

**Two new species of *Laccophilus* Leach, 1815  
(Coleoptera: Dytiscidae) from India and Borneo  
with notes on other species of the genus**

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**Abstract.** *Laccophilus boukali* sp. nov. (*L. chinensis*-group) from Karnataka, India, and *L. unclatan* (*L. siamensis*-group) from Sabah, Malaysia are described, illustrated and compared with related species. New distributional data are published for the following species: *L. chinensis* Boheman, 1858 from Cambodia and Malaysia; *L. chini* Balke, Mazzoldi & Hendrich, 1998 from Laos; *L. flexuosus* Aubé, 1838 from Laos; *L. punctatissimus* Brancucci, 1983 from Myanmar; *L. ritsemae* Régimbart, 1880 from Lombok; *L. t. transversalis* Régimbart, 1877 from Sulawesi; *L. t. leptogonus* Brancucci, 1983 from Laos, Thailand and Malaysia; and *L. t. lituratus* Sharp, 1882 from Sumatra.

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### Introduction

The cosmopolitan genus *Laccophilus* Leach, 1815 comprises 256 species; 50 of them are recorded from the Oriental Region (NILSSON 2001, 2004). The taxonomy of Oriental *Laccophilus* is comparatively well known – mainly due to the excellent revision of Palearctic, Oriental and Australian species by BRANCUCCI (1983), who redescribed all the known species and added several new ones. More recently, single descriptions of new species were published by BALKE & HENDRICH (1997), BALKE et al. (1998), HENDRICH & BALKE (1995, 1998), ROCCHI (1986) and TOLEDO et al. (2002).

The extensive study of *Laccophilus* material housed predominately in the Naturhistorisches Museum Wien, as well as recent fieldwork in Sabah revealed two new species, which we describe below, and yielded several new distributional records of other species.