

## Validation of *Macrosaldula indica* Vinokurov (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Saldidae)

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**Abstract.** An abbreviated description of *Macrosaldula indica* sp. nov. is provided to make the name available under the conditions required by the ICZN (1999).

**Key words.** Heteroptera, Saldidae, *Macrosaldula*, new species, nomenclature, type depository

A new species of the shore bug, *Macrosaldula indica*, has been recently described from Himalaya (VINOKUROV 2012). Unfortunately, deposition of the type material was not indicated in the original description. Thus, requirements of Article 16.4 of the ICZN (1999) were not met, which makes the species name unavailable. The purpose of the present work is to fulfill all requirements of Article 16, thus validating the species name with the date of publication of the present paper.

### *Macrosaldula indica* sp. nov.

**Type material.** HOLOTYPE: ♂, **INDIA: HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Tandi Vill., 5 km S of Keylong, 2700 m, 11.vi.1999 (Yu. M. Marusik) (coll. Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia, = ZISP). PARATYPES: 3 ♂♂ 2 ♀♀, **INDIA: HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Kothi Vill. and environs, 32°18'N, 77°11'E, 2300–2600 m, 29.v.–8.vi.1999 (Yu. M. Marusik) (coll. ZISP); 1 ♀, Jahalman Vill., 32°38'N, 76°51'E, 3000–3100 m, 13.vi.1999 (Yu. M. Marusik) (coll. ZISP); 1 ♂ 1 ♀, **INDIA: JAMMU AND KASHMIR:** Srinagar, 5000 ft, 22.v.–5.vi.1952 (A. Kincl leg.) (coll. National Museum, Praha, Czech Republic).

**Diagnosis.** Because of the presence of long erect hairs on the pronotum and the corium the new species is included in the *scotica* group; it has pattern of the corium similar to the dark individuals of West Palaearctic *M. scotica* (Curtis, 1835) and *M. variabilis variabilis* (Herrich-Schaeffer, 1835), and to the montane Middle Asian *M. tadzhika* (Kiritshenko, 1912). However, *M. indica* sp. nov. differs from these species in its smaller body (♂♂ 4.0–4.9 mm, ♀♀ 4.7–5.6 mm long), different pale pattern of the corium, and the shape of the parameres, which are slender, with pointed apex and upcurved tip, and with weakly developed sensory tubercle, provided with long hairs originating from fine tubercles, and having the hairs on the posterior side long and coarse, arranged in form of a comb. For full description and illustrations see VINOKUROV (2012).

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