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## Synonymic Notes on *Copelatus* Species (Dytiscidae)

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### *Copelatus andamanicus* RÉGIMBART

- Copelatus andamanicus* RÉGIMBART, 1899, Anns. Soc. ent. France, **68**: 302 [Iles Anadaman].
- Copelatus subfasciatus* ZIMMERMANN, 1919, Ent. Mitt., **8**: 76 [Formosa]. *Syn. nov.*
- Copelatus socienus ryukyuensis* M. SATÔ, 1961, Akitu, Kyoto, **10**: 8 [Amami-Ôshima].
- Copelatus tokaraensis* NAKANE, 1963, Fragm. coleopt., (6): 25 [Takara-jima].

This blackish species was recorded from the Ryukyus by SATÔ (1983) under the name *C. andamanicus*. On the other hand, NAKANE (1986, 1889) adopted the name *C. subfasciatus* for it for the reason that the body colour of *andamanicus* was said in the original description to be "rufo-ferrugineus." It is true that RÉGIMBART's type specimen is rather light-coloured, but this is most probably due to its relative immaturity. NAKANE does not seem to have been fully aware of the fact that colour changes with age in *Copelatus* as in many dytiscid beetles. Though I already suspected the above synonymy when preparing my 1983 and 1985 papers, I refrained from taking the action, because no Taiwanese specimens were available at that time.

*Specimens examined.* 1 ♂ (lectotype), Andaman Islands (Mus. Hist. nat., Paris); 9 exs., Tasi-tie-ku, near Liu-kuei, S. Taiwan, 2–IX–1986, K. BABA leg.

*Distribution.* Japan (Kyushu), Is. Yaku-shima, Ryukyus, Taiwan, Borneo, Andaman Is.

### *Copelatus nakamurai* GUÉORGUIEV

- Copelatus nakamurai* GUÉORGUIEV, 1970, Bull. Inst. Zool. Mus., Sofia, **32**: 258, figs. 3–4 [Tokyo].
- Copelatus hasegawai* M. SATÔ, 1988, *Elytra*, Tokyo, **16**: 123, figs. 1–4 [Saitama Pref.]. *Syn. nov.*

Unfortunately, *C. hasegawai* is doubtless identical with *C. nakamurai*, so that the former falls in a junior synonym of the latter. This was already suggested by NAKANE (1990).

*Distribution.* Japan (Honshu).

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