

New Locality of *Salpinia laosensis* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae),
with a Note on its Systematic Position

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Salpinia laosensis GRESSITT et RONDON is the only representative of the genus from Indochina and has so far been known to occur in Laos. I recently examined Vietnamese specimens of *S. laosensis* as recorded below.

Salpinia laosensis (GRESSITT et RONDON, 1970), comb. nov.

Salpinia laosensis GRESSITT et RONDON, 1970, *Pacif. Ins. Mon.*, **24**, pp. 102–103, fig. 19; type locality: Pakkading, Laos (holotype).

Specimens examined. 1 ♂, Mt. Tam Dao, Vinh Phu Prov., northern Vietnam, 21–V–1993, H. KARUBE leg.; 1 ♀, same locality, 5–VI–1999.

Notes. The specimens examined agree fairly well with the type series collected in Laos and the original description by GRESSITT and RONDON (1970). I reexamined the type series of this species on the occasion of visiting the BP Bishop Museum, Honolulu, in the autumn of 1998. This species is closely similar to *Parasalpinia kojimai* HAYASHI (1962, p. 4, pl. 1, fig. 4) from the Ryukyus of Southwest Japan and central Taiwan, and is considered to be its sibling species in Indochina.

Parasalpinia was established as a relative of the genus *Salpinia* on the basis of a few differences in the approximate upper eye-lobes, the ample elytra and the concave apical margin of the mesosternal process. *Salpinia laosensis* agrees with the characteristics of *Parasalpinia* and should be transferred to that genus.

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