A New Species of the Genus Parastasia (Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Rutelini) from Hainan Island

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Abstract A new species of the genus Parastasia belonging to the discolor group is described from Hainan Island: Parastasia hainanensis sp. nov.

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In 2007, I had an opportunity of examining some specimens of the genus Parastasia that was preserved in the collection of Mr. Shinji NAGAI. After a careful examination, I have come to the conclusion that one of them is new to science.

This new species is a member of the Parastasia discolor group and resembles Parastasia lobata KUIJTEN, 1992 in the size and coloration. However, this new species is actually related to Parastasia glottidion KUIJTEN, 1992 in view of the shape of male genitalia. The paramere of the male genitalia is simple with the posterior margins extending posteriorly. In this study, I am going to describe this new species as a result of my study, under the name Parastasia hainanensis sp. nov.

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The holotypes of the new species will be preserved in the collection of the Department of Zoology, National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo.
**Parastasia hainanensis** sp. nov.

(Figs. 1–11)

*Description.* Body length: 13.7 mm, width: 8.0 mm. Antennae, head, legs and ventral surface except 5th to 7th abdominal sternites dark reddish brown to black, dorsal surface except head, 5th to 7th abdominal sternites dark orange; dorsal surface, legs and ventral surface except abdominal sternites with vitreous lustre, abdominal sternites with rather weak lustre.

Head micro-shagreened (visible under ×60); clypeus truncate, reticulately rugulose; apical margin reflexed, rounded at antero-lateral corners, with a pair of sharp upright teeth; lateral margins before eye-canthi almost parallel, with a pair of transverse, low subparallel ridges at the bases of eye-canthi in lateral 1/3 of clypeus; frons reticulately rugulose, becoming sparser posteriad, vertex irregularly punctate, the punctures becoming denser and partly coalescent in lateral portions; eyes moderately convex; interocular distance 1.7 times as wide as an eye diameter. Labrum truncate, with anterior margin slightly sinuous. Galea with three teeth, the apical two and the middle one almost equal, stout and acute, and the basal one rather short, porrect and trifid. Length of antennal club almost same as interocular distance (1.06 : 1 in male).

Pronotum 1.47 times as wide as long, almost parallel-sided posteriad, and slightly sinuous before hind angles; front and hind angles obtusely angulate; lateral margins rimmed, the rims disappearing before hind corners; disc with a pair of vague impressions at the middle of lateral portions, irregularly punctate, the punctures round and small in middle, rather large and elongate in lateral portions, becoming smaller and sparser posteriad.

Elytra with 11 rows of round punctures, 1st and 3rd interval irregularly scattered with round punctures, each interval sparsely scattered with minute punctures; lateral margins sinuous in basal 2/5, widened at middle, weakly narrowed posteriad in apical half, thickly rimmed in basal 1/3, the rims becoming finer in the remaining part, and extending to sutural apices; distal margins slightly rounded; sutural apices obtuse.

Propygidium microsculptured, with a pair of transverse impressions at antero-lateral portions; disc reticulately rugulose.

Pygidium irregularly scattered with elongate punctures in middle, becoming denser and reticulately rugulose in basal portions, large and partly coalescent in lateral portions; outer margins thickly rimmed, almost straight laterally, truncate at apex.

Metasternum sparsely punctate, the punctures small in middle, becoming larger laterad, and reticulately rugulose in lateral portions, with yellow suberect setae (0.12–

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Figs. 1–11. Habitus of *Parastasia hainanensis* sp. nov.; 1–3, holotype, ♂️. — 1, Dorsal view; 2, lateral view; 3, ventral view; 4–5, male genitalia (scale: 1 mm): 4, lateral view (left); 5, dorsal view; 6–11, mouth parts (scale 1 mm): 6, dorsal view of labrum; 7, ventral view of labrum showing epipharynx; 8, mentum; 9, dorsal view of maxilla showing galea; 10, dorsal view of left mandible showing apical teeth; 11, lateral view of left mandible showing mola.
0.62 mm in length) in lateral portions; mesosternal process short, with apex rather acute in lateral view.

Abdominal sternites rugoso-punctate in middle, the punctures becoming denser laterad, and reticulately rugulose in lateral portions, 2nd to 5th sternites each with a row of short, decumbent yellowish brown setae (0.1–0.3 mm in length) in apical half to 1/4, 6th sternite glabrous, 7th sternite reticulately rugulose, with a row of short, yellow erect setae (0.05–0.25 mm in length) along marginal portion.

Protibiae tridentate, denticles stout and acute; outer claw of fore legs simple, acuminate, sickle-shaped; inner claw of fore legs acuminate, sickle-shaped, notched at middle and fore claws approximately equal in length; inner claws of middle and hind legs simply acuminate and curved; outer claws of middle and hind legs incised apically, forming two branches, the lower branch weakly transversely rugulose, shorter and broader than the upper.


_Etymology:_ The new specific name, _hainanensis_, is derived from the locality, denoting that the new species inhabits Hainan Island.

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