

Lectotype Designation for *Bolboceras nigroplagiatum* WATERHOUSE (Coleoptera, Bolboceratidae)

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In the course of my study on the Asian scarabaeid beetles, Mr. Masayuki FUJIOKA, president of the Japanese Society of Scarabaeoidology, suggested to me that the cotypes of *Bolbocerodema nigroplagiatum* (WATERHOUSE, 1875) have been left without lectotype designation up until now. I asked Mr. Malcolm D. KERLEY and Mr. Maxwell V. L. BARCLAY, The Natural History Museum, London, for permission of a loan of all the cotypes of the species. They made effort to look for them among the huge collections, and finally found one of the syntype specimens. For avoiding future confusion, I am going to designate the lectotype for it.

Bolbocerodema nigroplagiatum (WATERHOUSE, 1875)

(Figs. 1–2)

Bolboceras nigroplagiatum WATERHOUSE, 1875, 96.

Localities of the type series: Japan; Nagasaki and Corea.

Lectotype designation. ♀, labelled as follows: Nagasaki // Type // S. Japan. // *Bolbocerus / nigroplagiatus / (Type.) C. WATERH. // ??69 // LECTOTYPE / Bolboceras nigroplagiatum WATERHOUSE, 1875 / Design. by K. MASUMOTO, 2011.*

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Figs. 1–2. *Bolbocerodema nigroplagiatum* (WATERHOUSE). — 1, Habitus; 2, labels.

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