

Monographie der Sericini des Himalaya (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)

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As now understood, the Himalaya embraces the complex system of nearly parallel ranges, extending over 3200 km, from North Burma in the east to nearly Afghanistan in the west. Due to their extent in width and height, the Himalaya has an outstanding role within the tertiary orogenic belt at the southern margin of the former Cretaceous Asian continent as a climatic divide. Here, the Oriental and Palaearctic realm meet each other in short distance.

This monograph (in German language) summarizes the present knowledge and data of the Sericini (Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae) occurring in the Himalaya. Attention was principally paid to describe the species in detail enhancing the reader to determine the taxa, and to characterize the ranges of the species as well as known. Species ecology and biogeographical issues are discussed. In the present contribution 100 new species and 5 new subspecies are described from the Himalayas and immediately adjacent regions.

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