

New records of *Scarabaeoidea laparosticta* (Coleoptera) from some Middle Eastern countries

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Abstract: Three new records of *Scarabaeoidea laparosticta* from Middle Eastern countries are given: *Paroniticellus festivus* is recorded for the first time in Iran, *Mnematium rotundipenne* for the first time in Syria, and *Pseudotrypocopriss amedei* for the first time in Lebanon. The taxon *Pseudotrypocopriss* Miksic, 1953 is raised to generic rank.

Kurzfassung: Es werden drei neue Nachweise von *Scarabaeoidea laparosticta* aus dem Nahen Osten mitgeteilt: *Paroniticellus festivus* wurde erstmals im Iran festgestellt, *Mnematium rotundipenne* erstmals in Syrien, und *Pseudotrypocopriss amedei* erstmals im Libanon. Das Taxon *Pseudotrypocopriss* Miksic, 1953 wird auf generischen Rang erhoben.

Key words: Coleoptera; Scarabaeoidea; Iran; Lebanon; Syria; Middle East; first records.

During study of the *Scarabaeoidea laparosticta* collected by some colleagues and by myself in the Middle East, I found three interesting new country records. Further researches have also enabled me to propose a new combination for *Pseudotrypocopriss amedei* (Fairm.). Material is deposited in the private collections of M. MALMUSI (Modena) and myself.

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