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Abstract. *Megapsyrassa xestioides* (Bates, 1872) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Cerambycinae: Elaphidiini) is reported from Colombia for the first time. Ecological information is also provided.

Key Words: Longhorn beetles, Neotropical, new records, South America.

Introduction

Megapsyrassa Linsley, 1961 presently includes seven described species from western Mexico to Panama (Bates 1880; Giesbert 1993; Lingafelter 1998; Maes et al. 2010; Swift et al. 2010; Monné 2015). The Colombian Elaphidiini fauna is poorly studied, as indicated by the mere 25 species recorded in cerambycid checklists (Swift et al. 2010) and catalogues (Monné 2015), and *Megapsyrassa* species have not been recorded for Colombia. We present a record of *Megapsyrassa* from Colombia, extending its known range into South America.

Materials and Methods

An individual of *M. xestioides* (Fig. 1) was collected on the Caribbean side of Colombia: Departamento de Sucre, Municipio de Tolúviejo, Parque Aventura Roca Madre, 09°30'50.18"N / 075°23'40.254"W, 29 April 2015, C. Taboada col. The specimen has been deposited in the colección Familia Pardo-Locarno, Colombia (CFPL-COL). To confirm the identification of our specimen we consulted several cerambycid collections in Colombia, but unfortunately found no other specimens. Comparisons with specimens in the Museo de Invertebrados G.B. Fairchild, Universidad de Panamá (MIUP) revealed two specimens with identical collection data: Panama, Colon, Fort Sherman, 8 May 1999, Wappes and Morris col.

Results

The specimen reported here is the first record of *M. xestioides* outside of the Central American region. It was collected in an area dominated by primary lowland tropical dry forest, a habitat that generally matches that of *M. xestioides* localities in previously reported countries, all of which are in comparable lowland super-humid rainforest, tropical dry forest, and tropical rainforest of the Holdridge life zone (Maes et al. 2010).

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Figure 1. *Megapsyrassa xestioides* collected at Parque Aventura Roca Madre, Sucre, Colombia. Habitus of adult.

