

New Record of *Rismethus ryukyensis* (Coleoptera, Elateridae) from the Island of Lutao, Taiwan

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Rismethus ryukyensis was described by ÔHIRA (1999) on the basis of a large number of specimens collected from Amami-Ôshima Is., Tokunoshima Is., Ishigaki-jima Is., Hateruma-jima Is. and Yonaguni-jima Is. of the Nansei Islands. In the spring of 2000, I had an opportunity to make a collecting trip to Lutao Island off the southeastern coast of Taiwan and succeeded in obtaining a series of this species. I am going to record it for the first time from Lutao Island as below.

Rismethus ryukyensis ÔHIRA, 1999

Meristhus scobinula: CANDÈZE, 1873, Mém. Soc. Sci. Liège, (2), **5**: 5 (Japon) [nec CANDÈZE, 1857].

Rismethus sp.: HAYEK, 1973, Bull. Br. Mus. nat. Hist., (Ent.), Suppl., (20): 239 (Japan).

Rismethus ryukyensis ÔHIRA, 1999, *Elytra, Tokyo*, **27**: 409–411, fig. 1 (Ishigaki-jima Is., Amami-Ôshima Is., Tokuno-shima Is., Hateruma-jima Is. and Yonaguni-jima Is.)

Specimens examined. 30 exs., Da Bai Sha [大白沙], Lutao Is. [綠島], Taiwan, 25–III–2000, W. SUZUKI leg.

Distribution. Japan: Kyushu (Nagasaki, Kumamoto), Nansei Isls. (Yakushima Is., Kuchierabu-jima Is., Takara-jima Is., Nakanoshima Is., Amami-Ôshima Is., Kikai-jima Is., Tokunoshima Is., Ishigaki-jima Is., Hateruma-jima Is., Tarama-jima Is., Iriomote-jima Is., Yonaguni-jima Is.). Taiwan: Lutao Is. (new record).

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