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A New *Paramimistena* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) from Northeastern Laos

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A total fourteen species of the genus *Paramimistena* have so far been recorded mainly from Indochina and its neighborhood, and a few from Sri Lanka and Borneo. I recently found a peculiar new species of the genus with tricolored elytra in the field survey of northeastern Laos, and am going to describe it in the following lines. I am grateful to Mr. Hiroyuki WAKAHARA for his kind support in the field way.

Paramimistena tricolor sp. nov.

(Fig. 1)

Body length 4.2–4.6 mm (measured from apical margin of clypeus to abdominal apex).

Belonging to the *P. polyalthiae* group (HOLZSCHUH, 1999) though slightly different in a few critical details from other members of the group. Colour black to brownish black, brown in mouthparts, antennae, legs, basal margin of pronotum, sides of mesosternum and metepisternum,



Fig. 1. *Paramimistena tricolor* sp. nov., holotype, ♀, from Ban Saleui, Houaphan Province of Laos.

though more or less darker in apical three segments of antenna and femoral clubs; elytra brown in basal 3/10, almost black in apical 5/9, and with arcuate white band near basal 2/5 between brown and black areas. Body sparsely clothed with erect long pale hairs, with a linear fringe of pale pubescence before base of pronotum though disappearing according to individuals.

Head slightly narrower than pronotum, reticulate throughout, with a smooth median line at center of frons. Antenna reaching apical 2/3 of elytra. Pronotum elongate ovate in apical 5/6, strongly constricted in the basal part, a half the length of hind body, 1.2 times as long as the maximum width just before middle, covered with medium-sized reticulations arranged by 18–20 cells along the longitudinal mid-line. Elytra 2.0 times as long as the humeral width, attaining to the apex of tergite 5, slightly exposing the sides of metathorax, rather closely provided with large punctures on basal 2/5, and with a few fine punctures on apical 2/5; sides with humeri quadrately prominent, arcuately divergent to the widest point at apical 2/5, then convergent to rounded apices. Ventral surface of hind body scattered with a few fine punctures. Legs rather short and not stout.

Type series. Holotype ♀, Ban Saleui, 1,200 m in alt., Houaphan Prov., NE. Laos, 29–III–2005, T. NIISATO leg. Paratypes: 1 ♀, same locality as the holotype, 30–III–2005, H. WAKAHARA leg.; 1 ♀, Phu Pan, 1,500 m in alt., Ban Saleui, 31–III–2005, T. NIISATO leg. The holotype is preserved in the National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo, and the paratypes are in the private collection of NIISATO.

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