

New Locality and Host Records of *Trirachys bilobulartus* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae)

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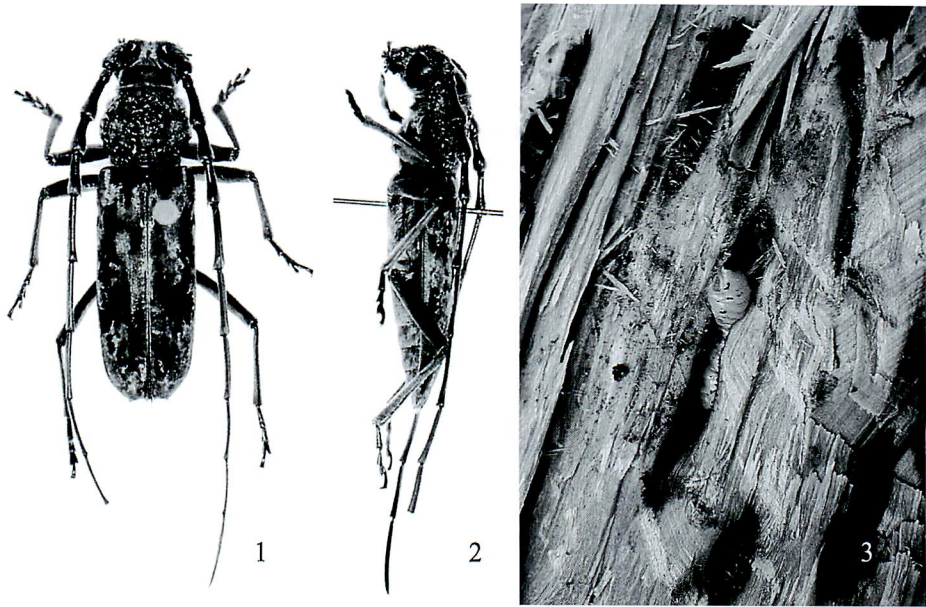
Trirachys bilobulartus was described by GRESSITT and RONDON (1970) from Pakkading (alt. 156 m), Borikhane Province, Khongxedong (alt. 122 m), Wapikhamthong Province and Salacems Island along the drainages of the Mekong River in Laos, and has never been recorded again. We have recently found this species in a mangrove forest in Vietnam, and report it here as a new locality. We also record its host plant for the first time.

Trirachys bilobulartus GRESSITT et RONDON, 1970

(Figs. 1–3)

Trirachys bilobulartus GRESSITT et RONDON, 1970, *Pacif. Ins. Mon.*, **24**: 68, fig.13 f.

Specimens examined. 1 ♀, Mangrove forest in Can Gio, Ho Chi Ming, collected from a living *Rhizophora apiculata* BL. tree in VI–2007, P. Q. THU leg.; 1 ♀, same locality, three species and collector, emerged in XI–2007; 1 ♂, same data as the preceding but emerged in III–2008.



Figs. 1-3. *Trirachys bilobulartus* GRESSITT et RONDON. — 1, Male habitus, dorsal view; 2, ditto, lateral view; 3, larva boring in a living trunk of *Rhizophora apiculata* BL.

Notes. The male specimen examined measures 26 mm in length, and is smaller than the specimens from the type series from Laos, which are 30–42 mm in length. This specimen likewise has shorter antennae that are 1.5 times as long as the body, instead of being more than twice as long as in the males of the type series. This is the first record for a longicorn beetle ever to be found in a live mangrove tree.

Reference

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