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### New and poorly known species of the genus *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Omaliinae) from Nepal

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#### Abstract

*Lesteva* (*s.str.*) *jaegeri* **sp. n.** from Nepal (Annapūrna Himal, Manaslu Himal) is described. *L. (s.str.) fluviata* Champion, 1920 is redescribed. *Lesteva (s.str.) championi* Lohse, 1982 is recorded from Pakistan for the first time. Aedeagi of all species are illustrated. An identification key to the *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 of Nepal is provided.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Omaliinae, *Lesteva*, Nepal, new species, new records

#### Introduction

The Himalayan species of the genus *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 have become known through studies of the British entomologists George Charles Champion (1859–1927) and, in particular, Malcolm Cameron (1873–1954), who extensively collected Staphylinidae in the foothills of the Himalayas over several years. *Lesteva fluviata* Champion, 1920 was described by G.C. Champion based on a large series of specimens collected by his son H.G.C. Champion in Uttarakhand, North India. M. Cameron described *L. torrentum* Cameron, 1924 from Uttarakhand (Cameron, 1924:171) and described *L. kargilensis* Cameron, 1934 and *L. brevipennis* Cameron, 1941 from Kashmir several years later (Cameron, 1934:17; 1941:143).

Later, G.A. Lohse described two species based on material from the British Museum: *L. steeli* Lohse, 1982 from Kashmir and *L. championi* Lohse, 1982 from Uttaranchal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (Lohse, 1982:203). Two years after, H. Coiffait described *L. pakistana* Coiffait, 1984, based on material collected by W. Wittmer and M. Brancucci in Pakistan (Coiffait, 1984:141).

Smetana recorded four species (*L. championi*, *L. fluviata*, *L. steeli* and *L. torrentum*) of the genus from the Nepal (Smetana, 2004:247) without citing the material studied. The records of *L. steeli* and *L. torrentum* require confirmation and are not included to the key of species below.

The present paper provides new data on the species of the genus *Lesteva* from Nepal. The type material of the previously described species was studied and additional material for Pakistan and India is provided. As a result, three species are reliably known from Nepal, one of which is described as new.

#### Material and methods

Examined material was deposited in the following institutions: MHNG—Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland (G. Cuccodoro); SNSD—Senckenberg Naturhistorische Sammlungen Dresden, Germany (O. Jäger); CS—private collection of A.V. Shavrin, Daugavpils, Latvia.

In the annotated list below, both type, historic and determinative specimen labels are separated by “;”, different lines in labels of the type material are separated by “|”. Explanations of the type labels are shown in round brackets and necessary notes within the label are shown in square brackets. Species are listed chronologically by the date of description.