

SHORT COMMUNICATION

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Summary. *Neptis zaida putoia* Evans, 1932 and *Pantoporia aurelia* (Staudinger, 1886) are newly recorded from China (South Yunnan: Xishuang Banna).

Key words: Lepidoptera, Nymphalidae, Limenitinae, Neptini, distribution, China.

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Резюме. *Neptis zaida putoia* Evans, 1932 и *Pantoporia aurelia* (Staudinger, 1886) впервые указываются из Китая (юг провинции Юньнань).

INTRODUCTION

In this communication two taxa of Neptini (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae, Limenitinae) are newly recorded from China, both from Xishuang Banna, South Yunnan. Examined materials are deposited in Chongqing Museum of Natural History, Chongqing (CMNH) and the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing (IZCAS).

NEW RECORDS

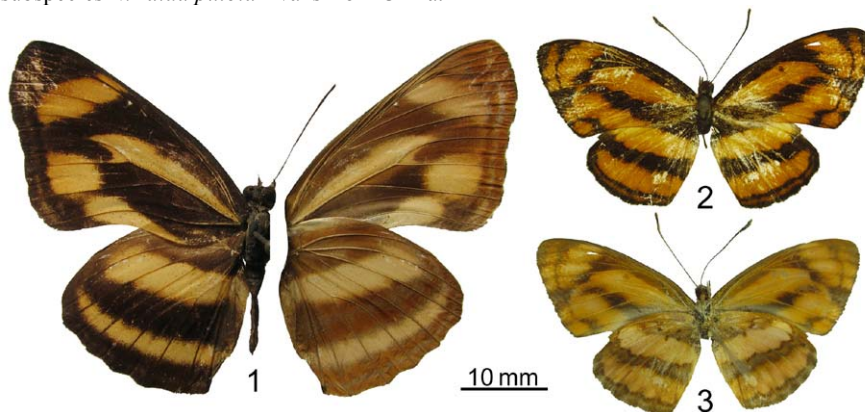
Neptis zaida putoia Evans, 1932

Fig. 1

MATERIAL. China, Yunnan: Xishuang Banna, Mengxiu, 8.V 1994, 1 ♂ (CMNH).

DISTRIBUTION. China (new record); Laos, South Myanmar, Thailand.

NOTES. *Neptis zaida* Doubleday, 1848 is distributed from North-West Himalayas eastwards to the Indo-China Peninsula. Until now, 6 subspecies has been recognised. Huang & Xue (2004) first recorded *N. zaida thawgawa* Tytler, 1940 from the Nujiang Valley in North-West Yunnan. Here, the specimen collected from South Yunnan is the first record of subspecies *N. zaida putoia* Evans from China.



Figs 1–3. Butterflies of Neptini. 1) *Neptis zaida putoia* Evans, ♂ (Yunnan); 2-3) *Pantoporia aurelia boma* Eliot, ♂ (Yunnan); 2 – dorsal; 3 – ventral. Scale bar = 10 mm.

***Pantoporia aurelia* (Staudinger, 1886)**

Figs 2, 3

MATERIAL. China, Yunnan: Xishuang Banna, Menglun, 650 m, 3.IV 1994, 1 ♂ (IZCAS).

DISTRIBUTION. China (new record); Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, West Indonesia, India (Assam).

NOTES. The specimen from South Yunnan belongs to subspecies *P. aurelia boma* Eliot, 1969, which is also distributed in Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and North-East India (Assam).

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