FAUNISTIC AND TAXONOMIC DATA ON ORIBATID MITES (ACARI: ORIBATIDA) OF TAIWAN, WITH AN IDENTIFICATION KEY TO KNOWN SPECIES OF *PERGALUMNA* FROM THE ORIENTAL REGION

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ABSTRACT: This study is based on oribatid mite materials collected from forest litter in Taiwan. In particular, in the course of our study, we recorded 10 species from 10 genera and eight families. Of these, two species (*Scheloribates guhitanus*, *Setogalumna luzonica*) have been recorded for the first time from Taiwan. Additionally, a supplementary description of *Pergalumna kunsti* is presented based on specimens from Taiwan. An identification key to the known species of *Pergalumna* from the Oriental region is presented.

KEY WORDS: Taiwanese mites, fauna, record, morphology, Pergalumna

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INTRODUCTION

While in the past the fauna and taxonomy of oribatid mites (Acari: Oribatida) of Taiwan were insufficiently studied (Tseng 1982, 1984; Aoki 1991, 1995; Chu and Aoki 1997; Bayartogtokh *et al.* 2009; see also summarized faunistic data in Chen *et al.* 2010), these topics have been researched extensively in recent years (e.g., Ermilov and Liao 2017, 2018, 2021; Niedbała and Ermilov 2021).

The primary aims of this paper are as follows: to present a list of the identified oribatid taxa (with notes on new records), which were collected in Taiwan in 2013; and to present supplementary morphological data on *Pergalumna kunsti* Ermilov and Starý, 2017 based on the Taiwanese specimens. The newly presented figures and information on some morphological characteristics will help identify the latter species in the future.

An identification key to the known representatives of *Pergalumna* from the Oriental region was provided by Ermilov *et al.* (2015). However, since then, several new species have been described and many new findings have been recorded. Therefore, an additional goal of this paper is to update this identification key.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Specimens. Collection locality: Taiwan, Pingtung County, Hengchun Township, Kenting National Park, close to the Howard Beach Resort, 21°56′17.63″N, 120°48′31.85″E, 24 m a.s.l., sifting litter in secondary forest, Winkler extraction, June 24, 2013 (P. Jäger leg.). **Observation and documentation.** Specimens were mounted in lactic acid on temporary cavity slides for measurement and illustration. Drawings were made with a camera lucida using an "Olympus CX43RF" transmission light microscope. All measurements are in micrometres (µm).

Abbreviations. The following morphological abbreviations are used. *Prodorsum*: *L*—lamellar line; *ro, le, in, bs*—rostral, lamellar, interlamellar, and bothridial setae, respectively; *Ad*—dorsosejugal porose area; *D*—dorsophragma; *P*—pleurophragma. *Notogaster*: *c, la, lm, lp, h*—setae; *ia, im*—lyrifissures; *gla*—opisthonotal gland opening. *Epimeral and lateral podosomal regions*: *1b, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c*—epimeral setae; *PdI, PdII*—pedotecta I, II, respectively; *dis*—discidium; *cir*—circumpedal carina. *Anogenital region*: *g, ag, an, ad*—genital, aggenital, anal, and adanal setae, respectively; *iad*—adanal lyrifissure; *po*—preanal organ.

LIST OF IDENTIFIED ORIBATID MITE TAXA¹

Trhypochthoniidae

Archegozetes longisetosus Aoki, 1965: 1 ex. Distribution: Tropical.

Basilobelbidae

Basilobelba parmata Okayama, 1980: 1 ex. Distribution: Japan, Oriental.

¹ The distribution of the species is mostly taken from Subías (2022). References for the original descriptions of species are not presented in the *References* section.

Eremulidae

Eremulus avenifer Berlese, 1913: 2 ex. Distribution: southern Palaearctic, Oriental, Tahiti, Afrotropical.

Oppiidae

Lasiobelba insulata Ohkubo, 2001: 13 ex. Distribution: Japan, Taiwan.

Otocepheidae

Trichotocepheus erabuensis Aoki, 1965: 2 ex. Distribution: eastern Palaearctic, southeast China, Taiwan.

Haplozetidae

Peloribates pakistanensis Hammer, 1977: 2 ex. Distribution: Pakistan, Oriental.

Scheloribatidae

Scheloribates guhitanus Corpuz-Raros, 1980: 2 ex. Distribution: Philippines, Vanuatu. New record of the species in Taiwan.

Galumnidae

Galumna flabellifera Hammer, 1958: 1 ex. Distribution: Tropical, Subtropical.

Pergalumna kunsti Ermilov and Starý, 2017: 4 ex. Distribution: Oriental.

Setogalumna luzonica Ermilov and Corpuz-Raros, 2015: 16 ex. Distribution: Philippines. New record of the species in Taiwan.

Thus, we found 10 species from 10 genera and eight families, of which two species (*Scheloribates guhitanus*—see Corpuz-Raros 1980 and *Setogalumna luzonica*—see Ermilov and Corpuz-Raros 2015) are recorded for the first time from Taiwan. According to the distribution of the identified mites, two species are oriental, and the other species are recorded from two or more geographical regions.

SUPPLEMENTARY MORPHOLOGICAL DATA

Pergalumna (Pergalumna) kunsti Ermilov and Starý, 2017

(Figs. 1, 2)

Pergalumna kunsti was described by Ermilov and Starý (2017) from Vietnam. Later, this species has also been recorded from Taiwan and southern China (Ermilov and Leong 2018, 2020; Ermilov and Liao 2021).



Figs. 1–2. *Pergalumna kunsti* Ermilov and Starý, 2017, adult: 1—dorsal view; 2—ventral view (gnathosoma, legs and right pteromorph not shown). Scale bar—200 µm.

Specimens of P. kunsti from the new Taiwanese material are morphologically similar to those in the original description in all main morphological traits, e.g.,: large body size; surface without heavy sculpturing and ornamentation; rostrum rounded; rostral, lamellar and interlamellar setae comparatively long, le longest; bothridial seta long, setiform, barbed; dorsosejugal suture interrupted medially; dorsosejugal porose area present; three pairs of notogastral porose areas, with Aa boothshaped/peanut-shell-shaped, located between setal alveoli *la* and *lm* and equally distant from them; median pore absent; notogastral lyrifissure im located dorsolaterally to porose area A1; epimeral setal formula: 1-0-2-3; circumpedal carina medium-sized, directed to insertion of seta 3b or slightly lateral to it; aggenital seta located closer to genital aperture than to anal aperture; anal and adanal setae medium-sized, erect; postanal porose area absent.

There are, however, some morphological differences: (a) our specimens are smaller than Vietnamese specimens (body length: 825-885 vs. 929-1045); (b) in our specimens, dorsosejugal porose area narrowly elongate oval (vs. oval); (c) in our specimens, notogastral porose area *A1* always distinctly elongate oval (vs. oval in typical case); (d) in our specimens, circumpedal carina directed slightly lateral to insertion of epimeral seta *3b* (vs. to insertion of *3b*). We believe that these differences represent intraspecific variability, and therefore, the above traits should be used when identifying *G. kunsti* in the future.

KEY TO KNOWN REPRESENTATIVES OF *PERGALUMNA*¹ FROM THE ORIENTAL REGION

(Updated after Ermilov et al. 2015)

We exclude *P. bhaskari* Sarkar, Sanyal and Chakrabarti, 2012 from India, *P. heroica* (Willmann, 1931) from Java, *P. medialis* (Sellnick, 1925) from Sumatra, *P. obsessa* Subías, 2004 from Taiwan (as *Galumna pallida* Tseng 1984), and *P. sabitai* Sarkar, Sanyal and Chakrabarti, 2012 from India from the key because these species have been poorly described. We have also excluded *P. operata* Tseng, 1984 from Taiwan because it has distinct notogastral setae that are absent in *Pergalumna* species.

1. Dorsosejugal suture represented by dense tu-2. Genital plate with several striae; all notogastral porose areas larger than diameter of bothridium; body length: 451–490*P. margaritata* Mahunka, 1989. Distribution: Oriental. — Genital plate with one stria; all notogastral porose areas similar in size to diameter of bothridium; body length: 402–447*P. pseudomargaritata* Mahunka, 1994. Distribution: Thailand. 3. Dorsosejugal suture complete, clearly developed - Dorsosejugal suture absent, interrupted medially or unclear medially 18 4. Two pairs of notogastral porose areas Aa; body length: 882 P. incomperta Engelbrecht, 1972. Distribution: South Africa, India. — One pair of notogastral porose areas Aa 5 6. Four pairs of notogastral porose areas (A2 present); notogastral porose area Aa elongate triangular,

ent); notogastral porose area *Aa* elongate triangular, transversally oriented; lateral part of pteromorph with strong ridges forming slightly visible reticulate pattern Two similar species (possibly the same): 1) *P. altera* (Oudemans, 1915) (=*Pergalumna harunaensis* Aoki, 1961) (see also Aoki 1975; Engelbrecht 1972; Weigmann 2006; Fujikawa *et al.* 2006) (body length: 517–670; distribution: Semicosmopolitan);

2) *P. amamiensis* Aoki, 1984 (see also Hagino and Shimano 2019; Zheng *et al.* 2021) (body length: 519–680; distribution: southeastern Palaearctic, Taiwan).

¹ All species included here belong to the nominate subgenus.

 All notogastral porose areas oval; genital plate with two striae; body length: 610–680 <i>P. sidorchukae</i> Zheng, Liang, Ren and Yang, 2019. Distribution: southeastern China. 9. Interlamellar seta minute or represented by alveolus	<i>Aa</i> distinctly shorter than distance between noto- gastral setal alveoli <i>lm–lm</i>
— Interlamellar seta medium-sized or long 14 10. Notogaster surface foveolate; body length: 222–235 <i>P. annulata</i> Mahunka, 1995.	 Distribution: Oriental. Notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> boot-shaped; median pore absent; adanal seta <i>ad</i>₃ inserted anterior
— Notogaster surface not foveolate	to adanal lyrifissure; body length: 734 <i>P. hastata</i> Aoki, 1987.
11. Bothridial seta setiform; notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> located medially to notogastral setal alveolus <i>la</i> ; body length: 675–690 <i>P. nuda</i> Balogh, 1960. Distribution: Angola, Vietnam	Distribution: Japan, Oriental. 18. Rostrum trapezoid; anal seta longer than width of anal plate; body length: 1278–1311
— Bothridial seta with slightly developed head; notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> located anteriorly to notogastral setal alveolus <i>la</i>	Ermilov, Chatterjee, Das and Bordoloi, 2014. Distribution: India.
12. Notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> rounded; body length: 820 <i>P. andicola</i> Hammer, 1961. Distribution: Neotropical India	 Rostrum not trapezoid; anal seta shorter than width of anal plate
 Notogastral porose area Aa elongate triangular or elongate oval, transversely oriented	 Rostrum rounded
693–755	
— Rostral and lamellar setae long; body length: 705–898 <i>P. obvia</i> (Berlese, 1914) (aca also Waizmann 2006, Bayarta stalkh 2010)	absent)
Ermilov, Weigmann <i>et al.</i> 2013). Distribution: Semicosmopolitan.	ridges; notogastral porose areas <i>Aa</i> located closer to notogastral setal alveolus <i>lm</i> and distant from <i>la</i> : body length: 1162–1278
absent); notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> rounded; body length: 820	<i>pora</i> Ermilov, Chatterjee, Das and Bordoloi, 2014. Distribution: India.
(see also Mahunka 1992). Distribution: Oriental. — Four pairs of notogastral porose areas (A2 pres- ent); notogastral porose area Aa elongate oval or	<i>Aa</i> equally distant from <i>la</i> and <i>lm</i>
elongate triangular, or boot-shaped, transversally oriented	22. Notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> elongate oval, transversely oriented; notogastral porose area <i>A1</i>
P. andhraense Raju, Appalanaidu and Rao, 1981.Distribution: India.	not striate; adanal seta ad_1 distinctly longer than ad_2
— Bothridial seta lanceolate	- Notogastral porose areas Aa and Al rounded/ oval; genital plate striate; adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 similar in length
to distance between notogastral setal alveoli <i>lm–lm</i> ; body length: 830–898	23. Notogaster surface foveolate; median pore represented by several foveae; body length: 365–
<i>P. paraelongata</i> Ermilov and Anichkin, 2012 (in Ermilov, Niedbała <i>et al.</i> 2012). Distribution: Tropical.	415 <i>P. paratsurusakii</i> Ermilov, Shtanchaeva, Kalúz and Subías, 2013. Distribution: India
— Notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> triangular or boot- shaped; distance between notogastral porose areas	 Notogaster surface not foveolate; median pore single; body length: 531–581

........... *P. titiwangsaensis* Ermilov and Kalúz, 2019. Distribution: Malaysia.

24. Adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 minute; median pore present; interlamellar seta shorter than bothridial seta; body length: 498–531 *P. mahunkai* Ermilov, Shtanchaeva, Kalúz and Subías, 2013. Distribution: Oriental.

— Adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 medium-sized; median pore absent; interlamellar seta longer than bothridial seta; body length: 597–680 *P. paracattienica* Ermilov, Chatterjee, Das and Bordoloi, 2014. Distribution: India.

— Notogastral porose areas Aa located medial to notogastral setal alveolus la; median pore present; adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 short; body length: 863–1145....

P. panayensis Ermilov and Corpuz-Raros, 2015
30. Notogaster surface foveolate; body length:
348–365

..... *P. thailandensis* Ermilov and Khaustov, 2020. Distribution: Thailand.

 length: 745–842 *P. hauseri* Mahunka, 1995. Distribution: Oriental.

Notogaster surface not foveolate; median pore represented by several foveae; body length: 262–282 *P. pseudosejugalis* Ermilov and Anichkin, 2012.

P. pseudosejugalis Ermilov and Anichkin, 2012. Distribution: Vietnam.

— Notogastral porose area <i>Aa</i> rounded; notogaster surface with heavy sculpture	<i>P. foveolata</i> Hammer, 1973 ¹ . Distribution: Australian, Neotropical, Oriental.
39. Notogaster surface heavily granulate; body	— Interlamellar seta distinctly shorter than both-
length: 302–356	ridial seta; median pore large; body length: 720
P. punctulata Balogh and Mahunka, 1967	<i>P. remota</i> (Hammer, 1968).
(see also Aoki 2009). Distribution: Vietnam.	Distribution: New Zealand, Oriental.
— Notogaster surface heavily tuberculate; body	48. Bothridial seta smooth; body length: 398–453
length: 385–425	Distribution: Oriental
Distribution: Oriental Japan	— Bothridial seta barbed 49
40 Notogastral porose area Ag located clearly	49. Adanal seta <i>ad</i> , distinctly longer than <i>ad</i> : no-
closer to notogastral setal alveolus <i>lm</i> and distant	togastral lyrifissure <i>im</i> distant from porose area <i>A1</i> ;
from <i>la</i>	body length: 451–490
— Notogastral porose area Aa equally distant from	P. mauritii Mahunka, 1978.
notogastral setal alveoli la and lm 50	Distribution: Mauritius, Mariana Islands, Vietnam.
41. Notogastral porose area Aa very small (small-	— Adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 similar in length; no-
er than diameter of bothridium) 42	togastral lyrifissure <i>im</i> near to porose area <i>A1</i> ; body
— Notogastral porose area Aa not very small	length: 451–490 P. kotschyi Mahunka, 1989.
(larger than diameter of bothridium)	Distribution: Vietnam.
42. Interlamellar seta minute; lamellar seta in-	oval (longer than porose area Aa) longitudinally
present: body length: 863, 920	oriented 51
<i>P canualensis</i> Ermilov and Corpuz-Raros 2016	— Notogastral porose area <i>A1</i> rounded/oval or
Distribution: Philippines.	slightly elongate oval (shorter than porose area Aa)
— Interlamellar seta medium-sized; lamellar seta	
inserted on prodorsal surface; median pore absent;	51. Adamal seta ad_1 distinctly longer than ad_2 ; me-
body length: 527–612	dian pore single in males and females; body length:
P. imadatei Aoki and Hu, 1993.	415–481 <i>P. paraindistincta</i> Ermilov,
Distribution: Oriental.	Sandmann, Klarner, Widyastuti and Scheu, 2015.
43. Notogaster surface striate; median pore repre-	- Adapal setae <i>ad</i> and <i>ad</i> similar in length: me-
sented by several foveae; body length: 610–715	dian pore represented by several foyeae and present
(see also Ermilov and Mansurov 2017) Distribu-	only in female; body length: 547–614
tion: Australasian Oriental	
— Notogaster surface not striate: median pore	(in 2011b). Distribution: Vietnam.
single or absent	52. Bothridial seta smooth 53
44. Interlamellar seta minute	— Bothridial seta barbed 54
— Interlamellar setae of medium-sized or long	53. Interlamellar seta shorter than lamellar seta;
	genital plate smooth; body length: 742–845
45. Median pore present; rostrum narrowly round-	Distribution: asstern Palaceratia Oriental Vanya
ed; body length: 720	— Interlamellar seta not shorter than lamellar seta:
<i>P. bimaculata</i> Hammer, 19/3.	genital plate striate: body length: 822–840
Distribution: Australasian, Oriental.	geman plate balance, oody lengan 022 010 mining
- Median pore absent, rostrum broadly rounded; body length: 400	
<i>P tahitiensis</i> Balogh and Balogh 2002	¹ We exclude the data on <i>P. foveolata</i> provided in the
(see also Hammer 1972 as <i>Pergalumna montana</i>).	teriee (2010). The above authors redescribed this species
Distribution: Tahiti, India.	based on Indian material, but some important morpho-
46. Median pore present	logical traits of their specimens do not correspond to
— Median pore absent 48	those of the original description (e.g., presence [vs.
47. Interlamellar and bothridial setae similar in	absence of dorsosejugal suture; notogastral porose area
length; median pore small; body length: 520-676	setal alveolus <i>lm</i>]).

P. magnipora xishuangbanna Aoki and Hu, 1993. Distribution: southern China.

54. Notogastral porose area Aa elongate oval 55 — Notogastral porose area Aa rounded/oval 57 55. Adanal seta ad_1 distinctly longer than ad_2 ; all notogastral porose areas amorphous; body length: 332–440 *P. amorpha* Mahunka, 2008 (see also Zheng *et al.* 2019). Distribution: Oriental. — Adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 similar in length; all notogastral porose areas with distinct borders

veloped; notogastral porose area *Aa* rounded; genital plate striate; body length: 514–597 *P. minituberculata* Ermilov and Martens, 2014. Distribution: Nepal.

— Adanal setae ad_1 and ad_2 longer than length of anal plate; notogastral seta c (on pteromorph) represented by alveolus; notogastral porose area Aaoval, transversely oriented; genital plate not striate; body length: 522–542

..... *P. longisetosa* Balogh, 1960. Distribution: Afrotropical, Neotropical, Oriental.

59. Notogaster surface with long and short ridges and tubercles simultaneously; adanal seta ad_1 distinctly longer than ad_2 ; body length: 408–485 *P. menglunensis* Aoki and Hu, 1993. Distribution: Oriental.

— Notogaster surface not foveolate; body length: 437–465 *P. intermedia intermedia* Aoki, 1963 (see also Aoki 1966). Distribution: southern Palaearctic, northern Oriental.

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