

Notes on *Copelatus minutissimus* (Coleoptera, Dytiscidae)

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This species was originally described from Singapore. After that it was recorded by VAZIRANI (1970) from India and by SATÔ (1995) from the Ryukyus. The Ryukyuan record was based on females only, though I have recently examined a male specimen through the courtesy of Dr. Shûhei NOMURA. I am going to illustrate, on the basis of the Ryukyuan material, the male genitalia which is one of the important characteristics and to record this species newly from Thailand.

Specimens examined. 1 ♂, 3 ♀♀, Nakama-gawa Rindô, Iriomote-jima, Ryukyus, 3-V-1998, K. OTSUKA leg.; 1 ♂, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 11-VI-1965, K. MORIMOTO leg.; 1 ♀, Nakorn Nayok, Thailand, 24-I-1968, K. BABA leg.; 1 ♀, Sanpatong, Thailand, 25-XI-1968, M. SATÔ leg.

Distribution. India, Thailand, Singapore, Ryukyus.

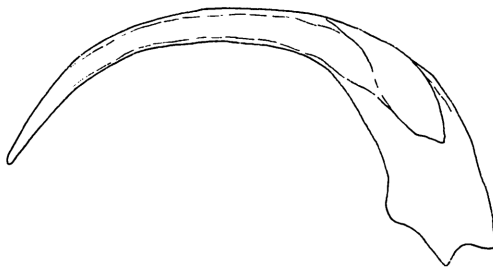


Fig. 1. *Copelatus minutissimus* BALFOUR-BROWNE: median lobe of male genitalia in lateral aspect.