

**Taxonomic notes on *Laccobius*, subgenus *Glyptolaccobius*,
with new records and description of four new species
(Coleoptera: Hydrophilidae)**

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Abstract. Four new species of *Laccobius* Erichson, 1837 in the subgenus *Glyptolaccobius* Gentili, 1989 are described: *L. guttalis* sp. nov. (Nepal), *L. hanka* sp. nov. (India: Arunachal Pradesh), *L. josefi* sp. nov. (India: Arunachal Pradesh) and *L. sipeki* sp. nov. (India: Meghalaya). New records are provided for the following species of the subgenus *Glyptolaccobius*: *L. egregius* Gentili, 1995 (India: Uttarakhand), *L. eliogentilii* Hebauer, 2002 (Bhutan, India: Meghalaya), *L. sharmai* Gentili, 1995 (Nepal), and *L. silvester* Gentili, 2006 (India: Uttaranchal). *Laccobius moriyai* Kamite, Ogata & Hikida, 2007 is compared with the remaining species of the subgenus *Glyptolaccobius* and the male genitalia of *L. pluvialis* Gentili, 2006 are redrawn. An updated identification key of *Glyptolaccobius* species is provided, the male genitalia of all new and some additional species are illustrated and habitus photographs of *L. guttalis* sp. nov., *L. moriyai*, *L. hanka* sp. nov. and *L. sipeki* sp. nov. are provided. Differential diagnosis of the subgenus *Glyptolaccobius* is modified to accommodate the newly described taxa.

Key words. Coleoptera, Hydrophilidae, *Laccobius*, *Glyptolaccobius*, taxonomy, new species, key to species, hygropetric habitat Oriental Region, Palaearctic Region

Introduction

The subgenus *Glyptolaccobius* Gentili, 1989 of *Laccobius* Erichson, 1837 was recently revised by GENTILI (2006) who recognized 12 species, most of which inhabit wet rocks and seepage habitats. Since that revision, KAMITE et al. (2007) described *L. moriyai* Kamite, Ogata & Hikida, 2007 from Japan, and additional material of *Glyptolaccobius* collected in seepage