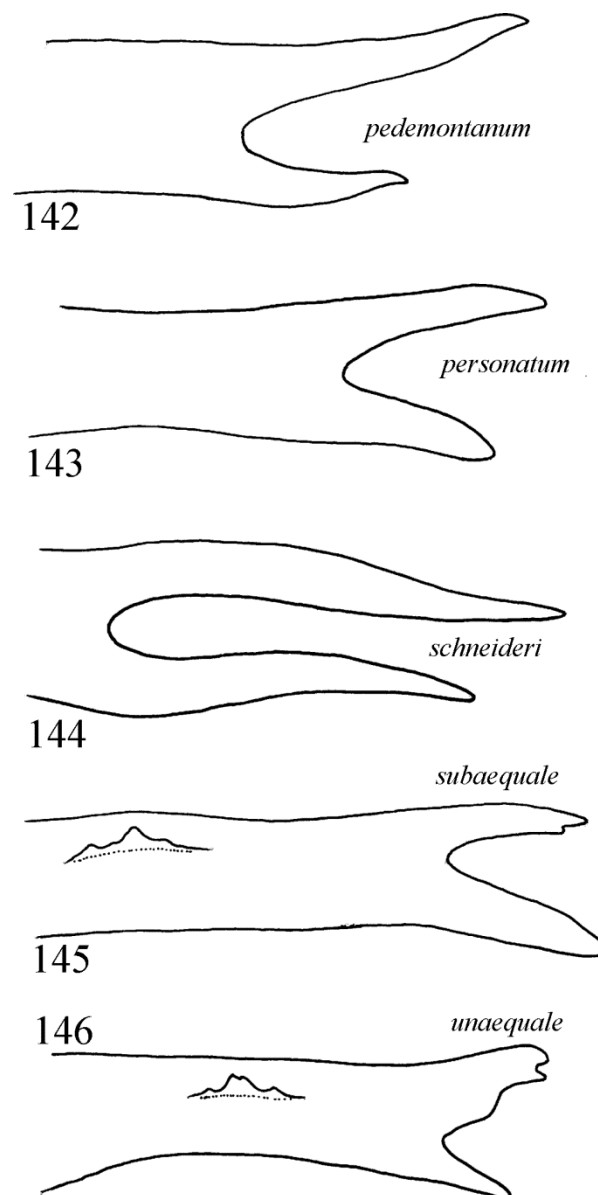
### *Sericostoma personatum* (Spence, 1826)

(Figures 143, 148) (Map 10)

*Phryganea personata* Spence. In Kirby & Spence 1826:489. „But the animal distinguished by the most remarkable cheeks is a species of *Phryganea* L. (*Phryganea personata* Spence); for from this part projects a spoon-shaped process, which curves upwards, and uniting with that of the other cheek, forms an ample mask before the face, the anterior and upper margin of which, in the insect's natural state, are closely united; and the posterior part being applied to the anterior part of the eye, causes the face to appear much swollen. It looks as if it was a single piece; but upon pressing the thorax it opens, both above and in front, into two parts, each convex without and hollow within, and each having attached to its inside a yellow tuft of hair resembling a feather. The use of this machinery at present remains a mystery.” This species was described from Britain (England) without any collecting data!

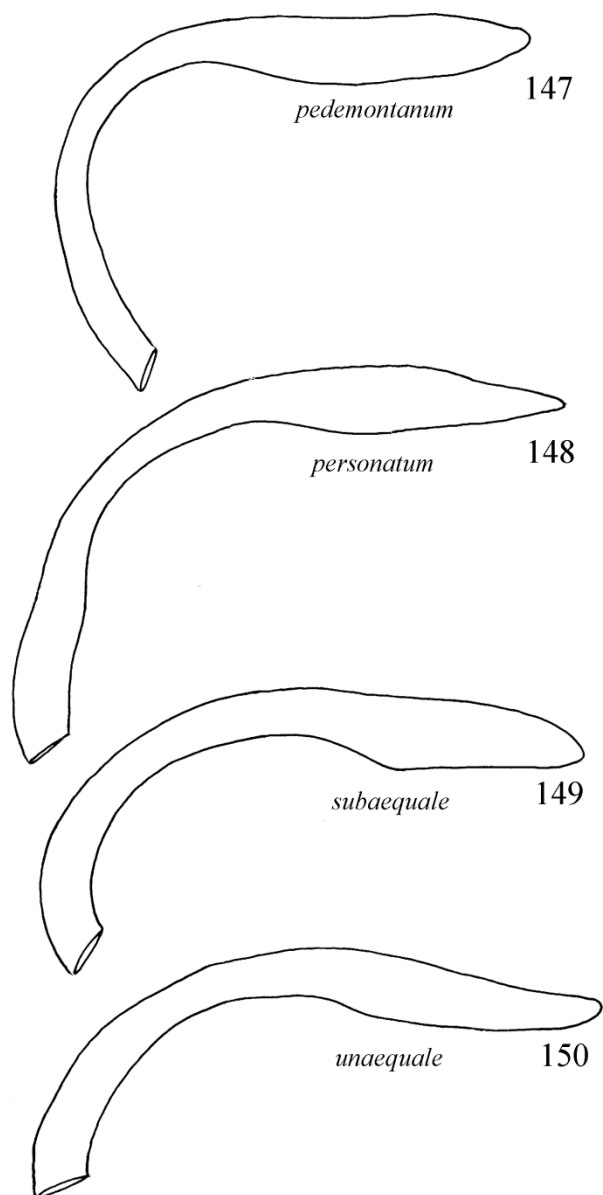
*Phryganea personata* Spence. Kirby & Spence 1826: McLachlan 1876:226–229. „Sheaths (Typically) with the upper branch of the fork straight, broad at its base, and somewhat suddenly acuminate, lower branch curved downward, thinner, and slightly longer.”

*Phryganea personata* Spence. Kirby & Spence 1826: McLachlan 1879:46. „I have again examined the large mass of materials representing *personatum* in my collection, with regard to the possibility of two distinct species being comprised under the name. Taking the extremes in the condition of the furcated penis-sheaths, two species should exist, but I find intermediate gradations.”



**Figures 142–146.** Lateral profile of the paraprot in the *Sericostoma personatum* species group. 142 = *S. pedemontanum*; 143 = *S. personatum*; 144 = *S. schneideri*; 145 = *S. subaequale*; 146 = *S. unaequale* sp. nov.

*Phryganea personata* Spence. Kirby & Spence 1826: McLachlan 1880:19. „It is extraordinarily variable in the form of penis-sheaths, and I cannot decide that this is to any considerable extent dependent upon locality. As a rule, the upper branch is shorter than the lower, thicker, the upper apical edge oblique to the apex, and turned slightly downward, sometimes with distinct notch before the oblique apical edge.”



**Figures 147–150.** Lateral profile of the phallic organ in the *Sericostoma personatum* species group. 147 = *Sericostoma pedemontanum*; 148 = *S. personatum*; 149 = *S. subaequale*; 150 = *S. unaequale* sp. nov.

Material examined. **France**, Lespinassière, 43.402°N 2.532°E, 450 m, 14.VII.2007, leg. M. Bálint (1 male, OPC). France, Mt. Mezenc, Borée, Massif Central, 44.908 4.228, 1026m, 15.VII.2007, leg. M. Bálint (1 male, OPC). France, Hautes-Alpes, Queyras Massif, Aiguilles, torrent below ‘Grand Laus lake’, 2560 m, 44.82°N, 6.87°E, 15.VIII.2021, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male,

OPC). France, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, Ravin de St Barnabé, Verdon trib., road to Stade de neige de Vauplane, spring, 1400 m, 43.867°N, 6.632°E, 19.IX.2021, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, < Cayolle Pass, spring ‘Fontaine Gaudine’, 1690 m, 44.3216°N, 6.7039°E, 18.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). France, Haute-Savoie, Bauges Massif, above Chevaline, spring, 1560 m, 45.7245°N, 6.1993°E, 26.VI.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Hungary**, Bükk Mountains, Szalajka stream, collected by folia tent of J. Szabó, 11.VII.1982 (1 male, 2 females; OPC). Hungary, Recsk, Oroszlánvár, 18.VI.2012, leg. P. Gombkötő, T. Korompai, G. Magos & L. Urbán (1 male, OPC). **Italy**, Piémont, brook and spring tributary of Stura di Demonte, above Villaggio Primavera, 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E, 16.VII.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). **Romania**, Valea Cupas, Lacu Rosu, 9.VII.1981, leg. Peregovits & Ronkay (1 male, OPC). Romania, Județul Harghita, Sinclaieni, Valea Mare, 13.VII.1993, light trap leg. L. Keresztes (1 male, OPC).

*Remarks.* The real difficulty in *Sericostoma* taxonomy was to differentiate between *Sericostoma personatum* (Spence, 1826) and *Sericostoma pedemontanum* McLachlan, 1876. The two species are frequently intermingled in various habitats of contact zones or clines and producing various intermediate shapes of paraproct lateral profiles. However, in pure population we have very typical form of paraproct as drawn for the type specimens already by McLachlan. Moreover, we have found the rigid, not flexible sclerotized curved tube of the phallic organ very specific in the examined four species in the *Sericostoma personatum* species group (Figs. 147–150).

### *Sericostoma schneideri* and its synonyms

#### *Sericostoma schneideri* (Kolenati, 1848)

(Figures 144) (Map 10)

*Prosoptionia schneiderii* Kolenati, 1848:89. „Habitat in Dalmatia (Stenz!), apud Kellemsch (Loew!).”

*Prosoptionia schneiderii* Kolenati, 1848: Botosaneanu 2001:520. „I could study the type specimen of *S.*

- schneideri* (kept in the NHMW). Compared to the holotype of *S. flavicorne*, the holotype of *S. schneideri* has completely different lateral sclerites of the ♂ Xth segment.”
- Prosoptionia schneideri* Kolenati, 1848: Botosaneanu 2001:519. „Kolenati proposed *Prosoptionia schneideri* as replacement name for *Sericostoma flavicorne* Schneider, 1845, arguing that „jam *Phryganea flavicornis* sub Genere *Chaetotaulii* existit” (*Chaetotaulius* Kolenati, 1848 is a synonym of *Limnephilus* Leach, 1815). In his description Kolenati mentions not only Dalmatia, but also „Kellemisich” under „Habitat”. Kolenati’s errors were noticed by McLachlan (1876:230): „Kolenati united it (i.e.: *flavicorne*) to the next species (i.e.: *schneideri*) changing the name unnecessary”.
- Sericostoma carinthiacum* McLachlan, 1868:296. “Preth Valley, Upper Carinthia, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Zeller), 1♂.” “App. intermed. deeply furcate, the prongs nearly equal in length, each being very acute, and slightly curved at the tips in opposite directions.”
- Sericostoma pyrenaicum* Pictet, 1856:88–89. „J’ai trouvé cette espèce à Eaux-Bonnes (Spain, [in fact Eaux-Bonnes is in France]), dans les Pyrénées, au mois de juillet.”
- Sericostoma selysi* Pictet, 1856:91–92. „J’ai pris cette espèce dans la Sierra de Guadarrama (Spain), au mois de juillet.”
- Sericostoma* No. 5 sp. nov. Hagen, 1859:148. „Baiern, Oesterreich.” „Fühler einfarbig, gelb.” „Die untere Spitze der app. interm. länger als die obere.”
- Sericostoma timidum* Hagen, 1864:88. „Baiern, Oesterreich.” „Fühler einfarbig, gelb.” „Die untere Spitze der app. interm. länger als die obere.”
- Sericostoma timidum* Hagen, 1864: McLachlan 1876: 22–230. I have not seen Hagen’s types of *timidum*, and there is a discrepancy in his description, for he says the under point of the sheaths is longer than the upper; it may be that the words „untere” and „obere” are transposed, and with this idea I have sunk my *carinthiacum* as a synonym. My description and figures are from the type of *carinthiacum*.”
- Sericostoma turbatum* McLachlan, 1876:231: 231. “Belgium (Vieil Salm, Halloy, &c., De Selys), apparently common.” “According to the structure of the anal parts, *pyrenaicum*, *flavicorne* (?), *schneideri*, *selysi*, and *turbatum*, are scarcely distinguishable.”
- Examined material.** **Albania**, Delvina Region, between Bistrica Village and Syri i Kalter, 127 m, 39°55'53"N; 20°09'13"E 13.V.2017, leg. S. Beshkov & A. Nahirnic (4 males, 1 female; OPC).
- Albania**, Periferi Dibre, Fushe-Lure, streamside and lumber-yard, 1055m, 29.VI.2007, leg. L. Dányi, Z. Eröss, Z. Fehér, A. Hunyadi & D. Murányi (1 male, HNHM). **Albania**, Delvinë District, Krongj, stream Vrisi, 140m, 39.91720°N 20.18245°E, to light, 09.05.2014 leg. Z. Barina, D. Pifkó & G. Puskás (6 males, 3 females; OPC). **Albania**, Pogradec district, Piskupat, Ohrid Lake at Hotel Leon S of the village, 41°01.152'N, 20°38.196'E, 695 m, 12.05.2014, T. Kovács, D. Murányi (1 female, OPC). **Bosnia & Herzegovina**: Una-Sana Canton, Mrazovac, stream at open spring, 45°02'42"N, 16°05'19.7"E, 246 m, 26.V.2012, leg. T. Kovács & G. Puskás (3 males, OPC). **Bulgaria**, W Stara Planina Mts. Gushovski Monastir above Tchiprovtzi Town, 43.3661°N 22.8402°E, 808 m, 26.VI.2021, leg. S. Beshkov & A. Nahirnic-Beshkova (1 male, OPC). **Bulgaria**, W. Stara Planina Mts, Zarezan Tcheshma above Tchuprene on Tchuprenska Reka river, 674m, 43.4874°N, 22.6154°E, 24.VI.2021, leg. S. Beshkov & A. Nahirnic-Beshkova (40 males, 10 females; OPC). **Greece**, Ioannina county, Lefkothea, Smolitsas River 4km E of the village, 39°43'03.2"N, 20°36'38.7"E, 198m, 12.V.2006, leg. L. Dányi, J. Kontschán & D. Murányi (1 male, 8 females, HNHM). **Greece**, Olympos, 1100 m, 9.VII.1986, leg. Á. Uherkovich (1 male, OPC). **Hungary**, Bükk Mountains, Garadna stream, just below Sebesvíz tributary, 8.VII.1983, leg. J. Oláh (5 males, 2 females; OPC). **Montenegro**, Bar municipality, Rumija Mts, Stari Bar, M. Mikulići, Rikavac, 42°06'16.7"N, 19°08'55.8"E, 320 m, 26.V.2013, leg. P. Juhász, T. Kovács, G. Magos, G. Puskás, (1 male, 3 females; OPC). **Montenegro**, Durmitor Mts., Zabljak, 24–26, VII. 1965, leg. Z. Varga (1 male, 8 females; OPC). **Romania**, Valea Cupas, Lacu Rosu, 21.VII.1981, leg. Peregovits & Ronkay (1male, 1 female; OPC). **Romania**, Banat, Iauna, 29.VII.2006, leg. M. Bálint (1 male, OPC). **Romania**, Apuseni Mts. Muntii Gilaului, Muntele Baisorii, stream Valea Gera, 46°33.001'N 23°20.014'E, 1055m, 18.VI. 2013, light leg. J. Oláh, Cs. Balogh, & S. Fekete (7 males, OPC). **Romania**, Apuseni Mts., Bihor Mts., Crisul Pietros – Valea Bulz, Pietra Bulzului, 560m, 3.VII.2013, light leg. Cs. Balogh, (2 males, 6 females; OPC). **Romania**, Apuseni Mts., Bihor

Mts., Crisul Pietros, Boga, Valea Bulz and Valea Galbena, 46°35'23.25"N 22°37'54.74"E, 450m, 4.VII.2013, light leg. Cs. Balogh, (14 males, 1 female; OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Vasláb (Voslabeni), Harghita County, marshy area, 11.VII.2002, leg. L. Keresztes (2 males, 24 females; OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Calimani Mts., Toplita stream, 29.VII.2003, leg. L. Keresztes (2 male, OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Harghita County, Baile Chirui (Királyfürdő), 14.VII.1998, leg. Z. Izsák (11 male, 7 females; OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Harghita County, Sincraieni, Valea Mare, 24.VI.1993, light trap leg. L. Keresztes (17 male, 13 females; OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Harghita County, Sincraieni, forester's house, 31.VII.1992, leg. L. Keresztes, T. Ujvárosi & Z. Izsák (17 male, 6 females; OPC). Romania, Eastern Carpathians, Vasláb (Voslabeni), Harghita County, marshy area, 11.VII.2002, leg. L. Keresztes (3 males, 15 females; OPC). **Serbia**, Zlatibor district, Zlatibor Mts, spring brook of Crni Rzav Stream beneath Mt. Cigota, 43°37.932'N, 19°46.305'E, 1160 m, 25.V.2013, leg. P. Juhász, T. Kovács, G. Magos, G. Puskás, (1 male, OPC). Kraljevo, above Kamenica Village, Stolovi Mt. Veliki čukar, 43°36'07"N 20°41'08"E, 688 m, 4.VII.2021, leg. S. Beshkov & A. Nahirnic-Beshkova (1 male, 2 females; OPC). **Slovakia**, Hnilec stream, 27.VII.1964, leg. J. Oláh (14 male, 4females; OPC). Slovakia: Hrabusice (Káposztafalva), Podlesok camping, Velka Bela voda, 48°57'50"N 20°23'1"E, 546 m, 9. VII. 2012 light trap, leg. P. Boda, B. A. Lukács, I Szivák & G. Várbió (4 males, 1 female; OPC).

*Diagnosis.* Holotype paraproct: "practically parallel slender branches, lower one mostly slightly shorter, with acute apices, dorsal branch devoid of any dorsal prong or point" (Botosaneanu 2001). Paraproct structure is extremely stable in the examined populations from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia. The basic structure of the paraproct is entirely different, unmistakable with the paraproct of *Sericostoma flavicorne*. Following synonymes belong to *Sericostoma schneideri* (Kolenati, 1848): *Serico-*

*stoma carinthiacum* McLachlan, 1868; *Sericostoma pyrenaicum* Pictet, 1856; *Sericostoma selysi* Pictet, 1856; *Sericostoma timidum* Hagen, 1864; *Sericostoma turbatum* McLachlan, 1876.

### *Sericostoma subaequale* McLachlan, 1898

(Figures 145, 149) (Map 10)

*Sericostoma subaequale* McLachlan, 1898:49. „It seems to me that the examples from North Italy and South Tyrol... should be considered to have claim to specific rank and a name. The designation above given has reference to the sub-equal condition of the branches of the penis-sheaths, which is the most salient character.”

*Material examined.* **Italy**, Trentino Alto Adige, Venetian Pre-Alps, Raossi, Speccheri, brook below the dam, low current, 670 m, 45.7648°N, 11.1301°E, 27.V.2021, leg. G. Vinçon (4 males, OPC).

### *Sericostoma unaequale* sp. nov.

(Figures 146, 150) (Map 10) (Photos 14, 15)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Italy**, Marches, Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini, above Casali, nice brook and spring, 1080 m, 42.9506°N, 13.177°E, 18.V.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, OPC). Paratype: same as holotype (1 female in copulation with the holotype, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* Having apical region of the paraproct furcate, this new species belongs to the *Sericostoma personatum* species group and the paraproct lateral region bearing a dark dental ridge a character present in *Sericostoma subaequale*. However *Sericostoma unaequale* differs from *S. subaequale* by having completely unaequal apical branches.

*Description.* The uniform and monotonous external morphological characters are the same as or similar to all of the others species of this small genus. Male facial mask, the sexually modified maxillary palp of the male is small. Medium-sized species with forewing length of 13 mm. Wing and parts of the body are covered by pubescent

bronzish-brown coloured setae. The spiniform pair of paraprocts closely associated with segment X has unequally bilobed apical ending. Dorsal arm is more robust characterized by bifid apex; ventral arm is slender spine-like.

*Etymology.* Named by the characteristic, unequally shaped apical lobes or arms of the paraproct.

***Sericostoma vittatum* species complex**

(Figures 151–153) (Map 9)

This small species complex consists of three species. Two species distributed in the Iberian Peninsula: *Sericostoma baeticum*, *S. vittatum* and one species in Greece: *S. herakles*. Species complex with small maxillary palp. Paraproct is characterized by very widely opened fork branches; dorsal branch longer with or without subapical dorsal prong; ventral branch is short.

A species complex of well-known variability in Spain with incipient sibling species under reinforcement. This is represented in the rather pronounced variation of the lateral profile of the speciation trait that is the paraproct. However, the variation is within the limits of the basic structural characters. There is distinct variation in the form of paraproct of the *S. baeticum*, influenced largely by locality, but it is impossible to regard all the examples other than as pertaining to a single species as stated clearly already by McLachlan (1880). *S. vittatum*, one of the most distinct-looking species due to the golden-yellow vitta on the anterior wings of the males. However, there are intermedier paraproct shapes between the two species in the Iberian Peninsula (Schmid, 1952).

***Sericostoma baeticum* Pictet, 1856**

(Figure 151) (Map 9)

*Sericostoma baeticum* Pictet, 1856:88. „J’ai trouvé cette espèce à San Ildefonso (Spain), au mois de juillet.”

*Sericostoma baeticum* Pictet, 1856: McLachlan 1876: 234. „Spain, (San Ildefonso, July, E. Pictet).” „Maxillary palpi of the ♂ small.” „Superior branch

of the penis-sheaths is long, flattened, its apex cut very obliquely, the extreme point acute; the lower branch forms an elongately triangular acute tooth.”

*Material examined.* **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, above Loriga, nice brooklets, 940 m, 40.3381°N, 7.7074°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (2 males, 1 female; OPC). **Portugal**, Serra da Estrela Massif, North Valezim, nice spring, 650 m, 40.3718°N, 7.713°W, 23.IV.2022, leg. G. Vinçon (1 male, 1 female; OPC).

***Sericostoma herakles* Malicky, 1999**

(Figure 152) (Map 9)

*Sericostoma herakles* Malicky, 1999:47. “HT ♂: Griechenland, Peloponnes, Ano Kastritsi bei Patras, 23.V.1979, leg. m.” “Diese Art unterscheidet sich von allen anderen bekannten durch die sehr langen, in einem Winkel von etwa 60° gespreizten Gabeläste der mittleren Anhängen des ♂, wobei der dorsale leicht nach unten gekrümmt, der ventral fast gerade und deutlich kürzer ist.”

***Sericostoma vittatum* Rambur, 1842**

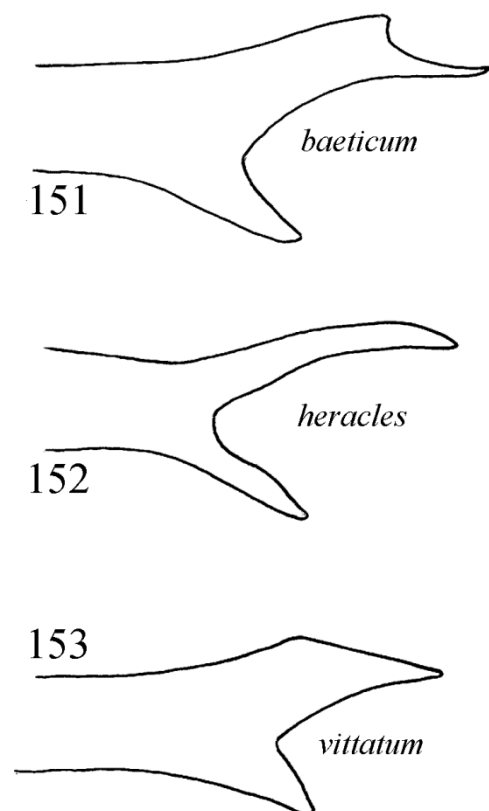
(Figure 153) (Map 9)

*Sericostoma vittatum* Rambur, 1842:497. “J’ai pris deux individus mâles de cette espèce dans des pentes marécageuses et herbeuses de la Sierra-Nevada, aux environs de Grenade.”

*Sericostoma vittatum* Rambur, 1842: McLachlan 1876:234. “Spain, Granada and San Ildefonso, Rambur, and Pictet).” “Maxillary palpi of the ♂ only slightly prominent. “Anterior-wings with median longitudinal golden-yellow vitta. The only species in the genus in which the anterior wings have distinct markings. “The penis-sheaths formed after the same style as in *S. baeticum*, but the upper branch is very much shorter, and is broader.”

**Poorly known species**

Still there are poorly known, puzzling species. They are without available type specimens and without published proper drawings or with insufficient examination of the paraproct. Judging from the available information, mostly from their locus typicus, they are probably synonyms of one of the above surveyed species.



Figures 151–153. Lateral profile of the paraprot in the *Sericostoma vittatum* species complex. 151 = *Sericostoma baeticum*; 152 = *S. heracles*; 153 = *S. vittatum*.

***Sericostoma cristatum* Navas, 1924**

*Sericostoma cristatum* Navas, 1924:27–28. “L’aspecte exterior és de semblance amb el *S. selysi* E. Pict.” “Patria. (Spain) Olot (Girona), 10 de Julio de 1923.”

***Sericostoma faciale* McLachlan, 1868**

*Sericostoma faciale* McLachlan, 1868:296–197. “Switzerland, on the Aar (Eaton). The form of app. in-terme. is also very different from any other species with which I am acquainted.”

***Sericostoma festivum* Rambur, 1842**

*Sericostoma festivum* Rambur, 1842:497. “J’ai reçu cette belle espèce de M. le professeur Graells, qui l’a découverte dans les environs de Madrid.”

***Sericostoma hamiferum* McLachlan, 1876**

*Sericostoma hamiferum* McLachlan, 1876:232. “Dartmoor (England). I believe this locality to be erroneous, and that they are more probably from some part of North Italy, in which Leach resided before his death.” “A very distinct species. According to homology it is the inner (or upper) branch of the penis-sheaths that is totally absent, whereas the outer (or lower) forms the hook.”

***Sericostoma indivisum* McLachlan, 1880**

*Sericostoma indivisum* McLachlan, 1880:48. “Pomerania (in Hagen’s collection); also Elberfeld and Hamburg according to Hagen, but I have not examined these.” “A puzzling form with the palpi of the ♂ very prominent as in *personatum* and most of the species that follow it, but with the penis-sheaths consisting of little more than a slender curved upper branch as in the Corsican *clypeatum*.” “I give no figure of the penis-sheaths, as it cannot be made satisfactorily without removing one on the inferior appendages.”

***Sericostoma medium* Navas, 1917**

*Sericostoma medium* Navas, 1917:12–13. “Simile vittato Ramb.” “Patria. (Spain) Tortosa (Tarragona), 22 de Julio de 1914; Albarracin (Teruel), 12 de Julio de 1904; Tramacastilla (Teruel), 12 de Julio de 1904 (Col. m.)”

***Sericostoma memorabile* McLachlan, 1876**

*Sericostoma memorabile* McLachlan, 1876:229. “Alps of Dauphiné, France. I captured one ♂ at a roadside spring on the summit of the Col du Lautaret, a mountain pass of about 5500 feet elevation; July 12th.”

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**Appendix 1.** Habitat photos of the collection localities



**Photo 1.** France, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, 1650m, 42.8142°N, 1.438°E (G. Vinçon)  
(*Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov. and *Anisogamus sandreniko* sp. nov.).



**Photo 2.** France, Ariège, path to Arlu Lake, nice spring, 1650m, 42.8142°N, 1.438°E (G. Vinçon)  
(*Wormaldia arlua* sp. nov. and *Anisogamus sandreniko* sp. nov.).



**Photo 3.** Portugal, Serra da Estrela, 1450m, 40.3802°N, 7.6457°W (G. Vinçon) (*Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov.).



**Photo 4.** Spain, Asturias, Puerto del Palo Allande, 950m, 43.2778°N, 6.6681°W (G. Vinçon) (*Plectrocnemia estrela* sp. nov.).



**Photo 5.** Spain, Cantabria, above Yera, 600 m, 43.1377N, 3.7461W (G. Vinçon) (*Rhyacophila fusunae* sp. nov.).



**Photo 6.** France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Sorède, La Farga, 450 m, 42.4979°N, 2.9572°E (G. Vinçon)  
(*Ptilocolepus kover* sp. nov.).



**Photo 7.** France, Alpes-Maritimes, Cairos tributary of Roya Valley, 1020 m, 44.011°N, 7.46°E (G. Vinçon)  
(*Drusus roya* sp. nov.).



**Photo 8.** France, Alpes-Maritimes, Caïros tributary of Roya Valley, 1020 m, 44.011°N, 7.46°E (G. Vinçon) (*Drusus roya* sp. nov.).



**Photo 9.** Italy, Piémont, above Villaggio Primavera 1530 m, 44.373°N, 6.9755°E (G. Vinçon) (*Drusus demonta* sp. nov.).



**Photo 10.** France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Prats-de-Mollo-la-Preste, 1860 m, 42.4523°N, 2.4102°E (G. Vinçon) (*Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov.).



**Photo 11.** France, above Mantet, 1850 m, 42.4755°N, 2.325°E (G. Vinçon) (*Anisogamus nahueli* sp. nov. and *A. waringeri* Graf & Vitecek, 2015).



**Photo 12.** Austria, Kärnten, S. Bad Vellach, Vrnik-Quelle, 1380 m, 46.4214°N, 14.5723°E (G. Vinçon)  
(*Consorophylax vellach* sp. nov.).



**Photo 13.** Austria, Kärnten Alpen (G. Vinçon) (*Consorophylax vellach* sp. nov.).



**Photo 14.** Italy, Marches, Monti Sibillini, above Casali, 1080 m, 42.9506°N, 13.177°E (G. Vinçon) (*Sericostoma unaequale* sp. nov.).



**Photo 15.** Italy, Marches, Monti Sibillini, Panico Valley (G. Vinçon) (*Sericostoma unaequale* sp. nov.).



# Der Regenwurm *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) auf Hangschultern der mitteldeutschen Lössrandstufe (Oligochaeta: Lumbricidae)

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**Abstract.** The earthworm *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) on the crest of slopes in the central-German loess-edge ramp (Oligochaeta: Lumbricidae). – The distribution of *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov) along the line of gradient (fall line) on the slopes of the central-German loess-edge ramp (Lössrandstufe) was investigated. The highest density on loess-edge ramps reached by the species (max. 47 adults/0.25 m<sup>2</sup>) was on the crest of slopes where the fall line of the slope merges with the plateau of the culmination area. In these locations the occurrence of surface runoff along the fall line of the slope is at its lowest and percolation into the soil profile at its highest. The soil depth in the luvisol preferred by *P. tuberculatus* lies in the transition zone of the A1/Bt horizons, which are influenced by soil leaching (lessivage) and conspicuously marked by the presence of many argillans. The dietary strategy of *P. tuberculatus* is apparently a specialisation in that the species extracts its nutrition principally from the mineral part of the soil profile in luvisols. It seems that the channels in the luvisol, which are filled with muddy sediment, are advantageous to the endogeic *P. tuberculatus* as it moves through the soil and feeds. In the A1/Bt layer this species probably takes up pluviolessivate, which contains microorganisms and finely dispersed or unstable organic and mineral components. This means that the ecological niche of the species is determined by the movements of nutritional material in the soil. *Aporrectodea caliginosa* (Sav.) and *Ap. rosea* (Sav.), which were always found in association with the species in the loess slopes studied, can contribute to the flow of nutrients in the mineral part of the profile by their finely dispersed particles of excrement.

**Keywords.** Earthworms, *Proctodrilus tuberculatus*, ecological strategies, soil leaching, loess-edge ramp, crest of slopes, Germany.

## EINLEITUNG

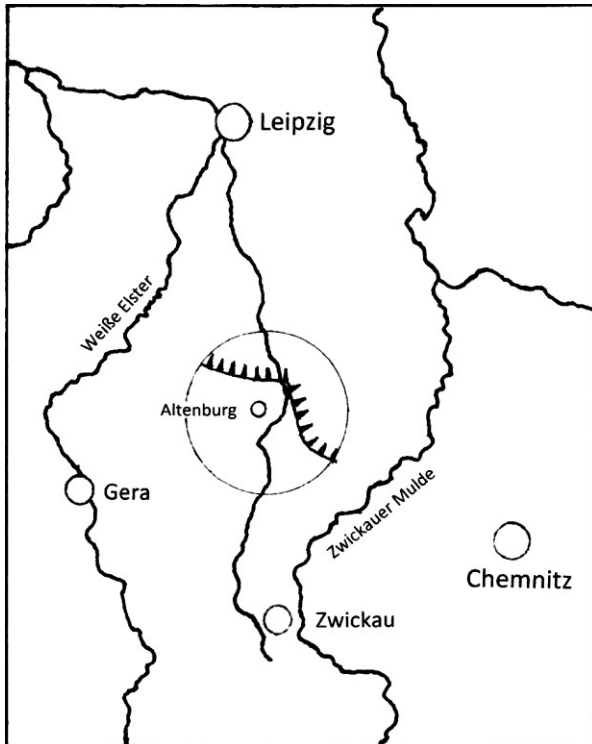
Im mitteldeutschen Lössgebiet kommt der translägäisch verbreitete (Csuzdi *et al.* 2011) Regenwurm *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) in flusssnahen Auenböden (Höser 2008, 2018, 2022) und auf Hängen (Höser 2012) vor. Bisher fiel auf, dass diese Art sich in lithologisch geschichteten Auenböden an Schichtgrenzen im feiner gekörnten Substrat konzentriert (Höser 2018), das auf einer Schicht gröberer Substrats lagert. Das wurde als Zeichen der Gunst der feiner gekörnten Schicht gedeutet, die hängendes Kapillarwasser führt und so in Trockenperioden die Lebensansprüche der Art gewährleistet. Im Folgenden wird über einen anderen, prinzipiell ähnlich günstigen Lebensraum der Art berichtet, der

sich im Boden der Lössrandstufe an der nördlichen Lössgrenze Mitteldeutschlands befindet.

## MATERIAL UND METHODEN

### Untersuchungsgebiet

Die Untersuchungen fanden in der mäßig feuchten Pleiße-Lössprovinz (Lieberoth 1963) des mitteldeutschen Lössgürtels statt, also westlich der Zwickauer Mulde (Abb.1). Die untersuchten Bodenstandorte liegen an der Nördlichen Lössgrenze, zumeist im Bereich der mitteldeutschen Lössrandstufe (Haase *et al.* 1970, Leger 1990), die im Gebiet eine Sprunghöhe von 20–50 m hat. Hier setzt an der ostwestverlaufenden Stufe eine über 3 m (bis 12 m) mächtige Löss-Ansammlung



**Abbildung 1.** Das Untersuchungsgebiet (großer Kreis).  
 ▲▲▲▲ regionaler Abschnitt der Lössrandstufe.  
 The study area (large circle). ▲▲▲▲ regional section of  
 the loess-edge ramp.

ein, die jungweichselzeitliches, geschichtetes Material ist (Haase *et al.* 1970, Gehrt & Hagedorn 1996, Gehrt 2000). Das untersuchte Gebiet ist überwiegend Agrarlandschaft. Auf den Hängen herrscht Parabraunerde (Luvisol) vor, an die sich im Lössgürtel nach Südosten Pseudvergleyte Böden anschließen (Pseudogley-Parabraunerden und Pseudogleye). Dem Gebietscharakter entsprechend wurden zumeist Offenland-Standorte untersucht, vor allem solche auf Wiesen oder Grünland.

Auf Probeflächen von 0,25 m<sup>2</sup> Größe wurde die Regenwurmfauna vollständig erfasst, indem alle Regenwürmer bis zur Tiefe von 0,6 m ausgegraben, in zweimaliger Durchsicht des Bodens ausgelesen und in Formalin (4 bis 5 %) überführt wurden. Die Schürfgarbe diente der Bodensprache. Die Bodenmerkmale wurden nach üblicher Feldmethode (Fiedler & Schmiedel 1973, Schlichting *et al.* 1995) geschätzt und die Merk-

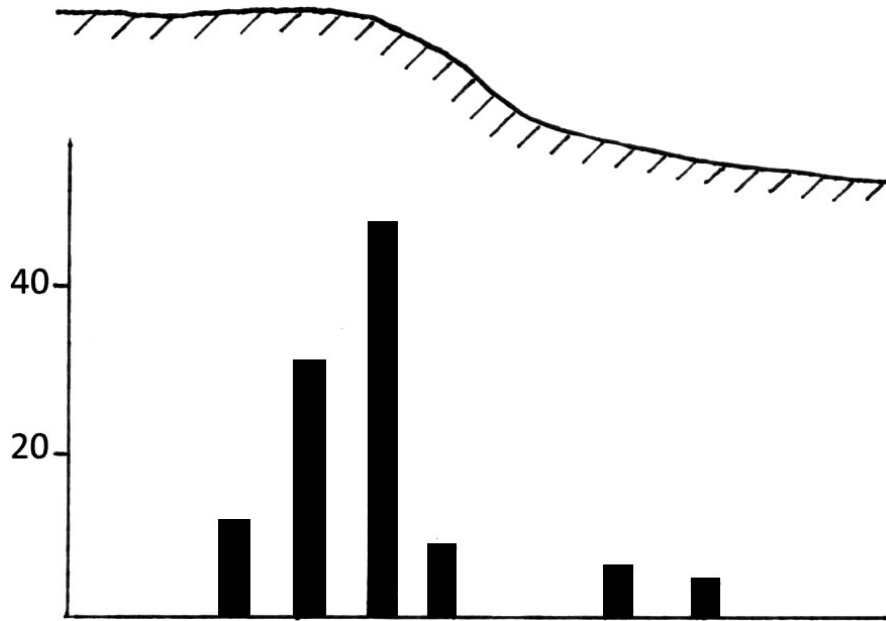
male des untersuchten Standorts im Freiland protokolliert. Derartig untersucht wurden Standorte auf Transekten entlang der Falllinien der Löss-Hänge oder einzelne Probeflächen auf Hangschultern. Von den auf Artniveau im Labor determinierten Tieren wurden nur die adulten in die Auswertung einbezogen. Ein Teil des gewonnenen Regenwurmmaterials befindet sich in der Belegsammlung des Autors.

## ERGEBNISSE

Im Bereich der Lössrandstufe der mitteldeutschen Pleiße-Lössprovinz tritt *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) außerhalb der Auen überwiegend auf Löss-Hängen auf. Bisher wurden ca. 50 derartige Fundpunkte ermittelt. Das ist ein Bruchteil der Nachweise der Art, die aus den untersuchten Auenböden der Pleiße-Lössprovinz vorliegen.

Im Bereich dieser Lössrandstufe konnte mehrfach die charakteristische Verteilung von *P. tuberculatus* entlang der Falllinie eines Löss-Hangs nachgewiesen werden: Die Art tritt im Kulminationsbereich auf, Vorkommen am Hangfuß sind spärlich oder fehlen zumeist. Sie lebt im humusarmen mineralischen Boden. Den Höchstwert ihrer Siedlungsdichte am Hang erreicht sie auf der Hangschulter, wo die Falllinie in das angrenzende Plateau des Kulminationsbereichs übergeht (Abb. 2). Die dort ermittelten Werte höchster Siedlungsdichte enthält Tab. 1. Die entlang der Falllinie des Zelbenbergs untersuchte Strecke betrug ca. 200 m. Auf dem ca. 110 m langen Teil davon, der die Hangschulter enthält, konnte an jedem der sechs geprüften Standorte *P. tuberculatus* angetroffen werden (Abb. 2).

Bevorzugt besiedelt *P. tuberculatus* die Parabraunerde-Standorte jener Kulminationsbereiche, die durch Fingerprobe am klebrigen Boden als bindig und relativ tonhaltig ausgewiesen sind (z.B. auf dem Zelbenberg, Abb. 2, Tab. 1). In vielen Fällen sind die Bodenprofile dieser Standorte ein wenig geköpft, besitzen aber die Merkmale ursprünglicher Al- und Bt-Horizonte. Sie fallen durch Tonhäutchen in den Makroporen



**Abbildung 2.** *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) auf der Hangschulter des Zelbenbergs. Oben: Schematischer Gang der Falllinie des Hanges. Unten: Individuendichte der Art (Individ./ 0,25 m<sup>2</sup>), Maximum am Übergang von der Hangschulter zum Plateau.

*Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) on the crest of a slope on the Zelbenberg. Above: schematic course of the fall line of the slope. Below: individual densities of the species (inds./ 0.25 m<sup>2</sup>), maximum at the transition from the slope crest to the plateau.

**Tabelle 1.** Die größten vorgefundenen Individuendichten von *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) auf Hängen des untersuchten Bereichs der mitteldeutschen Lössrandstufe.

Tonhäutchen im Bodenprofil +++ sehr auffällig, ++ auffällig, + vorhanden.

The highest individual densities of *Proctodrilus tuberculatus* (Černosvitov, 1935) found on sloping ground in the central-German loess-edge ramp area studied. Argillans in the soil profile +++ very prominent, ++ prominent, + present.

Individuen <i>Proctodrilus tuberculatus</i> pro 0,25 m <sup>2</sup>	Ort	Koordinaten	am Standort	
			Reliefformtyp, % Neigung	Ton- häutchen
47	Primmelwitz, Zelbenberg	51°02'21"N, 12°27'28"E	fast ebener Kulminationsbereich, ca. 1 %	+++
31				
21	Saara	50°55'59"N, 12°24'40"E	Hangschulter am Kulminationssattel, < 1 %	++
14	Langenleuba- Niederhain	50°56'57"N, 12°35'02"E	hängiger Kulminationsbereich, 3,5 %	++
10	Waltersdorf, Läuseberg	51°02'01"N, 12°23'05"E	hängiger Kulminationsbereich, 3 %	+
9	Oberleupten	50°57'46"N, 12°28'46"E	Hangschulter am Hohlweg, < 1 %	+

und Schwundrissen auf. Am nördlichen Rand des untersuchten Löss-Gebiets fehlt *P. tuberculatus* auf Kuppen oder einzelnen Hangschultern, deren Bodenprofile sichtlich stark geköpft und kieshaltiger sind. Hier sind die im Löss angelegten oberen Profilteile mitsamt ursprünglichem Al-Horizont weitgehend abgetragen. In diesen Fällen beschränkt sich die Art in geringer Siedlungsdichte ( $< 3$  Individuen/  $0,25 \text{ m}^2$ ) auf den unterhalb des Kulminationsbereichs liegenden Teil des Oberhangs, der noch von Löss bedeckt ist (z.B. Sandberg bei Pähnitz,  $51^{\circ}02'01''\text{N}$ ,  $12^{\circ}28'26''\text{E}$ ).

*P. tuberculatus* tritt auf den Hängen im Wesentlichen in 10–40 cm Tiefe des Bodens auf, dabei schwerpunktartig bei 22–28 cm Tiefe. Auf der Hangschulter des Kulminationssattels bei Saara (Tab. 1) lebt die Art in 7–21 cm Tiefe. Den Kulminationsbereich des Zelbenbergs bevorzugt sie in 27–34 cm Tiefe, wobei dort im Profil die von ihr insgesamt besiedelte vertikale Bandbreite ca. 26 cm beträgt. Die genannten Vorkommen liegen im kompakten, wenig belüfteten Boden und den Merkmalen der Bodenprofile zufolge im Übergangsbereich der Horizonte Al/Bt.

Die treuesten Begleiter des *P. tuberculatus* auf den untersuchten Löss-Hängen sind *Ap. caliginosa* (Präsenz  $>75\%$ ) und *Ap. rosea* (Präsenz 50–75%), die dort im mineralischen A-Horizont hohe Abundanzen erreichen (Tab. 2). Zudem tritt an jenen Hangstandorten des Gebiets, die nur spärlich von 1–2 *P. tuberculatus*/  $0,25 \text{ m}^2$  besiedelt sind, regelmäßig die Art *O. cyaneum* hinzu, die in dieser Standort-Gruppe eine Präsenz von ca. 35% erreicht. An den Standorten mit größter Individuendichte des *P. tuberculatus* ( $> 8$  Individuen/  $0,25 \text{ m}^2$ ) hat *Ap. caliginosa* ein relativ niedriges Abundanz-Niveau (Tab. 2).

## DISKUSSION

Die Ergebnisse zeigen, dass *P. tuberculatus* neben den flussbegleitenden Auenböden (Höser 2008, 2018) auch Lössböden anderer, strukturell besonderer Standorte besiedelt, so in Konzentration die Hangschultern in Kulminationsbereichen des Offenlands. Fundorte der Art auf Hängen des

überwiegend agrarischen Offenlands zu ermitteln, ist aufgrund des dort beachtlichen Anteils gestörter Böden weniger erfolgreich als in den Flussauen des Gebiets. Dennoch brachten unsere Untersuchungen zutage, dass sich die Art im Offenland auf die Böden der Hangschultern konzentriert.

### Die ökologische Strategie von *P. tuberculatus*

*P. tuberculatus* ist unseren Befunden zufolge eine typische, tiefer im Boden lebende endogäische Art, die zu den „hypoendogées“ (Bouché 1977) oder „subsoil species“ (Lee 1985) gehört. Im Schema der morpho-ökologischen Kategorien von Perel (1977) ist *P. tuberculatus* den „humus feeders“ zuzuordnen. Da ihm im Mineralboden nur stark zersetztes organisches Material zur Verfügung steht, gehört er zu den geophagen Arten (Pearce 1978), aber als in dieser Gruppe anscheinend besondere Form, die wahrscheinlich den Großteil ihrer Nahrung aus den dispersen organischen Partikeln bezieht, die im Gemisch der Pluviolessivate transportiert werden. Diese Art ist deshalb in besonderem Maße vom Nahrungsfluss im Boden abhängig und hat bezüglich der organischen Stoffe des Bodens eine Ernährungsstrategie aus der „oligohumosen“ Gruppe der geophagen Arten (Lavelle 1981, 1988, Bouché 1987, Curry & Schmidt 2006). Sie ernährt sich im kompakten mineralischen Bereich der Parabraunerde-Profile, die von der Lessivierung, der mechanischen Verfrachtung der Feintonfraktion durch Sickerwasser, geprägt sind und durch reichlich Tonhäutchen auffallen (Tab. 1). Oft werden Tiere dieser Art in oder an den mit Tonbelägen tapezierten Schwundrissen des Bodens und an Bruchstellen der Bodenaggregate aufgefunden (Höser 2008).

### Die von *P. tuberculatus* am Hang bevorzugten Standorte

Auf den Löss-Hängen wurde *P. tuberculatus* zumeist an relativ ungestörten Standorten auf Hangschultern und in hangnahen plateauartigen Bereichen gefunden (Abb. 2). An diesen Stand

**Tabelle 2.** Vier Größenklassen der Individuendichte des *P. tuberculatus* pro 0,25 m<sup>2</sup> auf Hangschultern der Lössrandstufe und die dazugehörige maximale Individuendichte von *Aporrectodea caliginosa* (Sav.) und *Ap. rosea* (Sav.).

Four size-classes of the density of *P. tuberculatus* individuals per 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> on the crests of slopes in the loess-edge ramp and the accompanying maximum individual densities of *Aporrectodea caliginosa* (Sav.) and *Ap. rosea* (Sav.).

<i>Proctodrilus tuberculatus</i>		<i>Ap. caliginosa</i>	<i>Ap. rosea</i>
Individuendichte Adulte pro 0,25 m <sup>2</sup>	Anzahl der Probeflächen	max. Individuendichte Adulte pro 0,25 m <sup>2</sup>	max. Individuendichte Adulte pro 0,25 m <sup>2</sup>
1	15	13	11
2-4	18	45	18
5-8	10	34	12
>8	7 (s. Tab. 1, Abb. 2)	17	10

orten ist zu erwarten, dass die Perkolation des Niederschlagswassers, der Sickerwasserstrom, und das in ihrem Zuge bereitgestellte Angebot an Pluviolessivaten die größten sind, die entlang der Falllinie des Hangs zustande kommen. Denn hier ist der hangabwärts gerichtete Oberflächenabfluss von Niederschlag am geringsten. Das trifft am deutlichsten auf den untersuchten Standort im Kulminationsbereich des Zelbenbergs zu (Tab. 1), der aufgrund fast ebener Hangfläche eines der kleinsten Niederschlags-Einzugsgebiete hat. Hier war auch die Profilverkürzung im Al/Bt-Bereich durch Bodenabtrag am geringsten und daher *P. tuberculatus* am wenigsten eingeschränkt. Die weitgehend ungestörten Lössboden-Standorte auf Hangschultern entsprechen damit offenbar annähernd jenen Lebensansprüchen, die *P. tuberculatus* am Grunde von Trockentälchen des Lössgürtels (Höser 2021) gewährt werden. Die Konzentration von *P. tuberculatus* auf Hangschultern im Lössgebiet ist offenbar ein charakteristisches Phänomen. Höser (2016) fand eine solche Konzentration erstmals bei einer Exkursion im siebenbürgischen Kokel-Hochland (22.06. 1994, >6 ad. Individuen/0,25 m<sup>2</sup>, Hangplateau der Fâneata Îngustă bei Betfalva/ Betești). Das Fehlen des *P. tuberculatus* bei reduziertem Al/Bt-Übergang des Bodenprofils, so auf Kuppen am nördlichen Rand der Lössrandstufe (z.B. auf dem Sandberg bei Pähnitz), weist auf seine Abhängigkeit von der Lessivierung im Boden hin. Die von der Norm abweichende geringere Bodentiefe (7–21 cm), in der die Art auf der Hangschulter des Kulminationssattels Saara vorkommt, beruht wohl auf stärkerer Profilkappung an diesem Standort,

bedingt durch etwas größeren Oberflächenabfluss aus relativ größerem Niederschlags-Einzugsgebiet.

### Die Lessivierung, die Nahrungsbewegungen im Boden und die ökologische Nische des *P. tuberculatus*

Das Auftreten von *P. tuberculatus* ausschließlich im lessivierten mineralischen Boden, insbesondere im Übergang Al/Bt des Parabraunerde-Profiles, dort schwerpunktartig in 22–28 cm Tiefe, legt nahe, dass er sich nicht wie *Ap. rosea* durch den Mineralboden frisst (Bolton & Phillipson 1976), sondern den durch Lessivierung vorgefertigten Leitbahnen der eingeschlammten Lessivate folgt. Die Lessivierung füllt in der Parabraunerde die wegsamen Gefügeteile, die Leitbahnen, mit Schlammstoffen von Braunlehmcharakter auf (Fließplasma: Kubiena 1986). Diese Leitbahnen, die maximale Durchmesser von etwa 0,5 bis 3 mm erreichen (Kubiena 1986), bieten anscheinend dem endogäischen *P. tuberculatus* Vorteile, so bei seiner Bewegung im Solum und bei der Nahrungsaufnahme. Wahrscheinlich sind diese Leitbahnen, die einen Teil des Flusses organischer und mineralischer Feinpartikel führen, wesentliche Orte für *P. tuberculatus* im humusarmen Bodenprofil, um Nahrung aus Lessivaten aufzunehmen. So ist zu erwarten, dass er seine Nahrung überwiegend aus Pluviolessivaten bezieht, die aus Wurzelexsuden, Mikroorganismen, kleinsten organischen Partikeln und aus mineralischer Bodensubstanz bestehen. Möglicherweise tragen andere endogäische Arten, z.B. *Ap. caliginosa*

und *Ap. rosea*, mit einem Anteil konditionierter Partikel aus ihren Exkrementen (Lowe & Butt 2003, Felten & Emmerling 2009) zum Nahrungsfluss für *P. tuberculatus* (und *O. cyaneum*) bei, so dass sich im Mineralbodenprofil die ökologischen Nischen dieser Arten überlagern (Bouché 1987).

Dabei besetzt *P. tuberculatus* eine von Nahrungsbewegungen (Bouché 1987) bestimmte, eigenständige ökologische Nische im Mineralboden, die eng mit denen seiner treuesten Begleiter *Ap. caliginosa* und *Ap. rosea* zusammenhängt (Tab. 2). So gehören diese Arten unterschiedlicher endogäischer Kategorien einem Kontinuum im isotopischen Nischenraum verschiedener ökologischer Gruppen an (Hsu *et al.* 2023). Im Fall der hier untersuchten Lössboden-Profile reicht dieses ernährungsstrategisch basierte Kontinuum von Arten, die sich von Laubstreu ernähren, bis hin zu Arten, die vorwiegend Mineralboden oder Pluviolessivate aufnehmen. *Ap. caliginosa*, nach Lavelle (1988) eine „polyhumose“ endogäische Art, frisst tote Feinwurzeln und mikrobiell besiedelte und vorzeretzte organische Substanz (Waters 1955, Barley 1959, Bouché & Kretzschmar 1974), *Ap. rosea* nimmt große Mengen Mineralboden auf und wählt dabei organisches Material vor anorganischem (Bolton & Phillipson 1976). In diesen Bodenprofilen sind Pluviolessivate, die konditionierte Exkremente beider Arten enthalten, ein geeignetes Mittel, um Nahrung vom Oberboden in die humusarme Bodentiefe zu bewegen, die von den extremen „Oligohumosen“ wie *P. tuberculatus* und *O. cyaneum* besetzt ist. Die Art *O. cyaneum*, die sich vorwiegend von Mineralboden ernährt (Neilson & Boag 2003, Curry & Schmidt 2006), tritt regelmäßig stark im Pejrus der Mineralboden-Umwelt des *P. tuberculatus* auf.

Den Nahrungspräferenzen entsprechend (Lavelle 1988) zeigt sich als charakteristische vertikale Arten-Verteilung im Lössboden-Profil, dass die anscheinend „polyhumose“ *Ap. caliginosa*, die höheren organischen Gehalt im Boden bevorzugt, vor allem im obersten Mineralboden (A-Horizont) vorkommt, während die „oligohumosen“ Arten (*O. cyaneum*, *P. tuberculatus*) in tieferen Hori-

zonten leben, die arm an organischer Substanz sind.

In den Tab. 1 und 2 deutet sich an, dass relativ hohe Sickerwasserrate und Bodenfeuchte in der Parabraunerde der fast ebenen Kuppen die Population des *P. tuberculatus* stimulieren (max. 47 Ind./0,25 m<sup>2</sup>), jedoch wahrscheinlich den Bestand von *Ap. caliginosa* beschränken, indem diese Faktoren die Feinwurzeln reduzieren, die Nahrungsquelle für die letztgenannte Art sind. Denn die Wurzelichte verhält sich umgekehrt proportional zur Bodenfeuchte (Könekamp & Zimmer 1955). Das widerspiegelt sich in der verminderten Individuendichte von *Ap. caliginosa* (max. 17 Ind./ 0,25 m<sup>2</sup>) am standörtlichen Optimum des *P. tuberculatus* und weist auf die unterschiedliche Ernährungsstrategie der beiden Arten hin.

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## Oribatid mites of Madagascar (Acari: Oribatida)

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„Dedicated to our family members from whom we inherited our restless blood, who had been living with Indians, sailing and possibly even been pirating in the Far East in earlier centuries, or searching the new and the unknown at home, may it be the world exhibition in Paris or a furniture factory in Budapest. But above all, we dedicate our book to Count Móricz Benyovszky, who was probably the first Hungarian to reach Madagascar, became the ruler and master of it, and worked for this land and people.” (Sándor Mahunka)

**Abstract.** Around 350 Oribatid mite species are listed from Madagascar, with their synonyms and distribution data. New records are provided for 29 species from which three species are new to the fauna of Madagascar: *Acrotrititia reticulata* (Mahunka, 1988), *Malaconothrus (Malaconothrus) cf. monodactylus* (Michael, 1888) and *Parasuctobelba subcomplexa* (Balogh & Mahunka, 1968). *Notophthiracarus puylaerti* Niedbala, 2001 is excluded from the fauna of Madagascar due to erroneous citation.

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### INTRODUCTION

Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world and at the same time it is one of the 35 biodiversity hotspots of the world (Myers *et al.* 2000). Its species richness and the high level of endemism is a result of the islands biogeographical history (Vences *et al.* 2009). Acarological interest turned to Madagascar dominantly concerning parasitic and commensal mites of vertebrates (for details see O'Connor 2003). However, the first oribatid mites from the island have been described by János Balogh very early, in the 60's (Balogh 1960, 1962). His disciple, the also world renown specialist, Sándor Mahunka continued the study of Malagasy oribatid fauna (*e.g.* Mahunka, 1983a, 1993a, 1994 *etc.*).

Based on large collecting activities [*e.g.* by Tamás Pócs (bryologist) and Csaba Csuzdi (earth-

worm specialist) from the Hungarian Natural History Museum, and researchers of the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle Geneva, Switzerland (Dr. B. Hauser and Dr. C. Lienhard)], the study of Madagascar's Oribatida fauna considerably accelerated from the 80's but mostly from 90's. As the number of oribatid species described or recorded grew higher and higher (outlined in Mahunka 2001), the first survey of Oribatid mites of Madagascar was written in 2002 (Mahunka 2002b). In that paper he gave a species list of all known species, completed with literature references. Mahunka's aim at that time was to give a good survey and basis for future research focusing on the group.

During the following decade taxonomic work on Malagasy Oribatida became more and more intensive (see papers of Mahunka, Fernandez, Ermilov, Niedbala) so Mahunka intended to write

a comprehensive monograph (as already proposed e.g. in Mahunka 2009b, 2010a, Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011). Sadly, preparation of this monograph was demolished by the death of Luise Mahunka-Papp in 2011 and Sándor Mahunka in 2012. Originally it should have been published as a new volume of the *Pedozoologica Hungarica* series. By the end of 2012 the colophon, table of contents, species list and list of localities (as the Material and Methods chapter) has already been written as a cooperation of the couple. After their death, we did not want this huge work to remain unpublished. Based on the notes originally written by Sándor Mahunka and Luise Mahunka-Papp here we present a shorter monograph than originally intended. Such a really deep, comprehensive monograph which resembles Mahunka's first intention was published in 2017 by Niedbała (dedicated to Sándor Mahunka), but not on the whole order Oribatida, "just" on ptyctimous mites (Niedbała 2017).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

From personal communication with Sándor Mahunka and Luise Mahunka-Papp and from their notes which were left behind we know that they wanted to publish not only an up-to-date species list including synonyms and literature references but they wanted to supply it with illustrated redescriptions and distribution data for all species. As such a work is beyond our abilities, we decided to represent a slightly re-edited version, with only an updated species list supplied with synonym lists and distribution data.

Classification is based on the world catalogue by Subías (2004–2022). Although some authors do not exclusively follow Subías' classification, here we follow him because his world catalogue is the mainstay for acarologists dealing with Oribatida in the world. The only exceptions are ptyctimous mites, where we follow Niedbała (Niedbała 2017). Synonym lists contain the descriptive paper and all citations from Madagascar in timeline. We list them without critics or any taxonomic action, just willing to sum all information. In

case the last Madagascan citation uses an old version of the name we end the synonym list with the current name used by Subías (with the year where it was first mentioned in the current form).

Distribution data are given on large scale, also based on Subías (2004–2022) supplied with other literature data only if needed. The list of localities is limited to Madagascar and it contains all locality data supplied with literature references where they were published (in the form as they were published, *i.e.* we did not introduce uniformed names).

For some species we found non-published material in the Soil Zoology Collections of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, too, all identified by Sándor Mahunka. These data are represented here as new records.

## List of Oribatid mites of Madagascar

### PALAEOSOMATA Grandjean, 1969

#### CTENACARIDAE Grandjean, 1954

##### *Beklemishevia* Zachvatkin, 1945

##### *Beklemishevia demeteri* Mahunka, 1984

*Beklemishevia demeteri* Mahunka, 1984: 88, figs. 1A–G.

*Beklemishevia cf. demeteri*: Mahunka 1997a: 120.

*Beklemishevia cf. demeteri*: Mahunka 2002b: 6.

*Beklemishevia cf. demeteri*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Distribution.* Ethiopian region.

*Localities in Madagascar.* 53 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a); Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

#### APHELACARIDAE Grandjean, 1954

##### *Aphelacarus* Grandjean, 1932

##### *Aphelacarus acarinus* (Berlese, 1910)

*Parhypochthonius acarinus* Berlese, 1910a: 219, pl. 19: 42.

*Aphelacarinus acarinus*: Grandjean 1954: 226, figs 11–17.

*Aphelacarus acarinus*: Mahunka 1994: 48.

*Aphelacarus acarinus*: Mahunka 1997a: 117.

*Aphelacarus acarinus*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan (Holarctis, Ethiopis & Nearctis).

*Locality in Madagascar*. 53 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a).

### **HYPOCHTHONIOIDEA Berlese, 1910**

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##### ***Eohypochthonius (Eohypochthonius)* Jacot, 1938**

##### ***Eohypochthonius (Eohypochthonius) robustus* Mahunka, 2011**

*Eohypochthonius robustus* Mahunka, 2011b: 44, figs 1a–d.

*Eohypochthonius (Eohypochthonius) robustus*: Subías 2021: 21.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region (Madagascar and Mozambique).

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ranomafana (Mahunka 2011b).

*New records*. Prov. Antsiranana [formerly Diego Suarez] Sub-Pref Antsiranana: National Park "Montagne Amber" (= Ambohitra), drive to the "Petit Lac" primary forest soil sampling in the angles by the foothills of a large dead tree. 1090 m, 24.11.1989, leg. B. Hauser (Mad-89/19), Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29.07.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

##### ***Malacoangelia* Berlese, 1913**

##### ***Malacoangelia remigera* Berlese, 1913**

*Malacoangelia remigera* Berlese, 1913: 101, pl. 7: 86, pl. 8: 88.

*Malacoangelia remigera*: Mahunka 1997a: 121, fig.4.

*Malacoangelia remigera*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.

*Distribution*. Pantropical and subtropical.  
*Locality in Madagascar*. Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

### **ENIOCHTHONIIDAE Grandjean, 1947**

#### ***Hypochthoniella* Berlese, 1910**

##### ***Hypochthoniella sumatrana* Mahunka, 1989**

*Hypochthoniella sumatrana* Mahunka, 1989: 675, figs 1–4.

*Hypochthoniella sumatrana*: Mahunka 1993: 290.

*Hypochthoniella sumatrana*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.

*Eniochthonius sumatranus*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Hypochthoniella sumatrana*: Subías 2022: 32.

*Distribution*. Oriental and Malgache region.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1993); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

*New records*. Ambohitantely Forest Reserve E of Manonkazo village (Ankasabz town). Relic xerophyllous (dry evergreen) plateau forest at 1500–1530 m alt. 18°09'23"S, 47°7'02"E. 05–06.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9444) (Afr 857). Toamasina Province. Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park and the Antananarivo Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Afr-923) [2 vials from the same locality, with the same labels]; (Prov. Tamatave), Sub-pref. Moramanga): Analamazoatra Special Reserve (formerly Perinet) near Andasibe, primary forest, soil sample from the foot of a *Ravensara* sp. tree (Lauraceae), 1020 m, extracted with Berlese funnel, 21.11. 1989, leg. B. Hauser (Mad-89/3).

### **LOHMANNIIDAE Berlese, 1916**

#### ***Dendracarus* Balogh, 1961**

##### ***Dendracarus pulchellus* Balogh, 1960**

*Dendracarus pulchellus* Balogh, 1960: 16, figs 13–14.

*Dendracarus pulchellus*: Balogh 1961: 30, figs 35–36.  
*Dendracarus pulchellus*: Balogh & Balogh 1987: 346, pl. 34: A–B.  
*Dendracarus pulchellus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Dendracarus pulchellus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 74, pl. 128: 9–10.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1960).

### ***Javacarus* Balogh, 1961**

#### ***Javacarus porosus* Hammer, 1979**

*Javacarus porosus* Hammer, 1979: 9, fig. 8.  
*Javacarus porosus*: Mahunka 1993: 291, figs 1–4.  
*Javacarus porosus*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.  
*Javacarus porosus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Distribution*. Pantropical except Australia.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993, Mahunka 1997a).

### ***Meristacarus* Grandjean, 1934**

#### ***Meristacarus madagascarensis* Balogh, 1961**

*Meristacarus madagascarensis* Balogh, 1961: 28, figs 23–24.  
*Meristacarus madagascarensis*: Balogh 1962a: 122, figs 1–3.  
*Meristacarus madagascarensis madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 1987: 340, pl. 23: B.  
*Meristacarus madagascarensis*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.  
*Meristacarus madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Meristacarus madagascarensis madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 69, pl. 122: 2.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region (Madagascar) and Oriental region (Thailand and Vietnam).

*Localities in Madagascar*. Nosy Be, Pointe a la Fievre (Balogh 1962a); Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

### ***Paulianacarus* (*Millotacarus*) Balogh, 1961**

#### ***Paulianacarus* (*Millotacarus*) *granulatus* (Balogh, 1960)**

*Millotacarus granulatus* Balogh, 1960: 12, figs 10–12.  
*Millotacarus granulatus*: Balogh 1961a: 29, figs 31–32.  
*Millotacarus granulatus*: Balogh & Balogh 1987: 344, pl. 31, figs A–B.  
*Millotacarus granulatus*: Coetzee 2001: 65.  
*Millotacarus granulatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Millotacarus granulatus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 72, pl. 126, fig. 7.  
*Paulianacarus* (*Millotacarus*) *granulatus*: Subías 2004: 41.

*Distribution*. Madagascar and India (Andhra Pradesh).

*Locality in Madagascar*. Maroansetra, Ambo-divoangy (Balogh 1960).

### ***Paulianacarus* (*Paulianacarus*) Balogh, 1961**

#### ***Paulianacarus* (*Paulianacarus*) *laevis* Balogh, 1960**

*Paulianacarus laevis* Balogh, 1960: 10, figs 3–4.  
*Paulianacarus levis* (sic!): Balogh 1961: 29, figs 25–26.  
*Paulianacarus levis* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 1987: 344, pl. 31: C.  
*Paulianacarus laevis*: Coetzee 2001: 64.  
*Paulianacarus laevis*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Paulianacarus levis* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 72, pl. 127: 5.  
*Paulianacarus laevis*: Subías 2004: 40.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ankaratra, Man jakatomso (Balogh 1960).

#### ***Paulianacarus* (*Paulianacarus*) *nodosus* Balogh, 1961**

*Paulianacarus nodosus* Balogh, 1960: 10, figs 5–7.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Balogh 1961: 29, figs 27–28.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Balogh & Balogh 1987: 344, pl. 30: B–C.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Coetzee 2001: 64.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 72, pl. 127: 3–4.  
*Paulianacarus nodosus*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Maroantsetra, Am-bodivoangy (Balogh 1960); Andasibe (Perinet) (Mahunka 2011b).

*New record.* Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rain-forest on the W slope at 1-300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859)

***Paulianacarus (Paulianacarus) rugosus***  
Balogh, 1960

*Paulianacarus rugosus* Balogh, 1960: 12, figs 8–9.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Balogh 1961: 29, figs 29–30.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Balogh & Balogh 1987: 344, pl. 29: D.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Coetzee 2001: 64.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Paulianacarus rugosus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 72, pl. 127: 2.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Italaviana, Fano-vana (Balogh 1960); Analamazoatra Special Reserve, Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a).

*New record.* Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

**MESOPLOPHORIDAE Ewing, 1917**

***Archoplophora* Hammen, 1959**

***Archoplophora rostralis* (Willmann, 1930)**

*Phthiracarulus rostralis* Willmann, 1930: 245, figs 8–9.  
*Archoplophora rostralis*: Niedbala 2017: 13, fig. 4.

*Distribution.* Semicosmopolitan.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ankarafantsika National Park (Niedbala 2017)

***Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) Berlese, 1904***

***Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) Africana***  
Balogh, 1958

*Mesoplophora africana* Balogh, 1958: 32.

*Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) africana*: Niedbala 2017: 13, fig. 5.

*Distribution.* Afrotropical, central and eastern parts (Niedbala 2017).

*Localities in Madagascar.* Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Zombitse National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) invisitata***  
Niedbala, 1983

*Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) invisitata* Niedbala, 1983b: 647, figs 1–11.

*Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) invisitata*: Niedbala 2017: 16, fig. 6.

*Distribution.* Pantropical, Oriental and Afrotropical Regions (Niedbala 2017).

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ankarafantsika National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) similis***  
Mahunka, 2011

*Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) similis* Mahunka, 2011b: 46, figs 2a–d.

*Mesoplophora (Mesoplophora) similis*: Niedbala 2017: 16, fig. 7.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 2011b).

***Mesoplophora (Parplophora) Niedbala, 1985***

***Mesoplophora (Parplophora) madegassica***  
Mahunka, 2009

*Mesoplophora (Parplophora) madegassica* Mahunka, 2009c: 340, figs 1–4.

*Mesoplophora (Parplophora) madegassica*: Niedbala 2017: 19, fig. 9.

*Mesoplophora (Parplophora) madegassica*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 442.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

**PROTOPLOPHOROIDEA Ewing, 1917**

**COSMOCHTHONIIDAE Grandjean, 1947**

***Cosmochthonius (Cosmochthonius) Berlese, 1910***

***Cosmochthonius (Cosmochthonius) margaritatus* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011**

*Cosmochthonius margaritatus* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 126, figs 1a–f.

*Cosmochthonius (Cosmochthonius) margaritatus*: Subías 2014: 27.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* On the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

***Cosmochthonius (Cosmochthonius) semiareolatus* Hammer, 1966**

*Cosmochthonius semiareolatus* Hammer, 1966: 14, pl. 3, fig. 12.

*Cosmochthonius (Cosmochthonius) semiareolatus*: Subías 2004: 33.

*Cosmochthonius semiareolatus*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011: 128, figs 2a–d.

*Distribution.* New Zealand, Madagascar and Argentina.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011). However, this locality data may be doubtful. For details see the *Remarks*.

*Remarks.* During collection research we found the label in the vial referring to a different locality than the published: Toamasina Province, Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park and the Antananarivo Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.

1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Afr-923). Even in the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka this locality is connected to the species.

**SPHAEROCHTHONIIDAE Grandjean, 1947**

***Sphaerochthonius* Berlese, 1910**

***Sphaerochthonius variesetosus* Mahunka, 1997**

*Sphaerochthonius variesetosus* Mahunka, 1997a: 121, figs 1–4.

*Sphaerochthonius variosetosus* (sic!): Mahunka 2002b: 7.

*Sphaerochthonius variesetosus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 53, pl. 103, fig. 11.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

*New record.* Toamasina Province. Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park and the Antananarivo Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Af-923).

**PROTOPLOPHORIDAE Ewing, 1917**

***Bursoplophora* Subías & Pérez-Iñigo, 1978**

***Bursoplophora madagassica* Mahunka, 1994**

*Bursoplophora madagassica* Mahunka, 1994: 49, figs 1–7.

*Bursoplophora madagassica*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.

*Bursoplophora madagassica*: Niedbała 2004b: 820, figs 7. D–J.

*Bursoplophora madagassica*: Niedbała 2017: 10, fig. 2.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary, 53 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1994).

**Prototritia Berlese, 1916**

***Prototritia armadillo* (Berlese, 1916)**

*Arthrhoplophora* (*Prototritia*) *armadillo* Berlese, 1916: 66.

*Prototritia armadillo*: Niedbała 2017: 11, fig. 3.

*Distribution*. Africa, eastern part.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbała 2017).

**EPILOHMANNIOIDEA Oudemans, 1923**

**EPILOHMANNIIDAE Oudemans, 1923**

***Epilohmannia* (*Epilohmannia*) Berlese, 1916**

***Epilohmannia* (*Epilohmannia*) *insignipes*  
Balogh, 1962**

*Epilohmannia insignipes* Balogh, 1962a: 123, figs 4–6.

*Epilohmannia insignipes*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Epilohmannia insignipes*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 56, pl. 106, figs 3–4.

*Epilohmannia insignipes*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Epilohmannia insignipes*: Subías 2017: 50.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region (Guinea Ecua-torial: Isl. Bioko [Fernando Poo] and Kenya).

*Localities in Madagascar*: Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

***Epilohmannia* (*Epilohmannia*) *minuta*  
Berlese, 1920**

*Epilohmannia minuta* Berlese, 1920: 149.

*Epilohmannia pallida*: Mahunka 2009c: 338.

*Epilohmannia* (*Epilohmannia*) *minuta*: Subías 2017: 50.

*Epilohmannia minuta*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 442.

*Distribution*. Tropical (Ethiopian, Oriental: India and Thailand, and Neotropical) central and eastern U.S.A.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

**EUPHTHRACAROIDEA JACOT, 1930**

**EUPHTHRACARIDAE JACOT, 1930**

***Acrotrititia* Jacot, 1923**

***Acrotrititia ardua* (C. L. Koch, 1841)**

*Hoplophora ardua* C. L. Koch, 1841: 32, 15.

*Rhysotrititia ardua*: Niedbała 2001: 87.

*Rhysotrititia ardua*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Rhysotrititia ardua*: Niedbała 2004a: 334.

*Acrotrititia ardua*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 588.

*Acrotrititia ardua*: Niedbała 2017: 44, fig. 27.

*Distribution*. Cosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Befingotra (Niedbała 2001); Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais, North of Manankazo village, Ranomafana National Park, Zombitse National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Acrotrititia divida* (Mahunka, 1991)**

*Rhysotrititia divida* Mahunka, 1991: 344, figs 51–55.

*Acrotrititia divida*: Niedbała 2017: 48, fig. 28.

*Distribution*. Pantropical (eastern part) (Niedbała 2017).

*Locality in Madagascar*: Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Acrotrititia granulata* (Mahunka, 1999)**

*Rhysotrititia granulata* Mahunka, 1999b: 81, figs 18–20.

*Rhysotrititia granulata*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Rhysotrititia granulata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 46.

*Rhysotrititia granulata*: Niedbała 2004a: 334.

*Acrotrititia granulata*: Niedbała 2017: 48: fig. 34D.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: between Ambatolona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała 2017).

***Acrotrititia paraardua* Niedbała & Starý, 2015**

*Acrotritia paraardua* Niedbala & Starý, 2015c: 1692, fig. 2.

*Acrotritia paraardua*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Acrotritia paraardua*: Niedbala 2017: 48, fig. 29.

*Acrotritia paraardua*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 442.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala & Starý 2015c, Niedbala 2017); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Acrotritia paradikra*** Niedbala & Starý, 2015

*Acrotritia paradikra* Niedbala & Starý, 2015c: 1695, fig. 3.

*Acrotritia paradikra*: Niedbala 2017: 51, fig. 30.

*Distribution*. Madagascar, Brasil and Mexico.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Ankarafantsika National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2015c); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Acrotritia refracta*** (Niedbala, 1998)

*Rhysotritia refracta* Niedbala, 1998b: 479, figs 155–159.

*Acrotritia refracta*: Niedbala 2017: 51, fig. 31.

*Distribution*. Pantropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Andasibe National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Acrotritia reticulata*** (Mahunka, 1988)

*Rhysotritia reticulata* Mahunka, 1988a: 358, figs 32–34.

*Acrotritia reticulata*: Subías 2004: 46.

*Distribution*. Tanzania, Canada, Argentina.

*New record*. National Park Montagne d'Ambre, Lac Maudit, leg. R. Schabetsberger.

*Remarks*. This species is new to the fauna of Madagascar.

***Acrotritia rustica*** (Niedbala, 1991)

*Rhysotritia rustica* Niedbala, 1991: 34, figs 8–14.

*Rhysotritia rustica*: Niedbala 2001: 88.

*Rhysotritia rustica*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Rhysotritia rustica*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.

*Acrotritia rustica*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Acrotritia rustica*: Niedbala 2017: 51, fig. 32.

*Acrotritia rustica*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Pantropical (Australian: Australia and New Guinea) and Holarctic: Southern Palearctic (Turkey and Eastern Palearctic) and South-eastern U.S.A.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

***Acrotritia spiculifera*** (Mahunka, 1991)

*Rhysotritia clavata spiculifera* Mahunka, 1991: 344, figs 43–50.

*Rhysotritia spiculifera*: Mahunka 1999b: 81.

*Rhysotritia spiculifera*: Niedbala 2001: 88.

*Rhysotritia spiculifera*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Rhysotritia spiculifera*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.

*Acrotritia spiculifera*: Niedbala 2017: 55, fig. 33.

*Distribution*. Pantropical (except Neotropical) and subtropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Between Ambatolona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Andasibe National Park, Beforona commune Ambatondralanga (Niedbala 2017).

***Acrotritia vestita*** (Berlese, 1913)

*Hoplogruber vestita* Berlese, 1913: 103, figs: 8: 103, 130a.



*Rhysotritia anchistea*: Niedbala 1998a: 468, figs 112–116.

*Rhysotritia cf. anchistea*: Mahunka 1999b: 78.

*Rhysotritia cf. anchistea*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Rhysotritia comteae* Mahunka, 1983: 273, figs 4–7.

*Rhysotritia comteae*: Niedbala 2001: 87.

*Rhysotritia comtae* (sic!): Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Rhysotritia comteae*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.

*Acrotritia comteae*: Niedbala 2008: 3.

*Acrotritia vestita*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Acarotritia vestita*: Niedbala 2017: 55, fig. 34.

**Distribution.** Pantropical (frequent), Eastern Palearctic and Eastern Canada.

**Localities in Madagascar.** Between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b *Rhysotritia cf. anchistea*); Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001, Niedbala 2008 *Rhysotritia comteae*); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a *Acrotritia vestita*); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune Ambatondralanga, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d’Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017 *Acrotritia vestita*).

**New record.** National Park Montagne d’Ambre, Lac Maudit, leg. R. Schabetsberger.

### ***Bukitritia* Mahunka, 1990**

***Bukitritia timah* Mahunka, 1990**

*Bukitritia timah* Mahunka, 1990a: 69, figs 14–21.

*Bukitritia timah*: Mahunka 1999b: 73.

*Bukitritia timah*: Niedbala 2001: 89.

*Bukitritia timah*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Bukitritia timah*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.

*Bukitritia timah*: Niedbala 2017: 58, fig. 35.

**Distribution.** Malaysia and Madagascar.

**Locality in Madagascar.** between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b).

### ***Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) Ewing, 1917***

***Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) duplex*  
Niedbala & Starý, 2014**

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) duplex* Niedbala & Starý, 2014c: 486, figs 1A–G.

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) duplex*: Niedbala 2017: 41, fig. 23.

**Distribution.** Endemic to Madagascar.

**Locality in Madagascar.** Beforona commune, Vohidrazana (Niedbala & Starý 2014c, Niedbala 2017).

### ***Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) incredibilis* (Mahunka, 1999)**

*Niedbalaia incredibilis* Mahunka, 1999b: 77, figs 12–17.

*Euphthiracarus incredibilis*: Niedbala 2001: 86, figs 656–658.

*Niedbalaia incredibilis*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Niedbalaia incredibilis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 45.

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) incredibilis*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) incredibilis*: Niedbala 2017: 41, fig. 24.

**Distribution.** Endemic to Madagascar.

**Locality in Madagascar.** between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b).

### ***Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) netron* Niedbala & Starý, 2014**

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) netron* Niedbala & Starý, 2014c: 486, figs 2A–E.

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) netron*: Niedbala 2017: 44, fig. 25.

**Distribution.** Endemic to Madagascar.

**Locality in Madagascar.** Ranomafana National Park, Vatoharanana (Niedbala & Starý 2014c, Niedbala 2017).

### ***Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) paranetron* Niedbala & Starý, 2016**

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) paranetron* Niedbala & Starý, 2016b: 486, fig. 2.

*Euphthiracarus (Euphthiracarus) paranetron*: Niedbala 2017: 44, fig. 26.

*Euphthiracarus paranetron*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

**Distribution.** Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016b, Niedbala 2017).

***Microtritia* Märkel, 1964**

***Microtritia hauseri* Mahunka, 1993**

*Microtritia hauseri* Mahunka, 1993a: 293, figs 11–14.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Niedbala 1998a: 67, figs 146–148.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Mahunka 1999b: 73.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Niedbala 2001: 89.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 46, pl. 96, figs 4–6.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.  
*Microtritia hauseri*: Niedbala 2017: 58, fig. 36.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Analamazoatra Special Reserve before Andasibe (Mahunka 1993a, Niedbala 1998a); between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park, Ambatondralanga, Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Beforona commune (Niedbala 2017).

*New record.* Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W slope at 1–300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859).

***Microtritia striatissima* Mahunka, 1999**

*Microtritia striatissima* Mahunka, 1999b: 74, figs 8–11.  
*Microtritia striatissima*: Niedbala 2001: 89, figs 660–661.  
*Microtritia striatissima*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.  
*Microtritia striatissima*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 45.  
*Microtritia striatissima*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Microtritia striatissima*: Niedbala 2017: 61, fig. 37.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Beforona commune, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Microtritia tropica* Märkel, 1964**

*Microtritia tropica* Märkel, 1964: 49, fig. 11a–c.  
*Microtritia tropica*: Niedbala 2008: 3.  
*Microtritia tropica*: Mahunka 2009c: 338.  
*Microtritia tropica*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Microtritia tropica*: Niedbala 2017: 61, fig. 38.  
*Microtritia tropica*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Pantropical and Japan.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2008); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, North of Manankazo village, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

**ORIBOTRITIIDAE Grandjean, 1954**

***Indotritia (Indotritia) Jacot, 1929***

***Indotritia (Indotritia) javensis* (Sellnick, 1923)**

*Tritia javensis* Sellnick, 1923: 14, figs 3, 14, 26.  
*Indotritia (Indotritia) javensis*: Subías: 2004: 43.  
*Indotritia javensis*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 588.  
*Indotritia javensis*: Niedbala 2017: 35, fig. 19.

*Distribution.* Pantropical species introduced to southern and eastern parts of Palaearctic (Niedbala 2017).

*Localities in Madagascar.* Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Indotritia (Indotritia) paulyi* Niedbala, 1998**

*Indotritia (Indotritia) paulyi* Niedbala, 1998a: 41, figs 52–57.  
*Indotritia paulyi*: Mahunka 1999b: 69.  
*Indotritia (Indotritia) paulyi*: Niedbala 2001: 85.

*Indotritia paulyi*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Indotritia paulyi*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 44, pl. 91, figs 7–9.  
*Indotritia (Indotritia) paulyi*: Niedbała 2004a: 334.  
*Indotritia (Indotritia) paulyi*: Niedbała 2017: 38, fig. 21.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Foulpointe (Niedbała 1998a); between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Befingotra, Fianarantsoa (Niedbała 2001); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Indotritia (Indotritia) tripartita* Niedbała, 1998**

*Indotritia (Indotritia) tripartita* Niedbała, 1998: 44, figs 58–63.  
*Indotritia (Indotritia) tripartita*: Niedbała 2017: 38, fig. 22.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) Jacot, 1924***

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) breviseta*  
Niedbała & Starý, 2015**

*Oribotritia breviseta* Niedbała & Starý, 2015c: 1690, fig. 1.  
*Oribotritia breviseta*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 588.  
*Oribotritia breviseta*: Niedbała 2017: 22, fig. 10.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) breviseta*: Subías 2020: 51.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2015c); Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbała 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) mahunkai*  
Niedbała & Starý, 2013**

*Oribotritia mahunkai* Niedbała & Starý, 2013: 338, figs 1A–F.  
*Oribotritia mahunkai*: Niedbała 2017: 24, fig. 11.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) mahunkai*: Subías 2020: 52.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała & Starý 2013, Niedbała 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais, North of Manankazo village, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) paraspinosa*  
Mahunka, 1999**

*Oribotritia paraspinosa* Mahunka, 1999b: 70, figs 1–5.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Niedbała 2001: 82, figs 646–650.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Niedbała 2004a: 334.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Niedbała 2008: 3.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 588.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Niedbała 2017: 24, fig. 12.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) paraspinosa*: Subías 2020: 52.  
*Oribotritia paraspinosa*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 442.

*Distribution*. Eastern islands of the Afrotropical Region (Niedbała 2017).

*Localities in Madagascar*. Between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Befingotra, Fianarantsoa (Niedbała 2001); Fianarantsoa, 28 km SSW Ambositra, (Niedbała 2008); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Beforona commune, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) perpusilla* Niedbała & Starý, 2016**

*Oribotritia perpusilla* Niedbała & Starý, 2016b: 486, fig. 1.

*Oribotritia perpusilla*: Niedbala 2017: 24, fig. 13.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) perpusilla*: Subías 2020: 52.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016b, Niedbala 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) spinosa***  
(Mahunka, 1988)

*Philotritia spinosa* Mahunka, 1988b: 1098, figs 38–44.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Niedbala 1998a: 23, figs 11–17.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Mahunka 1999b: 73, figs 6–7.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Niedbala 2001: 91.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 42, pl. 86, figs 1–3.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Niedbala 2008: 3.  
*Oribotritia spinosa*: Niedbala 2017: 28, fig. 14.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) spinosa*: Subías 2020: 53.

*Distribution*. Madagascar, Mauritius and Reunion.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Foulpointe, Pont Onibé, Vavateze (Niedbala 1998a); Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park, between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999b); Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2008); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Beforona commune, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) striata*** Mahunka, 2009

*Oribotritia striata* Mahunka, 2009a: 93, figs 6–9.  
*Oribotritia striata*: Niedbala 2017: 28, fig. 15.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) striata*: Subías 2020: 53.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) succincta*** Niedbala, 1998

*Oribotritia succincta* Niedbala, 1998: 25, figs 18–22.  
*Oribotritia succincta*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Oribotritia succincta*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 42, pl. 85, figs 10–12.  
*Oribotritia succincta*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Oribotritia succincta*: Niedbala 2017: 31, fig. 16.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) succincta*: Subías 2020: 53.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Fuolpointe, Vavateze (Niedbala, 1998).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) tiwi*** Mahunka, 1987

*Oribotritia tiwi* Mahunka, 1987: 83, figs 27–30.  
*Oribotritia tiwi*: Niedbala 1998a: 28, figs 23–27.  
*Oribotritia tiwi*: Niedbala 2001: 84.  
*Oribotritia tiwi*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Oribotritia tiwi*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Oribotritia tiwi*: Niedbala 2017: 31, fig. 17.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) tiwi*: Subías 2020: 53.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical, eastern part (Niedbala 2017).

*Localities in Madagascar*: Foulpointe (Niedbala 1998a); Befingotra, Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001).

***Oribotritia (Oribotritia) virgulata*** Niedbala, 2001

*Oribotritia virgulata* Niedbala, 2001: 84, figs 651–655.  
*Oribotritia virgulata*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.  
*Oribotritia virgulata*: Niedbala 2004a: 334.  
*Oribotritia virgulata*: Niedbala 2008: 3.  
*Oribotritia virgulata*: Niedbala 2017: 31, fig. 18.  
*Oribotritia (Oribotritia) virgulata*: Subías 2020: 53.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Befingotra (Niedbala 2001); Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2008); Andasibe National Park, Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala 2017).

**PHTHIRACAROIDEA** Petry, 1841

**PHTHIRACARIDAE** Perty, 1841

***Atropacarus (Atropacarus)*** Ewing, 1917

***Atropacarus (Atropacarus) primus***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2015

*Atropacarus (Atropacarus) primus* Niedbała & Starý, 2015a: 46, figs 32–41.

*Atropacarus (Atropacarus) primus*: Niedbała 2017 169, fig. 115.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2015a, Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Atropacarus) striculus***  
(C. L. Koch, 1836)

*Hoplophora stricula* C. L. Koch, 1836: 2, 10.

*Atropacarus (Atropacarus) striculus*: Niedbała 2017: 169, fig. 116.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) Berlese, 1923***

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) andrei***  
(Balogh, 1958)

*Steganacarus andrei* Balogh, 1958: 33.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) andrei*: Niedbała 2017: 141, fig. 96.

*Distribution*. Pantropical.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) balazsi***  
(Mahunka, 1983)

*Hoplophorella balazsi* Mahunka, 1983a: 99, figs 1–4.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) balazsi*: Niedbała 2001: 58, figs 492–495.

*Hoplophorella balazsi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Kakophthiracarus balazsi*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 22, pl. 35, figs 3–5.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) balazsi*: Niedbała 2004a: 333.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) balazsi*: Niedbała 2017: 144, fig. 97.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Is. Nosy Be, (Mahunka 1983a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) cucullatus***  
(Ewing, 1909)

*Hoplophorella cucullata* Ewing, 1909: 133, fig. 35.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) cucullatus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 590.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) cucullatus*: Niedbała 2017: 144, fig. 98.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ankarafantsika National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) distinctus***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2014

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) distinctus* Niedbała & Starý, 2014b: 75, figs 2A–J.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) distinctus*: Niedbała 2017: 147, fig. 99.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała & Starý 2014b, Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) hamatus***  
(Ewing, 1909)

*Hoplophorella hamatum* Ewing, 1909: 134, fig. 36.

*Hoplophorella hamata*: Mahunka 2009c: 340.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) hamatus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 590.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) hamatus*: Niedbała 2017: 147, fig. 100.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar*. 73 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 2009c); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ankarafantsika National Park, (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) lemurius***  
(Mahunka, 1993)

*Hoplophorella lemuria* Mahunka, 1993a: 293, figs 5–10.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) lemurius*: Niedbała 2001: 61, figs 536–538.

*Hoplophorella lemuria*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Hoplophorella lemuria*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 23, pl. 37, figs 9–10.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) lemurius*: Niedbała 2004a: 333.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) lemurius*: Niedbała 2017: 147, fig. 101A.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1993a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) mahunkai***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2013

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) mahunkai* Niedbała & Starý, 2013: 342, figs 3A–F.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) mahunkai*: Niedbała 2017: 151, figs 101B–G, 102.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) othneios* Niedbała & Starý, 2014b: 78, figs 3A–G, 4A–E.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) othneios*: Niedbała 2017: 151.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2013 *mahunkai*, Niedbała 2017 *mahunkai*), Ambohitantely Special Reserve; Ranomafana National (Niedbała & Starý 2014b *othneios*).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) oblongus***  
Niedbała, 1983

*Hoplophorella oblonga* Niedbała, 1983a: 131, figs 18–32.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) oblongus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 590.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) oblongus*: Niedbała 2017: 154, fig. 107.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical, central and eastern parts.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ankarafantsika National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) paralemurius***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2016

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) paralemurius* Niedbała & Starý, 2016a: 595, figs 3A–K.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) paralemurius*: Niedbała 2017: 159, fig. 108.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) paralemurius*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Montagne d’Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) parastenos***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2016

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) parastenos* Niedbała & Starý, 2016b: 494, fig. 6.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) parastenos* Niedbała 2017: 159, fig. 109.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d’Ambre National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016b, Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) stilifer***  
(Hammer, 1961)

*Steganacarus stilifer* Hammer, 1961: 132, fig. 132.

*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) stilifer*: Niedbała 2017: 162, fig. 111.

*Distribution*. Pantropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) vitrinus***  
(Berlese, 1913)

*Hoplophorella vitrinum* Berlese, 1913: 103, figs 100a–b.

*Hoplophorella vitrina*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.  
*Hoplophorella vitrina*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.  
*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) vitrinus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 590.  
*Atropacarus (Hoplophorella) vitrinus*: Niedbała 2017: 166, figs 113–114.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar* Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 2009c); Manongarivo Special Reserve (Mahunka 2010a); Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a); Andranomena Special Reserve, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais, Zombitse National Park, (Niedbała 2017).

### ***Arphthycarus* Niedbała, 1994**

#### ***Arphthycarus inelegans* (Niedbała, 1986)**

*Hoplophthiracarus inelegans* Niedbała, 1986: 115, figs 1–7.  
*Arphthiracarus inelegans*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Arphthiracarus inelegans*: Niedbała 2017: 85, fig. 54.  
*Arphthiracarus inelegans*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Pantropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017); Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbała 2017).

#### ***Arphthycarus phoxos* Niedbała & Starý, 2016**

*Arphthiracarus phoxos* Niedbała & Starý, 2016: 590, figs 1A–G.  
*Arphthiracarus phoxos*: Niedbała 2017: 88, fig. 56.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017).

#### ***Arphthycarus sculptilis* (Niedbała, 1988)**

*Hoplophthiracarus sculptilis* Niedbała, 1988: 79, figs 1–8.  
*Arphthycarus sculptilis*: Niedbała 2001: 42, figs 313–318.  
*Arphthycarus sculptilis*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Arphthycarus sculptilis*: Niedbała 2004a: 332.  
*Arphthycarus sculptilis*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Arphthycarus sculptilis*: Niedbała 2017: 88, figs 57–58.

*Distribution*. Madagascar, Comoro Islands, Reunion and Cameroon.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Foulpointe (Niedbała 2001); Montagne de Francais (Niedbała & Starý 2016a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Andranomena Special Reserve, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbała 2017).

#### ***Arphthycarus veteratorius* (Niedbała, 1988)**

*Hoplophthiracarus veteratorius* Niedbała, 1988: 81, figs 9–15.  
*Arphthycarus veteratorius*: Niedbała 2017: 92, fig. 60.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical, eastern islands: Madagascar and Comoros.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Beforona commune, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbała 2017).

### ***Hoplophthiracarus* Jacot, 1933**

#### ***Hoplophthiracarus paratryssos* Niedbała & Starý, 2015**

*Hoplophthiracarus paratryssos* Niedbała & Starý, 2015a: 42, figs 9–16.  
*Hoplophthiracarus paratryssos*: Niedbała 2017: 82, fig. 53.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2015a, Niedbała 2017); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała 2017).

### ***Notophthiracarus* Ramsay, 1966**

#### ***Notophthiracarus andasibensis* Niedbała & Starý, 2014**

*Notophthiracarus andasibensis* Niedbała & Starý, 2014a: 80, figs 1A–G.

*Notophthiracarus andasibensis*: Niedbala 2017: 99, fig. 64.

*Notophthiracarus andasibensis*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2014a); Andasibe National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2014a, Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus bicarinatus*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus bicarinatus* Niedbala, 2001: 48, figs 381–387.

*Notophthiracarus bicarinatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus bicarinatus*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus bicarinatus*: Niedbala 2017: 99, fig. 65.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Befingotra (Niedbala 2001).

***Notophthiracarus dispersus***

Niedbala & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus dispersus* Niedbala & Starý, 2015a: 44, figs 25–31.

*Notophthiracarus dispersus*: Niedbala 2017: 102, fig. 68.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Beforona commune (Niedbala & Starý 2015a, Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus echinus*** (Balogh, 1962)

*Hoplophorella echinus* Balogh, 1962a: 146, figs 41–43.

*Notophthiracarus (N.) echinus*: Mahunka 1990b: 204, figs 15–17.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Niedbala 2001: 49, figs 401–404.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 28, pl. 49, figs 11–13.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Notophthiracarus echinus*: Niedbala 2017: 106, fig. 69.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017); Andasibe National Park, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus inusitatus*** Mahunka, 2010

*Notophthiracarus inusitatus* Mahunka, 2010a: 50, figs 5–9.

*Notophthiracarus inusitatus*: Niedbala 2017: 106, figs 70–71.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a); Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus lineatus***

Niedbala & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus lineatus* Niedbala & Starý, 2015b: 64, fig. 1.

*Notophthiracarus lineatus*: Niedbala 2017: 110, fig. 72.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2015b, Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus liratus*** Niedbala & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus liratus* Niedbala & Starý, 2015b: 66, fig. 2.

*Notophthiracarus liratus*: Niedbala 2017: 110, fig. 73.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2015b, Niedbala 2017).



***Notophthiracarus malagasensis***  
(Mahunka, 2010)

*Austrophthiracarus aokii malagasensis* Mahunka, 2010a: 48, figs 1–4.

*Notophthiracarus malagasensis*: Niedbała 2017: 110, figs 74–75.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

*Remarks*. During collection research we found that the label in the vial refers to a different locality than the published one: Antsiranana Prov. Réserve Spéciale de Manongarivo. Tall mesic evergreen forest with huge sandstone cliff and boulders 7.5 km SW of Antanambao village, at the W side of Ambakatra river. At 460–570 m alt. 13°55.5'N, 48°27.3'E, 24.07.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9857) (Afr-918). Even in the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka this locality is connected to the species.

***Notophthiracarus medius***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2016

*Notophthiracarus medius* Niedbała & Starý, 2016b: 491, fig. 5.

*Notophthiracarus medius*: Niedbała 2017: 115, fig. 76.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe–Mantadia National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016b, Niedbała 2017).

***Notophthiracarus micidus***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus micidus* Niedbała & Starý, 2015b: 66, fig. 3.

*Notophthiracarus micidus*: Niedbała 2017: 115, fig. 77.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park, Zombitse National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2015b, Niedbała 2017); Andasibe-Mantadia

National Park, Beforona commune, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Notophthiracarus obliquus***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus obliquus* Niedbała & Starý, 2015b: 68, fig. 4.

*Notophthiracarus obliquus*: Niedbała 2017: 118, fig. 78.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2015b, Niedbała 2017).

***Notophthiracarus pandanensis***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2014

*Notophthiracarus pandanensis* Niedbała & Starý, 2014a: 80, figs 2A–H.

*Notophthiracarus pandanensis*: Niedbała 2017: 118, fig. 79.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbała & Starý 2014a, Niedbała 2017).

***Notophthiracarus parapaulianus***  
Niedbała & Starý, 2016

*Notophthiracarus parapaulianus* Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 592, figs 2A–G.

*Notophthiracarus parapaulianus*: Niedbała 2017: 118, fig. 80.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a, Niedbała 2017).

***Notophthiracarus parasomalicus*** Niedbała, 2001

*Notophthiracarus parasomalicus* Niedbała, 2001: 50, figs 419–424.

*Notophthiracarus parasomalicus*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus parasomalicus*: Niedbała 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus parasomalicus*: Niedbala 2017: 122, fig. 82.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Fianarantsoa, Befingotra (Niedbala 2001); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus parasummersi*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus parasummersi* Niedbala, 2001: 51, figs 425–430.

*Notophthiracarus parasummersi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus parasummersi*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus parasummersi*: Niedbala 2017: 125, fig. 83.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus parilloi*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus parilloi* Niedbala, 2001: 51, figs 432–437.

*Notophthiracarus parilloi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus parilloi*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus parilloi*: Niedbala 2017: 125, fig. 84.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Befingotra (Niedbala 2001); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus paulianus*** (Balogh, 1962)

*Hoplophorella pauliani* Balogh, 1962a: 148, figs 44–45.

*Notophthiracarus (?) paulianus*: Niedbala 2001: 52, figs 405–406.

*Hoplophorella pauliani*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus pauliani*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 28, pl. 50, figs 1–2.

*Notophthiracarus (?) paulianus*: Niedbala 2017: 125, fig. 85.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a).

***Notophthiracarus procerus*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus procerus* Niedbala, 2001: 52, figs 438–443.

*Notophthiracarus procerus*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus procerus*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Notophthiracarus procerus*: Niedbala 2017: 128, fig. 86.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Fianarantsoa, Befingotra (Niedbala 2001).

***Notophthiracarus pseudosomalicus***  
Mahunka, 2010

*Notophthiracarus pseudosomalicus* Mahunka, 2010a: 50, figs 10–17.

*Notophthiracarus pseudosomalicus*: Niedbala 2017: 128, fig. 87.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

***Notophthiracarus quasisimilis***  
Niedbala & Starý, 2015

*Notophthiracarus quasisimilis* Niedbala & Starý, 2015b: 70, fig. 5.

*Notophthiracarus quasisimilis*: Niedbala 2017: 131, fig. 89.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2015b, Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus quasisomalicus***  
Niedbala & Starý, 2014

*Notophthiracarus quasisomalicus* Niedbala & Starý, 2014a: 81, figs 3A–H.

*Notophthiracarus quasisomalicus*: Niedbala 2017: 134, fig. 90.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala & Starý 2014a); Andasibe National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus rafalskii*** Niedbala, 1997

*Notophthiracarus rafalskii* Niedbala, 1997: 87, figs 38–44.

*Notophthiracarus rafalskii*: Niedbala 2001: 53, figs 454–458.

*Notophthiracarus rafalskii*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus rafalskii*: Niedbala 2004a: 333.

*Notophthiracarus rafalskii*: Niedbala 2017: 134, fig. 91.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Foulpointe (Niedbala 1997, Niedbala 2001).

***Notophthiracarus reticularis***  
Niedbala & Starý, 2014

*Notophthiracarus reticularis* Niedbala & Starý, 2014a: 81: Figs 4A–F.

*Notophthiracarus reticularis*: Niedbala 2017 137, fig. 92.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Andasibe National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2014a, Niedbala 2017); Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus similis*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus similis* Niedbala, 2001: 54, figs 465–470.

*Notophthiracarus similis*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus similis*: Niedbala 2004a: 333.

*Notophthiracarus similis*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 590.

*Notophthiracarus similis*: Niedbala 2017: 137, fig. 93.

*Notophthiracarus similis*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Fianarantsoa, Befin-goetra (Niedbala 2001); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016a); Andasibe-

Mantadia National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Beforona commune, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

***Notophthiracarus summersi*** Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus summersi* Niedbala, 2001: 56, figs 471–475.

*Notophthiracarus summersi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus summersi*: Niedbala 2004a: 333.

*Notophthiracarus summersi*: Niedbala 2017: 137, fig. 94.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Fianarantsoa, Befin-goetra (Niedbala 2001).

***Notophthiracarus zebra*** (Balogh, 1962)

*Hoplophorella zebra* Balogh, 1962a: 144 figs 36–40.

*Notophthiracarus zebrus*: Niedbala 2001: 56, figs 477–484.

*Hoplophorella zebra*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus zebra*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 28, pl. 49, figs 8–10.

*Notophthiracarus zebrus*: Niedbala 2004a: 333.

*Notophthiracarus zebra*: Mahunka 2009a: 92, figs 1–5.

*Notophthiracarus zebra*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Notophthiracarus zebrus*: Niedbala 2017: 141, fig. 95.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka, (Balogh 1962a); Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Ranomafana National Park, Reservation Expérimentale de Vohimana (Niedbala 2017).

***Phthiracarus Perty, 1841***

***Phthiracarus anonymus*** Grandjean, 1933

*Phthiracarus anonymus* Grandjean, 1933: 313, figs 3a–b.

*Phthiracarus anonymus*: Niedbala, 2001: 12, figs 1–3.

*Phthiracarus anonymus*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.  
*Phthiracarus anonymus*: Niedbała 2004a: 332.  
*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) anonymus*: Subías 2004: 55.  
*Phthiracarus anonymus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Phthiracarus anonymus*: Niedbała 2017: 64, fig. 39.  
*Phthiracarus anonymus* (sic!): Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Fianarantsoa, (Niedbała 2001); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Border of Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Phthiracarus baloghorum*** (Mahunka, 1997)

*Phthiracarus insularis*: Balogh, 1962a: 149, figs 46–49.  
*Archiphthiracarella bulbifera* Mahunka, 1996a: 18, figs 1–5.  
*Archiphthiracarella insularis*: Mahunka 1996a: 20, figs 6–11.  
*Phthiracarus insularis*: Mahunka 1997a: 117.  
*Archiphthiracarella baloghorum* Mahunka, 1997b: 86.  
*Phthiracarus minor*: Niedbała 2001: 15, figs 33–39.  
*Archiphthiracarella baloghorum*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.  
*Archiphthiracarella bulbifera*: Mahunka 2002b: 7.  
*Phthiracarus minor*: Niedbała 2004a: 332.  
*Phthiracarus baloghorum*: Niedbała 2008: 6.  
*Phthiracarus baloghorum*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Phthiracarus baloghorum*: Niedbała 2017: 64, fig. 40.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. La Mandraka (Balogh 1962a *P. insularis*); Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996a *A. bulbifera*, *A. insularis*); Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a *A. baloghorum*); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a *P. baloghorum*); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a *P. baloghorum*, Niedbała 2017 *P. baloghorum*); Ambohitantely Special Reserve, Andasibe National Park, Andasibe-Mantadia Nati

onal Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Beforona commune, Border of Andasibe National Park, Ranomafana National Park, (Niedbała 2017 *P. baloghorum*).

***Phthiracarus crispus*** Hammer, 1972

*Phthiracarus crispus* Hammer, 1972: 9, fig. 5.  
*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) crispus*: Subías 2004: 55.  
*Phthiracarus crispus*: Niedbała & Starý 2016a: 589.  
*Phthiracarus crispus*: Niedbała 2017: 67, fig. 41.  
*Phthiracarus crispus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Pantropical, eastern part.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała & Starý 2016a); Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Phthiracarus lentulus*** (C. L. Koch, 1841)

*Hoplophora lentula* C. L. Koch, 1841: 32, 16.  
*Phthiracarus (Phthiracarus) lentulus*: Subías 2004: 55.  
*Phthiracarus lentulus*: Niedbała 2017: 67, fig. 42.

*Distribution*. Holarctic, and Afrotropical (Angola, Madagascar).

*Localities in Madagascar*. Border of Andasibe National Park, Ranomafana National Park, Réservation Expérimentale de Vohimana, (Niedbała 2017).

***Phthiracarus ochthus*** Niedbała, 2001

*Phthiracarus ochthus* Niedbała, 2001: 16, figs 46–47.  
*Phthiracarus ochthus*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.  
*Phthiracarus ochthus*: Niedbała 2004a: 332.  
*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) ochthus*: Subías 2004: 55.  
*Phthiracarus ochthus*: Niedbała 2017: 71, fig. 44.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Fianarantsoa, Befingotra (Niedbała 2001); Andasibe National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Niedbała 2017).

***Phthiracarus paracrispus***

Niedbala & Starý, 2016

*Phthiracarus paracrispus* Niedbala & Starý, 2016b: 489, fig. 3.

*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) paracrispus*: Subías 2017: 90.

*Phthiracarus paracrispus*: Niedbala 2017: fig. 45.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Ankarafantsika National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016b, Niedbala 2017); Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Phthiracarus parapocsi*** Niedbala, 2001

*Phthiracarus parapocsi* Niedbala, 2001: 17, figs 52–56.

*Phthiracarus parapocsi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Phthiracarus parapocsi*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Fianarantsoa (Niedbala 2001).

***Phthiracarus pygmaeus*** Balogh, 1958

*Phthiracarus pygmaeus* Balogh, 1958: 32.

*Phthiracarus pygmaeus*: Niedbala 2017: 75, fig. 47.

*Distribution*. Pantropical.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala 2017).

***Phthiracarus ranomafanensis*** Niedbala & Starý, 2016

*Phthiracarus ranomafanensis* Niedbala & Starý, 2016b: 491, fig. 4.

*Phthiracarus ranomafanensis*: Niedbala 2017: 75, fig. 48.

*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) ranomafanensis*: Subías 2017: 90.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ranomafana National Park (Niedbala & Starý 2016b).

***Plonaphacarus*** Niedbala, 1986

***Plonaphacarus kugohi*** (Aoki, 1959)

*Hoplophthiracarus kugohi* Aoki, 1959: 17, fig. 12.

*Plonaphacarus kugohi*: Niedbala 2001: 21, figs 97–101.

*Plonaphacarus kugohi*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Plonaphacarus kugohi*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Plonaphacarus kugohi*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Plonaphacarus kugohi*: Niedbala 2017: 78, fig. 49.

*Distribution*. Pantropical, Subtropical and southern Palaearctic regions.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Foulpointe (Niedbala 2001); Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a); Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala 2017).

***Plonaphacarus machadoi*** (Balogh, 1958)

*Steganacarus machadoi* Balogh, 1958: 33.

*Plonaphacarus machadoi*: Niedbala 2017: 78, fig. 50.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala 2017).

***Plonaphacarus persimilis*** Niedbala, 1994

*Plonaphacarus persimilis* Niedbala, 1994: 48, figs 23–25, 32–35.

*Plonaphacarus persimilis*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 589.

*Plonaphacarus persimilis*: Niedbala 2017: 78, fig. 51.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical species, eastern part.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a, Niedbala 2017).

***Plonaphacarus tanzicus*** (Mahunka, 1993)

*Hoplophthiracarus (Plonaphacarus) tanzicus* Mahunka, 1993b: 91, figs 1–7.

*Plonaphacarus tanzicus*: Niedbala 2017: 82, fig. 52.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala 2017).

**Protophthiracarus Balogh, 1972**

***Protophthiracarus araios* Niedbala, 2001**

*Protophthiracarus araios* Niedbala, 2001: 44, figs 338–342.

*Protophthiracarus araios*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Protophthiracarus araios*: Niedbala 2004a: 332.

*Protophthiracarus araios*: Niedbala & Starý 2016a: 590.

*Protophthiracarus araios*: Niedbala 2017: 96, fig. 61.

*Protophthiracarus araios*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Foulpointe (Niedbala 2001); Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala & Starý 2016a); Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala 2017).

***Protophthiracarus mahunkai* Niedbala & Starý, 2013**

*Protophthiracarus mahunkai* Niedbala & Starý, 2013: 340, figs 2A–G.

*Protophthiracarus mahunkai*: Niedbala 2017: 96, fig. 62.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ambohitantely Special Reserve (Niedbala & Starý 2013, Niedbala 2017); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Ankarafantsika National Park, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Montagne de Francais (Niedbala 2017).

**CROTONIOIDEA Thorell, 1876**

**MALACONOTHRIDAE Berlese, 1916**

***Malaconothrus (Malaconothrus)* Berlese, 1904**

***Malaconothrus (Malaconothrus)* cf. *monodactylus* (Michael, 1888)**

*Nothrus monodactylus* Michael, 1888: 528. pl. XLV, figs 10–14.

*Malaconothrus (Malaconothrus) monodactylus*: Subías 2004: 61.

*Distribution*. Holarctic and Neotropical.

*New record*. Ranomafana, E from Fianarantsoa, soil samples from litter of tropical rain forest, 24–26.09.1979, leg. D. Balázs. (Afr-311).

*Remarks*. This species is new to the fauna of Madagascar.

***Tyrphonostrus (Cristonostrus)* Subías, 2004**

***Tyrphonostrus (Cristonostrus) subrasus* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Malaconothrus subrasus* Balogh, 1962a: 125, figs 7–8.

*Malaconothrus subrasus*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Malaconothrus subrasus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 76, pl. 131: figs 7–8.

*Tyrphonostrus (Cristonostrus) subrasus*: Subías 2014: 103.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a).

**NOTHRIDAE Berlese, 1896**

***Nothrus* C. L. Koch, 1836**

***Nothrus madagascarensis* Mahunka, 2000**

*Nothrus madagascarensis* Mahunka, 2000b: 21, figs 1–4.

*Nothrus madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 9.

*Distribution*. Pantropical: Neotropical, Oriental (Borneo), Ethiopian (Guinea Ecuatorial: I. Bioko [Fernando Poo] and Kenya) and Hawaii.

*Locality in Madagascar*. between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 2000b).

**NANHERMANNIIDAE Sellnick, 1928**

***Masthermannia* Berlese, 1913**

***Masthermannia hauseri* Mahunka, 2009**

*Masthermannia hauseri* Mahunka, 2009c: 342, figs 5–7.

*Masthermannia hauseri*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

***Nanhermannia (Nanhermannia) Berlese, 1913***

***Nanhermannia (Nanhermannia) milloti***

Balogh, 1960

*Nanhermannia milloti* Balogh, 1960: 7, figs 1–2.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 61.

*Nanhermannia (Nanhermannia) milloti*: Subías 2004: 68.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Mahunka 2009a: 96, figs 10–11.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Nanhermannia milloti*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Manjahandriana (Balogh 1960); Manjakatempo Forest Station (Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

*New records.* Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W slope at 1–300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859); Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917); Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and *Pandanus* ssp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921).

**HERMANNIIDAE Sellnick, 1928**

***Hermannia (Phyllhermannia) Berlese, 1916***

***Hermannia (Phyllhermannia) exornata*  
(Balogh, 1962)**

*Phyllhermannia exornata* Balogh, 1962a: 127, figs 9–11.

*Phyllhermannia exornata*: Woas 1981: 44.

*Phyllhermannia exornata*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Phyllhermannia exornata* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 59, pl. 111, figs 11–12.

*Hermannia (Phyllhermannia) exornata*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Hermannia (Phyllhermannia) pauliani*  
(Balogh, 1962)**

*Phyllhermannia pauliani* Balogh, 1962a: 128, figs 12–13.

*Phyllhermannia pauliani*: Woas 1981: 44.

*Phyllhermannia pauliani*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Phyllhermannia pauliani*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 59, pl. 110, figs 11–12.

*Hermannia (Phyllhermannia) pauliani*: Subías 2004: 70.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ambatovositra (Balogh 1962a).

**TRHYPOCHTHONIIDAE Willmann, 1931**

***Trhypochthoniellus* Willmann, 1928**

***Trhypochthoniellus longisetus setosus*  
Willmann, 1928**

*Trhypochthonius longisetus* Berlese, 1904: 27, fig. 2:44.

*Trhypochthoniellus longisetus*: Mahunka 2011a: 3, figs 1–4.

*Trhypochthoniellus longisetus* f. *setosus*: Schabetsberger et al. 2013: 331.

*Trhypochthoniellus longisetus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Trhypochthoniellus longisetus setosus*: Subías 2010: 92.

*Distribution.* Continental Southeast Asia, Palearctic and Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2011a).

*Remarks.* Looking at the synonym list and the publication list it seems that the species was found

twice in Madagascar, in the same national park. At first Mahunka cited it without subspecies designation (Mahunka 2011a). When it was found again in the same national park – but with different collecting method –, he cited it with subspecies designation (Schabetsberger *et al.* 2013). As the nominotypical subspecies is cosmopolitan and the subspecies *T. l. setosus* is known to have more restricted distribution (Corpuz-Raros & Ermilov 2020), we keep this subspecies in the list.

**HERMANIELLOIDEA Grandjean, 1934**

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***Hermanniella* Berlese, 1908**

***Hermanniella madagascarensis* Balogh, 1962**

*Hermanniella madagascarensis* Balogh, 1962b: 419, figs 1–4.

*Hermanniella madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Hermanniella madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 96, pl. 154, figs 9–11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

***Hermanniella vohimana***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Hermanniella vohimana* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 128, figs 2a–d.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

**PLASMOBATIDAE GRANDJEAN, 1961**

***Malgachebates***

**Fernandez, Cleva & Theron, 2011**

***Malgachebates peyrierasi* Fernandez, Cleva & Theron, 2011**

*Malgachebates peyrierasi* Fernandez, Cleva & Theron, 2011: 62, figs 1–53.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian and Neotropical.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ankarongambe forest (10 km E/SE of Ambohidray) (Fernandez, Cleva & Theron 2011).

**PLATEREMAEOIDEA Trägårdh, 1926**

**PLATEREMAEIDAE Trägårdh, 1926**

***Paralopheremaeus* Paschoal, 1987**

***Paralopheremaeus legendrei* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Plateremaeus legendrei* Balogh, 1962b: 421, figs 5–6.

*Paralopheremaeus legendrei*: Paschoal 1987: 351.

*Paralopheremaeus legendrei*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Plateremaeus legendrei*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 106, pl. 167, fig. 12., pl. 168, fig. 1.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region (Madagascar and Kenya) and Sri Lanka.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

**PHEROLIODIDAE PASCHOAL, 1987**

***Malgacheliodes* Fernandez & Cleva, 2010**

***Malgacheliodes guillaumeti***

Fernandez & Cleva, 2010

*Malgacheliodes guillaumeti* Fernandez & Cleva, 2010b: 419, figs 1–4.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Amindramiova (Fernandez & Cleva 2010b).

***Nooliodes* Paschoal, 1989**

***Nooliodes glaber* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Plateremaeus glaber* Balogh, 1962b: 421, figs 7–8.

*Nooliodes glaber*: Paschoal 1989: 180.

*Nooliodes glaber*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Nooliodes glaber*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Nooliodes glaber*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 106, pl. 169, figs 1–2.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.



*Localities in Madagascar*: Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b); Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve, (Mahunka 1997a).

**CEPHEOIDEA Berlese, 1896**

**MICROTEGEIDAE Balogh, 1972**

***Microtegeus* Balogh, 1972**

***Microtegeus paracervus* Mahunka, 1997**

*Microtegeus cervus* Mahunka, 1996b: 109, figs 1–5.

*Microtegeus paracervus*: Mahunka 1997b: 86.

*Microtegeus cervus*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Microtegeus paracervus*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Mount Ambatokirijy at the S edge of Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Microtegeus zigzag* Mahunka, 2011**

*Microtegeus zigzag* Mahunka, 2011b: 46, figs: 3a–c.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Andasibe (Perinet) (Mahunka 2011b).

**NOSYBEIDAE Mahunka, 1993**

***Nosybea* Mahunka, 1993**

***Nosybea genavensis* Mahunka, 1993**

*Nosybea genavensis* Mahunka, 1993a: 298, figs 17–25.

*Nosybea genavensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Nosybea genavensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 255, pl. 353, figs 2–3.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a).

**POLYPTEROZETOIDEA Grandjean, 1959**

**NODOCEPHEIDAE Piffli, 1972**

***Nodocephus* Hammer, 1958**

***Nodocephus baloghi* Mahunka, 1983**

*Nodocephus baloghi* Mahunka, 1983b: 164, figs 41–43, 46.

*Nodocephus baloghi*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011: 126.

*Distribution*. Tanzania and Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

**MICROZETOIDEA Grandjean, 1936**

**MICROZETIDAE Grandjean, 1936**

***Acaroceras (Malgoceras)* Mahunka, 1993**

***Acaroceras (Malgoceras) helleri* Mahunka, 1993**

*Acaroceras (Malgoceras) helleri* Mahunka, 1993a: 301, figs 26–29.

*Acaroceras (Malgoceras) helleri*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Acaroceras (Malgoceras) helleri*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.

*Malgoceras helleri*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 282, pl. 389, fig. 7.

*Acaroceras (Malgoceras) helleri*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a, Mahunka 1997a, Mahunka 2009c).

***Berlesezetes* Mahunka, 1980**

***Berlesezetes africanus* (Balogh, 1958)**

*Microzetes africanus* Balogh, 1958: 28.

*Microzetes africanus*: Mahunka 1999a: 67.

*Microzetes africanus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Berlesezetes africanus*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Berlesezetes ornatissimus ornatissimus*: Subías 2004: 87.

*Berlesezetes ornatissimus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Democratic Republic of Congo (Balogh 1958) and Madagascar (Mahunka 1999, 2009c).

*Localities in Madagascar.* Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 1999a); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

*Remarks.* One can see that the material collected in the Ambohitra National Park ("Mad-89/8") was first identified as *B. cf. auxiliaris* (Mahunka 1997a), then the same locality is used for *B. africanus* (Mahunka 2009c). We checked the material in the HNHM collection and found that from the originally identified 5 *B. cf. auxiliaris* specimens 1 individual was later identified as *B. africanus*.

The species was described by Balogh (1958) from Belgian Congo [currently Democratic Republic of the Congo]. In the description, Balogh admits that except for one character the species is similar to *M. auxiliaris* Grandjean, 1936. In 1999 – dealing with Madagascan material – Mahunka writes: „*The status of the species has been ambiguous ever since its description, for many authors, including myself, considered it to be synonymous with Microzetes auxiliaris. This is the first time when I found a specimen on which the guttiform incision, as described by Balogh is clearly seen just beside the outer apex of the lamellae*” (Mahunka 1999a). He was also able to investigate the types of the species preserved in the Hungarian Natural History Museum (Mahunka 2005). The last draft of the present monograph – prepared by Mahunka and Mahunka-Papp in 2011 – holds on this opinion, *i.e.* *B. africanus* is treated as a separate species. These are the reasons why we cite it here as a separate species, not as a synonym of *B. ornatissimus* (Berlese, 1913), as Subías (2004) and Ermilov & Frolov (2022a) treat it. Further investigations and/or molecular evidences are needed to decide about the synonymies.

***Berlesezetes cf. auxiliaris*** (Grandjean, 1936)

*Microzetes auxiliaris* Grandjean, 1936: 138, figs 1–4.

*Berlesezetes cf. auxiliaris*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Berlesezetes cf. auxiliaris*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Berlesezetes ornatissimus ornatissimus*: Subías 2004: 87.

*Distribution.* Questionably circumtropical (Mahunka 2005).

*Localities in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

*Remarks.* Since many years there has been a debate on the identity of *B. ornatissimus* (Berlese, 1913) and *B. auxiliaris* (Grandjean, 1936) (see J. & P. Balogh 2002; Subías 2004; Mahunka 2005). From the literature we know that Sándor Mahunka has seen the types of *B. ornatissimus* (Mahunka 1980), and he was the first who has found and made drawings of *B. ornatissimus* since its description (Mahunka 1988). At that time he pointed out that: “*The difference from B. auxiliaris Grandjean, 1936 is very small, thus a revision is necessary.*” (Mahunka 1988). Later, he also has studied *B. auxiliaris* well, as he found topotypical individuals which he regarded “*nearly identical with the ones that Grandjean described and drew*” (Mahunka 2005). We do not want to make taxonomic decisions on this issue, nor do we want to cause a loss of information. Thus, compiling the facts listed here with the remarks discussed above by *B. africanus*, we cite *B. cf. auxiliaris* as a separate species (and not as a synonym of *B. ornatissimus* (Berlese, 1913), as Subías (2004) and Ermilov & Frolov (2022a) treat it). Mahunka cited it always with uncertainty (“*cf.*”), *i.e.* not as *B. auxiliaris* (even in the last drafts of the present monograph – prepared by Mahunka and Mahunka-Papp in 2011). Once he also proposed a new African species of the genus (Mahunka 2005) but without referring to that as *B. cf. auxiliaris*. We may never find out what he meant at that time (Mahunka 2005) but further investigations can decide on the identity of this *B. cf. auxiliaris* material. Further investigations and/or molecular evidences are also needed to decide about the possible synonymies in the genus.

***Comorozetes Mahunka, 1994***

***Comorozetes concurvatus*** Mahunka, 1999

*Comorozetes concurvatus* Mahunka, 1999a: 61, figs 1–4.

*Comorozetes concurvatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha south of the Andasibe National Park, Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 1999a).

*New records*. Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and Pandanus ssp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921); Prov. Antsiranana [anciennement Diego-Suarez], Sous-préf. Antsiranana: Parc National "Montagne d'Ambre" (= Ambohitra). près de la "Petite Cascade", forêt primaire. prélèvement de sol dans les angles formés par les contreforts d'un grand arbre, 980 m, 23.11.1989, leg. B. Hauser (Mad-98/7).

*Remarks*. During collection research we have recognized that the label at the holotype refers to a different locality than published: Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and Pandanus ssp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921). However, we found no vials of the species with the published locality (i.e. No. 9890). Additionally, there is a non-type vial in the collection with this locality data (i.e. No. 9878). In the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka the published locality is connected to the holotype. Thus, in this case we suppose that an erroneous labelling happened. Altogether we found four vials in the collection: one with the holotype, one with the paratype, and two vials which are published here as *New records* (see above).

***Comorozetes corrugatus* Mahunka, 1997**

*Comorozetes corrugatus* Mahunka, 1997a: 123, figs 5–10.

*Comorozetes corrugatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Comorozetes corrugatus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 287, pl. 393, fig. 8.

*Comorozetes corrugatus*: Mahunka 2009a: 92.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve, Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a), Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

*New records*. Prov. Antsiranana [formerly Diego Snarez] Sub-Pref Antsiranana: National Park "Montagne Amber", drive to the "Petit Lac" primary forest soil sampling in the angles by the foothills of a large dead tree. 1090 m, 24.11.1989, leg. B. Hauser (Mad-89/19), Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

***Hymenozetes Balogh, 1962***

***Hymenozetes csuzdii* Mahunka, 2009**

*Hymenozetes csuzdii* Mahunka, 2009a: 116, figs 50–52.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Hymenozetes mirabilis* Balogh, 1962**

*Hymenozetes mirabilis* Balogh, 1962a: 142, figs 32–33.

*Hymenozetes mirabilis*: Mahunka 1990b: 204, figs 24–28.

*Hymenozetes mirabilis*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Hymenozetes mirabilis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 288, pl. 394, fig. 9.

*Hymenozetes mirabilis*: Mahunka 2009a: 118.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. La Mandraka (Balogh 1962a).

***Hymenozetes quadricornutus* Mahunka, 1993**

*Hymenozetes quadricornutus* Mahunka, 1993a: 303, figs 30–33.

*Hymenozetes quadricornutus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.  
*Hymenozetes quadricornutus* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 289, pl. 394. fig. 10.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a).

***Hymenozetes reticulatus* Mahunka, 1996**

*Hymenozetes reticulatus* Mahunka, 1996b: 110, figs 6–10.

*Hymenozetes reticulatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b).

***Hymenozetes stellifer* Mahunka, 1999**

*Hymenozetes stellifer* Mahunka, 1999a: 64, figs 5–7.

*Hymenozetes stellifer*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park, between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 1999a).

***Hymenozetes verticillatus* Mahunka, 1997**

*Hymenozetes verticillatus* Mahunka, 1997a: 126, figs 11–13.

*Hymenozetes verticillatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Hymenozetes verticillatus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 289, pl. 394. fig. 11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a).

***Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) Balogh, 1962***

***Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) cornutus*  
(Mahunka, 1999)**

*Magoebazetes cornutus* Mahunka, 1999a: 65, figs 8–11.

*Magoebazetes cornutus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) cornutus*: Subías 2022: 315.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 1999a).

***Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) lokobensis*  
Mahunka, 1993**

*Rhopalozetes lokobensis* Mahunka, 1993a: 308, figs 42–45.

*Rhopalozetes lokobensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Rhopalozetes lokobensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 290, pl. 395, fig. 8.

*Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) lokobensis*: Subías 2022: 315.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a).

***Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) madecassus*  
Mahunka, 1993**

*Rhopalozetes madecassus* Mahunka, 1993a: 308, figs 38–41.

*Rhopalozetes madecassus*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Rhopalozetes medecassus* (sic!): Mahunka 1999a: 68.

*Rhopalozetes madecassus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Rhopalozetes madecassus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 290, pl. 394. fig. 7.

*Rhopalozetes madecassus*: Mahunka 2009a: 92.

*Rhopalozetes madecassus*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) madecassus*: Subías 2022: 315.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a, Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 1999a, Mahunka 2010a).

***Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) milloti*  
Balogh, 1962**

*Rhopalozetes milloti* Balogh, 1962a: 143, figs 34–35.

*Rhopalozetes milloti*: Mahunka 1990b: 206, figs 29–31.

*Rhopalozetes milloti*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Rhopalozetes milloti*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 290, pl. 395. fig. 9.

*Rhopalozetes (Rhopalozetes) milloti*: Subías 2022: 315.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. La Mandraka (Balogh 1962a).

### ***Schalleriella* Engelbrecht, 1972**

#### ***Schalleriella nosybe* (Mahunka, 1993)**

*Megazetes nosybe* Mahunka, 1993a: 306, figs 34–37.

*Megazetes nosybe*: Mahunka 1997a: 118.

*Megazetes nosybe*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Mahunkaceras nosibe* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh, 2002: 285, fig. 392: 4.

*Schalleriella nosybe*: Subías 2011: 158.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993a, Mahunka 1997a).

#### ***Schalleriella phaseola* Mahunka, 2011**

*Schalleriella phaseola* Mahunka, 2011b: 48, figs: 4a–c.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011b).

### ***Vermacarus* Balogh & Mahunka, 1980**

#### ***Vermacarus armatus* Mahunka, 1997**

*Vermacarus armatus* Mahunka, 1997a: 126, figs 14–16.

*Vermacarus armatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Vermacarus armatus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 284, pl. 391, fig. 2.

*Vermacarus armatus*: Mahunka 2009a: 92.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Manjakatempo Forest Station (Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

### **AMEROIDEA Bulanova-Zachvatkina, 1957**

#### **AMERIDAE Grandjean, 1965**

### ***Hymenobelba* Balogh, 1962**

#### ***Hymenobelba exclamationis* Mahunka, 2010**

*Hymenobelba exclamationis* Mahunka, 2010b: 63, figs 1–6.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010b).

#### ***Hymenobelba flagellatissima* Mahunka, 2009**

*Hymenobelba flagellatissima* Mahunka, 2009b: 48, figs 1–3.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

*New record*. Prov. Antsiranana [formerly Diego Suarez] Sub-Pref Antsiranana: National Park "Montagne Amber" (= Ambohitra), drive to the "Petit Lac" primary forest soil sampling in the angles by the foothills of a large dead tree. 1090 m, 24.XI.1989; leg. B. Hauser (Mad-89/19), Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antani-naomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E. 29. July 1998. Coll. T. Pócs. (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

#### ***Hymenobelba ypsilon* Balogh, 1962**

*Hymenobelba ypsilon* Balogh, 1962a: 423, figs 9–11.

*Hymenobelba ypsilon*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Hymenobelba ypsilon*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 104, pl. 165, figs 10–11.

*Distribution*. Madagascar and North East India.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962a).

### ***Pteramerus* Balogh, 1962**

#### ***Pteramerus clypeatus* Mahunka, 2010**

*Pteramerus clypeatus* Mahunka, 2010b: 65, figs 7–17.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010b).

*New records.* Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917); Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and *Pandanus* ssp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921).

***Pteramerus draco* Balogh, 1962**

*Pteramerus draco* Balogh, 1962a: 136, figs 26–28.

*Pteramerus draco*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Pteramerus draco*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 104, pl. 165, figs 1–2.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a).

**EREMULIDAE Grandjean, 1965**

***Caveremulus* Mahunka, 1983**

***Caveremulus cordisetus* Mahunka, 1983**

*Caveremulus cordisetus* Mahunka, 1983a: 103, figs 5–6.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Mahunka 1993: 291.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Mahunka 1994: 49.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 105, pl. 167, figs 1–2.

*Caveremulus cordisetus*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Ranomafana (Mahunka 1983a); Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993); Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1994, Mahunka 1997a, Mahunka 2009c).

*New record.* Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

***Caveremulus foliaceus* Mahunka, 2009**

*Caveremulus foliaceus* Mahunka, 2009c: 343, figs 8–10.

*Caveremulus foliaceus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c),

*New record.* Peyrieras, Causse de Kelifelly. Forest humus and litter from dry forest. 20-30.11.1974, leg. D. Smith (Afr-JB-1).

***Caveremulus salicinus* Mahunka, 2009**

*Caveremulus salicinus* Mahunka, 2009c: 345, figs 11–13.

*Caveremulus salicinus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

**DAMAEOLIDAE GRANDJEAN, 1965**

***Fosseremus* Grandjean, 1954**

***Fosseremus laciniatus* (Berlese, 1905)**

*Dameosoma laciniatum* Berlese, 1905: 236.

*Fosseremus quadripertitus*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Fosseremus laciniatus*: Subías 2004: 103.

*Distribution.* Cosmopolitan (except Antarctica).

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mangabé Island, Antongil Bay (Mahunka 2011b).

***Gressittolus* Balogh, 1970**

***Gressittolus ocellatus* (Mahunka, 2000)**

*Damaeolus ocellatus* Mahunka, 2000b: 23, figs 5–6.

*Damaeolus ocellatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 10.  
*Gressittolus ocellatus*: Baran, Ayyildiz & Subías 2010: 344.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. N of Andovoranto, between Artdombo and Andovoa (Mahunka 2000b).

#### **EREMOBELBIDAE Balogh, 1961**

##### ***Eremobelba* Berlese, 1908**

*Eremobelba cellulosa* Mahunka, 1997

*Eremobelba cellulosa* Mahunka, 1997a: 130, figs 17–21.  
*Eremobelba cellulosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

#### **RHYNCHORIBATIDAE BALOGH, 1961**

##### ***Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*)**

**Miko, 2016**

##### ***Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*) *genavensium* (Mahunka, 1997)**

*Rhynchoribates genavensium* Mahunka, 1997a: 150, figs 54–60.

*Rhynchoribates genavensium*: Balogh & Balogh 1999a: 14, figs 7–8.

*Rhynchoribates genavensium*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Rhynchoribates genavensium*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 134, pl. 196, figs 8–9.

*Eurhynchoribates genavensium*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park; Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

##### ***Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*) *robinsoni* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Rhynchoribates robinsoni* Balogh, 1962b: 425, figs 23–24.

*Rhynchoribates robinsoni*: Balogh & Balogh 1999a: 14, fig. 15.

*Rhynchoribates robinsoni*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Rhynchoribates robinsoni*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 134, pl. 197, fig. 4.

*Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*) *robinsoni*: Miko 2016: 133.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

*New records*. Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W-slope at 100–300 m alt. 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859); Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917); Toamasina Province, Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park and the Antananarivo Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Afr-923).

##### ***Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*) *subaequalis* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Rhynchoribates subaequalis* Balogh, 1962b: 425, figs 21–22.

*Rhynchoribates subaequalis*: Balogh & Balogh 1999a: 14, fig. 4.

*Rhynchoribates subaequalis*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Rhynchoribates subaequalis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 134, pl. 196, fig. 5.

*Eurhynchoribates* (*Eurhynchoribates*) *subaequalis*: Miko 2016: 133.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

#### **ZETORCHESTOIDEA Michael, 1898**

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**Zetorchestes Berlese, 1888**

***Zetorchestes phylliferus* Mahunka, 1983**

- Zetorchestes (Phyllorcheses) phylliferus* Mahunka, 1983a: 105, figs 7–8.  
*Zetorchestes (Phyllorcheses) phylliferus*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.  
*Zetorchestes phylliferus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 227, pl. 314, figs 4–5.  
*Zetorchestes (Phyllorcheses) phylligerus* (sic!): Mahunka 2009c: 339.  
*Zetorchestes phylliferus*: Kolesnikov & Leonov 2021: 558.  
*Zetorchestes phylliferus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Afrotropical and Oriental.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Ranomafana (Mahunka 1983a); Montagne d’Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c); Montagne d’Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

*New records.* Vohimana Reserve, primary forest. 17.04.2008, leg. Cs. Csuzdi (Afr-996); Ambohitantely Forest Reserve E of Manonkazo village (Ankasabz town). Relic xerophyllous (dry evergreen) plateau forest at 1500–1530 m alt. 18°09′ 23″S, 47°17′02″E. 05–06.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9444) (Afr 857).

**GUSTAVIOIDEA Oudemans, 1900**

**ASTEGISTIDAE Balogh, 1961**

***Cultroribula* Berlese, 1908**

***Cultroribula bicuspidata* Mahunka, 1978**

- Cultroribula bicuspidata* Mahunka, 1978b: 317, figs 17–20.  
*Cultroribula bicuspidata*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Distribution.* Pantropical (except Australian).

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

**CERATOPPIIDAE Kunst, 1971**

***Trichoppia* Balogh, 1961**

***Trichoppia longiseta* Balogh, 1960**

- Trichoppia longiseta* Balogh, 1960: 20, figs 20–22.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 1990b: 206, figs 32–35.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 1993: 291.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 2002b: 11.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 244, pl. 338, figs 1–2.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.  
*Trichoppia longiseta*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Manjakandriana, La Mandraka (Balogh 1960); Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1993); Manjakatempo Forest Station (Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

**GUSTAVIIDAE Oudemans, 1900**

***Gustavia* Kramer, 1879**

***Gustavia ornata* Mahunka 2011**

- Gustavia ornata* Mahunka, 2011b: 49, figs 5a–g.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mount Maromizaha south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2011b).

***Gustavia sineornata* Mahunka, 2011**

- Gustavia sineornata* Mahunka, 2011b: 52, figs 6a–d.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Peyrieras, Causse de Kelifelly (Mahunka 2011b).

**CARABODOIDEA C. L. Koch, 1837**

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***Afticarabodes***

**Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013**

- Afticarabodes anjavidilavai* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013**

- Afticarabodes anjavidilavai* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013b: 465, figs. 1–25.



*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Anjavidilava (Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013b).

***Antongilibodes* Fernandez, Theron, Leiva,  
Rollard & Tiedt, 2014**

***Antongilibodes paulae* Fernandez, Theron, Leiva,  
Rollard & Tiedt, 2014**

*Antongilibodes paulae* Fernandez, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt, 2014: 309, figs 39–72.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Ile de Nosy Mangabe (Fernandez, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt 2014).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes)*  
Hammer, 1966**

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) albidus*  
(Balogh, 1960)**

*Carabodes albidus* Balogh, 1960: 22, figs 23–24.  
*Carabodes albidus:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.  
*Austrocarabodes albidus:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 240, pl. 333, figs 1–2.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) albidus:* Subías 2004: 148.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Manjakandriana La Mandraka (Balogh 1960).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) blancharti*  
Mahunka, 2009**

*Austrocarabodes blancharti* Mahunka, 2009a: 100, figs 22–26.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) blancharti:* Subías 2010: 282.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).  
*New record.* Mangabé Island, Antongil Bay. Primary rain forest, rotten wood. 19.02.1977. leg. W. L. & D. L. Brown (Afr-JB2).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) cellularis*  
(Balogh, 1962)**

*Carabodes cellularis* Balogh, 1962b: 425, figs 17–18.  
*Carabodes cellularis:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.  
*Austrocarabodes cellularis:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 240, pl. 332, figs 11–12.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) cellularis:* Subías 2004: 148.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes)*  
*lateoalveolatus* Mahunka, 2009**

*Austrocarabodes lateoalveolatus* Mahunka, 2009a: 102, figs 27–29.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) lateoalveolatus:* Subías 2010: 283.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) lunaris*  
(Balogh, 1962)**

*Carabodes lunaris* Balogh, 1962b: 423, figs 15–16.  
*Carabodes lunaris:* Mahunka 1993: 291.  
*Carabodes lunaris:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.  
*Austrocarabodes lunaris:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 238, pl. 329, figs 10–11.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) lunaris:* Subías 2004: 148.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.  
*Localities in Madagascar.* Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b); Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1993).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes)*  
*madagascarensis* Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) madagascarensis* Ermilov & Starý, 2020c: 354, figs 1–4.  
*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) madagascarensis:* Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020c).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) mixtus***  
Mahunka, 1996

*Austrocarabodes mixtus* Mahunka, 1996b: 113, figs 11–17.

*Austrocarabodes mixtus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) mixtus*: Subías 2004: 148.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) parapustulatus***  
Mahunka, 2009

*Austrocarabodes parapustulatus* Mahunka, 2009a: 105, figs 30–32.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) parapustulatus*: Subías 2010: 283.

*Austrocarabodes parapustulatus*: Ermilov & Starý 2020c: 360, figs 5–7.

*Austrocarabodes parapustulatus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020c).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) planisetus***  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Austrocarabodes planisetus* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 130, figs 4a–e.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) planisetus*: Subías 2014: 285.

*Austrocarabodes planisetus*: Ermilov & Starý 2020c: 364, figs 8–10.

*Austrocarabodes planisetus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011); Montagne d'Ambre National Park, (Ermilov & Starý 2020c).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) pustuloreticulatus***  
Mahunka, 2009

*Austrocarabodes pustuloreticulatus* Mahunka, 2009a: 107, figs 33–39.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) pustuloreticulatus*: Subías 2010: 283.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) semilunatus***  
Mahunka, 2011

*Austrocarabodes semilunatus* Mahunka, 2011b: 54, figs 7a–d.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) semilunatus*: Subías 2012: 279.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Peyrieras, Causse de Kelifelly (Mahunka 2011b).

***Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) spathulatus***  
Mahunka, 1978

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) spathulatus* Mahunka, 1978a: 204, figs 68–70.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) spathulatus*: Ermilov & Starý 2020c: 369.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) spathulatus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and Reunion.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020c).

***Austrocarabodes (Austroflexa) Subías, 2019***

***Austrocarabodes (Austroflexa) armatus***  
Mahunka, 2009

*Austrocarabodes armatus* Mahunka, 2009a: 98, figs 15–21.

*Austrocarabodes (Austrocarabodes) armatus*: Subías 2010: 282.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

*New record.* Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

***Bovicarabodes***

**Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013**

***Bovicarabodes deharvengi*** Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013

*Bovicarabodes deharvengi* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013a: 4, figs: 1–32.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Marositry (Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013a).

***Bovicarabodes fortdauphini*** Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013

*Bovicarabodes fortdauphini* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013a: 13, figs: 50–69.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* St. Luke Coastal Forest (Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013a).

***Bovicarabodes jacquelinae*** Fernandez, Theron, Rollard, Leiva & Tiedt, 2016

*Bovicarabodes jacquelinae* Fernandez, Theron, Rollard, Leiva & Tiedt, 2016: 80, figs: 1–5.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ile de Nosy Mangabe (Fernandez, Theron, Rollard, Leiva & Tiedt 2016).

***Bovicarabodes levyi***

Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013

*Bovicarabodes levyi* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013a: 8, figs: 33–49.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Anjavililava (Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013a).

***Carabodes (Klapperiches)*** C. L. Koch, 1835

***Carabodes (Klapperiches) afrominusculus***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011

*Carabodes afrominusculus* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 132, figs 5a–c.

*Carabodes (Klapperiches) afrominusculus:* Subías 2014: 289.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ambohitantely Forest Reserve (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

***Carabodes (Klapperiches) andasibe***

Mahunka, 1993

*Carabodes andasibe* Mahunka, 1993a: 311, figs 46–49.

*Carabodes andasibe:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Carabodes abdasibe* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 232, pl. 319, figs 11–12.

*Carabodes (Klapperiches) andasibe:* Subías 2004: 150.  
*Carabodes andasibe:* Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Analamazoatra Special Reserve before Andasibe (Mahunka 1993a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Cavaecarabodes*** Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo, 2014

***Cavaecarabodes anouchkae***

Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo, 2014

*Cavaecarabodes anouchkae* Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo, 2014b: 547, figs 36–53.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Manankaza Forest Station Ambohitantely (Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014b).

***Congocepheus (Congocepheus)*** Balogh, 1958

***Congocepheus (Congocepheus) germani***

Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo, 2014

*Congocepheus germani* Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo, 2014b: 536, figs 1–12.

*Congocepheus (Congocepheus) germani*: Subías 2018: 302.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ivontaka (15 km au S. de Mananara) (Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014b).

***Congocepheus (Congocepheus) involutus***  
Mahunka, 1997

*Congocepheus involutus* Mahunka, 1997a: 133, figs 22–24.

*Congocepheus involutus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Congocepheus involutus*: Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Tiedt 2013: 553, figs 1–5.

*Congocepheus (Congocepheus) involutus*: Subías 2018: 302.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a); Vanjamanitra forest (8 km SE of Anjorzorobe), Ile de Nosy Mangabe (Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Tiedt 2013).

*New record*. Central Plateau: Ambohitantely Forest Reserve E of Manonkazo village (Ankaszabz town). Relic xerophyllous (dry evergreen) plateau forest at 1500–1530 m alt. 18° 09'23"S, 47°17'02"E. 05–06.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9444) (Afr 857).

***Machadocepheus* Balogh, 1958**

***Machadocepheus pauliani* Balogh, 1962**

*Machadocepheus pauliani* Balogh, 1962b: 423, figs 12–14.

*Machadocepheus pauliani*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Machadocepheus pauliani*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 234, pl. 323, figs 7–8.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b).

***Malgasodes* Mahunka, 2000**

***Malgasodes curvisetus* Mahunka, 2000**

*Malgasodes curvisetus* Mahunka, 2000a: 87, figs 1–4.

*Malgasodes curvisetus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Malgasodes curvisetus*: Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014a: 28, figs: 1–23.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2000a); Sainte Luce (Fernández, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014a).

***Malgasodes hungarorum* Mahunka, 2000**

*Malgasodes hungarorum* Mahunka, 2000a: 90, figs 5–6.

*Malgasodes hungarorum*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Malgasodes hungarorum*: Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014a: 37, figs: 24–27.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2000a, Fernandez, Theron, Rollard & Castillo 2014a).

***Rugocepheus* Mahunka, 2009**

***Rugocepheus formosus* Mahunka, 2009**

*Rugocepheus formosus* Mahunka, 2009b: 50, figs 4–7.

*Rugocepheus formosus*: Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013b: 470.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Rugocepheus joffrevillei***

Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013

*Rugocepheus joffrevillei* Fernandez, Theron & Rollard, 2013b: 472, figs 26–60.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Joffreville (Fernandez, Theron & Rollard 2013b).

***Tuberocepheus* Balogh & Mahunka, 1969**

***Tuberocepheus (Tuberocepheus)***  
**Balogh & Mahunka, 1969**

***Tuberocephus (Tuberocephus) longus***  
(Balogh, 1962)

*Machadocephus longus* Balogh, 1962a: 139, figs 29–31.

*Machadocephus longus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Tuberocephus longus*: Balogh & Mahunka 1969: 9.

*Tuberocephus longus*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Tuberocephus longus*: Mahunka 2011a: 5, figs 5–12.

*Tuberocephus longus*: Fernandez, Theron, Rollard, Leiva & Tiedt 2016: 83, figs 6–32.

*Tuberocephus (Tuberocephus) longus*: Subías 2017: 304.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Manjahandriana, Ambotolaona (Balogh 1962a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mount Maromizaha south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2011a).

***Tuberocephus (Mangabebodes) Fernández, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt, 2014***

***Tuberocephus (Mangabebodes) kymatismosi***  
Fernández, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt, 2014

*Mangabebodes kymatismosi* Fernández, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt, 2014: 298, figs 1–38.

*Tuberocephus (Mangabebodes) kymatismosi*: Subías 2017: 305.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ile de Nosy Mangabe (Fernández, Theron, Leiva, Rollard & Tiedt 2014).

**OTOCEPHEIDAE Balogh, 1961**

***Afrotocephus (Didierotocephus)***  
**Mahunka, 1994**

***Afrotocephus (Didierotocephus) berndi***  
Mahunka, 1994

*Didierotocephus berndi* Mahunka, 1994: 52, figs 8–12.

*Didierotocephus berndi*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Didierotocephus berndi*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Didierotocephus berndti* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 154, pl. 222, figs 4–5.

*Afrotocephus (Didierotocephus) berndi*: Subías 2004: 141.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1994); 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1994, Mahunka 1997a); Manjakatempo Forest Station (Mahunka 1997a),

***Leptotocephus (Leptotocephus) Balogh, 1961***

***Leptotocephus (Longocephus) longus***  
(Balogh, 1960)

*Pseudotocephus longus* Balogh, 1960: 25, figs 27–29.

*Pseudotocephus longus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Pseudotocephus longus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 153, pl. 220, fig. 7.

*Leptotocephus (Longocephus) longus*: Ermilov & Minor 2018: 2271.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ankazobe, Ambohitantely; Andranomalaza, Manakombahiny-Est (Balogh 1960).

***Papillocephus Balogh & Mahunka, 1966***

***Papillocephus decoratus* Mahunka, 1994**

*Papillocephus decoratus* Mahunka, 1994: 54, figs 13–17.

*Papillocephus decoratus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Papillocephus decoratus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 151, pl. 218, figs 9–10.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994).

***Papillocephus reductus* Mahunka, 1994**

*Papillocephus reductus* Mahunka, 1994: 56, figs 18–20.

*Papillocephus reductus*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Papillocephus reductus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 151, pl. 218, figs 3–4.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve, Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994).

***Pseudotocepheus* Balogh, 1961**

***Pseudotocepheus atolanaro* Mahunka, 2009**

*Pseudotocepheus atolanaro* Mahunka, 2009b: 52, figs 8–11.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

*New record.* Toamasina Province, Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mt. Maromizaha, south of Andasibe Nat. Park and the Antananarivo – Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Afr-923).

***Pseudotocepheus lienhardi* Mahunka, 1993**

*Pseudotocepheus lienhardi* Mahunka, 1993a: 314, figs 50–53.

*Pseudotocepheus lienhardi:* Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Pseudotocepheus lienhardi:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Pseudotocepheus lienhardi:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 152, pl. 219. figs 8–9.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and Kenya.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1993a, Mahunka 1997a), 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a).

***Pseudotocepheus pauliani* Balogh, 1960**

*Pseudotocepheus pauliani* Balogh, 1960: 23, figs 25–26.

*Pseudotocepheus pauliani:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Pseudotocepheus pauliani:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 155, pl. 222. figs 8–9.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ambatovositra, Manakambahiny-Est (Balogh 1960).

***Pseudotocepheus pygmaeus* Balogh, 1962**

*Pseudotocepheus pygmaeus* Balogh, 1962b: 427, figs 19–20.

*Pseudotocepheus pygmaeus:* Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Pseudotocepheus pygmaeus:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Pseudotocepheus pygmaeus:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 152, pl. 219. fig. 3.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and Mozambique.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Quest Tanikely (Balogh 1962b); Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

***Pseudotocepheus subtilis***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Pseudotocepheus subtilis* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 133, figs 6a–d.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

***Pseudotocepheus tolanaro* Mahunka, 1997**

*Pseudotocepheus tolanaro* Mahunka, 1997a: 135, figs 25–27.

*Pseudotocepheus tolanaro:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Pseudotocepheus tolanaro:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 152, pl. 218. figs 15–16.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a).

**OPPIOIDEA Grandjean, 1951**

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**OPPIINAE Sellnick, 1937**

***Erioppia* Balogh, 1983**

***Erioppia corpuzrarosae* Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Erioppia corpuzrarosae* Ermilov & Starý, 2020i: 448, figs 1–3.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

***Erioppia malalatinæ* (Mahunka, 2009)**

*Multioppia malalatinæ* Mahunka, 2009b: 54, figs 13–15.

*Erioppia malalatinæ*: Subías 2010: 204.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

### ***Fusuloppia* Balogh, 1983**

#### ***Fusuloppia neominata* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Oppia simplex* Balogh, 1962a: 129, figs 14–15.

*Fusuloppia simplex*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 377.

*Fusuloppia simplex*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Fusuloppia simplex*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Fusuloppia simplex*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 203, pl. 282, figs 6–7.

*Fusuloppia neominata*: Subías 2004: 113.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ankaratra, col de Faratsiho (Balogh 1962a).

#### ***Fusuloppia variosetosa* Mahunka, 2010**

*Fusuloppia variosetosa* Mahunka, 2010a: 53, figs 18–22.

*Fusuloppia variosetosa*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 446.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Ranomafana; Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2010a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

### ***Goyoppia* Balogh, 1983**

#### ***Goyoppia sexpilosa* (Balogh, 1961)**

*Oppia sexpilosa* Balogh, 1961: 17, fig. 15.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Balogh 1983: 53, table 16, fig. 24–4.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 377.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 226, pl. 312, fig. 3.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 446.

*Goyoppia sexpilosa*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Manjahandriana, Ambotolaona (Balogh 1960); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 1997a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

### ***Lemuroppia* Mahunka, 1994**

#### ***Lemuroppia helleri* Mahunka, 1994**

*Lemuroppia helleri* Mahunka, 1994: 62, figs 33–39.

*Lemuroppia helleri*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Lemuroppia helleri*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Lemuroppia helleri*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 226, pl. 312, figs 1–2.

*Lemuroppia helleri*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

*New records*. Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnant in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29.07.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917); Toamasina Prov. Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the NW slope of Behafotra Hill, at 250–300 m alt., with 3500 mm annual rainfall. 16°27.1-3'S, 49°47.6'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9877) (Afr-920).

### ***Oppia (Lasiobelba)* Aoki, 1959**

#### ***Oppia (Lasiobelba) lemuria* Mahunka, 1997**

*Lasiobelba lemuria* Mahunka, 1997a: 139, figs 34–40.

*Lasiobelba lemuria*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Lasiobelba lemuria*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Oppia (Lasiobelba) lemuria*: Subías 2022: 195.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

### ***Paroppia* Hammer, 1968**

#### ***Paroppia breviseta* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Oppia breviseta* Balogh, 1962c: 100, figs 14–16.

*Paroppia breviseta*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

#### BRACHIOPIINA Subías, 1989

##### *Brachioppiella (Gressittoppia) Balogh, 1983*

##### *Brachioppiella (Gressittoppia) sensilla* (Mahunka, 2002)

*Jermymia sensilla* Mahunka, 2002a: 167, figs 1–4.

*Jermymia sensilla*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Gressittoppia sensilla*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Brachioppiella (Gressittoppia) sensilla*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 446.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. N of Andovoranto, between Artdombo and Andovoa (Mahunka 2002a); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2010a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

##### *Brachioppiella (Gressittoppia) pocsi* Mahunka, 2002

*Gressittoppia pocsi* Mahunka, 2002a: 169, figs 5–9.

*Gressittoppia pocsi*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Brachioppiella (Gressittoppia) pocsi*: Subías 2004: 122.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. N of Andovoranto, between Artdombo and Andovoa (Mahunka 2002a).

##### *Leptoppia Mahunka, 1997*

##### *Leptoppia benyovszkyi* Mahunka, 1996

*Leptoppia benyovszkyi* Mahunka, 1996b: 116, figs 18–22.

*Leptoppia benyovszkyi*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Leptoppia benyovszkyi*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Leptoppia benyovszkyi*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

##### *Leptoppia procera* Mahunka, 1997

*Leptoppia procera* Mahunka, 1997a: 142, figs 41–43.

*Leptoppia procera*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Leptoppia procera*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Leptoppia procera*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Leptoppia procera*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

#### OXYOPIINA Subías, 1989

##### *Arcoppia Balogh, 1983*

##### *Arcoppia zsuzsankae* (Mahunka, 2002)

*Oxyoppiella zsuzsankae* Mahunka, 2002a: 174, figs 13–16.

*Oxyoppiella zsuzsankae*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Oxyoppiella (Oxyoppiella) zsuzsankae*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Arcoppia zsuzsankae*: Subías 2021: 220.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. N of Andovoranto, between Artdombo and Andovoa (Mahunka 2002a); Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

##### *Fossoppia (Fossoppia) Mahunka, 1994*

##### *Fossoppia (Fossoppia) calcarata* Mahunka, 1994

*Fossoppia calcarata* Mahunka, 1994: 81, figs 71–77.

*Fossoppia calcarata*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Fossoppia calcarata*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Fossoppia calcarata*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Fossoppia calcarata*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Fossoppia (Fossoppia) calcarata*: Subías 2017: 243.

*Fossoppia calcarata*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.



*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

***Fossoppia (Multifossoppia) Subías, 2017***

***Fossoppia (Multifossoppia) pirata***  
Mahunka, 1994

*Fossoppia pirata* Mahunka, 1994: 83, figs 78–81.

*Fossoppia pirata*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Fossoppia pirata*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Fossoppia (Multifossoppia) pirata*: Subías 2017: 244.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994).

***Lineoppia Balogh & Balogh, 1983***

***Lineoppia tuberosa*** (Mahunka, 2009)

*Oxyoppia (Oxyoppia) tuberosa* Mahunka, 2009b: 56, figs 16–18.

*Lineoppia tuberosa*: Subías 2010: 238.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Oxyoppia Balogh & Mahunka, 1969***

***Oxyoppia (Dzarogneta) Kulijev, 1978***

***Oxyoppia (Dzarogneta) pustulata***  
Mahunka, 1997

*Oxyoppia pustulata* Mahunka, 1997a: 144, figs 44–48.

*Oxyoppia pustulata*: Mahunka 2002a: 162

*Oxyoppia pustulata*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Oxyoppia pustulata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 185, pl. 256. fig. 15., pl. 257. fig. 1.

*Oxyoppiella* (sic!) *punctulata* (sic!): Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Oxyoppia (Dzarogneta) pustulata*: Subías 2004: 129.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Ile Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a); Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka 2011b).

***Oxyoppia (Oxyoppiella) Subías & Rodriguez, 1986***

***Oxyoppia (Oxyoppiella) crassata***  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012

*Oxyoppia (Oxyoppiella) crassata* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 44, figs 1a–1b.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Antongil Bay, Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

**MYSTROPPIINAE Balogh, 1983**

***Brachioppiella (Brachioppiella) Mahunka, 1986***

***Brachioppiella (Brachioppiella) boraha***  
Mahunka, 1994

*Brachioppiella boraha* Mahunka, 1994: 57, figs 21–25.

*Brachioppiella boraha*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Brachioppiella boraha*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Brachioppiella boraha*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Brachioppiella boraha*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 211, pl. 294, figs 9–10.

*Rugoppia boraha*: Mahunka 2009a: 110, figs 40–42.

*Rugoppia boraha*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Brachioppiella (Brachioppiella) boraha*: Subías 2019: 204.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and New Zealand.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994, Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2010a).

***Striatoppia Balogh, 1958***

***Striatoppia luisae*** Mahunka, 1994

*Striatoppia luisae* Mahunka, 1994: 76, figs 67–70.

*Striatoppia luisiae* (sic!): Mahunka 1997a: 120.

*Striatoppia luisiae* (sic!): Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Striatoppia luisae*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.  
*Striatoppia luisae*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 185, pl. 257. figs 6–7.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994, Mahunka 1997a).

***Striatoppia madagascarensis* Balogh, 1961**

*Striatoppia madagascarensis* Balogh, 1961: 19, figs 18–19.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Balogh 1983: 32.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 388.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 185, pl. 257. figs 10–11.

*Striatoppia madagascarensis*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Distribution*. Madagascar and Vietnam.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1960); Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

**LANCEOPPIINAE Balogh, 1983**

***Lanceoppia (Baioppia) Luxton, 1985***

***Lanceoppia (Baioppia) rugosa*  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Lanceoppia (Baioppia) rugosa* Ermilov & Starý, 2020d: 703, fig. 3.

*Lanceoppia (Baioppia) rugosa*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.

*Lanceoppia (Baioppia) rugosa*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020d); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

***Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) Subías, 1989***

***Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) cucheana*  
Mahunka, 1994**

*Lanceoppia cucheana* Mahunka, 1994: 58, figs 26–32.

*Lanceoppia cucheana*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Lanceoppia (Lanceoppia) cucheana*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Lanceoppia cucheana*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 219, pl. 303. figs 5–6.

*Aethioppia cucheana*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) cucheana*: Subías 2004: 111.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Mananara North Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

***Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) kalalao*  
Mahunka, 1997**

*Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) kalalao* Mahunka, 1997a: 135, figs 28–33.

*Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) kalalao*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Lanceoppia (Bicristoppia) kalalao*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a).

*New record*. Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W slope at 1–300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859).

***Lanceoppia (Lanceoppia) Hammer, 1962***

***Lanceoppia (Lanceoppia) madagascarensis*  
Mahunka, 2002**

*Lanceoppia madagascarensis* Mahunka, 2002a: 171, figs 10–12.

*Lanceoppia (Lanceoppia) madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Lanceoppia madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Lanceoppia madagascarensis*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Lanceoppia madagascarensis*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 446.

*Lanceoppia (Lanceoppia) madagascarensis*: Subías 2004: 110.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2002a); Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka 2011b, Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

### ***Lanceoppia (Lancelalmoppia) Subías, 1989***

#### ***Lanceoppia (Lancelalmoppia) ravenala* (Mahunka, 1994)**

*Radamoppia ravenala* Mahunka, 1994: 68, figs. 47–55.

*Radamoppia ravenata* (sic!): Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Radamoppia ravenala*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Radamoppia ravenala*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 222, pl. 306. figs 11–12.

*Lancelalmoppia ravenala*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Lancelalmoppia (Lancelalmoppia) ravenala*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

### ***Otoppia Balogh, 1983***

#### ***Otoppia midas* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Oppia midas* Balogh, 1962a: 133, figs 20–22.

*Otoppia midas*: Balogh 1983: 42, table 11 fig. 17-5.

*Otoppia midas*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 384.

*Otoppia midas*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Otoppia midas*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Otoppia midas*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 215, pl. 298. figs 6–7.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Manjakandriana, La Mandraka (Balogh 1962a).

### ***Pustuloppia Mahunka, 1994***

### ***Pustuloppia madagassica* Mahunka, 1994**

*Pustuloppia madagassica* Mahunka, 1994: 66, figs 40–46.

*Pustuloppia madagassica*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Pustuloppia madagassica*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Pustuloppia madagassica*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 224, pl. 309. figs 4–5.

*Pustuloppia madagassica*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

### ***Setoppia Balogh, 1983***

#### ***Setoppia vanga* (Mahunka, 1994)**

*Radamoppia vanga* Mahunka, 1994: 70, figs 56–61.

*Radamoppia vanga*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Radamoppia vanga*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Radamoppia vanga*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 218, pl. 302. figs 5–6.

*Setoppia vanga*: Subías 2004: 112.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1994).

### ***Trematoppia Balogh, 1962***

#### ***Trematoppia cristipes* Balogh, 1962**

*Trematoppia cristipes* Balogh, 1962a: 135, figs 23–25.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Balogh 1983: 40, table 10 fig. 17–1.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 389.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Mahunka 1997a: 120.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Mahunka 2002b: 13, figs 13–16.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 221, pl. 306. figs 7–8.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Mahunka 2011a: 7, figs 13–16.

*Trematoppia cristipes*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Madagascar and Mexico.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1962a); Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Island of Nosy Be Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a); Ranomafana (Mahunka 2011a).

**MEDIOPPIINAE Subías & Mínguez, 1985**

***Micropia* Balogh, 1983**

***Micropia minus* (Paoli, 1908)**

*Damaeosoma minus* Paoli, 1908: 48, pl. 3. fig. 11.  
*Micropia minus*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Distribution.* Cosmopolitan.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

**MULTIOPPIINAE Balogh, 1983**

***Multioppia (Hammeroppia)*  
Vasilu & Ivan, 2009**

***Multioppia (Hammeroppia) wilsoni* Aoki, 1964**

*Multioppia wilsoni* Aoki, 1964: 652, figs 6–8.  
*Multioppia (Hammeroppia) wilsoni*: Ermilov & Starý, 2020d: 705.  
*Multioppia (Hammeroppia) wilsoni*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.  
*Multioppia (Hammeroppia) wilsoni*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Cosmopolitan except the Antarctic region.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020d); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

***Ramusella (Insculptoppia)* Subías, 1980**

***Ramusella (Insculptoppia) alata*  
(Mahunka, 1997)**

*Sphagnoppia alata* Mahunka, 1997a: 147, figs 49–53.  
*Sphagnoppia alata*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.  
*Sphagnoppia alata*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Sphagnoppia alata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 226, pl. 311. fig. 13–14.

*Ramusella (Insculptoppia) alata*: Subías 2004: 118.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a).

***Ramusella (Insculptoppia) lata*  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012**

*Ramusella (Insculptoppia) lata* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 47, figs 3a–3d.

*Ramusella (Insculptoppia) lata*: Ermilov & Starý 2020i: 447.

*Distribution:* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Mananara North Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012); Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020i).

*Remarks.* During collection research we recognized that the label in the vial refers to a different locality than the published one; holotype and one paratype: Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W slope at 1–300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859). Even in the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka this locality is connected to the holotype. From the published holotype locality we found just another paratype: Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and Pandanus ssp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921).

***Ramusella (Insculptoppiella)*  
Subías & Rodríguez, 1986**

***Ramusella (Insculptoppia) aepyornis*  
Mahunka, 1994**

*Ramusella aepyornis* Mahunka, 1994: 74, figs 62–66.  
*Ramusella aepyornis*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.  
*Ramusella aepyornis*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.  
*Ramusella aepyornis* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 207, pl. 288. fig. 15., pl. 289. fig. 1.

*Ramusella (Insculptoppiella) aepyornis*: Subías 2004: 119.

*Ramusella (Insculptoppia) aepyornis*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: 53 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1994); 73 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 2009c).

#### ***Ramusella (Ramusella) Hammer, 1962***

##### ***Ramusella (Ramusella) arcuata***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012

*Ramusella (Ramusella) arcuata* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 45, figs 2a–2c.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Mananara North Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

##### ***Ramusella (Ramusella) clavipectinata***

(Michael, 1885)

*Notaspis clavipectinata* Michael, 1885: 395, pl. 7. fig. 6.

*Ramusella (Ramusella) clavipectinata*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Ramusella clavipectinata*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 243.

*Distribution*. Semicosmopolitan (Palearctic: frequent, U.S.A.: California, furthermore Madagascar, Oriental and Hawaii).

*Locality in Madagascar*: Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

#### ***Ramuselloppia Subías & Rodríguez, 1986***

***Ramuselloppia indistincta*** Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Ramuselloppia indistincta* Ermilov & Starý, 2020d: 689, figs 1–2.

*Ramuselloppia indistincta*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020d).

#### **OPPIELLINAE Seniczak, 1975**

##### ***Berniniella (Berniniella) Balogh, 1983***

***Berniniella (Berniniella) bicarinata*** (Paoli, 1908)

*Dameosoma bicarinatum* Paoli, 1908: 59, fig. 4: 21.

*Berniniella bicarinata*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Berniniella (Berniniella) bicarinata*: Subías 2004: 125.

*Distribution*. Palearctic region, Madagascar and Vietnam.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

##### ***Elaphoppia Balogh, 1983***

***Elaphoppia quadripilosa*** (Balogh, 1960)

*Oppia quadripilosa* Balogh, 1960: 18, figs 16–17.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Balogh 1983: 24, table 3, figs 9–5.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Subías & Balogh 1989: 377.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Mahunka 1997a: 119.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Elaphoppia quadripilosa*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 188, pl. 262. figs 1–2.

*Distribution*. Madagascar and Vietnam.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Manjahandriana, Ambotolaona (Balogh 1960); Ile de Nosy Boraha (Mahunka 1997a).

##### ***Oppiella Jacot, 1937***

***Oppiella nova*** (Oudemans, 1902)

*Eremaeus novus* Oudemans, 1902: 36.

*Oppiella nova*: Mahunka 1997a: 120.

*Oppiella nova*: Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Oppiella nova*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Oppiella nova*: Mahunka 2009c: 339.

*Oppiella nova*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Oppiella (Oppiella) nova*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Oppiella nova*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Cosmopolitan.

*Localities in Madagascar:* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 1997a, Mahunka 2009c); Andasibe (Perinet) (Mahunka 2011b); Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka 2011b, Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

**QUADROPHIIDAE Balogh, 1983**

***Quadroppia (Coronoquadroppia) Balogh, 1983***

***Quadroppia (Coronoquadroppia) circumita***  
(Hammer, 1961)

*Oppia circumita* Hammer, 1961: 48, fig. 39.

*Quadroppia circumita:* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 48, figs 4a–4b.

*Quadroppia (Coronoquadroppia) circumita:* Subías 2004: 113.

*Distribution.* Pantropical and subtropical.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

**TRIZETOIDEA Ewing, 1917**

**NOSYBELBIDAE Mahunka, 1994**

***Nosybelba Mahunka, 1994***

***Nosybelba oppiana Mahunka, 1994***

*Nosybelba oppiana* Mahunka, 1994: 86, figs 82–90.

*Nosybelba oppiana:* Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Nosybelba oppiana:* Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Nosybea* (sic!) *oppiana:* Balogh & Balogh 2002: 194, pl. 270, figs 6–7.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Analamazoatra Special Reserve (Mahunka 1994).

***Nosybelba spinipes* (Balogh, 1962)**

*Oppia spinipes* Balogh, 1962a: 131, figs 16–19.

*Aethioppia spinipes:* Balogh 1983: 54.

*Aethioppia spinipes:* Subías & Balogh 1989: 373.

*Aethioppia spinipes:* Mahunka 2002a: 162.

*Aethioppia spinipes:* Mahunka 2002b: 12.

*Nosybelba spinipes:* Subías 2014: 201.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Manjakandriana, La Mandraka (Balogh 1962a).

**SUCTOBELBIDAE JACOT, 1938**

***Interbelba Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012***

***Interbelba solifera***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012

*Interbelba solifera* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 48, figs 5a–5b.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Antongil Bay, Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

***Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) Chinone, 2003***

***Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) bercziki***  
(Mahunka, 2009)

*Madabelba bercziki* Mahunka, 2009b: 58, figs 19–21.

*Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) bercziki:* Subías 2017: 259.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) duplicondyla***  
(Mahunka, 2009)

*Suctobelbella duplicondyla* Mahunka, 2009a: 113, figs 46–49.

*Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) duplicondyla:* Subías 2017: 259.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar:* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) madegassica***  
(Mahunka, 2011)

*Neosuctobelba madegassica* Mahunka, 2011a: 9, figs 17–20.

*Novosuctobelba (Leptosuctobelba) madegassica*: Subías 2017: 259.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Parasuctobelba* Hammer, 1977**

***Parasuctobelba subcomplexa***

(Balogh & Mahunka, 1968)

*Suctobelba subcomplexa* Balogh & Mahunka, 1968: 328, fig. 18.

*Parasuctobelba subcomplexa*: Subías 2009: 247.

*Distribution*. Pantropical: Neotropical, Oriental (Borneo), Ethiopian (Guinea Ecuatorial: I. Bioko [Fernando Poo] and Kenya) and Hawaii.

*New record*. Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

*Remarks*. New to the fauna of Madagascar.

***Parasuctobelba vohimana* Mahunka, 2009**

*Parasuctobelba vohimana* Mahunka 2009a: 110, figs 43–45.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Persuctobelba* Mahunka, 2001**

***Persuctobelba divisa* Mahunka, 2001**

*Persuctobelba divisa* Mahunka, 2001: 278, figs 1–4.

*Persuctobelba divisa*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar

*Localities in Madagascar*. Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park, Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2001).

*New record*. Ambohitantely Forest Reserve, E of Manonkazo village (Ankaszabz town). Relic

xerophyllous (dry evergreen) plateau forest at 1500–1530 m alt. 05–06.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9444) (Afr-857).

***Persuctobelba flagellatissima***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012

*Persuctobelba flagellatissima* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 50, figs 6a–6c.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Antongil Bay, Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

***Persuctobelba monster* Mahunka, 2001**

*Persuctobelba monster* Mahunka, 2001: 281, figs 5–8.

*Persuctobelba monster*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Persuctobelba monster*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. between Ambatolaona and Mandraka (Mahunka 2001); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Suctobelbella (Ussuribata) Ryabinin, 1975***

***Suctobelbella (Ussuribata) spirochaeta***

Mahunka, 1983

*Suctobelbella spirochaeta* Mahunka, 1983c: 425, figs 84–88.

*Suctobelbella spirochaeta*: Mahunka 2009a: 91.

*Suctobelbella (Ussuribata) spirochaeta*: Ermilov, Shtanchaeva & Subías 2014: 1594.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian and Japan.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

***Suctobelbella (Ussuribata) variosetosa***

(Hammer, 1961)

*Suctobelbella variosetosa* Hammer, 1961: 43, fig. 35.

*Discosuctobelba variosetosa*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012: 44.

*Suctobelbella (Ussuribata) variosetosa*: Ermilov, Shtanchaeva & Subías 2014: 1595.

*Distribution*. Pantropical (frequent) and Japan.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Masoala Peninsula (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

*Remarks.* During collection research we recognized that the label in the vial refers to a different locality than the published one: Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antani-naomby summit with tree ferns and with Marattia fraxinea, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29.07.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917). Even in the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka this locality is connected to the species.

***Suctobelbilla* Jacot, 1938**

***Suctobelbilla punctocostulata*  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012**

*Suctobelbilla punctocostulata* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 51, figs 7a–7c.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Antongil Bay, Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

***Suctobelbilla tumida*  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012**

*Suctobelbilla tumida* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2012: 53, figs 8a–8c.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Nosy Mangabe Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2012).

**TECTOCEPHEOIDEA Grandjean, 1954**

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***Tectocepheus* Berlese, 1896**

***Tectocepheus minor* Berlese, 1903**

*Tectocepheus minor* Berlese, 1903: 252.  
*Tectocepheus minor*: Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011: 126.

*Distribution.* Semicosmopolitan: Central and South Europe, East Asia, tropical.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

***Tectocepheus velatus velatus* (Michael, 1880)**

*Tegeocranus velatus* Michael, 1880: 190, pl. 6. figs 6–9.  
*Tectocepheus velatus velatus*: Mahunka 2009c: 347.  
*Tectocepheus velatus velatus*: Schabetsberger et al. 2013: 331.  
*Tectocepheus velatus velatus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Cosmopolitan.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c); Amber Mountains National Park (Schabetsberger et al. 2013).

**LIMNOZETOIDEA Thor, 1937**

**AUSTRACHIPTERIIDAE Luxton, 1985**

***Lamellobates (Lamellobates)* Hammer, 1958**

***Lamellobates (Lamellobates) cuneatus*  
Mahunka, 2010**

*Lamellobates cuneatus* Mahunka, 2010a: 54, figs 23–25.  
*Lamellobates (Lamellobates) cuneatus*: Subías 2010: 321.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2010a).

**AMERONOTHROIDEA Willmann, 1931**

**TEGEOCRANELLIDAE P. Balogh, 1987**

***Tegeocranellus* Berlese, 1913**

***Tegeocranellus hungarorum* Mahunka, 2009**

*Tegeocranellus hungarorum* Mahunka, 2009a: 96, figs 12–14.  
*Tegeocranellus hungarorum*: Mahunka 2011: 2.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a); Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka 2011a).



**CYMBAEREMAEOIDEA Sellnick, 1928**

**CYMBAEREMAEIDAE Sellnick, 1928**

***Scapheremaeus* Berlese, 1910**

***Scapheremaeus anteriorugosus* Mahunka, 2011**

*Scapheremaeus anteriorugosus* Mahunka, 2011a: 11, figs 21–23.

*Scapheremaeus anteriorugosus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022b: 809.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Mount Maromizaha south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2011a); Ankaratra Mount (Ermilov & Frolov 2022b).

***Scapheremaeus pauliani***

Fernandez & Cleva, 2010

*Scapheremaeus pauliani* Fernandez & Cleva, 2010a: 103, figs 1–6.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Anosyenne Mountains (Fernandez & Cleva 2010a).

**EREMAEOZETOIDEA Piffel, 1972**

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***Idiozetes* Aoki, 1976**

***Idiozetes malgache***

Fernandez, Cleva & Theron, 2010

*Idiozetes malgache* Fernandez, Cleva & Theron, 2010: 438, figs 1–40.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Antongil Bay, Nosy Mangabe Island (Fernandez, Cleva & Theron 2010).

***Rogerzetes* Fernandez, Theron & Cleva, 2011**

***Rogerzetes betschi* (Fernandez & Cleva, 2009)**

*Eremaozetes betschi* Fernandez & Cleva, 2009: 70, figs 1–8.

*Eremaozetes betschi*: Mahunka 2011a: 3.

*Rogerzetes betschi*: Fernandez, Theron & Cleva 2011: 69, fig. 7.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Ankarongambe forest (10 km E/SE Ambohidray) (Fernandez & Cleva 2009); Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park (Mahunka 2011a).

***Rogerzetes lacouturieri***

Fernandez, Theron & Cleva, 2011

*Rogerzetes lacouturieri* Fernandez, Theron & Cleva, 2011: 62, figs 1–24.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*: Manankaza Forest Station, Ambohitantely (Fernandez, Theron & Cleva 2011).

**LICNEREMAEOIDEA Grandjean, 1931**

**EREMELLIDAE Balogh, 1961**

***Afreremella (Arboreremella)***

Ermilov & Frolov, 2022

***Afreremella (Arboreremella) madagascarensis***

Ermilov & Frolov, 2022

*Afreremella (Arboreremella) madagascarensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022b: 800, figs 1–3.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Ankaratra Mount (Ermilov & Frolov 2022b).

***Eremella* Berlese, 1913**

***Eremella (Eremella) induta* Berlese, 1913**

*Eremella induta* Berlese, 1913: 97.

*Eremella induta*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Eremella (Eremella) induta*: Subías 2020: 290.

*Distribution*. Pantropical and Subtropical.

*Locality in Madagascar*: Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka 2011b).

***Eremella (Licnocephus) simpliseta***  
(Mahunka, 2011)

*Triteremella simpliseta* Mahunka, 2011b: 54, figs 8a–c.  
*Eremella simpliseta*: Ermilov & Frolov 2019: 223.  
*Eremella (Licnocephus) simpliseta*: Subías 2020: 290.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Peyrieras, Causse de Kelifelly (Mahunka 2011b).

**LAMELLAREIDAE Balogh, 1972**

***Microlamellarea Coetzee, 1987***

***Microlamellarea coetzeae***  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Microlamellarea coetzeae* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 136, figs 7a–b.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

**LICNEREMAEIDAE Grandjean, 1931**

***Licneremaeus Paoli, 1908***

***Licneremaeus polygonalis*** Hammer, 1971

*Licneremaeus polygonalis* Hammer, 1971: 29, pl. 18–19, fig. 31a–b.

*Licneremaeus polygonatus* (sic!): Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011: 126.

*Distribution*. Pacific Islands, Vietnam and Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

**PASSALOZETIDAE Grandjean, 1954**

***Bipassalozetes (Passalobates)***  
**Pérez-Íñigo & Peña, 1996**

***Bipassalozetes (Passalobates) berndhauseri***  
(Mahunka, 1997)

*Passalozetes (Bipassalozetes) berndhauseri* Mahunka, 1997a: 153–156.

*Passalozetes (Bipassalozetes) hauseri* (sic!) Mahunka, 1997a: figs 65–68.

*Passalozetes (Bipassalozetes) berndhauseri*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Passalozetes hauseri*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 264, pl. 365, figs 7–8.

*Bipassalozetes (Passalobates) berndhauseri*: Subías 2017: 327.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a).

***Passalozetes (Passalozetes) Grandjean, 1932***

***Passalozetes (Passalozetes) lienhardi***  
Mahunka, 1997

*Passalozetes (Passalozetes) lienhardi* Mahunka, 1997a: 153, figs 61–64.

*Passalozetes (Passalozetes) lienhardi*: Mahunka 2002b: 13.

*Passalozetes lienhardi*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 264, pl. 365, figs 9–10.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. 45 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary, 53 km from Tôlanaro on the road to Amboasary (Mahunka 1997a).

**PHENOPELOPOIDEA Petrunkevich, 1955**

**PHENOPELOPIDAE Petrunkevich, 1955**

***Eupelops*** Ewing, 1917

***Eupelops costulatus*** Mahunka, 2011

*Eupelops costulatus* Mahunka, 2011b: 56, figs 9a–d.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011b).

**ACHIPTERIOIDEA Thor, 1929**

**TEGORIBATIDAE Grandjean, 1954**

***Lemurobates* Mahunka, 1997**

***Lemurobates antsiranana* Mahunka, 1997**

*Lemurobates antsiranana* Mahunka, 1997a: 159, figs 75–81.

*Lemurobates antsiranana*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Lemurobates antsiranana* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 333, pl. 442. figs 2–3.

*Lemurobates antsiranana*: Mahunka 2010a: 48.

*Lemurobates antsiranana*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park; Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a); Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park, Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2010a).

*New record*. Toamasina Prov. Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the NW slope of Behafotra Hill, at 250–300 m alt., with 3500 mm annual rainfall. 16°27.1-3'S, 49°47.6'E, 14–15.08.1998, Leg. T. Pócs (No. 9877) (Afr-920).

**ORIBATELLOIDEA Jacot, 1925**

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***Oribatella* (*Oribatella*) Banks, 1895**

***Oribatella* (*Oribatella*) *madagascarensis*  
Mahunka, 1997**

*Oribatella madagascarensis* Mahunka, 1997a: 156, figs 69–74.

*Oribatella madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Oribatella madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 298, pl. 404. figs 3–4.

*Oribatella* (*Oribatella*) *madagascarensis*: Subías 2004: 171.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Island of Nosy Be, Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

**ORIPODOIDEA Jacot, 1925**

**CALOPPIIDAE Balogh, 1961**

***Zetorchella* Berlese, 1916**

***Zetorchella semirugosa* (Mahunka, 2011)**

*Chaunoproctus semirugosus* Mahunka, 2011b: 60, figs 11a–d.

*Zetorchella semirugosa*: Subías 2012: 385.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka 2011b).

**HAPLOZETIDAE Grandjean, 1936**

***Indoribates* (*Haplozetes*) Willmann, 1935**

***Indoribates* (*Haplozetes*) *madagascarensis*  
(Balogh, 1960)**

*Scheloribates madagascarensis* Balogh, 1960: 25, figs 30–31.

*Scheloribates madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Indoribates* (*Haplozetes*) *madagascarensis*: Subías 2017: 440.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Nosy Be, Pointe a la Fievre (Balogh 1960).

***Indoribates* (*Indoribates*) Jacot, 1929**

***Indoribates* (*Indoribates*) *olszanowskii*  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Indoribates olszanowskii* Ermilov & Starý, 2020k: 362, figs 1–7.

*Indoribates* (*Indoribates*) *olszanowskii*: Subías 2021: 400.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020k).

***Peloribates (Peloribates) Berlese, 1908***

***Peloribates (Peloribates) pocsi***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Peloribates (Peloribates) pocsi* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 138, figs 9a–c.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Ambohitantely Forest Reserve (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

***Peloribates (Peloribatodes) Mahunka, 2011***

***Peloribates (Peloribatodes) incompatibilis***

Mahunka, 2011

*Peloribates (Peloribatodes) incompatibilis* Mahunka, 2011b: 62, figs 12a–d.

*Distribution.* Ethiopian, Holarctic and Neotropical.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Peyrieras, Causse de Kelifelly (Mahunka 2011b).

***Peloribates (Peloribatodes) montagnensis***

Ermilov & Starý, 2020.

*Peloribates (Peloribatodes) montagnensis* Ermilov & Starý, 2020e: 146, figs 1–3.

*Peloribates (Peloribatodes) montagnensis:* Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020e).

***Pilobatella (Pilobatella)***

**Balogh & Mahunka, 1967**

***Pilobatella (Pilobatella) brevipila* Mahunka, 2011**

*Pilobatella brevipila* Mahunka, 2011a: 13, figs 24–27.

*Pilobatella (Pilobatella) brevipila:* Subías 2017: 447.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Pilobatella (Pilobatella) kovaci***

Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Pilobatella kovaci* Ermilov & Starý, 2020g: 550, fig. 4.

*Pilobatella (Pilobatella) kovaci:* Subías 2021: 406.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020g).

***Pilobatella (Pilobatella) mikoi***

Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Pilobatella mikoi* Ermilov & Starý, 2020g: 547, figs 1–3.

*Pilobatella (Pilobatella) mikoi:* Subías 2021: 406.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020g).

***Pilobates (Pilobates) Balogh, 1960***

***Pilobates (Pilobates) africanus***

Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Pilobates africanus* Ermilov & Starý, 2020e: 150, figs 4–6.

*Pilobates (Pilobates) africanus:* Subías 2021: 407.

*Pilobates africanus:* Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020e).

***Pilobates (Pilobates) longiprocessus***

Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Pilobates longiprocessus* Ermilov & Starý, 2020j: 124, figs 1–7.

*Pilobates (Pilobates) longiprocessus:* Subías 2021: 407.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020j).

***Pilobates (Pilobates) parastaryi* Ermilov, 2020**

*Pilobates parastaryi* Ermilov, 2020: 1325, fig. 4.

*Pilobates (Pilobates) parastaryi*: Subías 2021: 407.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov 2020).

***Pilobates (Pilobates) staryi* Ermilov, 2020**

*Pilobates staryi* Ermilov, 2020: 1321, figs 1–3.

*Pilobates (Pilobates) staryi*: Subías 2021: 407.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov 2020).

***Protoribates (Triaunguis) Kulijev, 1978***

***Protoribates (Triaunguis) ziemowiti*  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Protoribates ziemowiti* Ermilov & Starý, 2020k: 365, figs 8–14.

*Protoribates (Triaunguis) ziemowiti*: Subías 2021: 397.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020k).

***Rostrozetes Sellnick, 1925***

***Rostrozetes poensis* (Mihelčič, 1957)**

*Carabozetes poensis* Mihelčič, 1957: 64, fig. 10.

*Rostrozetes pulcherrimus* Balogh, 1960: 29, fig. 35.

*Trachyoribates (Rostrozetes) pulcherrimus*: Mahunka 2009a: 120.

*Rostrozetes pulcherrimus*: Mahunka 2011a: 3.

*Rostrozetes poensis*: Subías 2021: 408.

*Distribution*. Pantropical (frequent) and subtropical.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Manjakandriana, La Mandraka (Balogh 1960); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a, Mahunka 2011a).

***Vilhenabates Balogh, 1963***

***Vilhenabates ambohitra* Mahunka, 2009**

*Vilhenabates ambohitra* Mahunka, 2009c: 348, figs 17–19.

*Vilhenabates ambohitra*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

***Vilhenabates dissecatus* Mahunka, 2009**

*Vilhenabates dissecatus* Mahunka, 2009a: 118, figs 53–56.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009a).

**ORBATULIDAE Thor, 1929**

***Lucoppia Berlese, 1908***

***Lucoppia ankaratraensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022**

*Lucoppia ankaratraensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022b: 804, figs 4–6.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ankaratra Mount (Ermilov & Frolov 2022b).

**PARAKALUMMIDAE Grandjean, 1936**

***Neoribates (Neoribates) Berlese, 1914***

***Neoribates (Neoribates) africanus*  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Neoribates (Neoribates) africanus* Ermilov & Starý, 2020b: 115, figs 1–3.

*Neoribates africanus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020b).

***Neoribates (Neoribates) madagascarensis*  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020**

*Neoribates (Neoribates) madagascarensis* Ermilov & Starý, 2020b: 119, figs 4–6.

*Neoribates madagascarensis*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020b).

**ORIPODIDAE JACOT, 1925**

***Oripoda* Banks, 1904**

***Oripoda attenuata* Mahunka, 2011**

*Oripoda attenuata* Mahunka, 2011b: 58, figs 10a–c.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mangabé Island, Antongil Bay (Mahunka 2011b).

***Oripoda auriculata* Mahunka, 1996**

*Oripoda auriculata* Mahunka, 1996b: 118, figs 23–25.

*Oripoda auriculata*: Balogh & Balogh 1999b: 35, figs 76–77.

*Oripoda auriculata*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Oripoda auriculata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 311, pl. 421, figs 3–4.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b).

***Protoripoda (Protoripoda) Balogh, 1970***

***Protoripoda (Protoripoda) nasuta*  
Mahunka, 2009**

*Protoripoda nasuta* Mahunka, 2009b: 58, figs 22–23.

*Protoripoda (Protoripoda) nasuta*: Subías 2010: 398.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b).

***Pseudopirnodus Baranek, 1985***

***Pseudopirnodus madegassus* Mahunka, 1996**

*Pseudopirnodus madegassus* Mahunka, 1996b: 122, figs 26–29.

*Pseudopirnodus madegassus*: Balogh & Balogh 1999b: 43, figs 124–125.

*Pseudopirnodus madegassus*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Pseudopirnodus madegassus*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 308, pl. 416, figs 4–5.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996b).

**SCHELORIBATIDAE Grandjean, 1933**

***Euscheloribates* Kunst, 1958**

***Euscheloribates translamellatus*  
(Mahunka, 2009)**

*Ambrobates translamellatus* Mahunka, 2009c: 348, figs 14–16.

*Euscheloribates translamellatus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2009c).

***Heteroleius* Balogh & Mahunka, 1966**

***Heteroleius flagellifer*  
Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011**

*Heteroleius flagellifer* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 141, figs 10a–c.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Analamazoatra Special Reserve, Antsiranana Province, Nosy Komba Island (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

*Remarks.* According to the original description the holotype and 4 paratypes are deposited in Geneva (MHNG) and 3 paratypes are in Budapest (HNHM). However, in the HNHM collection we found two vials: one is labelled as holotype Nosy Mangabe Island in Antongil Bay S of Maroantsetra town. Mesic lowland rainforest on the W slope at 1–300 m alt. 15°29'S, 49°45'E, 13.09.1994, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9450) (Afr-859) and one is labelled as paratype with 5 specimens (same locality as the holotype). We checked Mahunka's handwritten notebook but we found no helpful information there.

***Scheloribates (Scheloribates) Berlese, 1908***

***Scheloribates (Scheloribates) mahnerti***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2008

*Scheloribates mahnerti* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2008: 84, figs 21–23.

*Scheloribates (Scheloribates) mahnerti*: Subías 2009: 384.

*Scheloribates mahnerti*: Mahunka 2011b: 44.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mangabé Island, Antongil Bay (Mahunka 2011b).

***Scheloribates (Scheloribates) striolatus***

Balogh, 1960

*Scheloribates striolatus* Balogh, 1960: 27, figs 32–34.

*Scheloribates striolatus*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Scheloribates (Scheloribates) striolatus*: Subías 2004: 202.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Manjakandriana, Ambotolaona (Balogh 1960).

***Tuberemaeus Sellnick, 1930***

***Tuberemaeus puruczkyi***

Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011

*Tuberemaeus puruczkyi* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 143, figs 11a–c.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

**CERATOZETOIDEA Jacot, 1925**

**HUMEROBATIDAE Grandjean, 1970**

***Antarctozetes* Balogh, 1961**

***Antarctozetes nasalis***

(Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011)

*Africoribates nasalis* Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 2011: 137, figs 8a–c.

*Antarctozetes nasalis*: Subías 2019: 339.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Antsiranana Province, Nosy Komba Island, Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp 2011).

*Remarks*. During collection research we recognised that the label in the vial refers to a different locality than the published one: Toamasina Province. Maromizaha forest. Mossy montane rainforest with bamboo (*Nastus* sp.) undergrowth on the summit ridge of Mount Maromizaha, south of the Andasibe National Park and the Antananarivo Toamasina road, 2 km W of Anevoka village, at 1080–1214 m alt. 18°57.8'S, 48°27.5'E, 26.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9890) (Afr-923). Even in the handwritten notebook of Sándor Mahunka this locality is connected to the species and not the published one.

***Humerobates* Sellnick, 1928**

***Humerobates africanus* (Mahunka, 1984)**

*Baloghobates africanus* Mahunka, 1984: 118, figs 21 A–E.

*Humerobates africanus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022b: 809.

*Distribution*. Afrotropical region.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ankaratra Mount Ermilov & Frolov 2022b).

**PUNCTORIBATIDAE Thor, 1937**

***Punctoribates* Berlese, 1908**

***Punctoribates longiporosus* Balogh, 1963**

*Punctoribates longiporosus* Balogh, 1963: 41, figs 12–13.

*Punctoribates (Minguezetes) longiporosus*: Subías 2008: 346.

*Punctoribates longiporosus*: Mahunka 2011a: 3.

*Punctoribates longiporosus*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian, Oriental, Northeast China, Mexico.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Mahunka 2011a).

**GALUMNOIDEA Jacot, 1925**

**GALUMNELLIDAE Balogh, 1961**

***Galumnella (Galumnella) Berlese, 1916***

***Galumnella (Galumnella) pauliani* Balogh, 1960**

*Galumnella pauliani* Balogh, 1960: 36, fig. 45.  
*Galumnella pauliani*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 361, pl. 475, fig. 8.  
*Galumnella pauliani*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.  
*Galumnella (Galumnella) pauliani*: Subías 2004: 222.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and Vietnam.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1960).

*New record.* Toamasina Prov., Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve and National Park. Lowland rainforest on the E slopes of Mahavoho Hill (very wet types along Manahovo River, with many tree ferns, palms and *Pandanus* spp., less humid on slopes) at 220–300 m alt. 16°27'S, 49°46.9–47.5'E, 14–15.08.1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9878) (Afr-921).

**GALUMNIDAE JACOT, 1925**

***Allogalumna (Acrogalumna) Grandjean, 1956***

***Allogalumna (Acrogalumna) costata*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Allogalumna costata* Mahunka, 1996c: 164, figs 1–5.  
*Allogalumna costata*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.  
*Allogalumna costata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 382, pl. 498, figs 3–4.  
*Allogalumna costata*: Mahunka 2011a: 3.  
*Allogalumna (Acrogalumna) costata*: Subías 2021: 412.

*Distribution.* Madagascar and Vietnam.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Allogalumna (Acrogalumna) superporosa*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Allogalumna superporosa* Mahunka, 1996c: 169, figs 16–18.

*Allogalumna superporosa*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.  
*Allogalumna superporosa*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 382, pl. 498, figs 6–7.  
*Allogalumna (Acrogalumna) superporosa*: Subías 2021: 413.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) Grandjean, 1936***

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) insolita*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Allogalumna insolita* Mahunka, 1996c: 164, figs 6–10.  
*Allogalumna insolita*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.  
*Allogalumna insolita*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 382, pl. 498, fig. 1.  
*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) insolita*: Subías 2019: 404.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) longula*  
Balogh, 1960**

*Xenogalumna longula* Balogh, 1960: 32, figs 39–41.  
*Xenogalumna longula*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.  
*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) longula*: Ermilov & Klimov 2017: 55.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1960).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) madagascarensis*  
(Balogh, 1960)**

*Ctenogalumna madagascarensis* Balogh, 1960: 34, figs 42–44.  
*Allogalumna madagascarensis*: Mahunka 1996c: 168, figs 11–12.  
*Allogalumna madagascarensis*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.  
*Ctenogalumna madagascarensis*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 380, pl. 495, fig. 10.  
*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) madagascarensis*: Subías 2019: 404.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.



*Localities in Madagascar.* Mont Papango near Befotaka (Balogh 1960); Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) paramadagascarensis*** Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Allogalumna paramadagascarensis* Ermilov & Starý, 2020f: 100, figs 1–4.

*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) paramadagascarensis*: Subías 2021: 412.

*Allogalumna paramadagascarensis*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 443.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020f).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) paravojnitsi***  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Allogalumna paravojnitsi* Ermilov & Starý, 2020f: 105, figs 1–4.

*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) paravojnitsi*: Subías 2021: 412.

*Allogalumna paravojnitsi*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 243.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020f).

***Allogalumna (Allogalumna) pocsi***  
Mahunka, 1996

*Allogalumna pocsi* Mahunka, 1996c: 169, figs 13–15.

*Allogalumna pocsi*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Allogalumna pocsi*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 382, pl. 498, fig. 9., pl. 499, fig. 1.

*Allogalumna (Allogalumna) pocsi*: Subías 2021: 415.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Angulogalumna Grishina, 1981***

***Angulogalumna grishinae***  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Angulogalumna grishinae* Ermilov & Starý, 2020l: 67, figs 1–4.

*Angulogalumna grishinae*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020l, Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

***Galumna (Galumna) Heyden, 1826***

***Galumna (Galumna) ankaratra*** Mahunka, 1997

*Galumna ankaratra* Mahunka, 1997a: 162, figs 82–85.

*Galumna ankaratra*: Mahunka 2002b: 14.

*Galumna ankarata* (sic!): Balogh & Balogh 2002: 369, pl. 483, fig. 10.

*Galumna ankaratra* (sic!): Mahunka 2011a: 3.

*Galumna (Galumna) ankaratra*: Subías 2004: 214.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Manjakatombo Forest Station (Mahunka 1997a); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Galumna (Galumna) armatifera*** Mahunka, 1996

*Galumna armatifera* Mahunka, 1996c: 172, figs 19–22.

*Galumna armatifera*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Galumna armatifera*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 369, pl. 483, figs 8–9.

*Galumna armatifera*: Mahunka 2009b: 48.

*Galumna armatifera*: Mahunka 2011a: 3.

*Galumna armatifera*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a.

*Galumna armatifera*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Galumna (Galumna) armatifera*: Subías 2004: 214.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Masoala peninsula, Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c); Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2009b, Mahunka 2011a); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Galumna (Galumna) brevilineata*** Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Galumna (Galumna) brevilineata* Ermilov & Starý, 2020h: 1385, figs 1–3.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020h).

***Galumna (Galumna) engelbrechti***  
Mahunka, 1997

*Galumna engelbrechti* Mahunka, 1997a: 162, figs 86–90.

*Galumna engelbrechti*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Galumna engelbrechti*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 369, pl. 483. fig. 11.

*Galumna (Galumna) engelbrechti*: Subías 2004: 215.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

***Galumna (Galumna) granalata*** Aoki, 1984

*Galumna granalata* Aoki, 1984: 146, fig. 23.

*Galumna (Galumna) granalata*: Subías 2004: 215.

*Galumna granalata*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a: 73.

*Galumna granalata*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution.* Oriental region and Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Galumna (Galumna) janosbaloghi***  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Galumna (Galumna) janosbaloghi* Ermilov & Starý, 2020a: 68, figs 4–6.

*Galumna janosbaloghi*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Galumna (Galumna) montagnensis***  
Ermilov & Frolov, 2022

*Galumna (Galumna) montagnensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022a: 445, fig. 3.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

***Galumna (Galumna) paraarmatifera***  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Galumna (Galumna) paraarmatifera* Ermilov & Starý, 2020h: 1389, figs 4–5.

*Galumna paraarmatifera*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar.* Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020h); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

***Galumna (Galumna) sandormahunkai***  
Ermilov & Starý, 2020

*Galumna (Galumna) sandormahunkai* Ermilov & Starý, 2020a: 65, figs 1–3.

*Galumna sandormahunkai*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Galumna (Galumna) tuberculata*** Mahunka, 1997

*Galumna tuberculata* Mahunka, 1997a: 167, figs 91–95.

*Galumna tuberculata*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Galumna tuberculata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 369, pl. 483. figs 5–6.

*Galumna (Galumna) tuberculata*: Subías 2004: 217.

*Distribution.* Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar.* Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Mahunka 1997a).

*New record.* Antsiranana Prov. Nosy Komba Island. Submontane rainforest remnants in the NW valley of Antaninaomby summit with tree ferns and with *Marattia fraxinea*, at 570–580 m alt. 13°23.2'S, 48°20.8'E, 29. 07. 1998, leg. T. Pócs (No. 9862) (Afr-917).

***Leptogalumna (Leptogalumna) Balogh, 1960***

***Leptogalumna (Leptogalumna) reducta*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Leptogalumna reducta* Mahunka, 1996c: 174, figs 23–26.

*Leptogalumna reducta*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Leptogalumna (Leptogalumna) reducta*: Subías 2015: 455.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Orthogalumna Balogh, 1960***

***Orthogalumna saeva* Balogh, 1960**

*Orthogalumna saeva* Balogh, 1960: 31, figs 36–38.

*Orthogalumna saeva*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 374, pl. 488, fig. 6.

*Orthogalumna saeva*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian, Oriental (Indian: Tripura, and south-eastern China, Okinawa), Neotropical (Lesser Antilles).

*Locality in Madagascar*. Ile Tromelin (Balogh 1960).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) Grandjean, 1936***

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) amamiensis*  
Aoki, 1984**

*Pergalumna amamiensis* Aoki, 1984: 146, fig. 24.

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) amamiensis*: Subías 2016: 460.

*Pergalumna amamiensis*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a: 73.

*Pergalumna amamiensis*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region and Japan.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) ambrensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022**

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) ambrensis* Ermilov & Frolov, 2022a: 444, figs 1–2.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) andasibe*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Pergalumna andasibe* Mahunka, 1996c: 175, figs 27–29.

*Pergalumna andasibe*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Pergalumna andasibe*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 377, pl. 492, fig. 8.

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) andasibe*: Subías 2016: 460.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) bicristata*  
Mahunka, 2011**

*Pergalumna bicristata* Mahunka, 2011a: 16, figs 32–34.

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) bicristata*: Subías 2016: 460.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) conspicua*  
Balogh, 1962**

*Pergalumna conspicua* Balogh, 1962c: 119, figs 59–60.

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) conspicua*: Subías 2016: 461.

*Pergalumna conspicua*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a: 73.

*Pergalumna conspicua*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) fastigata*  
Mahunka, 1996**

*Pergalumna fastigata* Mahunka, 1996c: 177, figs 30–33.

*Pergalumna fastigata*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.  
*Pergalumna fastigata*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 379, pl. 495, fig. 9.  
*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) fascigata*: Subías 2016: 461.  
*Pergalumna fastigata*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a: 73.  
*Pergalumna fastigata*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Localities in Madagascar*. Masoala peninsula, Ambanizana village (Mahunka 1996c); Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) filifera***  
Mahunka, 1978

*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) filifera* Mahunka, 1978b: 337, figs 61–63.  
*Pergalumna filifera*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution*. Australia, Mauritius, Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Frolov 2022a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) frater*** Balogh, 1960

*Pergalumna frater* Balogh, 1960: 32, figs 54–58.  
*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) frater*: Ermilov & Starý 2020a: 73.  
*Pergalumna frater*: Ermilov & Frolov 2022a: 444.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region and Japan.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Montagne d'Ambre National Park (Ermilov & Starý 2020a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) infinita***  
Mahunka, 2011

*Pergalumna infinita* Mahunka, 2011a: 180, figs 34–37.  
*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) infinita*: Subías 2016: 462.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Vohimana Reserve (Mahunka 2011a).

***Pergalumna (Pergalumna) nasifera***  
Mahunka, 2011

*Pergalumna nasifera* Mahunka, 2011b: 63, figs 13a–c.  
*Pergalumna (Pergalumna) nasifera*: Subías 2016: 463.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian region (Madagascar and Côte d'Ivoire).

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe (Perinet) (Mahunka 2011b).

***Trichogalumna (Trichogalumna) Balogh, 1960***

***Trichogalumna (Trichogalumna) madagassica***  
Mahunka, 1996

*Trichogalumna madagassica* Mahunka, 1996c: 180, figs 34–37.

*Trichogalumna madagassica*: Mahunka 2002b: 15.

*Trichogalumna madagassica*: Balogh & Balogh 2002: 372, pl. 487, fig. 1.

*Trichogalumna (Trichogalumna) madagassica*: Subías 2008: 422.

*Distribution*. Endemic to Madagascar.

*Locality in Madagascar*. Andasibe (Perinet) Forest Reserve (Mahunka 1996c).

**Excluded species from the Oribatid fauna of Madagascar**

***Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) Balogh & Mahunka, 1979***

***Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) puylaerti***  
Niedbala, 2001

*Notophthiracarus puylaerti* Niedbala, 2001: 53, figs 444–450.

*Notophthiracarus puylaerti*: Mahunka 2002b: 8.

*Notophthiracarus puylaerti*: Niedbala 2017: 131, fig. 88.

*Phthiracarus (Archiphthiracarus) puylaerti*: Subías 2022: 88.

*Distribution*. Ethiopian [Congo].

*Remarks*. This species is not a real member of the Malagasy mite fauna. It was originally described by Niedbala from Congo (Niedbala 2001), then most probably erroneously cited as a Madagascarian species by Mahunka (2002), referring to the original description (Niedbala 2001: 53). Later, making a new, partial revision of the country's ptyctimous mite fauna, Niedbala (2017) cited the species on the basis of Mahunka (2002).

## DISCUSSION

So far, *ca.* 350 species of Oribatid mites have been recorded in Madagascar. [The currently known species and subspecies in the world are 11.435 (Subías 2022)]. Of the 63 Malagasy families and 154 genera, 311 species have been described from Madagascar (89%) of which 219 were described by Hungarian acarologists (70%): 144 by Mahunka, 18 by Mahunka & Mahunka-Papp, 56 by Balogh and 1 by Balogh & Mahunka. The next most fruitful authors are Niedbała (53), Ermilov (24) and Fernández (15) and their co-authors. From the 350 species 8 are cosmopolitan, 10 are semicosmopolitan, 10 species are restricted to the Ethiopian region, while 254 species (72%) are endemic to the island. The observed ratio of endemisms in a region is sometimes affected by artefacts such as lack of specialists/increased interest by a specialist or lack of collection activities/increased number of field trips. Madagascar has a long history of interest in its natural history, going back centuries (Andriamialisoa & Langrand 2003, Goodman & Benstead 2003). It is now well-known that the high ratio of endemism in the country can be derived from the island's biogeographical past (e.g. Vences *et al.* 2009). However, one can still feel surprised and astonished while directly discovering this biodiversity: “*The richness of this fauna is so high that it requires much more investigation than planned before*” (Mahunka 2011).

It is very sad to think of the many non-described species, non-published papers and monographs which could have been written by Sándor Mahunka and Luise Mahunka-Papp who deceased so prematurely. We are thankful for all those scientists who continue their work on the Oribatid fauna of Madagascar.

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# A new free-living nematode species, *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. (Nematoda: Linhomoeidae), with female intersexuality from West Bengal, India

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**Abstract.** A new species of free-living soil nematode, *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov., is described from paddy field in West Bengal, India. It is characterized by moderate body length (L=1.0–3.5 mm), possesses two amphids, only four cephalic setae. Amphideal fovea distant from the anterior end, stoma small and narrow, pharynx with well-developed terminal bulb. Females with amphidelphic ovaries. Males with paired testes, ventrally arcuate, short and stout spicules, gubernaculum with clearly developed dorso-caudal apophysis. Tail long and filiform, similar in both sexes. Fourteen female intersexes of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov., with a prominent female reproductive structure and a less conspicuous male reproductive system, were found. These female intersexes are with well-developed vulva and prominent spicules, however, lack apophysis. A checklist for known cases of intersex across various nematode orders has been appended.

**Keywords.** New species, new records, female intersex, soil nematodes, meiofauna, Monhysterida.

## INTRODUCTION

The members of the family Linhomoeidae Filipjev, 1929, are primarily found in marine habitats. However, *Terschellingia* de Man, 1888, is an exception within this family, as it includes mostly freshwater and some marine species (Abebe *et al.* 2006, Armenteros *et al.* 2009). De Man (1888) initially identified the genus *Terschellingia* based on characteristics such as a narrow buccal cavity (when present), four cephalic setae, anterior amphids, a pharynx with a well-developed basal bulb, and amphidelphic ovaries in females. Males of this genus possess robust spicules and a gubernaculum with a prominent dorso-caudal apophysis. The tail may or may not have a filiform expansion.

Amenteros *et al.* (2009) made an extensive review of 38 species of the genus *Terschellingia* described by various authors over the past century and concluded only 15 odds among them as valid species.

Intersexuality has been observed in various forms of nematodes, including those that are insect-parasitic (Hirschmann & Sasser 1955, Steiner 1923), free-living, animal-parasitic (Hirschmann *et al.* 1955), and plant-parasitic (Chitwood 1949, Jairajpuri *et al.* 1977, Triantaphyllou & Hirschmann 1964). Among the reported cases of intersex nematodes, the majority are female intersex, exhibiting fully developed female reproductive structures and rudimentary male reproductive systems (Renubala *et al.* 1992); while a few are

male intersex, having matured male reproductive organs. Some species display both types of intersexuality (Zhuo *et al.* 2009).

It has been stated in earlier literature that intersexuality is comparatively rare among plant-parasitic forms (Zhuo *et al.* 2009). In addition to recording the descriptions of a new species *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov., we performed an exhaustive literature review and prepared a comprehensive checklist of records of intersexuality in nematodes across all ecological categories available to date.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soil samples (mud) were collected from a depth of 0–15cm from a paddy field in Purba (East) Midnapore district (22.1375°N, 88.0799°E), West Bengal, India. Nematodes were then extracted by processing the mud samples following the modified Baermann funnel technique (Jana *et al.* 2010). Nematodes were fixed in hot (90–100°C), diluted FAA (formalin acetic acid: 4:1, i.e., 10 parts 40% formalin, 1 part acetic acid, and 89 parts distilled water) solution. Nematodes were then picked up into glycerin-alcohol (5 parts 1.5% glycerin in 95 parts of 30% alcohol) and kept inside a desiccator containing anhydrous calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>). After 4–8 weeks of desiccation, slides were prepared by mounting nematodes into glycerin. The morpho-taxonomic descriptions were made from glycerin mounts using light microscopy. Line drawings were made either using a Dewinter microscope fitted with a drawing tube or digitally drawn using Adobe CS 2021 software from captured images. Imaging was done with an optical microscope (Carl Zeiss Axio Vert. A1 with Zeiss Zen Pro software, Carl Zeiss, Jena, Germany) equipped with an advanced camera (Axiocam 305 Color) sensor and IC measure application.

## TAXONOMY

### Order Monhysterida Filipjev, 1929

### Superfamily Siphonolaimoidea Filipjev, 1918

### Family Linhomoeidae Filipjev, 1922

### Genus *Terschellingia* de Man, 1888

*Diagnosis.* Moderate body length Linhomoeidae (L = 1.0–3.5 mm), with transversely striated cuticle. Only four cephalic setae present. Stoma small and narrow. Pharynx with well-developed terminal bulb. Female with amphidelphic ovaries. Testes paired. Spicules short and stout, ventrally arcuate. Gubernaculum with clearly developed caudal apophyses. Pre-anal, mid-ventral genital papillae present in some species. Tail long and filiform. Mostly marine, few found in freshwater.

Type species: *T. communis* de Man, 1888

### *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov.

(Figures 1–4)

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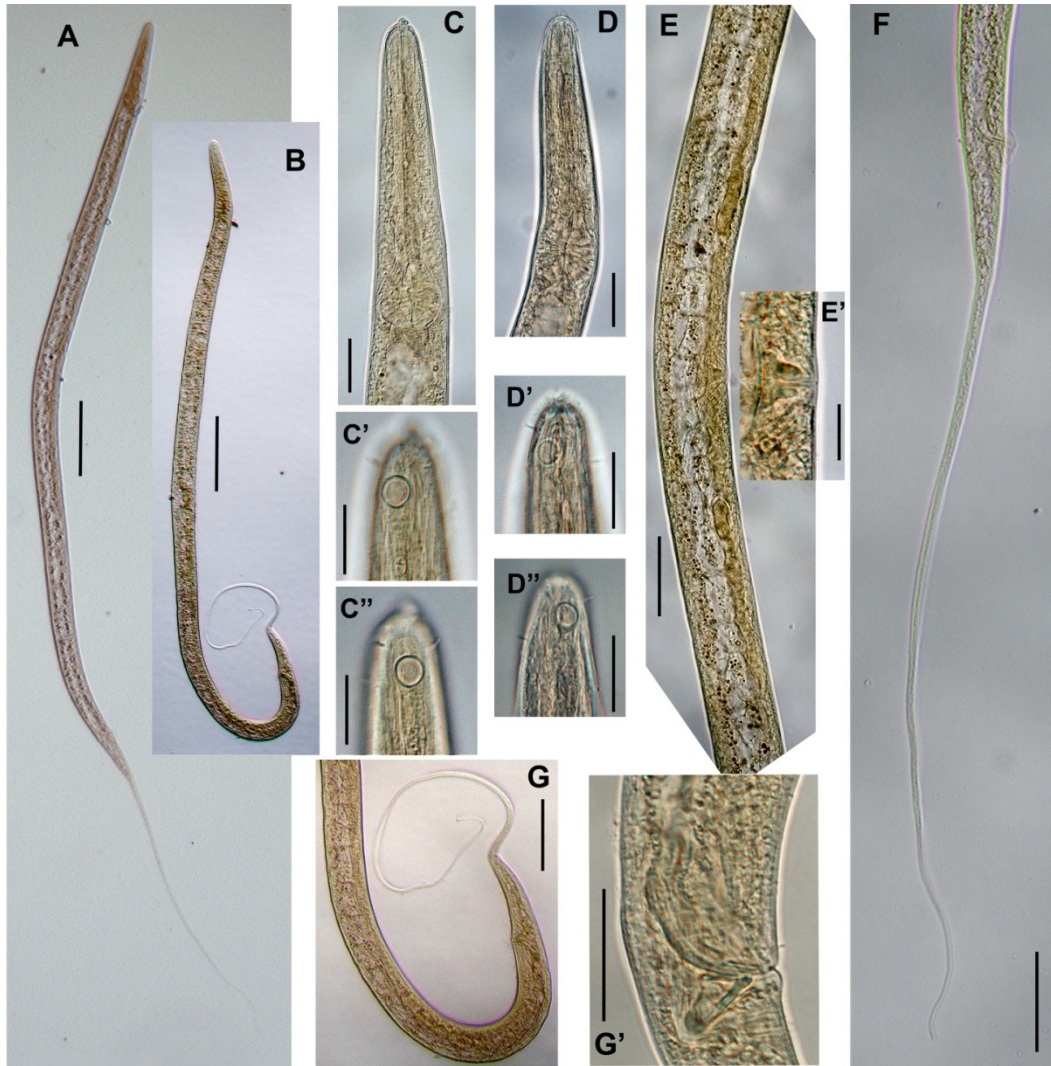
*Type locality and habitat.* Soil samples were collected in June 2019 from a paddy field at Haldia (22.1375°N, 88.0799°E), East Midnapore, West Bengal, India.

*Type material.* Five females (one holotype and four paratypes), four males and fourteen intersex specimens were collected from the study site. Statistical calculations on the morphometric parameters were performed on the basis of all the specimens collected except for the intersexes (seven intersex specimens were used for calculation) as mentioned in Table 1.

*Type designation and deposition.* Specimens are deposited in the Nematelminthes Section of the National Zoological Collections (NZC) of ZSI, Kolkata, West Bengal, India. Holotype, Reg. No. WN4130/1 (Female), Paratypes, Reg. No. WN4130/2, WN4130/3 and WN4130/4 (female, male & intersex specimens).

*Measurements.* Measurements of the new species are given in Table 1. (following de Man's formulae)

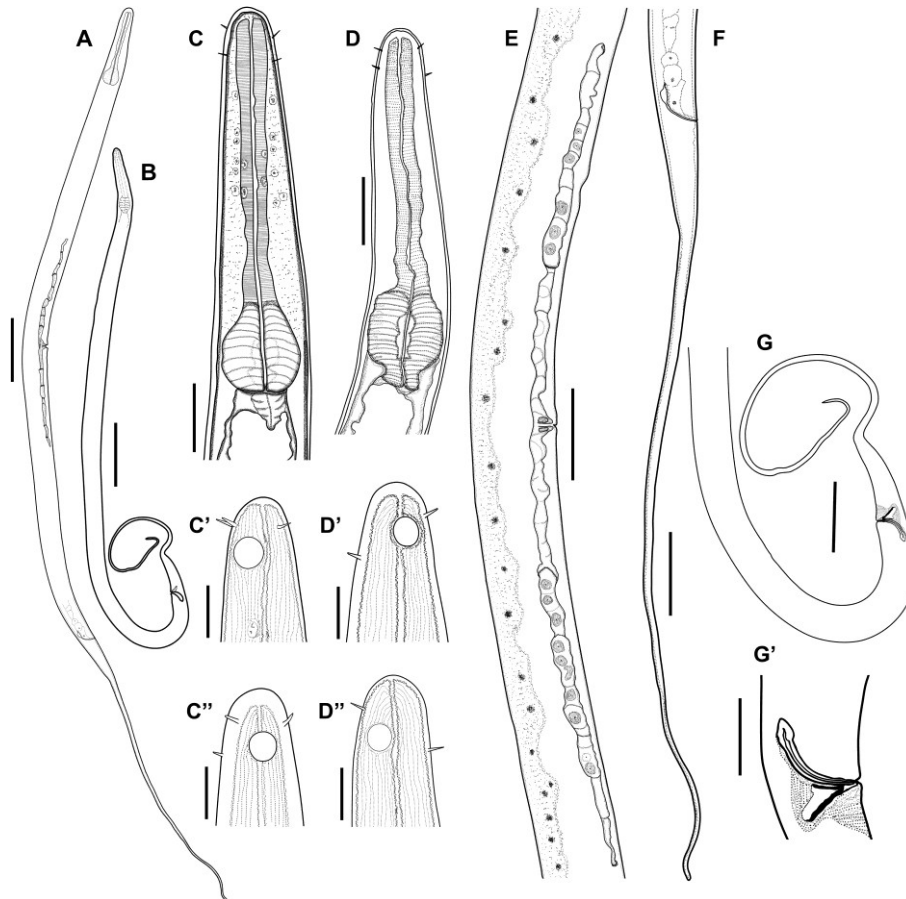
*Diagnosis.* *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. is morphologically close to *Terschellingia lutosa* Gagarin & Nguyen, 2014 (Gagarin & Nguyen 2014) and *Terschellingia rivalis* Gagarin &



**Figure 1.** Photographs of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. holotype female and paratype male. Whole body– **A.** female **B.** male; **C.** Anterior end of female showing distinct basal bulb and cardia [**C'** & **C''**–enlarged view at different focal planes to show the amphids and cephalic setae]; **D.** Anterior end of male [**D'** & **D''** – enlarged view to show the amphids at different focal planes]; **E.** Gonads with vulva [**E'** – enlarged view to show vulval lips]; **F.** Tail region with anus in female; **G.** Tail region of male with spicules and **G'**. enlarged view to show the spicules. **Scale bars:** **A & B :** 100µm; **C, C', C'', D, D', D'' & G':** 20µm; **E:** 40µm; **E':** 10µm and **F & G:** 50µm.

Thanh, 2009 (Gagarin & Thanh 2009). However, the new species differs significantly from *T. lutosa* in total body length (1165–1562.5 µm in *T. didistalamphida* sp. nov. vs. 1924–2235 µm in *T. lutosa*) and tail length (c'12–25.87 vs. c'7–8.8). It also differs from *T. rivalis* in tail length (c'12–25.87 in *T. didistalamphida* sp. nov. vs. c'32–33 in *T. rivalis*); the ratio of total body length and GBD also vary significantly (a 31.62–48.06 vs. a 66–83) and in V% (32.58–41.2 vs. 26.4–30.5).

*Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. shows some similarities to *T. distalamphida* Juario, 1974 (Portnova 2009) but can be distinguished by many morphological and morphometric features. The female specimens strikingly differ in body length when compared with *T. distalamphida* (1307.5–1467.5 µm in *T. didistalamphida* sp. nov. vs. 750–937.5 µm in *T. distalamphida*). A single circular amphid (6 µm in diameter) is present at a distance of 13–14 µm from the anterior end in case of *T.*



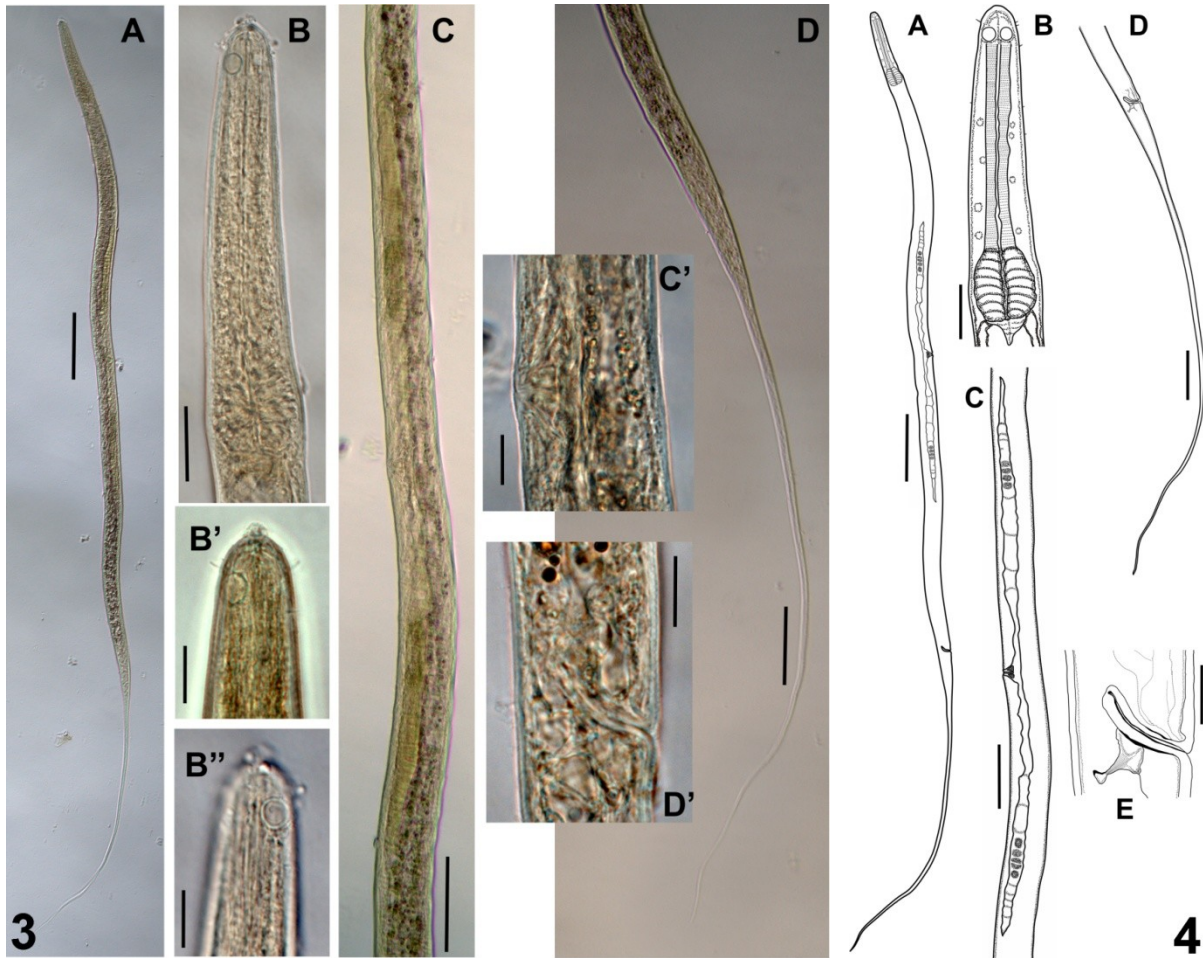
**Figure 2.** Drawing of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. holotype female and paratype male. Whole body– A. female B. male; C. Anterior end of female showing distinct basal bulb and cardia [C' & C''—drawn from images of different focal planes to show the amphids and cephalic setae]; D. Anterior end of male [D' & D''— drawn from images of different focal planes to show the amphids]; E. Gonads with vulva; F. Tail region with anus in female; G. Tail region of male with spicules and G'. enlarged view of the spicules. **Scale bars:** A & B: 100µm; C, D & G': 20µm; C', C'', D' & D'': 10µm and E, F & G: 50µm.

*distalamphida* whereas, there are two amphids (4–6 µm in diameter) in this new species. Two amphids are not placed at the same plane in the newly reported species. In *T. distalamphida*, no cervical setae found, but the novel species possesses prominent setae, including cervical setae.

**Description. Female** (Figs.1, 2) (Table 1). Elongated body with a long filiform tail (437.5–512.5 µm). The female is longer than the male. Body almost straight following heat fixation. Cuticle appears thin and smooth under light microscope. Four prominent cephalic setae, paired round amphids, measuring 5.4–6.4 µm in diameter, are located at the anterior end. Pharynx

with a large muscular basal bulb and a small cardia. Ovary amphidelphic and reflexed. Vulva transverse with well-developed pars distalis. The filiform part of the tail is distinctively longer than the conical part. A few random caudal setae and cervical setae present.

**Male** (Fig.1, 2) (Table 1). The male exhibits an elongated body with a long filiform tail (362.5–437.5 µm). Following heat fixation, the body assumes a "J" shape or becomes almost straight. Cuticle appears thin and smooth under light microscope. Pharynx with a large muscular terminal bulb and a small cardia. Testes paired and reflexed. Spicules slightly curved at the anterior end and with a very prominent dorso-caudal apo-



**Figure 3.** Photographs of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. intersex. **A.** Whole body; **B.** Anterior end showing distinct basal bulb and cardia; **B' & B''.** Enlarged view showing amphids and cephalic setae; **C.** Gonads with vulva; **C'.** Enlarged view showing vulva; **D.** Tail region with spicules; **D'.** spicules. **Scale bars:** A: 100µm; B: 20µm; B', B'', C' & D': 10µm; and C & D: 50µm.

**Figure 4.** Drawings of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov. intersex. **A.** Whole body; **B.** Anterior end showing distinct basal bulb, cardia and cephalic setae; **C.** Gonads (ovaries) with vulva; **D.** Tail region with spicules; **E.** Spicules without apophysis. **Scale bars:** A: 100µm; B: 20µm; C & D: 50µm; E: 10µm.

physis. The filiform part of the tail is very long and bears a few distinct caudal setae.

**Female intersex.** (Fig.3, 4) (Table 1). Moderate body length with a very long, filiform tail (337.5–512.5 µm). Cuticle thin and smooth under light microscope. Four cephalic setae, very short and thin, measuring 2–3 µm in length. Amphids round, 5.4–6.4 µm in diameter and located 8–10 µm away from the anterior end; stoma narrow and tiny. Pharynx with large muscular basal bulb. Nearly rounded, small cardia with a diameter of 7.5–12.5 µm. Ovary amphidelphic and reflexed,

while the vulva transverse with well-developed pars distalis. Spicules slightly curved at the anterior end and without any gubernaculum. No caudal apophysis is developed, being a female intersex. The filiform part of the tail is very long and contains caudal setae.

**Etymology.** The newly reported species shows similarity with previously described *Terschellingia distalamphida* Juario, 1974 that is characterized by a single distant amphid. However, in this new species 'two' amphids are present dis-



tantly from the anterior end compared to other species under the genus-*Terschellingia*, hence the name '*didistalamphida*' (Greek word, '*di*' derived '*two*'; '*distal*' came from Latin word '*distere*' meaning distant and '*amphid*' comes from greek word '*amphidia*').

## DISCUSSION

Previously described female intersex (Renubala et al. 1992, Zhuo et al. 2009) were found to possess a well-developed female reproductive system and prominent spicules as the only male reproductive part. However, in our study, we found *T. didistalamphida* sp. nov. with a well-developed amphidelphic ovary, and a prominent vulva but no testes. Based on these characteristics, we can conclude that it is a female intersex individual. This finding represents the first-ever recorded instance of intersex in the genus *Terschellingia*.

As mentioned earlier, all previous reports state that intersex specimens are typically uncommon in plant nematodes (Zhuo et al. 2009). However, after a thorough review of available literature, we found intersexuality is most commonly reported in plant nematodes and, rather, rare among free-living forms as reflected in the checklist (Table 2). Our study also uncovered another aspect, a surprisingly high number of female intersex individuals, 14 in total, during a relatively small sampling effort. This abundance cannot be dismissed as a mere coincidence, nor can it be attributed to developmental deformities, as none of the other nematode species examined at the same sites exhibited this phenomenon (unpublished data). Understanding why such a substantial number of female intersex individuals occur and the potential selective advantages conferred by nature to these intersex forms over normal females presents an intriguing question. Furthermore, it would be of interest from a developmental perspective to elucidate the mechanisms by which these individuals deviate from the regular developmental pathway. Additionally, the potential role of the environment in sex determination in this species cannot be disregarded

(Hodgkin 2002). Substantial research is required to address these questions, which lie beyond the scope of our current work.

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**Table 1.** Morphometric characteristics of *Terschellingia didistalamphida* sp. nov., Measurements recorded in micrometer and in the form of mean±standard deviation (range). Number of specimens used for statistical calculation is mentioned within parentheses in the Table header.

Characters	Holotype female	Paratype females (n=4)	Paratype males (n=4)	Paratype female intersexes (n=7)
Body length	1509.5	1441.88±53.71 (1382.5–1512.5)	1165.62±174.43 (905–1207)	1374.28±54.03 (1307.5–1467.5)
Greatest body diameter	39.5	35.63±4.73 (32.5–42.5)	35±6.12 (27.5–40)	34.64±3.65 (30–40)
a	38.31	40.92±4.69 (33.94–44)	33.48±3.02 (31.37–37.92)	40.05±4.56 (34.25–46.25)
b	12.96	12.71±0.68 (12.1–13.6)	11.006±1.87 (8.22–12.32)	12.33±0.89 (10.46–13.07)
c	3.25	2.95±0.17 (2.81–3.16)	2.89±0.51 (2.23–3.46)	3.12±0.18 (2.85–3.26)
c'	20.80	21.18±1.57 (19.44–22.77)	18.47±0.65 (18–19.44)	20.57±0.93 (18.88–21.87)
V (%)	33.30	36.30±1.69 (34.44–36.51)	–	36.21±2.46 (33.19–37.11)
Length of gonad	527.76	523.13±24.36 (492.5–550)	456.87±53.99 (390–512.5)	520.71±60.47 (462.5–615)
Distance of amphids from anterior end	8.70	8.13±1.25 (7.5–10)	8.75±1.44 (7.5–10)	8.92±1.33 (7.5–10)
Amphids diameter	5.60	5.97±0.43(5.4–6.4)	5.88±0.44 (5.4–6.3)	5.97±0.40 (5.4–6.4)
Pharynx length	116.43	113.75±9.24 (105–125)	106.25±4.33 (100–110)	111.78±7.17 (102.5–125)
Vulva–anus distance/tail	1.08	0.88±0.07 (0.80–0.942)	–	0.98±0.09 (0.81–1.09)
Vulval body diam.	37.56	31.25±4.79 (27.5–37.5)	–	30.35±4.19 (27.5–37.5)
Anal body diam.	22.28	28.13±1.25 (22.5–25)	21.87±1.25 (20–22.5)	21.78±1.21 (20–22.5)
Tail length	463.61	489.38±34.96 (437.5–512.5)	404.37±31.18 (362.5–437.5)	440.35±24.59 (402.5–467.5)
Length of spicules	–	–	22.5±2.5 (12.5–15)	23.21±4.26 (17.5–30)
Length of apophysis	–	–	13.75±1.44 (12.5–15)	–

**Table 2.** Checklist of reported intersex in nematodes  
(Categorization of the species mentioned in this list is given as per the original references only)

Order	Species	Reported from and its Habitat	Ecological status	Type of intersexuality	Reference
Aphelenchida	<i>Aphelenchoides brassicae</i>	Canada, Corn field	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Edward & Misra 1969)
	<i>Aphelenchoides composticola</i>	Canada, Corn field	Free-living	Female intersex	(Anderson & Kimpinski 1977)
	<i>Aphelenchoides parietinus</i>	California	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Krall 1959)
	<i>Aphelenchoides saprophilus</i>	–	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Braasch 1987)
	<i>Aphelenchoides</i> sp.	–	Both Plant parasitic & Free-living	Female intersex	(Slepetiene 1962)
	<i>Aphelenchoides</i> sp.	West Bengal, India Rhizosphere of paddy	Both Plant parasitic & Free-living	Female intersex	(Khera & Chaturvedi 1971)
	<i>Aphelenchoides subparietinus</i>	–	Plant parasitic	Male intersex	(Gruzdeva 1980)
Tylenchida	<i>Ditylenchus triformis</i>	China, Soil around the rhizosphere of plants	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Weizhi & Qingli 2002)
	<i>Tylenchorhynchus capitatus</i>	New Zealand, tobacco fields	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Wouts 1966)
	<i>Tylenchorhynchus nilgiriensis</i>	southern Alberta, Potato field	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Seshadri <i>et al.</i> 1967)
	<i>Tylenchorhynchus</i> sp.	–	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Dalmaso 1966)
	<i>Heterodera trifolii</i>	Germany, soil-root samples from a Pasture	Plant parasitic	male intersex	(Wouts 1978)
	<i>Meloidogyne incognita</i>	Japan	Plant parasitic	Male and Female intersex	(Ishibashi 1965)
	<i>Meloidogyne incognita</i>	India	Plant parasitic	Male intersex	(Martin 1970)
	<i>Meloidogyne thamesi</i>	Australia, Grape root	Plant parasitic	Male intersex	(McLeod & Khair 1973)
	<i>Meloidogyne javanica</i>	–	Plant parasitic	Male intersex	(Sheng-Fu & Yong-Fang 1998)
	<i>Meloidogyne javanica</i>	Philippines, Tomato plant root	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Davide & Triantaphyllou 1967)
	<i>Helicotylenchus indicus</i>	India	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Renubala <i>et al.</i> 1992)
	<i>Hirschmanniella oryzae</i>	India, Paddy field	Plant parasitic	male intersex	(Zhuo <i>et al.</i> 2009)
	<i>Hirschmanniella shamimi</i>	China, Paddy field	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Zhuo <i>et al.</i> 2009)
	<i>Tyleptus striatus</i>	India, around the roots of <i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Jairajpuri & Siddiqi 1964)
Mermithida	<i>Mermis mirabilis</i>	–	Insect parasitic	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
	<i>Mermis</i> sp.	–	Insect parasitic	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
	<i>Paramermis fluviatilis</i>	–	–	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)

	<i>Agameremis decaudata</i>	–	Insect parasitic	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
	<i>Agameremis albicans</i>	–	Insect parasitic	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
	<i>Pseudomermis vanderlinde</i>	–	Parasitic	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
Rhabditida	<i>Tetanonema strongylurus</i>	–	Animal parasite (Fish)	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
	<i>Porrocaecum heteroura</i>	–	Animal parasite (Bird)	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
Enoplida	<i>Enoplus communis</i>	Marine	Free-living	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
	<i>Enoplus michaelsoni</i>	Marine	Free-living	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
	<i>Thoracostoma figuration</i>	Marine	Free-living	Female intersex	(Steiner 1923)
	<i>Trilobus diversipapillatus</i> syn. <i>Trilobus longus</i>	–	Free-living	Female intersex	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
	<i>Trilobus gracilis</i>	Freshwater	Free-living	Female intersex	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
Chromadorida	<i>Chromadora poecilosoma</i>	Marine	Free-living	–	(Hirschmann & Sasser 1955)
Dorylaimida	<i>Longidorus africanus</i>	Israel, avocado roots	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Zhuo <i>et al.</i> 2009)
	<i>Longidorus distinctus</i>	South-eastern Slovakia, rhizosphere of plum trees	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Lišková 2007)
	<i>Longidorus elongates</i>	Scotland, Soil	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Raschké & Boag 1981)
	<i>Longidorus helveticus</i>	Serbia, rhizosphere of black-berry	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Barsi & De Luca 2005)
	<i>Longidorus macrosoma</i>	–	Plant parasitic	–	(Abouleid & Coomans 1966)
	<i>Aquatides thornei</i>	India, near the roots of <i>Oryza sativa</i>	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Jairajpuri <i>et al.</i> 1977)
	<i>Leptonchus obtusus</i>	Missouri, Soil collected from wooded area	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Goseco & Ferris 1973)
	<i>Xiphinema attorodorum</i>	France, Sandy soil	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Luc 1961)
	<i>Xiphinema ingens</i>	–	Plant parasitic	Female intersex	(Lamberti <i>et al.</i> 1983)
	<i>Xiphinema insigne</i>	India	Plant parasitic	male intersex	(Bajaj & Jairajpuri 1977)
Desmodorida	<i>Desmodora porosum</i>	Deep sea, Atlantic	Free-living	Female intersex	(da Rocha Moura <i>et al.</i> 2014)
Monhysterida	<i>Terschellingia didistalamphida</i> sp. nov.	Soil, paddy field, India	Free-living	Female intersex	Current study

# New Indonesian species in the *Oecetis tripunctata* species group (Trichoptera: Leptoceridae)

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**Abstract.** Applying the principles and practices of fine phenomics five new species are described from Indonesia in the *Oecetis tripunctata* species group: *Oecetis makala*, *Oecetis pejenkaja*, *Oecetis posoa*, *Oecetis pelenga*, and *Oecetis saluopa* spp. nov.

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## INTRODUCTION

*Oecetis tripunctata* species group is one of the seven species groups in the *Oecetis* (*Oecetis*) subgenus (Chen, 1993). *Oecetis tripunctata* (Fabricius, 1793) was long considered as a dubious taxon with unsettled taxonomy. Recently it was revised using specimens from the entire distributional area covering the Afrotropical, Palearctic, Oriental and Australasian fauna regions (Oláh 2022). The principles, procedures and practices of fine phenomics were applied in the revision but only about ten percent of the possible potential diversity was included due to the highly limited sampling coverage. The high diversity of the species complex is also confirmed by elaborating of a small sample from Indonesia which resulted in discovery of five species new to science.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The biodiversity of Indonesia, like of any other fauna region, including even the most examined areas like Europe and especially North America, is very poorly known. Only a single Indonesian species of the *Oecetis tripunctata* group, *Oecetis kamba* Oláh, 2022 is known from Sumatra (Way

Kambas National Park). The limited samples from six habitats in Bali and Sulawesi yielded five new species. Delineation of the species was based on the speciation traits of lateral profile of the phallic organ as well as the ventral shape of the gonopods. All the specimens including holotypes and paratypes are deposited in the Oláh Private Collection (Debrecen, Hungary) under the national protection of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary (OPC).

## TAXONOMY

### *Oecetis makala* sp. nov.

(Figures 1–4)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Indonesia**, Sulawesi, Makale SE, Uluway village, 3°17' 05.7"S 119°59'06.0"E, 1060 m, 20.I.2020, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (male, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* *Oecetis makala* sp. nov. is a remarkably unique species. According to the apicoventral lip of the phallic organ it has some resemblance to *Oecetis saluopa* sp. nov. but distinguished from all the known species by the very short and high lateral profile and the regular semicircular dorsal profile of the cerci.

*Description.* The entire body light brown yellowish in alcohol. Forewing partially rubbed in alcohol, membrane hyaline, length 8 mm. Forewing anastomosis cross-veins arranged in stepwise, transverse base of MA distad of transverse base of MP3+4, by more than its length. Tibial spurs 1,2,2.

*Male genitalia.* Segment IX short; dorsum long, ventrum very much abbreviated. Cerci very short and high entirely fused to segment X almost semicircular in dorsal views. Segment X almost lost, represented by a very short membranous lobe in lateral view, tripartite in dorsal view. Gonopods with a minute excision mesad on midway in ventral view. Phallic organ with slightly elongated rounded dorsum; single paramere curved with

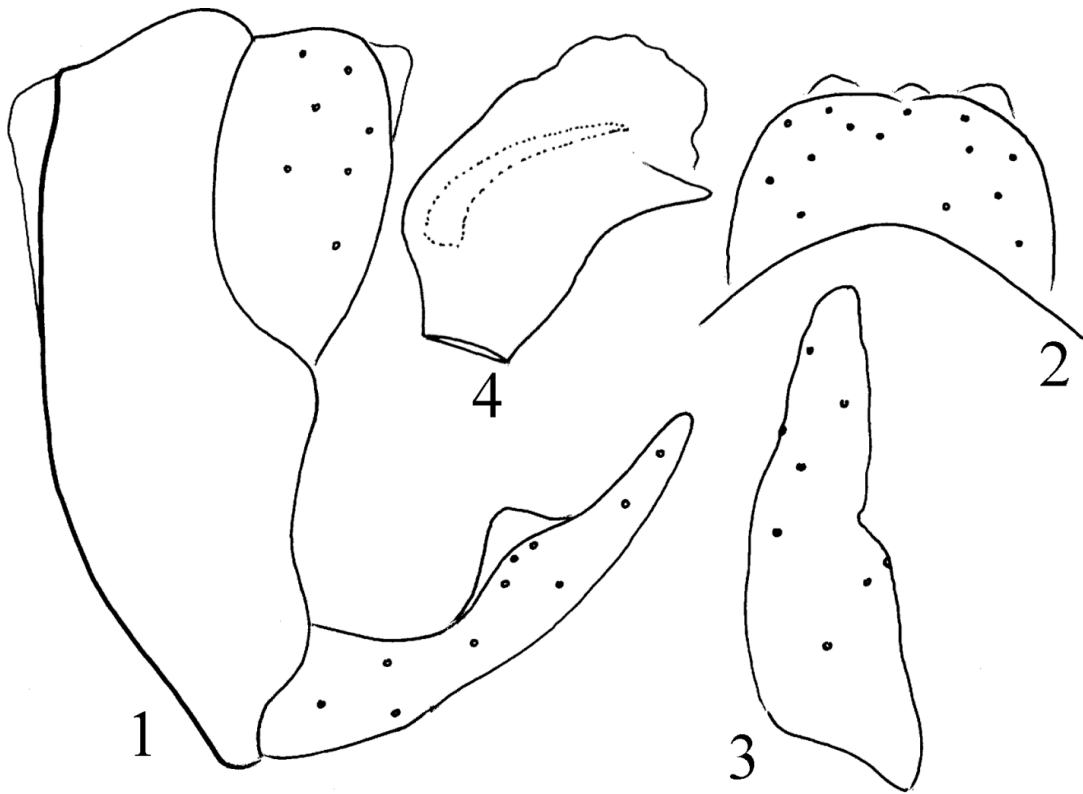
more curved basal region; apicoventral lip short, obtuse angled with tapering apex.

*Etymology.* Coined after the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.

***Oecetis pejenkaja* sp. nov.**

(Figures 5–8)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Indonesia**, Bali, Gianyar, Pejeng Kaja, stony, rocky small brook, 8°29'55.8"S 115°17'25.7"E, 251 m, 5.XII. 2019, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (2 males, 2 females; OPC).



**Figures 1–4.** *Oecetis makala* sp. nov. Holotype male: 1 = genitalia in left lateral view; 2 = genitalia in dorsal view; 3 = left gonopod in ventral view; 4 = phallic organ in lateral view.



*Description.* The body, including appendages light brown yellowish in alcohol. Forewing partially rubbed in alcohol, membrane hyaline, length 7 mm. Forewing anastomosis cross-veins arranged in step-wise, transverse base of MA distad of transverse base of MP3+4, by more than its length. Tibial spurs 1,2,2.

*Male genitalia.* Segment IX long; dorsum long, ventrum shorter, half as long. Cerci very high entirely fused to segment X; quadrangular in dorsal and subquadrangular in lateral views. Segment X excised in dorsal view, represented by a very short membranous lobe in lateral view. Gonopods very thin in lateral view with a minute excision mesad on midway in ventral view. Phallic organ with slightly elongated flat dorsum, elongated straight ventrum; single paramere curved with more curved basal region; apicoventral lip long, regular right angled with less tapering apex.

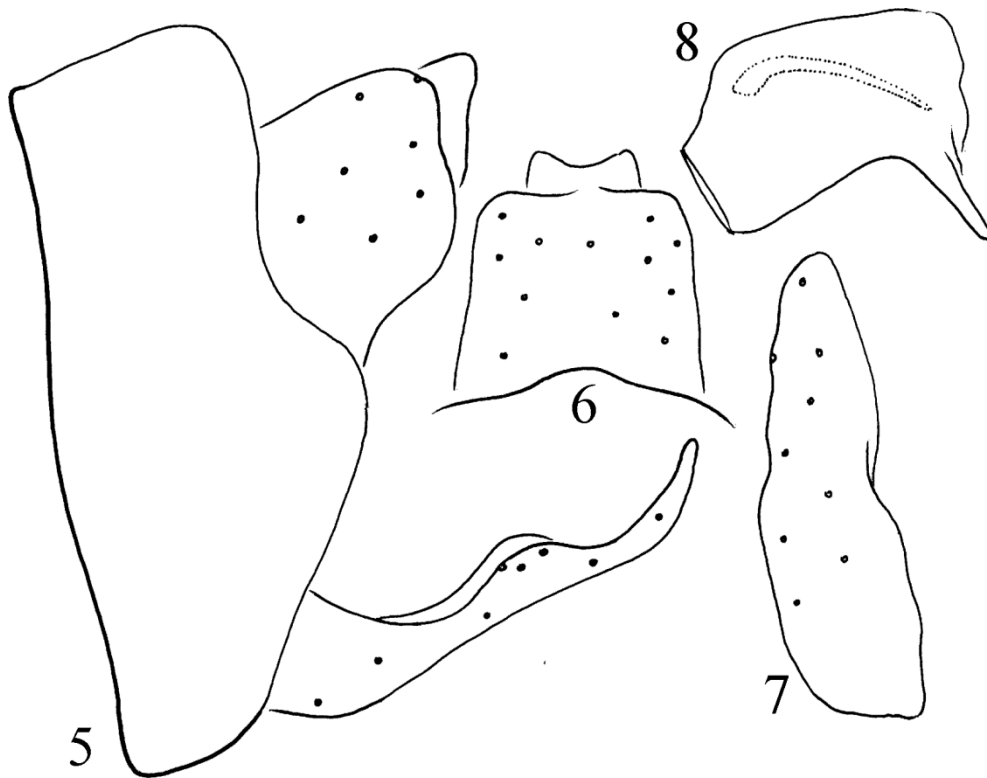
*Etymology.* Coined after the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.

***Oecetis posoa* sp. nov.**

(Figures 13–16)

*Material examined.* Holotype: **Indonesia**, Sulawesi, Poso Regency, Poso large lake outlet, 1°46'13.4"S 120°38'23.4"E, 527 m, 16.II.2020, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (2 males, 3 females, OPC).

*Diagnosis.* *Oecetis posoa* sp. nov. has resemblance to *Oecetis kamba* Oláh, 2022, described from Indonesia, Sumatra, but distinguished by the ventral profile of the gonopods as well as the shape of the apicoventral lip of the phallic organ.



**Figures 5–8.** *Oecetis pejenkaja* sp. nov. Holotype male: 5 = genitalia in left lateral view; 6 = genitalia in dorsal view; 7 = left gonopod in ventral view; 8 = phallic organ in lateral view.

*Description.* Head, thorax, scape light brown yellowish in alcohol. Forewing rubbed in alcohol, membrane hyaline, length 7 mm. Forewing anastomosis cross-veins arranged in step-wise, transverse base of MA distad of transverse base of MP3+4, by more than its length. Tibial spurs 1,2,2.

*Male genitalia.* Segment IX short with long dorsum and abbreviated ventrum. Cerci entirely fused to segment X and triangular in lateral and subquadrangular in dorsal views. Segment X slightly and widely excised apicad. Gonopods with mesad displaced apical third in ventral view. Phallic organ slightly elongated rounded; single paramere shorter; apicoventral lip robust, almost right angled with apicad turning apex.

*Etymology.* Coined after the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.

***Oecetis pelenga* sp. nov.**

(Figures 9–12)

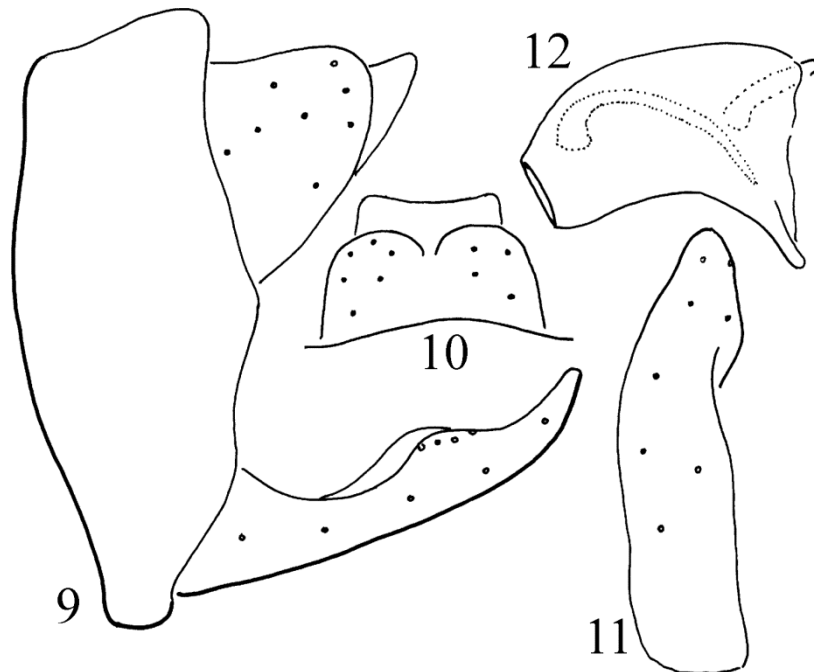
*Material examined.* Holotype: **Indonesia**, Sulawesi, Banggai Kepulauan, Peleng Island,

North Tinankung, Air Terjun Tembang Luk Sagu, river fall, 1°16'42.3"S 123°25'35.3"E, 76 m, 9.II.2020, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (15 females; OPC).

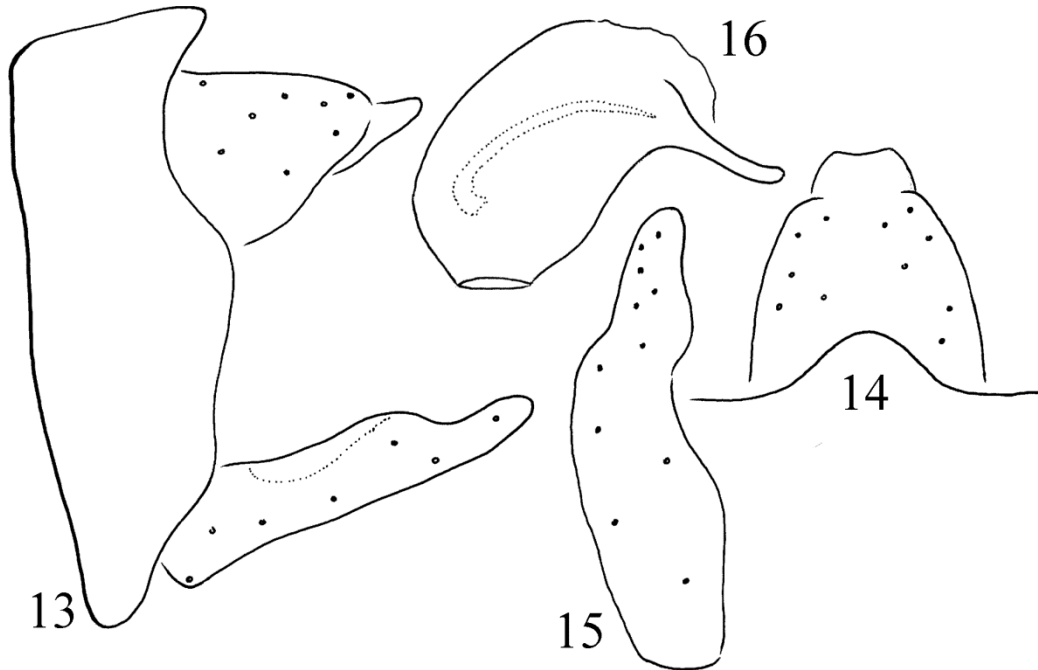
*Diagnosis.* *Oecetis pelenga* sp. nov. has close resemblance to *Oecetis kamba* Oláh, 2022, described from Indonesia, Sumatra, but distinguished by the much shorter cerci both in lateral and dorsal view; the ventral profile of the gonopods mesad produced on its apex and parallel-sided, not with much broader basal region, the phallic organ supplied with an additional short rod and the shape of the apicoventral lip of the phallic organ broader based.

*Description.* The entire body light brown yellowish in alcohol. Forewing partially rubbed in alcohol, membrane hyaline, length 7 mm. Forewing anastomosis cross-veins arranged in step-wise, transverse base of MA distad of transverse base of MP3+4, by more than its length. Tibial spurs 1,2,2.

*Male genitalia.* Segment IX short; dorsum long, ventrum abbreviated. Cerci short entirely



**Figures 9–12.** *Oecetis pelenga* sp. nov. Holotype male: 9 = genitalia in left lateral view; 10 = genitalia in dorsal view; 11 = left gonopod in ventral view; 12 = phallic organ in lateral view.



**Figures 13–16.** *Oecetis posoa* sp. nov. Holotype male: 13 = genitalia in left lateral view; 14 = genitalia in dorsal view; 15 = left gonopod in ventral view; 16 = phallic organ in lateral view.

fused to segment X almost semicircular in lateral and subquadrangular in dorsal views. Segment X almost truncated without apical excision. Gonopods with slightly mesad displaced apical quarter in ventral view. Phallic organ with slightly elongated rounded dorsum; single paramere curved with more curved basal region, accompanied by a unique short rod; apicoventral lip broad-based, short, obtuse angled with tapering apex.

*Etymology.* Coined after the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.

***Oecetis saluopa* sp. nov.**

(Figures 17–20)

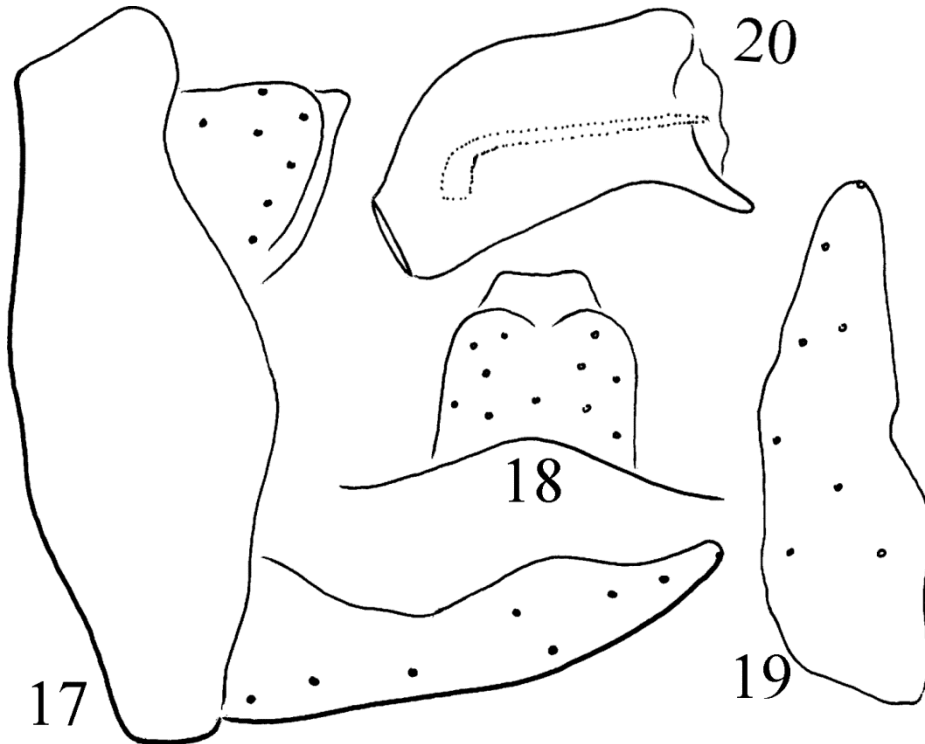
*Material examined.* Holotype: **Indonesia**, Sulawesi, Poso Regency, Air Terjun Saluopa, small river fall, 1°44'59.6"S 120°32'29.2"E, 563 m, 17.II.2020, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (1 male, OPC). Paratypes: same as holotype (5 males, 7 females; OPC). Indonesia, Sulawesi, Banggai Regency, Air Terjun Salodik, large brook fall, 0°49'50.8"S 122°52'11.5"E, 473 m, 14.II.

2020, light trap, leg. Marko Jaakkola (3 males, 3 females; OPC).

*Diagnosis.* *Oecetis saluopa* sp. nov. has resemblance to *Oecetis kamba* Oláh, 2022, described from Indonesia, Sumatra, but distinguished by the much shorter cerci, ventral profile of the gonopods as well as by the longer phallic organ and the shape of the apicoventral lip of the phallic organ.

*Description.* The entire body, head, thorax, scape light brown yellowish in alcohol. Forewing partially rubbed in alcohol, membrane hyaline, length 7 mm. Forewing anastomosis cross-veins arranged in step-wise, transverse base of MA distad of transverse base of MP3+4, by more than its length. Tibial spurs 1,2,2.

*Male genitalia.* Segment IX short with almost equal dorsum and ventrum. Cerci particularly short, abbreviated, entirely fused to segment X and rounded triangular in lateral and subquadrangular in dorsal views. Segment X slightly and widely excised apicad, but variously formed at paratypes; even the holotype excised apical mar-



**Figures 17–20.** *Oecetis saluopa* sp. nov. Holotype male: 17 = genitalia in left lateral view; 18 = genitalia in dorsal view; 19 = left gonopod in ventral view; 20 = phallic organ in lateral view.

gin could be an artefact; the membranous and gentle apical region of segment X is liable to deformation during copulation or preparation. Gonopods with slightly mesad displaced apical half in ventral view. Phallic organ slightly elongated rounded; single paramere almost straight with curved basal region; apicoventral lip short, obtuse angled with tapering apex.

*Etymology.* Coined after the name of locus typicus, a noun in apposition.

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