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A new forest-dwelling Bent-toed Gecko (Squamata: Gekkonidae: *Cyrtodactylus*) from Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai Province, northern Thailand

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Abstract

We describe a new forest-dwelling *Cyrtodactylus* from Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai Province, northern Thailand. *Cyrtodactylus doisuthep* sp. nov. is characterized by a maximal known SVL of 90.5 mm; 19 or 20 longitudinal rows of dorsal tubercles; a continuous series of 34 or 35 enlarged femoro-preloacal scales, including six or seven pitted scales on each femur (male and females) separated by a diastema from six pitted (females) or pore-bearing (male) preloacal scales; no preloacal groove or depression; transversely enlarged subcaudal scales; and six or seven irregular thin beige dorsal bands between limb insertions.

Key words: *Cyrtodactylus doisuthep* sp. nov., taxonomy, new species, Doi Suthep-Pui National Park

Introduction

In his list of the terrestrial vertebrates of Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, the late Nabhitabhata (1987) listed 50 reptiles, among which was a single *Cyrtodactylus* species, *C. consobrinoides* (Annandale). He later referred to that same population as *Cyrtodactylus variegatus* (Blyth) (Nabhitabhata *et al.* 2004; Nabhitabhata & Chan-ard 2005). Unfortunately these records were not documented, and there is no evidence that either of these two species occur in Thailand (Ellis & Pauwels 2012). Populations from Chiang Dao in Chiang Mai Province and from Pang Mapha in Mae Hong Son Province also referred to *C. variegatus* by Nabhitabhata & Chan-ard (2005) might actually belong to *C. dumnuui* Bauer, Kunya, Sumontha, Niyomwan, Pauwels, Chanhom & Kunya, 2010 and *C. erythropros* Bauer, Kunya, Sumontha, Niyomwan, Panitvong, Pauwels, Chanhom & Kunya, 2009, respectively (Ellis & Pauwels 2012). In order to solve the taxonomic status of the Doi Suthep population, we examined a series of *Cyrtodactylus* specimens from that locality. Although they show remote resemblance to both *C. consobrinoides* and *C. variegatus* due to their banded pattern, they are very distinct in other aspects and differ from all known congeners in scalation and color pattern. This population is consequently described hereafter as a new species, *Cyrtodactylus doisuthep* sp. nov.

Material and methods

Measurements and meristic counts follow Sumontha *et al.* (2012) and Pauwels *et al.* (2013). Paired meristic

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APPENDIX. Comparative material examined.

Cyrtodactylus auribalteatus: see Sumontha *et al.* (2010); *C. brevipalmatus*: see Pauwels and Chan-ard (2006); *C. dumnuui*: see Bauer *et al.* (2010); *C. intermedius*: IRSNB 17011, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand; *C. oldhami* complex: see Pauwels and Chan-ard (2006) and Pauwels *et al.* (2000); *C. peguensis*: see Pauwels *et al.* (2000); *C. sanook*: see Pauwels *et al.* (2013); *C. sumonthai*: see Bauer *et al.* (2002); *C. tigroides*: see Bauer *et al.* (2003).