

NOTA / NOTE

First record of the weevil *Schelopius planifrons* Fähræus, 1840 (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae) from Pakistan.

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Abstract: *Schelopius planifrons* Fähræus, 1840 (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae) is recorded for the first time from Pakistan. It was collected under the street lights in the city of Noshehroferoz.

Key words: Coleoptera, Curculionidae, Entiminae, *Schelopius planifrons*, first record, Pakistan.

Resumen: Primera cita del gorgojo *Schelopius planifrons* Fähræus, 1840 (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae) en Pakistán. *Schelopius planifrons* Fähræus, 1840 (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae) es citado por primera vez de Pakistán. Las capturas se realizaron bajo las luces de la calle en la ciudad de Noshehroferoz.

Palabras clave: Coleoptera, Curculionidae, Entiminae, *Schelopius planifrons*, primera cita, Pakistán.

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The superfamily Curculionoidea is the largest and speciose among insects, comprising about 62.000 species worldwide (Oberprieler et al., 2007). The tribe Sitonini contains broad nosed weevils, with about 150 species mainly found in the Palaearctic, Oriental and Neartic regions.

The genus *Schelopius* Desbrochers, 1871 consists in one species with two subspecies, *Schelopius planifrons caspicus* Faust, 1881 and *S. planifrons planifrons* Fähræus, 1840, which are found in South European Russia and part of Asia. The subspecies *Schelopius planifrons planifrons* is widely distributed (Afghanistan, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia - South European Russia, Far East and West Siberia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) (Velázquez de Castro, 2013). It was recorded from Iran by Modarres et al. (2010) and Legalov et al. (2010).

Hashmi & Tashfeen (1992) and Chaudhry et al. (1966) listed the weevil species from Pakistan but *Schelopius* was not included.

In May, 2013, the first author collected two male specimens of *S. planifrons* in Noshehroferoz, Sindh Pakistan. They were manually collected in an urban environment, under the street lights on the wall of a petrol pump. This is the first record for this country.

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