

First record of *Plectromerus exis* Zayas in the Dominican Republic (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

Introduction

During revisionary work on the tribe Curiini LeConte, 1873, a new country record for *Plectromerus exis* Zayas was noticed. *Plectromerus exis* was described by Fernando de Zayas in 1975 from five specimens collected in several localities in Cuba (Zayas, 1975) and is listed as endemic to that island (Monné, 2005; Monné and Hovore, 2005; Peck, 2005). The senior author recently studied the holotype and type series of *P. exis* deposited in the Zayas Collection, La Habana, Cuba (Nearns, 2005).

Two specimens of *P. exis* Zayas were collected in the Dominican Republic. The first specimen was collected at Dajabon province, 13 km. south of Loma de Cabrera, 27 May 1978 by O'Briens and Marshall (specimen deposited in the Julio and Charyn Micheli private collection, Ponce, Puerto Rico). The second specimen was collected at Pedernales province, 25.5 km. north of Cabo Rojo, on May 20, 1992 by the junior author (specimen deposited in his private collection). This is the first published record for *P. exis* in the Dominican Republic and the first time it has been found outside of Cuba.

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Summary. *Plectromerus exis* Zayas (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Cerambycinae: Curiini) is recorded from the Dominican Republic for the first time.

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