

Review of the genus *Mesosaimia* Breuning with description of a new species (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Lamiinae: Mesosini)

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Abstract

The genus *Mesosaimia* Breuning, 1938 is reviewed. The genus *Trichipocregyes* Breuning, 1950 is synonymized with *Mesosaimia*. *Trichomesosa similis* Breuning, 1950 is transferred to *Mesosaimia*. A new species, *M. wakaharai* sp. nov., is described from Laos. Four species, *M. robusta* Breuning, 1938, *M. mausoni* (Breuning, 1950) comb. nov., *M. similis* (Breuning) comb. nov. and *M. wakaharai* sp. nov., are included in the genus. Habitus photographs, drawings of diagnostic male genitalia, and a key to all species of *Mesosaimia* are provided.

Key words: Cerambycidae, Mesosini, new combination, new species, new synonym, taxonomy, India, Vietnam, Laos

Introduction

The monotypic genus *Mesosaimia* Breuning, 1938 was established for *M. robusta* Breuning from India and has had no additional species described until now. The monotypic genus *Trichipocregyes* Breuning, 1950, established for *T. mausoni* Breuning from North Vietnam, still includes only the type species. However, there are no significant morphological differences recognized in the generic features between *M. robusta* and *T. mausoni*. Therefore, the genus *Trichipocregyes* should be synonymized with *Mesosaimia*.

Additionally, *Trichomesosa similis* Breuning, 1950 was described from N. Vietnam for the second species of the genus *Trichomesosa* Breuning, 1938, but it is distinctly different in the general appearances from the type species of the genus, *Trichomesosa bifasciata* (Pic, 1925), and closely shares external and male genital characteristics with *Mesosaimia robusta* Breuning. As a result, this species should be transferred to the genus *Mesosaimia*.

In this study, I redefine the genus *Mesosaimia* and describe a new species from the north mountainous part of Laos under this genus.

Materials and Methods

This study was based on the specimens housed in the following institutes as well as the private collections of colleagues and myself: The Natural History Museum, London, UK (BMNH); Naturhistorisches Museum Basel, Switzerland (NHMB); Musée d'Histoire Naturelle de Lyon, France (MHNL); National Science Museum, Tokyo, Japan (NSMT).

The verbatim label data indicated by double quotation marks ("") are provided for the type specimens, of which the line breaks are indicated by a slash (/).

The observational method, terminology and abbreviations of the endophallus in a fully inflated condition without eversion follow Yamasako & Ohbayashi (2011) but petroleum jelly was used to inflate the endophallus. The abbreviations used in the present paper are as follows: APH: apical phallosome; BPH: basal phallosome; CS: crescent shaped sclerites; CT: central trunk; ED: ejaculatory duct; LSp: large spicules; MPH: median phallosome; MSp: micro spicules; MT: medial tube; PB: pre-apical bulb; SSp: small spicules.

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