

## Notes on two Asian species of the spider family Deinopidae (Aranei)

## Заметки о двух азиатских видах пауков семейства Deinopidae (Aranei)

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ABSTRACT. The taxonomic status of two Asian species of the spider family Deinopidae is discussed. *Asianopsis aruensis* (Roewer, 1938) comb. n. is transferred from *Deinopsis* MacLeay, 1839. *Deinopsis gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 is treated as a *nomen dubium*. Additionally, the placement of five other species of Southeast Asian *Deinopsis* in *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020 is proposed.

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РЕЗЮМЕ. Обсуждается таксономический статус двух азиатских видов пауков семейства Deinopidae. *Asianopsis aruensis* (Roewer, 1938) comb.n. перенесен из рода *Deinopsis* MacLeay, 1839. *Deinopsis gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 рассматривается как *nomen dubium*. По-видимому, остальные пять видов рода *Deinopsis*, описанные из Юго-Восточной Азии, также принадлежат к роду *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020.

## Introduction

Deinopidae is a small family with three genera and 67 extant species from tropical regions of the world, including two genera and 13 species from Asia [Li, 2020]. Currently, the genus *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020 includes eight species, and *Deinopsis* MacLeay 1839 includes eight species from South and Southeast Asia [WSC, 2020]. It is possible that all Asian *Deinopsis* species belong to *Asianopsis*, but currently this cannot be confirmed because the original descriptions of these Asian *Deinopsis* are very poor. Also, the type material of Asian *Deinopsis* species, besides *D. aruensis* Roew-

er, 1938 are not available in European museums. One Indian species, *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) has recently been redescribed [Basumatary et al., 2020]. The aim of this paper is to redescribe the type material of *D. aruensis*. *D. gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 is treated as a *nomen dubium*.

## Material and methods

Specimens were preserved in 70% ethanol and examined and illustrated with a Leica MZ16 stereomicroscope with a camera lucida attachment.

Collections: RBINS — Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium; SMF — Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt am Main, Germany; UPLB — Museum of Natural History, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines.

## Taxonomic survey

Genus *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020

Lin et Li in Lin et al., 2020: 70.

TYPE SPECIES. *Asianopsis zhuanghaoyuni* Lin et Li, 2020, from Fujian, China.

COMMENTS. This recently described genus differs from *Deinopsis*, the only other genus occurring in Asia, by: the presence of a prominent setal fringe; the embolic tip with an apophysis or folded apically; the median apophysis distal lobe small and with a basal lobe; the female chelicerae with many denticles between the promarginal and retromarginal teeth or without denticles; the epigynal median plate lateral margins anchor shaped and the spermathecal duct narrow throughout its length.

DISTRIBUTION. Southeast Asia (China, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, 9 species, including one given herein). *Asianopsis celebensis* (Merian, 1911) and *A. dumogae* (Merian, 1911) described from Sulawesi by the male and the female, respectively, are possibly conspecific.

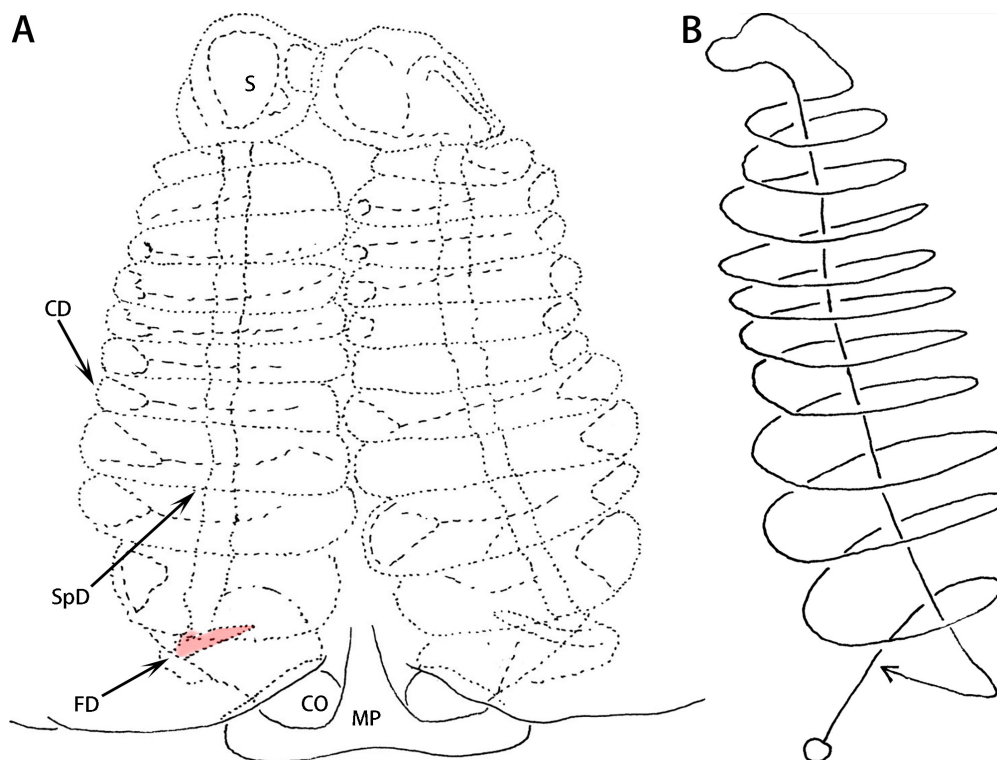


Fig. 1. *Asianopis aruensis* (Roewer, 1938), holotype ♀: A — epigyne, ventral; B — schematic course of internal duct system, ventral. Abbreviations: CD — copulatory duct, CO — copulatory opening, FD — fertilization duct, MP — median plate, S — spermatheca, SpD — spermathecal duct.

Рис. 1. *Asianopis aruensis* (Roewer, 1938), голотип ♀: А — эпигина, вентрально; В — внутренняя система каналов, вентрально, схематично. Сокращения: CD — копуляторный канал, CO — копуляторное отверстие, FD — оплодотворительный канал, MP — срединная пластинка, S — сперматека, SpD — канал сперматеки.

*Asianopis aruensis* (Roewer, 1938) **comb.n.**

Fig. 1A, B.

*Deinopis aruensis* Roewer 1938: 29, figs 18, 19 (♀).

TYPE MATERIAL EXAMINED. Holotype ♀ from Indonesia, Maluku, Aru Islands, Soengai Manoembaai [ca. 6°01'37.08"S, 134°18'52.40"E, 15 m], 26.3.1929 leg. (RBINS: female; SMF 13716: epigyne, microscope slide; SMF 13717: leg III distal metatarsus, tarsus, leg IV distal tibia, metatarsus, tarsus, microscope slide).

DIAGNOSIS. The female has characters present in both the *liukuensis*-group and the *zhuanghaoyuni*-group: epigyne with an anchor-shaped median plate, with distinct copulatory openings, and a copulatory duct with 10 coils (Fig. 1A). Other *Asianopis* spp. have different combinations of characters: Either the copulatory duct has 3 coils, the epigyne has an anchor-shaped median plate, and the copulatory openings are distinct (*liukuensis*-group) or the copulatory duct has 10 coils, the epigyne has a well-developed triangular median plate, and the copulatory openings are obscured (*zhuanghaoyuni*-group).

DESCRIPTION. See Roewer [1938]. For an illustration of the epigyne see Figure 1.

DISTRIBUTION. Indonesia (Aru Islands).

COMMENTS. A diagnostic character of *Asianopis* is having the spermathecal duct narrow throughout its length, as found in this species, supporting its placement in *Asianopis*. However, which species group that this species belongs to is ambiguous given that it has diagnostic characters from

both species groups. The epigyne has an anchor-shaped median plate, the copulatory opening is distinct and easily visible in ventral view, diagnostic characters for the *liukuensis*-group. The copulatory duct has 10 coils, which is characteristic for the *zhuanghaoyuni*-group. We place this species in the genus *Asianopis* Lin et Li, 2020, without suggesting an affiliation to one of the known species groups.

Genus *Deinopis* MacLeay, 1839

TYPE SPECIES. *Deinopis lamia* MacLeay, 1839, from Cuba.

COMMENTS. Currently the genus includes 46 species occurring in all continents. Species of *Deinopis* from the region with adequate descriptions were transferred to *Asianopis* [Lin *et al.*, 2020]. It is likely that all eight species from Southeast and South Asia belong to *Asianopis*.

*Deinopis gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018, **nomen dubium**

*Deinopis gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo, Barrion, 2018: 5, figs 1A–G, 2A–E, 3.

TYPE MATERIAL. Holotype subadult male from Philippines, Luzon Island, Laguna Province, Los Baños, Mount Makiling forest reserve, Molawin Creek, secondary forest, at night, A.T. Barrion leg. 2–3.04.2013 (UPLB ARA-00636); 4 subadult female paratypes with same data as holotype (UPLB ARA-00637–40). Not examined.

NOTES. The description of this species [Barrion-Dupo, Barrion, 2018] was based on immatures only. The characters provided are not sufficient for species identification.

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