

## **A new genus and species of Hoplapoderini from Madagascar (Coleoptera: Attelabidae: Apoderinae)**

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### **Abstract**

*Madapoderus pacificus*, a new genus and species of hoplapoderine attelabid beetles, is described from Madagascar. A key to the genera of Hoplapoderini and field observations on the host plant and reproductive behaviour of the new species are provided.

**Key words:** Attelabidae, Apoderinae, Hoplapoderini, Madagascar, new genus, new species, *Grewia*

### **Introduction**

In May 2002, among specimens of Attelabidae collected in Madagascar by David Hauck some months earlier, I received two males belonging to the apoderine tribe Hoplapoderini that could not be assigned to any known genus. A study of the rich collection of Madagascan attelabids at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, a few months later confirmed this diagnosis. During a month-long collecting expedition in Madagascar in December 2003 and January 2004, I collected the new taxon again, at a different locality, and could carry out some observations on its behaviour.

### **Systematics**

#### **Tribe Hoplapoderini Voss, 1926**

Voss (1926) defined his tribe Hoplapoderini largely on the basis of features of the head and elytra. The new Madagascan genus fits into this tribe due to its tapered head, with maximum width near the basis, and its tuberculate elytra. Voss also provided a key to the