

A New Distributional Record for *Ceratohister camelus* (Coleoptera, Histeridae, Chlamydopsinae) from Laos, with Description of the Male Genitalia

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Ceratohister camelus TISHECHKIN et SOKOLOV, 2009 is the second representative of the myrmecophilous and termitophilous histerid subfamily Chlamydopsinae in continental Asia. This species was described from southern Vietnam based on a single male missing the genital organ (TISHECHKIN & SOKOLOV, 2009).

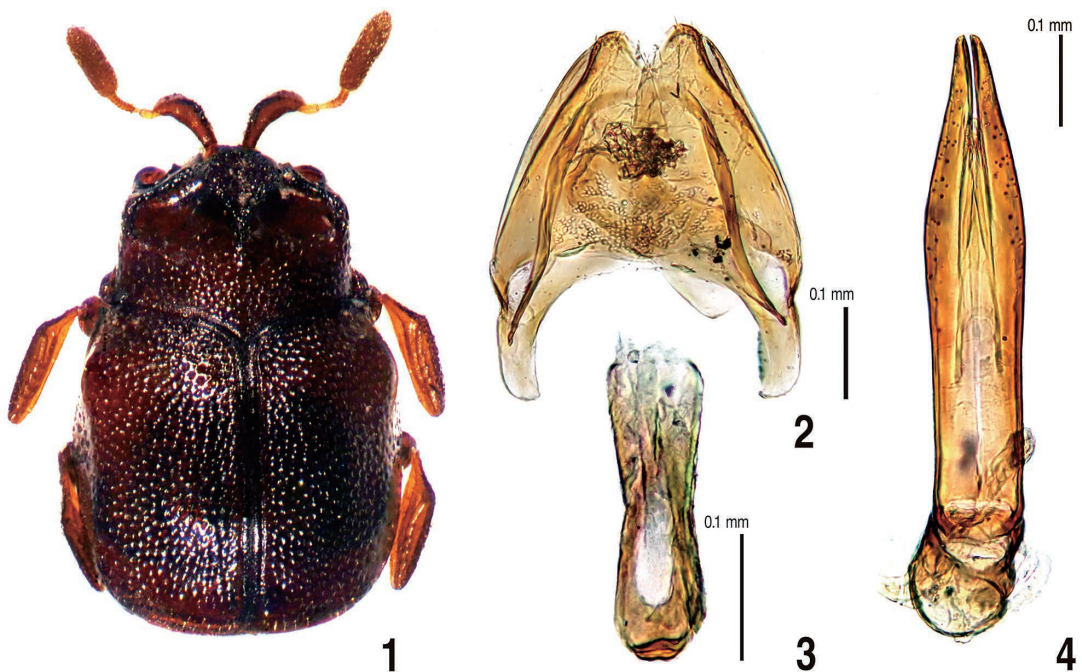
In my field works in the Annamite Range, central Laos, several specimens of this species were obtained with a flight intercept trap that was set beside a trail near a stream surrounded by a deciduous broad-leaved forest. This note provides the first record for the species from Laos, and the description of its male genital organ with photographs for the first time.

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Ceratohister camelus TISHECHKIN et SOKOLOV, 2009

(Figs. 1–4)

Ceratohister camelus TISHECHKIN et SOKOLOV, 2009: 191 (type locality: S Vietnam, 120 km NNE Ho Chi Minh, env. Cat Tien National Park).



Figs. 1–4. *Ceratohister camelus* TISHECHKIN et SOKOLOV, 2009 from near Kaew Neua Pass, central Laos, male.
— 1, Habitus; 2, genital segments; 3, spiculum gastrale; 4, aedeagus.

Specimens examined. 3 ♂♂ (head and thorax missing in 2 ♂♂; Fig. 1), near Kaew Neua Pass [ca. 18°22'N 105°09'E; ca. 700 m in alt.], Annamite Range, Khamkeut District, Bolikhamsai Province, central Laos, 9–15. V.2019 (FIT), M. NISHIKAWA leg.

Description of the male genital organ. Genital segment (Fig. 2) ventrally with a pair of longitudinal linear components obliquely separate, inwardly curved apicad; spiculum gastrale (Fig. 3) ca. 3/5 length of genital segment, subquadrate, with sides narrowed at middle, apicomedial part elliptically desclerotised, apex rounded, widely hooked ventrad. Aedeagus (Fig. 4) ca. 1.6 times as long as genital segment; basal piece 1/4 length of tegmen, which is lanceolate, almost as wide as basal piece at base, widest at apical 2/5, evenly curved ventrad toward apices, the apices narrowly separated; median lobe reached to apical 1/5 of the tegmen.

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