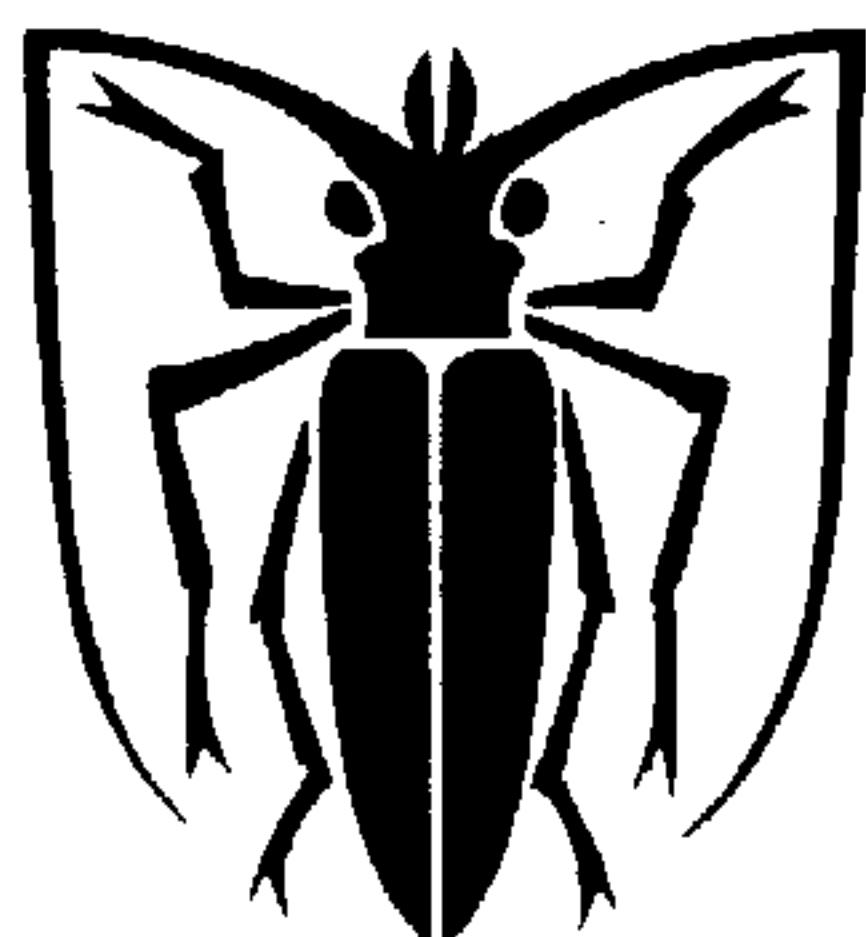


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New Longicorn beetle of the genus *Gaurotina* Ganglbauer, 1889 (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) from Central China with a review of all previously known species

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Abstract

Gaurotina labrangica sp. n. is described from high mountains of South Gansu (China). Morphological diagnosis, distinguishing characters, maps of distribution and a key for determination are given for all 6 species of the genus. *G. piligera* (Pu), comb. n. and *G. flavimarginata* (Pu), comb. n. are regarded as members of the genus *Gaurotina*. Four species, including new, are illustrated by colour photographs.

Kurzfassung

Gaurotina labrangica sp. n. wird aus Hochgebirge Süd-Gansu (China) beschrieben. Morphologische Diagnosen, Unterscheidungsmerkmale, Verbreitungskarten und Bestimmungstabelle für alle 6 Arten der Gattung werden angeführt. *G. piligera* (Pu), comb. n. und *G. flavimarginata* (Pu), comb. n. werden als der Gattung *Gaurotina* angehörige Arten betrachtet. Vier Arten mit Einschluß von neuer Art werden mit Farbfotos veranschaulicht.

Gaurotina labrangica sp. n. (Fig. 1-2,7)

Description

Head covered with small, very dense, contiguous punctures; black with yellow-orange ventral areas, interantennal tubercles, genae, margins of clypeus and labrum (pale areas in female wider); vertex nearly flat, interantennal tubercles moderately prominent; mandibles of male black with dark-orange bases and apices, in female - orange with dark apices; male palpi orange with black apical joints, female palpi much darker.

Antennae long and slender; in male nearly attaining elytral apices, in female attaining apical elytral third; in male 1st, 3d and 4th joints about equal in length, 5th joint about 1.5 times longer; in female 3d joint a little shorter than 1st and longer than 4th, 5th joint about 1.5 times longer than 4th; 1st-4th and most part of 5th joint orange-yellow, apex of 5th joint and 6th-11th joints black; all antennal joints without apical swellings.

Prothorax in male about 1.25 times shorter than basal width, in female - about 1.26; with large postero-lateral tubercles; lateral tubercles very small, invisible from above; yellow-orange ventrally and black dorsally, anterior and posterior pronotal margins also yellow-orange; in female black prothorax area much smaller; basal and apical transverse pronotal furrows moderately deep; pronotum with small irregular contiguous punctures, covered with long erect orange pubescence; posteromedial longitudinal smooth line in male short, in female nearly indistinct.

Scutellum elongate, triangular, in male black with pale base and apex, in female yellow-orange with small basal dark spot.

Elytrae metallic blue, slightly greenish in female; in both sexes about 2.0 times longer than wide, but in male less converging posteriorly; moderately rough, rugosely sculptured with contiguous punctures; covered with pale short semierect hairs.

Male mesothoracic areas black with pale margins, metasternum mostly yellow-orange with narrow black transverse hind stripe, metathoracic epimeron and episternum black with orange-yellow margins; in females ventral portions of meso- and metathorax entirely yellow-orange.

Legs relatively slender, orange-yellow; in male femora apices widely black as well as apical halves of 4th tarsal joints; in female 4th tarsal joints also with black apical halves, but all femora totally yellow-orange; hind tibiae of one male with distinct lateral spines at the end of basal third.

Abdomen yellow-orange with rounded apical segments.

Body length in males: 14.0-16.0mm, in female: 16.0mm; width in males: 5.0-6.0mm; in female: 6.3mm.

Material

Holotype: male, China, Gansu, Xiahe (Labrang), 3200m, 6.7.1993 (collection of M. Danilevsky); paratypes: 2 males and a female with same labels (collection of P. Rapuzzi), a male with same label (collection of Mr. A. Francotte, Ayvaille, Belgium).

Discussion

The new species is mostly close to *G. superba* Ganglbauer, 1889 (Fig. 3-4), not far from *G. pulchra* Holzschuh, 1991 (Fig. 5) and less close to *G. sichotensis* Plavilstshikov, 1958 (Danilevsky, 1988) (Fig. 6). *G. nitida* Gressitt, 1951, described from Shensi, must belong to another genus because of different structure of prothorax and elytrae.

All previously described *Gaurotina* have black head and antennae, hind tibia spines absent. *G. sichotensis* differs by very rough elytral sculpture, much more rugose than in other species; posterolateral tubercles feebly developed, about same size as lateral tubercles, so prothorax relatively longer, its basal transverse furrow less pronounced, pronotal swellings small; vertex flat; antennae relatively shorter, with 4th joint a little longer than 3d; vertex with sparse punctures, pronotal punctuation larger and also sparser. In *G. superba* and *G. pulchra* vertex slightly depressed with a distinct middle elevation in female of *G. superba*; in both species pronotal transverse furrows much deeper, pronotal swellings and posterolateral tubercles well developed; all tibiae with black bases, tarsi black or with black apices of all joints; only in *G. pulchra* lateral prothorax tubercles indistinct; in *G. superba* scutellum very narrow, apical elytral fourth with longer and denser pubescence.

Morphological diagnosis of all species, mentioned above, look like follows:

G. superba Ganglbauer, 1889 (Fig. 3-4,7) was described from Gansu province, „Dorf U-pin“, China.

Head and antennae black; in male meso- and metathorax black with yellow anterior margin of metepisternum; in female pro-, meso- and metathorax yellow with black scutellum and three black spots on pronotum: two large lateral spots and a small one on the central callosity near base; abdomen yellow in female, or yellow with large central black spots on first two sternites in male; in female all legs yellow with tarsi joints darkened distally, with small black spots on the femora apices and tibiae bases; in male all tarsi black, femora yellow with black apical portions, tibiae largely black with yellow apical halves. Frons and vertex with very dense small but coarse punctuation; interantennal tubercles strong (especially in female) with a deep furrow in between, vertex slightly depressed, with a narrow longitudinal elevation in the middle (in male shining); 3d antennal joint much longer than 4th; 3d and 4th joints with distinct apical swellings. Prothorax about 1.3 times wider than long in male and about 1.2 times in female; lateral tubercles distinct; posterolateral tubercles very long; pronotum with well developed swellings and deep anterior and posterior transverse furrows; with small shining elongate callosity in the middle near base;

with small irregular dense contiguous punctures. Scutellum elongate, triangular. Elytrae blue-green, about 2.1 times longer than wide in male and in about 1.95 in female, with moderately large and rough contiguous punctures, which are much smaller posteriorly; with short, hadly visible pale pubescence in male or moderately long and dense pubescence in female. Apices of last abdominal segments rounded. Body length in male: 14.0 mm, width: 5.0 mm; body length in female: 15.9mm, width: 6.0mm.

Material

Holotype, female, China, Gansu prov., U-pin, 5.7.1885, G. Patanin leg. (Museum of Zoological Institute, Sanct-Petersberg); male (type of morpha *obscurithorax* Plavilstshikov, 1958), China, Gansu prov., Ta-Tzhao-Pin, 28.7-7.8.1893, Berezovsky leg. (Zoological Museum of Moscow University).

Gaurotina pulchra Holzschuh, 1991 (Fig. 5,7) was described from high mountains in North Sychuan province (China).

Male. Head, antennae, pro-, meso- and metathorax black; abdomen yellow with slightly darkened 1st sternite; all legs yellow with black tarsi, black apical portions of femora and black basal portions of tibiae. Frons and vertex with very dense small but coarse punctuation; interantennal tubercles strong with a deep furrow in between, vertex slightly depressed, with a small shining tubercle in the middle; 3d antennal joint a little longer than 4th, both segments without apical swellings. Prothorax about 1.35 times wider than long; lateral tubercles indistinct; posterolateral tubercles very long; pronotum with well developed swellings and deep anterior and posterior transverse furrows; with small shining elongate callosity in the middle near base; with small irregular dense contiguous punctures. Scutellum elongate, triangular. Elytrae green, about 1.9 times longer than wide, with moderately large and rough contiguous punctuation, which are much smaller posteriorly; with short, hadly visible pale pubescence. Apices of last abdominal segments rounded. Female unknown. Body length: 14.0 mm, width: 5.4 mm.

Material

Holotype, male, China, N Sychuan prov., Sanggarpar env., 4200m, 1.7.1991, (C. Holzschuh's collection, Vienna).

Gaurotina sichotensis Plavilstshikov, 1958 (Fig. 6,8) was described as a morpha of *G. superba* from Sichote-Alin mountain ridge (Far East Russia) and raised to a species rank by M. Danilevsky (1988).

Male. Head, antennae, pro- and mesothorax black; metathorax yellow with black hind and lateral margins and black median line; abdomen yellow; all legs yellow with black tarsi and small black spots on the femora apices and tibiae bases. Frons with several large dots, shining; interantennal tubercles small with a shallow furrow

in between, vertex flat with large irregular punctures and wide shining irregular median line; 4th antennal joint a little longer than 3d. Prothorax about 1.2 times wider than long; lateral and posterolateral tubercles small, of about same size; pronotum relatively flat with poorly developed swellings and shallow anterior and posterior transverse furrows; with large irregular punctures become less dense along median line, specially posteriorly where some small shining areas present. Scutellum elongate, with nearly parallel sides in the middle. Elytrae light-blue, about 2.3 times longer than wide, with very large and rough contiguous punctuation, forming irregular furrows, which are a little smaller posteriorly; with short, hardly visible pale pubescence. Apices of last abdominal segments rounded. Female unknown. Body length: 14.0 mm, width: 5.0 mm.

Material

Holotype, male, Far East Russia, Sichote-Alin natural reserve (West slope of Sichote-Alin mountain ridge), 2.7.1937, K. Grunin leg. (Zoological Museum of Moscow University).

In A.I. Tcherepanov's monograph (1979: 148-149) the species was put under the name „*Gaurotes superba*“. Its picture seems to be prepared on the base of Plavilstshikov's holotype - the only specimen of *G. sichotensis* known to Tcherepanov.

I've seen one more male, but now it is not in my disposal: Far East Russia, Khasan region, env. of Andreevka, 10.6.1975, S. Nikireev leg. (S. Nikireev's collection, Moscow).

The genus *Gaurotina* seems to include two more species recently described from China as members of genus *Gaurotes* (subgen. *Neogaurotes* Podany, 1962) by Dr. Pu Fuji (1992). *Neogaurotes* is a synonym of *Carilia* Mulsant, 1863 because of same type species: *Leptura virginea* Linnaeus, 1758.

Gaurotina piligera (Pu, 1992) comb. n. is a real *Gaurotina* without any doubt, though it is compared in the description with *Gaurotes* (*Neogaurotes*) *tibetana* Podany, 1962, which belongs to genus *Carilia*. Black and white photo of unique male, accompanied description, shows the characteristic *Gaurotina* habitus, with special prothoracic structures. The short English translation of China description mostly concerns colour characters and testifies the very close affinities between *G. piligera* and *G. labrangica* sp. n. Body size (15 mm), colour of antennae, legs, elytrae and abdomen are about same. The only distinctions, we see after description, are: in *G. piligera* head and thorax are black, while in *G. labrangica* sp. n. - partly yellow-orange; in *G. piligera* all tibiae with black bases, while in *G. labrangica* tibiae totally yellow; in *G. piligera* body seems to be a little shorter: in 2.5 times longer than wide; while in male of *G. labrangica* sp. n. - in about 2.8 times; antennae on the photo of *G. piligera* seem to be considerably shorter. The type locality of *G. piligera* (Xiangcheng in Hengduan Mts.,

3800m, South Sychuan - Fig. 7) is very far from locality of *G. labrangica* sp. n. in Gansu.

Gaurotina flavimarginata (Pu, 1992) comb. n. is less evident as *Gaurotina*, because of smaller size (10 - 11.5 mm) and hardly visible prothoracic structures on the photo. Still, general habitus and very rough elytral sculpture allow us to attribute this species to *Gaurotina* too. Coloure patterns of *G. flavimarginata* are rather exceptional: antennae are yellowish with black scape, legs black „with a slightly cupreous-purple sheen“ (excluding tarsi). The species was described from Wenchuan (1200m) - type-locality and Wolong (2500m) environs, Central Sychuan (Fig. 7).

Key for the determination of *Gaurotina* species

1(2) Antennae yellow with black scape; tibiae and femora black
..... *G. flavimarginata* (Pu), comb. n.

2(1) Distal part of antennae always black; tibiae and femora never completely black.

3(6) Antennae bicolored: four basal joints and basal part of 5th joint yellow, distal antennal joints black.

4(5) Head with yellow-orange areas on frons, gena and ventral surface; prothorax with ventral portions, anterior and posterior pronotal margins yellow-orange; tibiae completely yellow.

Prothorax with distinct lateral tubercles; posterolateral tubercles much longer than lateral tubercles; elytrae in male not less than 2 times longer than wide; 3d antennal joint longer than 4th; pronotum with well developed swellings; head, pronotal and elytral punctuation moderately rough *G. labrangica* sp. n.

5(4) Head, prothorax and bases of tibiae black
..... *G. piligera* (Pu), comb.n.

6(3) Antennae totally black.

7(10) Prothorax with distinct lateral tubercles; elytrae relatively longer, in male not less than 2 times longer than wide.

8(9) Prothorax with posterolateral tubercles much longer than lateral tubercles; 3d antennal joint longer than 4th; pronotum with well developed swellings; head pronotal and elytral punctuation moderately rough; all tibiae with black basal portions
..... *G. superba* Ganglb.

9(8) Prothorax with posterolateral and lateral tubercles of about same size; 3d antennal joint a little shorter than 4th; pronotum relatively flat; head, pronotal and elytral punctures very rough; all tibiae bases with small black spots *G. sichotensis* Plav.

10(7) Prothorax with lateral tubercles indistinct; elytrae relatively shorter, in male less than 2 times longer than wide *G. pulchra* Holz.

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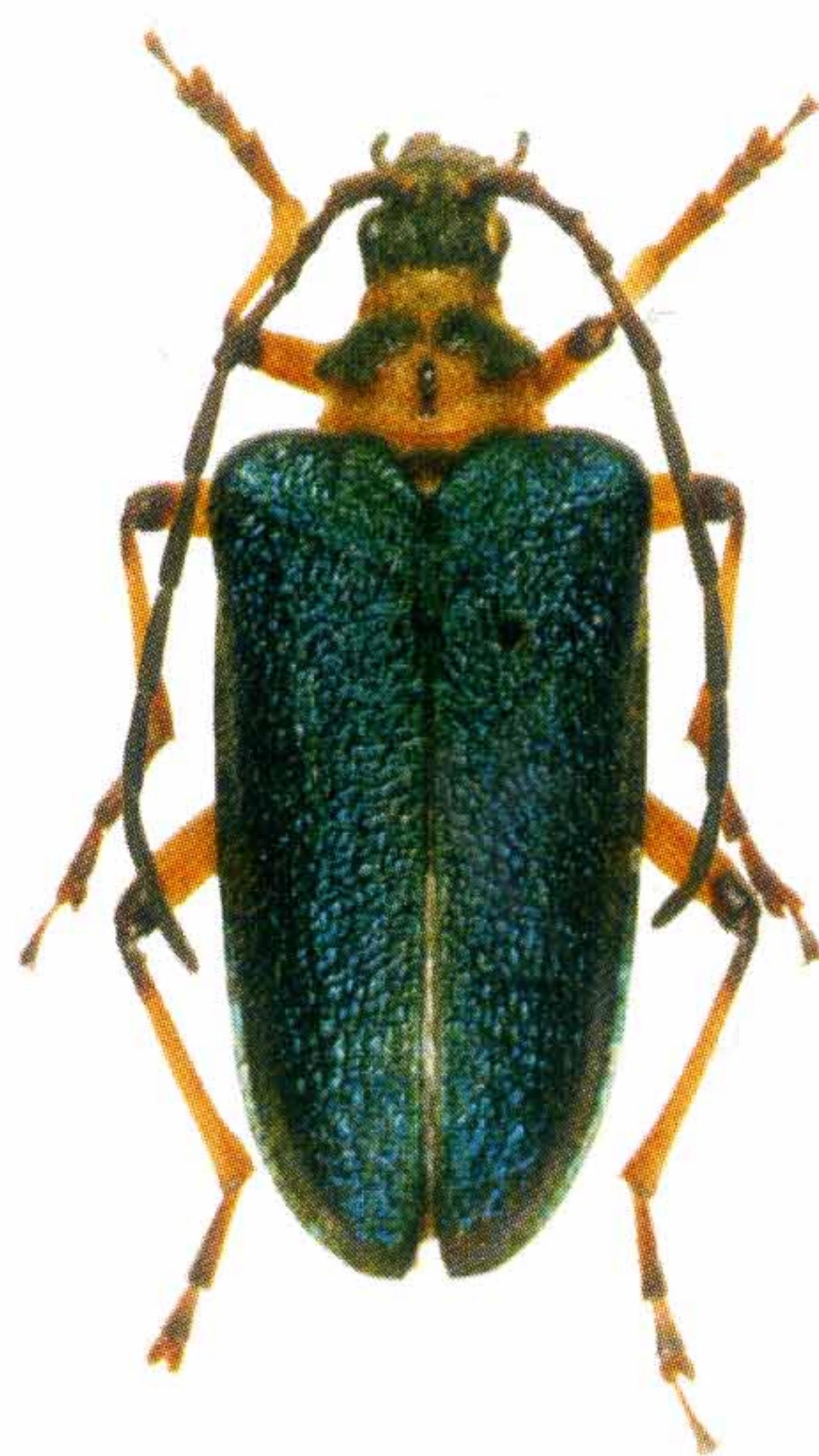
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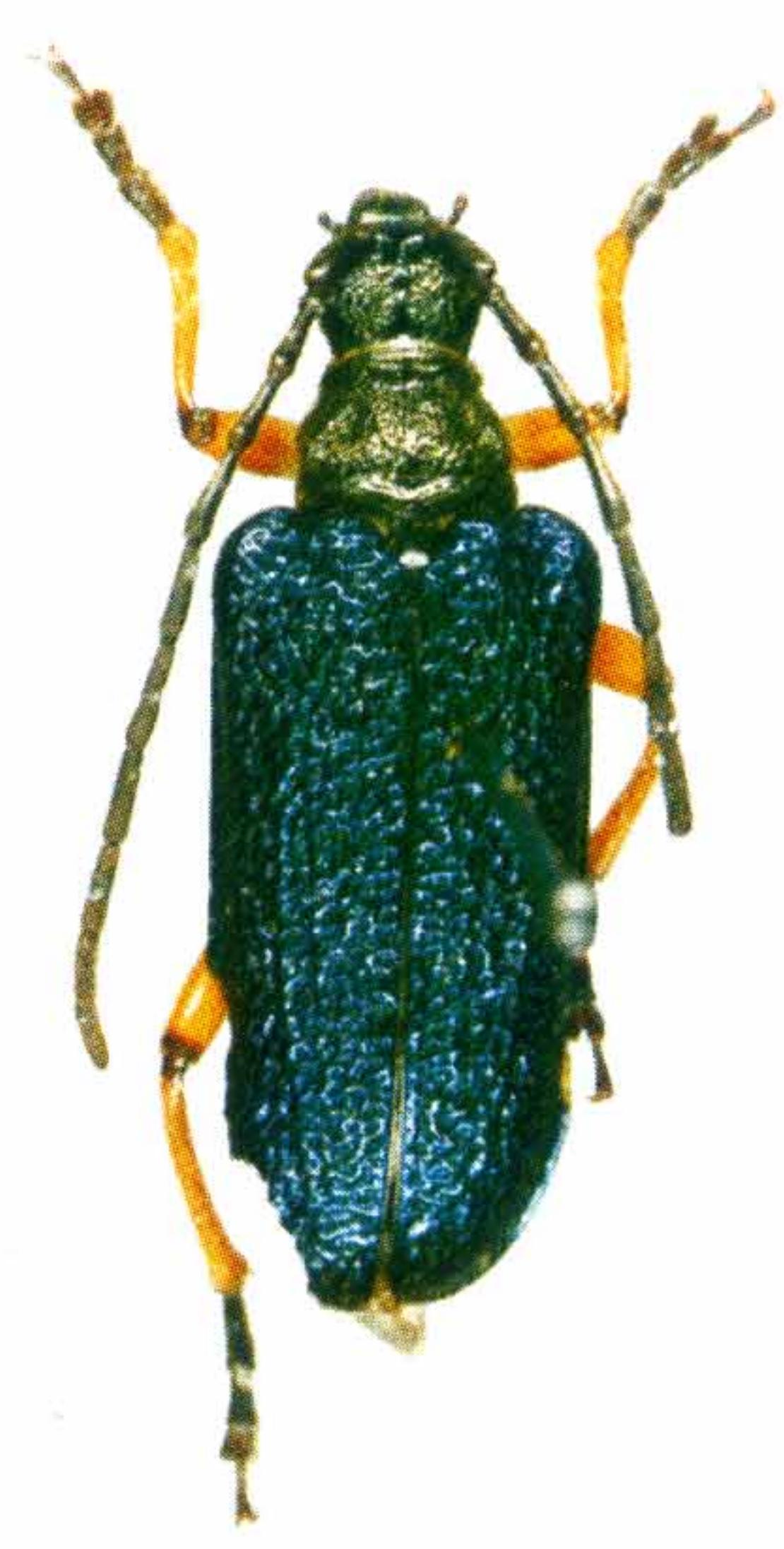
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- Figs 1-2. *Gaurotina labrangica* sp. n.: 1 - male, holotype; 2 - female, paratype.
Figs 3-4. *Gaurotina superba* Ganglb.: 1- male; 2 - female, holotype.
Fig. 5. *Gaurotina pulchra* Holz., male, holotype.
Fig. 6. *Gaurotina sichotensis* Plav., male, holotype.



Fig. 7. Map 1. Gansu and Sichuan. 1 - Xiahe (Labrang) - type locality of *G. labrangica* sp.n.; 2 - U-pin - type locality of *G. superba* Ganglb.; 3 - Sanggarpar - type locality of *G. pulchra* Holz.; 4 - Xiangcheng - *G. piligera* (Pu); 5 - Wenchuan (type locality) and Wolong - localities of *G. flavimarginata* (Pu).

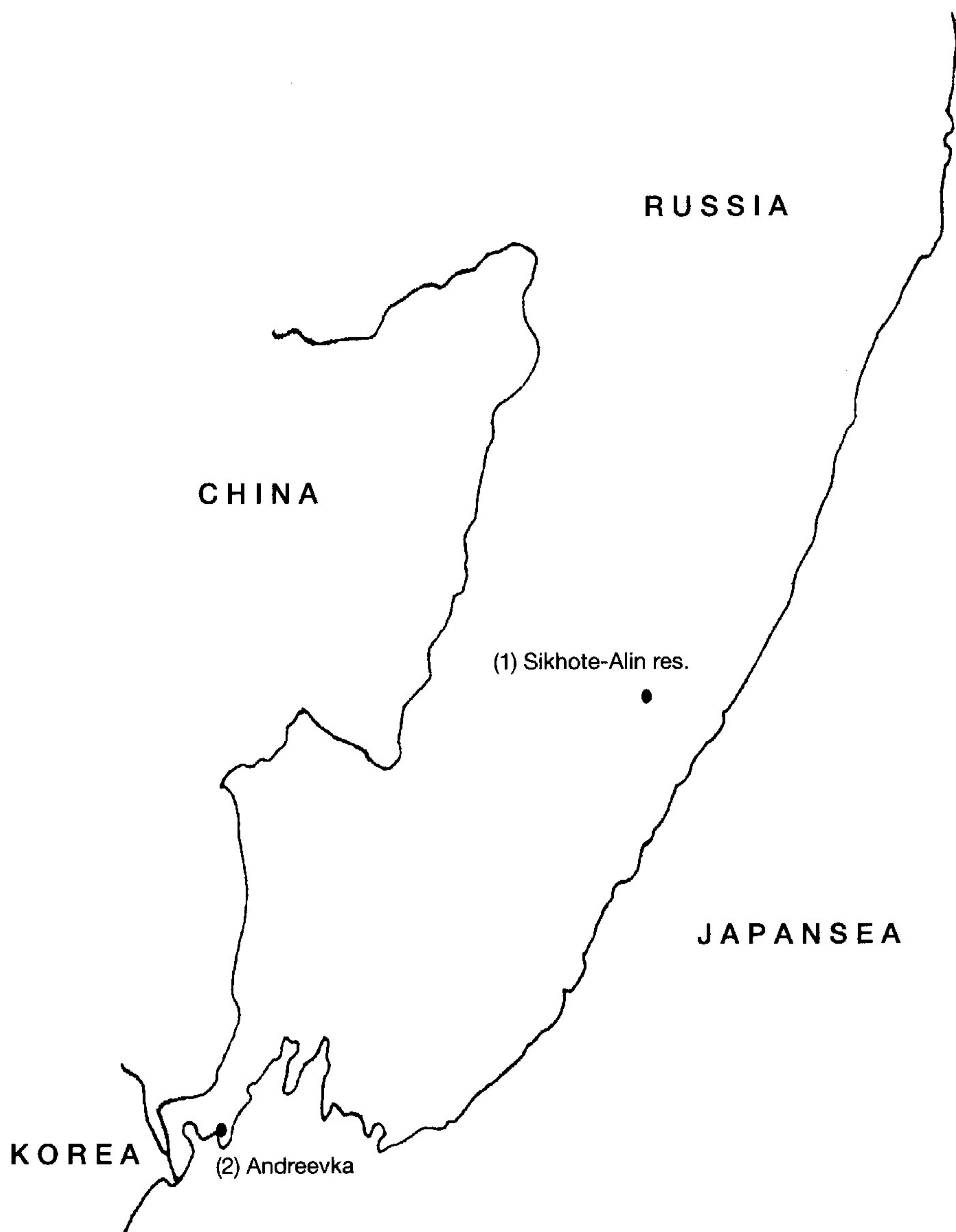


Fig 8. Map 2. South of Far East Russia. 1(type locality) - 2(Andreevka) - localities of *G. sichotensis* Plav.