

突起が短くてわずかに突出する特徴から *ohausi* 群に含まれる種である。スラウエシ島の種は *C. ohausi* HELLER, 1898 に非常によく似た種であり、外形だけでの区別は難しいが、雄交尾器およびその内部構造の形態の違いから区別できる。MACHATSCHKE (1972) は *C. ohausi* var. *immaculatus* HELLER, 1898 を亜種として扱っていたが、検討した結果、その特徴は色彩変異の一種であり、形態の違いは雌の特徴を示している。

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A New Record of *Aceraius aequalis* (GRAVELY) (Coleoptera, Passalidae) from Laos, with Notes on the Geographic Variation of *A. aequalis*

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Aceraius aequalis was described by GRAVELY (1918) as *Ophrygonius aequalis* from Cha Pa [=Sa Pa], Vietnam. Later, BOUCHER (1993) transferred this species to the genus *Aceraius*. Recently, KON and FUKINUKI (2001) recorded this species from the Chin Hills, Myanmar. When the author examined a series of specimens of the Passalidae from northeastern Laos, he found three specimens of *A. aequalis* among them. This is the first record of this species from Laos. Its collection data are as follows: 2♂♂, 1♀, Mt. Phu Phan, 1,500–2,000 m, Ban Saluei, Hua Phan Prov., Laos, 20°15'N, 104°02'E, 26–IV~11–V–2001, J. BEZDEK leg.

The author made a comparison between the specimens of *Aceraius aequalis* from Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. Consequently, no noticeable difference was found between the Vietnamese and Laotian specimens. However, it was revealed that the specimens from the Chin Hills, Myanmar differ a little from the Vietnamese and Laotian ones in the following points: upper tooth of left mandible represented as a small denticle pointed upwards and a little forwards, whereas it is represented as an obtuse angle in the specimens from Vietnam and Laos; outer tubercles

broadier than those of the Vietnamese and Laotian ones. The collection locality in Laos, Mt. Phu Phan, is about 250 km south of the type locality of *Aceraius aequalis*, Cha Pa, North Vietnam (the former is almost the same as the latter in longitude), whereas the Chin Hills, western Myanmar is more than 1,000 km west of the type locality. Field studies in northwestern Laos and eastern Myanmar are expected to yield further discoveries of this species bridging the gap between the isolated collection localities.

Specimens compared. 1 ♂, Cha Pa, North Vietnam, 4–IV–1997; 1 ♂, 1 ♀, ditto, 1–VI–1997; 1 ♀, Tam Dao, Tonkin; 1 ♂, Lim-Kai, 1,500 m, Chin Hills, Myanmar, V–2000; 1 ♀, Lim-Kai, Chin Hills, Myanmar, V–VI–2000.

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