First record of
Malachius extensicornis TSHERNYSHEV, 1999 from Iran
(Coleoptera: Melyridae: Malachiinae)

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Abstract

Malachius extensicornis TSHERNYSHEV, 1999 (Coleoptera: Melyridae: Malachiinae) is reported for the first time from Iran (North Khorasan Province) based on historical museum specimens.

Key words: Coleoptera, Melyridae, Malachiinae, Malachius extensicornis, distribution, Iran, first record.

Introduction

In total, 85 species and two subspecies of malachiine soft-winged flower beetles were recorded from Iran so far (MIRUTENKO & GHASHERI 2016, CONSTANTIN 2020). An additional species is here recorded from Iran for the first time.

Material and methods

The specimens treated below were found under Malachius (s.str.) aeneus (LINNAEUS, 1758) in the collection of the Natural History Museum Vienna (NMW).

Label data are cited and described following PLONSKI (2014). All specimens examined are provided with the following determination label: “Malachius (s.str.) \ extensicornis \ Tshernyshev, 1999 \ det. I. Plonski 2016”.

Malachius (s.str.) extensicornis TSHERNYSHEV, 1999


TYPE LOCALITY: About 50 km WNW of Arçabil [formerly: Firyuza], Central Kopet Dag, Ahal Region, Turkmenistan.

MATERIAL EXAMINED:

DISTRIBUTION: Northern Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Malachius extensicornis seems to be a Turanian endemic. The specimens listed above represent the first records from Iran and the first record of the subfamily Malachiinae from North Khorasan Province.
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