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**Первое указание рода *Gwurra* Linnavuori, 1973
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Gwurra aphrodite Linnavuori, 1973 is recorded for the first time from Namibia. This is second species of the family Caliscelidae known from Southwestern Africa.

Gwurra aphrodite Linnavuori, 1973 впервые указана из Намибии. Это второй вид семейства Caliscelidae, обнаруженный в юго-западной Африке.

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INTRODUCTION

The family Caliscelidae Amyot et Serville, 1843 is a small worldwide distributed family was recently reviewed for the Afro-tropical Region (Gnezdilov & Bourgoin, 2009). However till now the caliscelid fauna of tropical Africa is almost unknown, the data for some countries are fragmentary and for other countries are absent at all. In particular only a single species was known from Namibia – *Asarcopus phaedo* Fennah, 1967 (Fennah, 1967). Below the material for *Gwurra aphrodite* Linnavuori, 1973 is listed representing a new record of the family for the region of Southwestern Africa. The species was collected in savannah communities of Central Namibia (Fig. 1).

Gwurra aphrodite except Namibia is known also from Sudan and northeastern part of Republic of Southern Africa (Linnavuori, 1973; Gnezdilov & Bourgoin, 2009). Two other species of the genus *Gwurra* Linnavuori, 1973 are known only from type localities in Sudan (Linnavuori, 1973).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The material examined is deposited in the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany (formerly Zoologisches Museum, Humboldt Universität). The photo of the collecting locality was provided by Jürgen Deckert (Berlin, Germany).

RESULTS

Order HOMOPTERA

Superfamily FULGOROIDEA

Family CALISCELIDAE

Subfamily CALISCELINAE

Tribe CALISCELINI

Genus *Gwurra* Linnavuori, 1973

Gwurra aphrodite Linnavuori, 1973

Material examined. **Namibia:** Otjozondjupa District: 1 female (macropterous), Toggekry 250 (Omatako) N Okahandja, 21°31'S 16°44'E, net sweeping, 12 Jan. 2007, J. Deckert leg.; 1



Fig. 1. Namibia, Omatoko Mountains (photo by J. Deckert).

female (brachypterous), Otjiamongombe West 44, 21°35'44.7''S 16°56'17.4''E, 1498 m NN, 26 Feb. – 4 March 2003, singling, BIOTA 1529, J. Frisch & K. Vohland leg.

Note. The macropterous specimen is distinguished by a concave hind margin of the pronotum and a stronger mesonotum with a longer scutellum in comparison with the brachypterous specimen. I treat these differences as intraspecific peculiarities depending of the level of brachyptery until males from the localities listed above are available for further study.

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