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**A revision of the systematics and distribution of the damselfly  
genus *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 (Odonata: Zygoptera:  
Platycnemididae) in Vietnam with description of two new species**

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**Abstract.** Eight species of the genus *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 are recorded from Vietnam, including two newly described species: *Prodasineura lancastrei* sp. nov. and *P. kong* sp. nov. from north and central Vietnam. All species recorded are illustrated, including figures of morphological structures, and distribution maps and keys to the males and females are provided. We consider the record of *P. laidlawi* (Forster in Laidlaw, 1907) a misidentification and exclude it here.

**Keywords.** Odonata, *Prodasineura*, *kong*, *lancastrei*, damselfly, new species, Vietnam.

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## Introduction

Damselflies of the genus *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 were placed in the family Protoneuridae before Dijkstra *et al.* (2014) rearranged its members into the family Platycnemididae following molecular phylogenetic research. These are very slender damselflies, the males are usually black, striped with blue, red or yellow. The pattern of the male synthorax and abdominal tip and the morphology of the appendages are diagnostic characters for species of this genus. The male cerci are hammer-like with a pointed apex; the paraprocts are broad at base and tapering abruptly to a rounded tip. Females of *Prodasineura* are similar in shape and thoracic colour pattern. In females, the posterior pronotal lobe of the prothorax is characteristically well developed and offers good diagnostic characters for their separation. These damselflies are usually found on slowly flowing water with a sandy bottom, near open streams in pristine, secondary forests or on small river branches in the lowlands.

Presently, there are 37 valid species of *Prodasineura* (Schorr & Paulson 2019) with six having been documented from Vietnam: *Prodasineura autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922), *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932), *P. croconota* Ris, 1916, *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007, *P. laidlawi* (Forster in Laidlaw, 1907) and

*P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015 (Do & Dang 2007; von Ellenrieder *et al.* 2015; Kosterin 2016; Phan & Dinh 2016; Phan & Ngo 2019). Kompier (2019) also reported another species on his blog: *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860. In this paper, we describe two new species for the Vietnamese fauna from locations in central Vietnam, *P. lancastraei* sp. nov. from Pu Mat National Park of Nghe An Province and *P. kong* sp. nov. from Tan Hoa Commune, Minh Hoa District of Quang Binh Province and from the north, Bac Kan and Cao Bang Provinces and provide further information on the occurrence of *P. verticalis* from southern Vietnam. We have removed *P. laidlawi* from the Vietnamese fauna since we believe this specimen from Dinh Quan of Dong Nai Province in Asahina (1969) probably refers to a misidentified *P. coeruleascens* (see the notes of *P. laidlawi*). We provide colour photos of the structures for all eight Vietnamese species, and include distribution maps and keys to the males and females.

## Material and methods

Damselflies were collected and placed in a plastic envelope. Specimens were kept alive for 24 hours to remove their intestinal contents. Thereafter, they were treated in acetone for 6–8 hours, then dried for 2–4 hours indoors. Each specimen was preserved in a square paper envelope accompanied by locality data.

All examined specimens used in this study (apart from the specimens collected by Tom Kompier) are deposited in the Zoological Collection of Duy Tan University, Danang, Vietnam.

Specimens were examined and photographed using Microscope Zeiss Stemi 508 with camera Axiocam Erc 5s.

The distribution of each species is based on the records of examined specimens and field observations by the authors and T. Kompier (*in litt.*), as most species are distinctive and easily identified. The distribution maps (unless otherwise stated) are made by using Adobe Photoshop version 7.0.

## Abbreviations

ab = anal bridge  
S1–10 = abdominal segments 1 to 10

## Institutional abbreviations

RMNH = Tom Kompier's collection at Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden, The Netherlands  
TKC = Personal collection of Tom Kompier, The Netherlands  
ZCDTU = Zoological Collection of Duy Tan University, Danang, Vietnam

## Results

Order Odonata Fabricius, 1793  
Suborder Zygoptera Selys, 1854  
Superfamily Coenagrionoidea Kirby, 1890  
Family Platycnemididae Jakobson & Bianchi, 1905  
Subfamily Disparoneurinae Fraser, 1957  
Genus *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934

*Prodasineura autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922)  
Figs 1A–G, 5A–B, 16B–D, 17

## Material examined

VIETNAM – **Quang Nam Province** • 1 ♂, 1 ♀; Tay Giang District, Bhalee Commune; 27 May 2015; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2015052715-ODO • 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; same collection data as for preceding; 28 Apr.

2018; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2018042817-ODO. – **Binh Thuan Province** • 2 ♂♂; Ham Thuan Bac District, Dong Tien Commune; 10 Oct. 2015; Dang Ngoc Van leg.; ZCDTU 201510102-ODO. – **Lam Dong Province** • 2 ♀♀; Bao Loc District; 11 Mar. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016031107-ODO. – **Quang Binh Province** • 3 ♂♂, 1 ♀; Minh Hoa District, Tan Hoa Commune; 14 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016041415-ODO. – **Da Nang City** • 1 ♂, 1 ♀; Lien Chieu District, Lang Van; 21 Feb. 2017; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2017022101-ODO. – **Dak Lak Province** • 5 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀; Chu Yang Sin National Park; 30 Apr. 2017; Hoang Quang Duy leg.; ZCDTU 2017043021-ODO. – **Nghe An Province** • 2 ♂♂; Con Cuong District, Mon Son Commune; 12 May 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019051234-ODO.



**Fig. 1.** *Prodasineura autumnnalis* (Fraser, 1922), ZCDTU 2017043021-ODO. **A.** ♂, head and thorax, lateral view. **B.** ♀, head and thorax, lateral view. **C.** Appendages, dorsal view. **D.** Appendages, lateral view. **E.** ♀, prothorax, dorsal view. **F.** Genital ligula, oblique-ventral view. **G.** ♀, tip of abdomen, lateral view. Images not to scale.

### Diagnosis

Male characterized by black body with some pale markings on mesepisternum, metepimeron of synthorax (Fig. 1A–B) which disappear when reaching maturity; abdomen, appendages entirely black (Fig. 1C–D). Females similar to other species of genus in appearance. Prothorax black with two lateral yellow stripes extending to lateral margin of posterior pronotal lobe (Fig. 1E). Posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax strongly curved upward in lateral view, posteriorly bearing two converging processes (Fig. 5A). Abdomen black except for thin lateral whitish stripe running from S1 to S9 (Fig. 1G).

### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 17): Cao Bang (Na Hang, Kim Dong and Thach An), Lang Son (Huu Lien Nature Reserve and Mau Son Mountain), Yen Bai (Tu Le), Bac Kan, Bac Giang, Phu Tho (Xuan Son National Park), Thai Nguyen, Vinh Phuc (Tay Thien and Tam Dao National Park), Hanoi (Ao Vua and Ba Vi National Park), Ninh Binh (Cuc Phuong National Park), Nghe An (Pu Mat National Park), Ha Tinh (Hong Linh Town, Huong Son and Huong Khe Districts), Quang Binh (Truong Xuan District), Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue (Bach Ma National Park and A Luoi Nature Reserve), Quang Nam (Cu Lao Cham Islands, Tay Giang and Nam Giang Districts), Da Nang (Ba Na and Son Tra Nature Reserves), Gia Lai (K' Bang District), Kon Tum (Chu Mom Ray National Park), Dak Lak (Chu Yang Sin National Park), Lam Dong (Bao Loc, Da Lat and Bidoup-Nui Ba National Park), Khanh Hoa (Hon Ba Nature Reserve), Dong Nai (Dinh Quan District), Binh Duong (Vo Dat), Binh Phuoc (Bu Gia Map National Park) and Tay Ninh (Ba Den mountain) Provinces (Do & Dang 2007; T. Kompier pers. comm.; this study).

*Prodasineura coeruleascens* (Fraser, 1932)  
Figs 2A–B, 3A–B, E, 4A–C, 5D–E, 16C, 17

### Material examined

VIETNAM – **Dong Nai Province** • 3 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀; Dinh Quan District, Mai waterfall; 8 Oct. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016100801-ODO. – **Quang Binh Province** • 2 ♂♂; Minh Hoa District, Tan Hoa Commune; 18 Nov. 2019; Q.T. Phan & Q.P. Ngo leg.; ZCDTU 2019111801-ODO.

### Diagnosis

Male black with bluish stripes on head, thorax, abdomen and anal appendages (Figs 2A, 3A–B). S8 with two small distinct spots (in Dong Nai specimens, Fig. 3A) or entire dorsal stripe which extends posteriorly (in Quang Binh specimens); blue marking covering most of S9, gradually narrowing at base thus forming blue triangular-shaped spot; dorsal S10 blue, lateral-ventral black (Fig. 3A). Cerci dorsally entirely blue; paraproct blue, black apically (Fig. 3A–B). Female similar to male in shape, body colouration; pale elements are yellowish (Fig. 2B). Posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax with separate ear-like process on each side (Figs 4B, 5D–E).

### Distribution

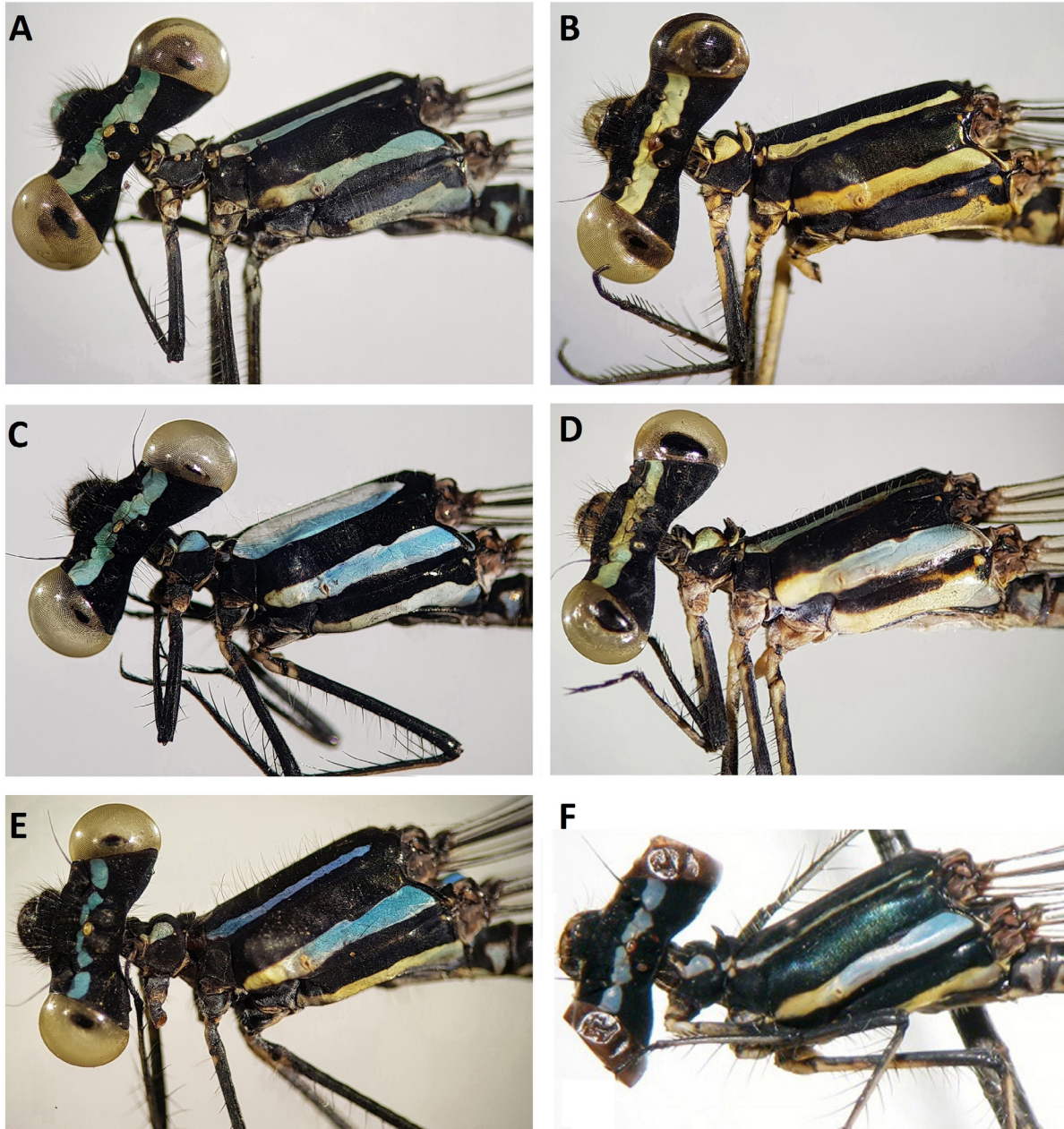
Vietnam (Fig. 17): Quang Binh (Minh Hoa District) and Dong Nai (Dinh Quan District and Cat Tien National Park) Provinces (Do & Dang 2007; Kompier 2019; this study).

*Prodasineura doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007  
Figs 2C–D, 3C–D, F, 4D–F, 5C, 16A, 17

### Material examined

VIETNAM – **Kon Tum Province** • 1 ♂; Kon Plong District, Mang Canh; 22 Sep. 2015; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2015092201-ODO • 4 ♂♂, 1 ♀; Chu Mom Ray National Park; 22 Jun. 2017; Q.T. Phan

leg.; ZCDTU 2017062201-ODO. – **Dak Lak Province** • 1 ♂; Chu Yang Sin National Park; 18 May 2018; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2018051801-ODO. – **Gia Lai Province** • 8 ♂♂; K'Bang District, Dak Roong Commune; 24 May 2018; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2018052410-ODO • 3 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; K'Bang District, Ko Roong Commune, Ka Pang stream; 28 Jun. 2019; Q.T. Phan and Q.P. Ngo leg.; ZCDTU 2019062810-ODO.



**Fig. 2.** *Prodasineura* Colwey, 1934 spp., head and thorax, lateral view (A, C, E: ♂, B, D, F: ♀) A–B. *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932), ZCDTU 2016100801-ODO. C–D. *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007, ZCDTU 2017062201-ODO. E–F. *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015, ZCDTU 2017062202-ODO (E). Fig. 2F is modified from Kosterin (2015: fig. 2a), from Dak Dam village, Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia. Images not to scale.

### Diagnosis

Male distinctive with large blue oval markings on mesepisternum (Fig. 2C); dorsum of S9 with rounded blue spot (Fig. 3C), versus only very small blue dot in *P. hoffmanni* (Fig. 3G) or large marking on S9, two smaller dots or stripe on S8 in *P. coerulescens* (Fig. 3A). Posterior pronotal lobe of female prothorax similar to that in *P. hoffmanni*, with short horn on each side, two rounded processes posteriorly; lobes not converging (Figs 4D–E, 5C).

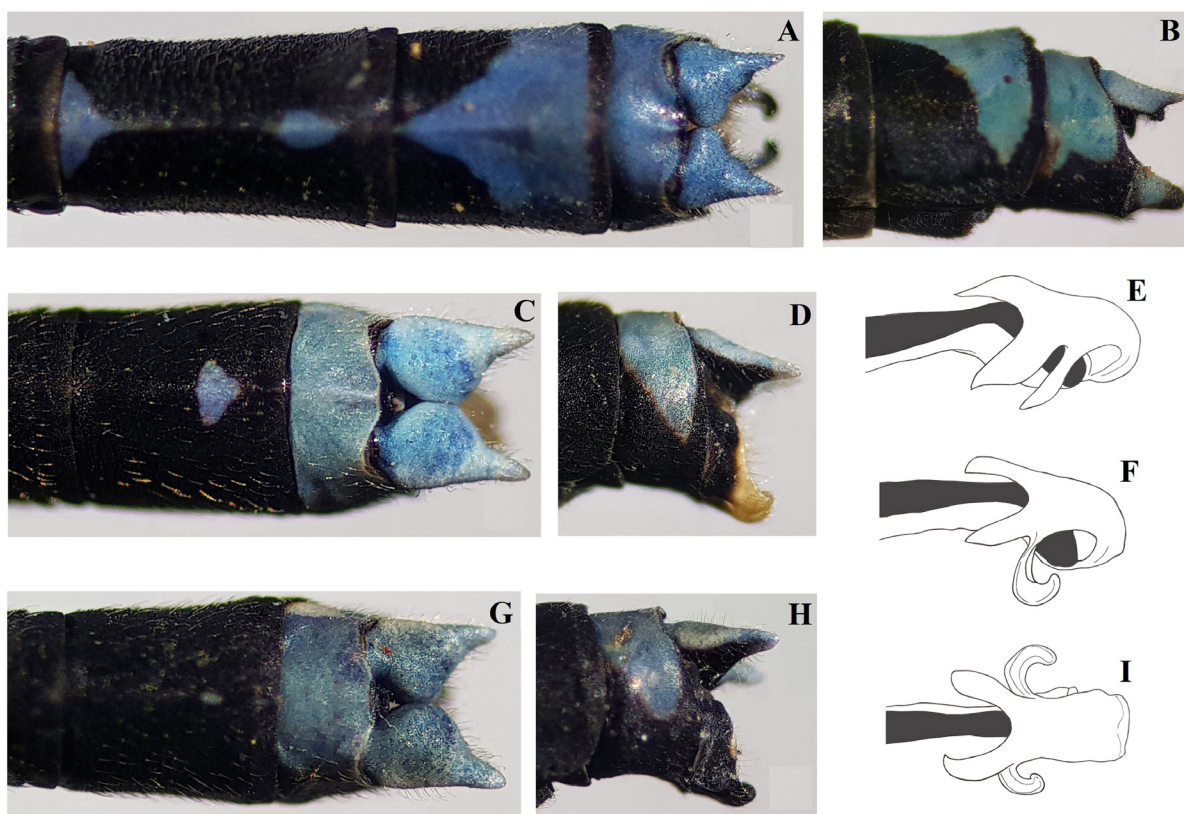
### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 17): Gia Lai (K’Bang District), Kon Tum (Chu Mom Ray National Park and Kon Plong District), Dak Lak (Chu Yang Sin National Park), Lam Dong (Bao Loc District), Khanh Hoa (Hon Ba Nature Reserve) and Dong Nai (Cat Tien National Park) Provinces (Kompier 2019; Phan & Ngo 2019; this study).

*Prodasineura hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015  
Figs 2E–F, 3G–I, 4G–H, 5F, 16D, 17

### Material examined

VIETNAM – **Lam Dong Province** • 1 ♂; Da Lat; 16 Apr. 2016; T. Kompier leg.; TKC • 3 ♂♂; Bao Loc, Da Ton; 22 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016042210-ODO. – **Kon Tum Province** • 3 ♂♂; Kon Plong District, Mang Canh; 22 Jun. 2017; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2017062202-ODO. – **Dak Lak**

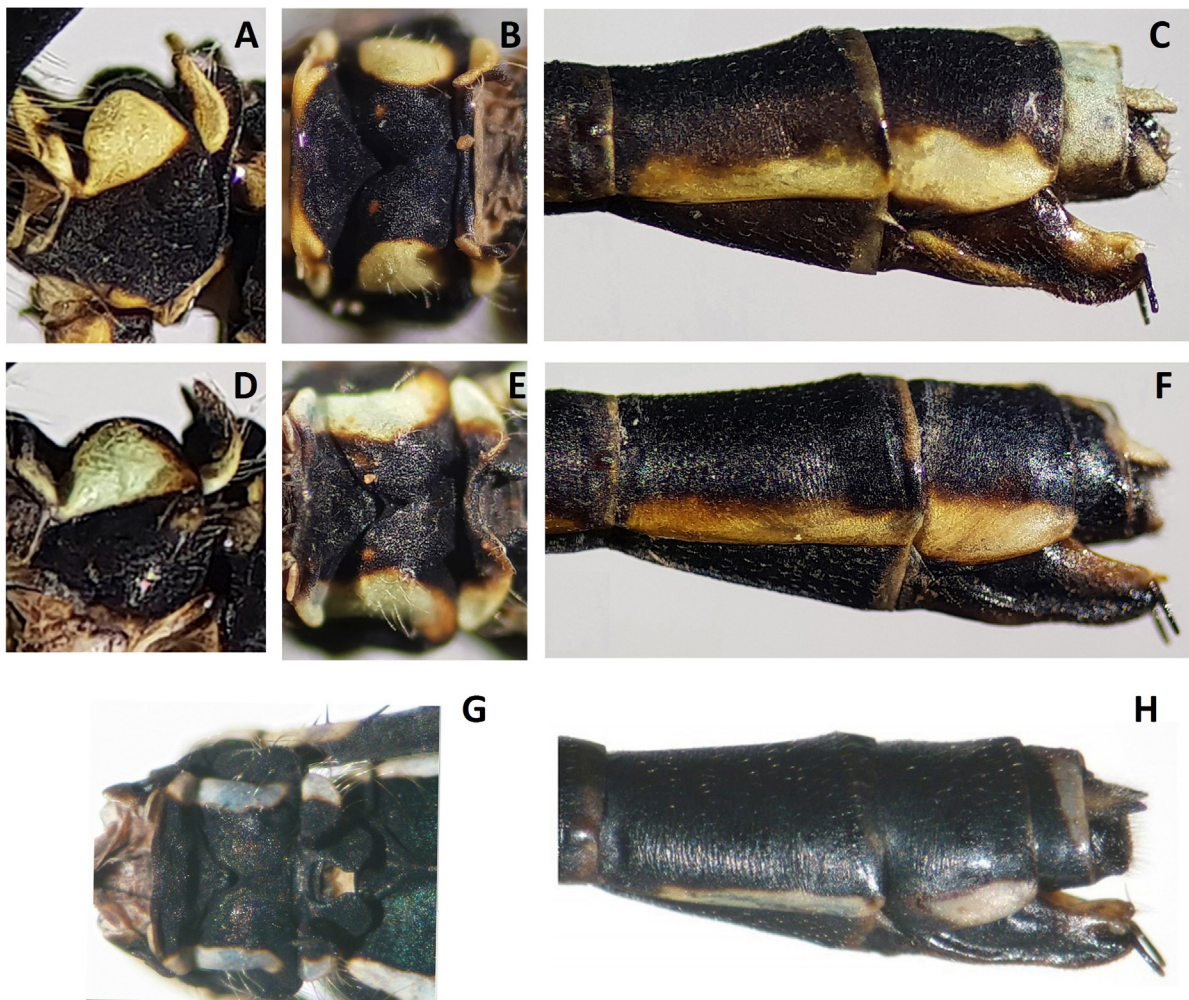


**Fig. 3.** *Prodaseineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., males. **A–B, E.** *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932), ZCDTU 2016100801-ODO. **C–D, F.** *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007, ZCDTU 2017062201-ODO. **G–I.** *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015, ZCDTU 2017062202-ODO. **A, C, G** = tip of abdomen, dorsal view; **B, D, H** = tip of abdomen, lateral view. **E–F, I:** Genital ligula, oblique-ventral view. Images not to scale.

**Province** • 1 ♂; Chu Yang Sin National Park; 18 May 2018; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2018051802-ODO.  
 – **Dak Nong Province** • 3 ♂♂; Nam Nung Nature Reserve; 25 Nov. 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019112502-ODO.

**Diagnosis**

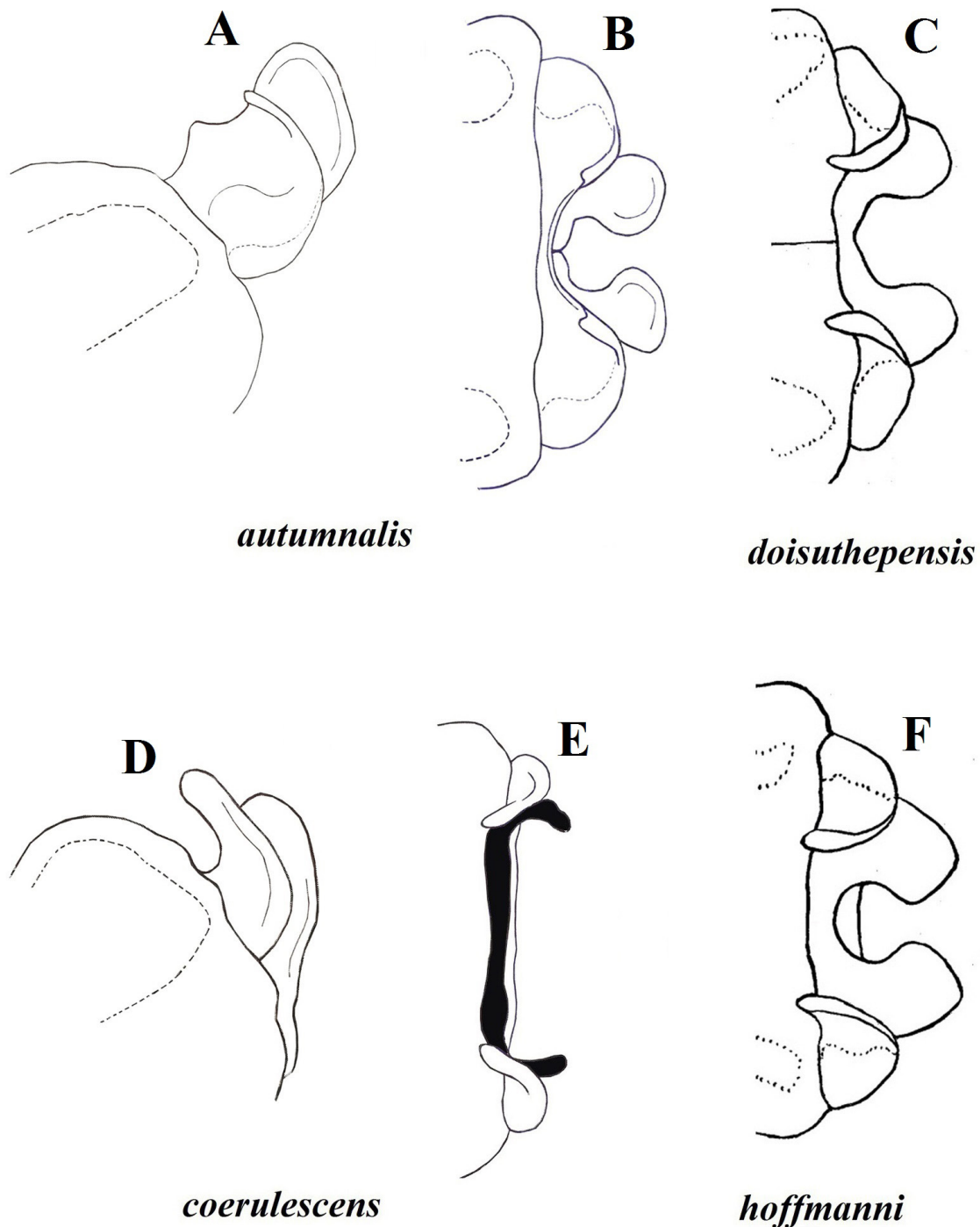
Male resembling *P. coerulescens* with blue markings on head, thorax, abdomen, appendages. Male easily distinguished from *P. coerulescens* by markings of abdomen tip: small blue dot on S9 and S10 blue on dorsum (Fig. 3G–H) while S8–10 largely blue in *P. coerulescens* (Fig. 3A–B). Female very similar to male in body colouration, including green tones ventrally; antehumeral stripes narrow (Fig. F). Structure, shape of female posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax similar in these species but lobes converging, enclosing roundish space, in *P. hoffmanni* (Fig. 5F), not converging, enclosing semicircular space, in *P. doisuthepensis* (Fig. 5C).



**Fig. 4.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., females. **A–C.** *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932), ZCDTU 2016100801-ODO. **D–F.** *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007, ZCDTU 2017062201-ODO. **G–H.** *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015, ZCDTU 2017062202-ODO. A, D = prothorax, lateral view; B, E, G = prothorax, dorsal view; C, F, H = tip of abdomen, lateral view (Fig. 4G–H is modified from in Kosterin 2015: fig. 4c, h). Images not to scale.

**Remarks**

This species was described from Mondulhiri Province in Cambodia close to the border of Vietnam (Kosterin 2015) and has been recorded from Lam Dong and Dong Nai Provinces of South Vietnam (Kosterin 2016). Yokoi & Souphanthong (2014) provided colourful photos of two bluish *Prodasineura*



**Fig. 5.** Posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., females. **A–B.** *P. autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922), lateral and dorsal views. **C.** *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007, dorsal view. **D–E.** *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932), lateral and dorsal views. **F.** *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015, dorsal view. (Fig. 5C, F is modified from Kosterin 2015: fig. 3c–d). Images not to scale.



species in Laos that resemble *P. hoffmanni* (*Prodasineura* sp.1 and sp.2 in Yokoi & Souphanthong 2014: 34). Therefore, it is likely that *P. hoffmanni* occurs in Laos as well.

### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 17): Kon Tum (Kon Plong District), Dak Lak (Chu Yang Sin National Park), Dak Nong (Nam Nung Nature Reserve), Lam Dong (Bao Loc District and Da Lat) and Dong Nai (Cat Tien National Park) Provinces (Kompier 2019; Kosterin 2016; this study).

*Prodasineura croconota* Ris, 1916  
Figs 6A–C, 7A–C, 8A–C, 13A–B, 16B, 18

### Material examined

VIETNAM – **Gia Lai Province** • 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; K’Bang District, KaNak; 25 Apr. 2015; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2015042502-ODO. – **Ha Tinh Province** • 3 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; Vu Quang National Park; 7 Sep. 2015; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2015090702-ODO. – **Quang Nam Province** • 1 ♂; Cu Lao Cham Island, 25 Sep. 2015; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2015092502-ODO • 1 ♂; Tay Giang District, Bhalee Commune; 25 Jul. 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019072510-ODO. – **Lam Dong Province** • 4 ♂♂, 1 ♀; Bao Loc District, Bao Lam; 11 Mar. 2016, Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016031101-ODO • 1 ♂; Bao Loc District, Dambri; 12 Jul. 2017; Nguyen Dang Van leg.; ZCDTU 2017071702-ODO. – **Quang Binh Province** • 4 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀; Minh Hoa District, Tan Hoa Commune; 14 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016041401-ODO. – **Da Nang City** • 1 ♂; Hai Van, Van village; 21 Feb. 2017; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2017022102-ODO • 2 ♂♂; Son Tra Nature Reserve; 8 Jun. 2017; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2017060802-ODO. – **Khanh Hoa Province** • 4 ♂♂; Hon Ba Nature Reserve; 28 Mar. 2018; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2018032802-ODO. – **Nghe An Province** • 4 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; Pu Mat National Park (Con Cuong District, Mon Son Commune); 13 May 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019051302-ODO.

### Diagnosis

Male characterized by large egg-shaped orange-yellow markings on dorsum of synthorax (Fig. 6A, C); head dorsally with two small spots adjacent to ocellar tubercle (Fig. 6A); cerci varying from bluish to yellow dorsally, most of paraproct yellowish (Fig. 7A–B). Female differing from male by having transverse yellow stripe across epicranium, whitish stripes on synthorax, thin antehumeral stripes (Fig. 6B). Structure of posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax in dorsal view similar to that of *P. autumnalis* with two rounded processes posteriorly, two short, robust horns distally (Figs 8A–B, 13A–B).

### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 18): Lang Son (Huu Lien Nature Reserve), Phu Tho (Xuan Son National Park), Thai Nguyen, Vinh Phuc (Me Linh), Nghe An (Pu Mat National Park), Ha Tinh (Huong Son District and Vu Quang National Park), Quang Binh (Minh Hoa District), Quang Tri, Quang Nam (Tay Giang District and Cu Lao Cham Islands), Da Nang (Son Tra Nature Reserve), Gia Lai (K’Bang District), Lam Dong (Bao Loc District) and Khanh Hoa (Hon Ba Nature Reserve) Provinces (Kompier 2019; T. Kompier pers. comm.; Phan & Dinh 2016; Phan & Ngo 2019; this study).

*Prodasineura verticalis* Selys, 1860  
Figs 6D–F, 7D–F, 8D–E, 13G–H, 16A, 18

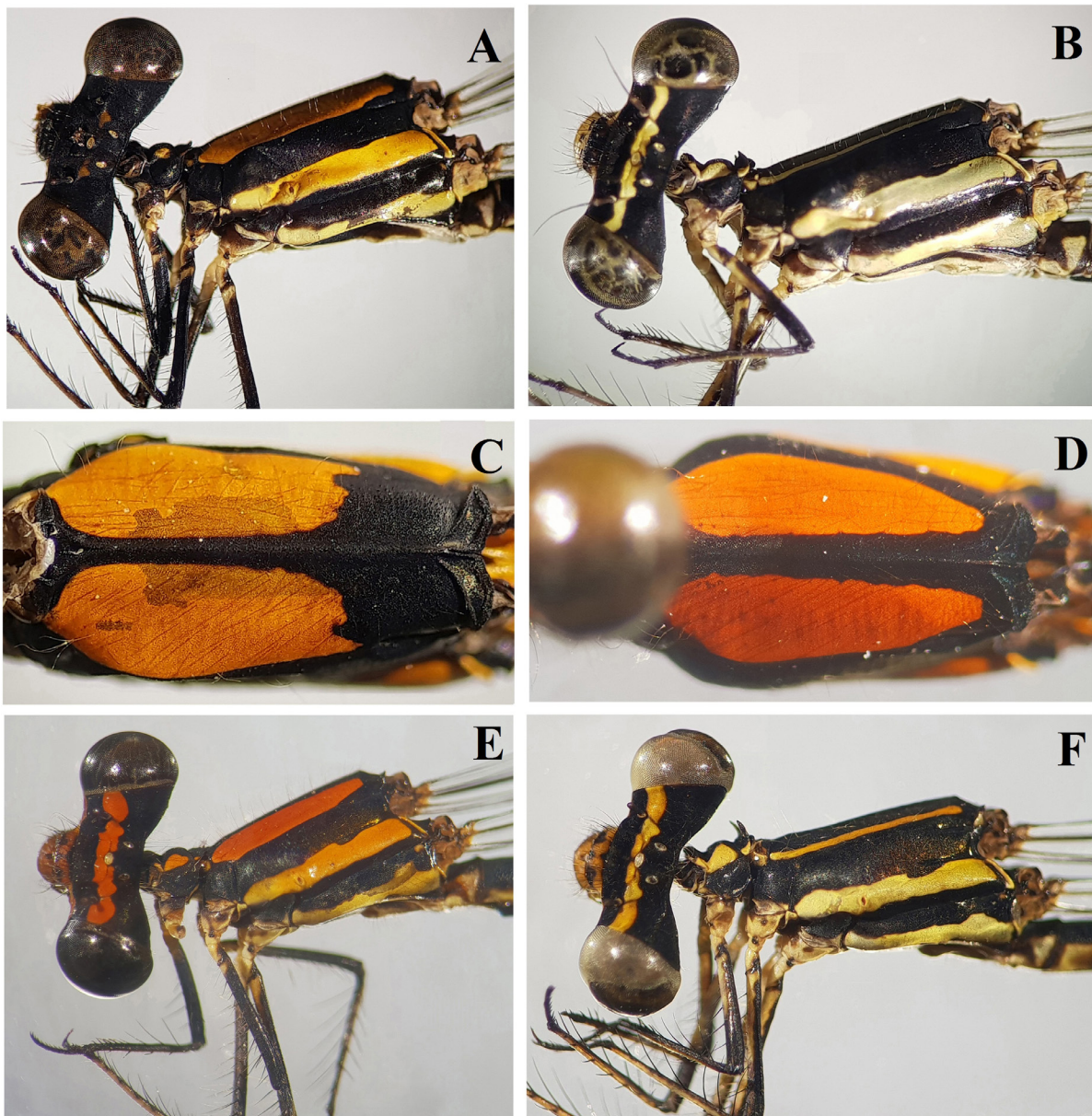
### Material examined

VIETNAM – **Kien Giang Province** • 1 ♂; Phu Quoc Island; 1 Jan. 2016; T. Kompier leg.; TKC • 1 ♂; Phu Quoc Island; 18 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016041810-ODO • 3 ♂♂, 1 ♀; Phu Quoc

Island, Nui Chua; 6 Mar. 2018; To Van Quang leg.; ZCDTU 2018030611-ODO. – **Lam Dong Province** • 2 ♂♂, 1 ♀; Bao Loc District, Da Ton; 22 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016042211-ODO. – **Kon Tum Province** • 2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; Chu Mom Ray National Park; 12 Jun. 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019061211-ODO.

### Diagnosis

In Vietnam, males of both *P. croconota* and *P. verticalis* with large egg-shaped orange markings on dorsum of synthorax but those in *P. croconota* shorter and broader than in *P. verticalis* (Fig. 6C–D), less saturated in colouration. In males of *P. croconota*, head with two small spots dorsally adjacent to ocellar tubercle (Fig. 6A) but with large transverse stripe in *P. verticalis* (Fig. 6E). Cerci in *P. verticalis*



**Fig. 6.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp. A–C. *P. croconota* Ris, 1916, ZCDTU 2017060802-ODO. D–F. *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860, ZCDTU 2018030611-ODO. A, E = ♂, head and thorax, lateral view; C–D = ♂, synthorax, dorsal view; B, F = ♀, head and thorax, lateral view. Images not to scale.

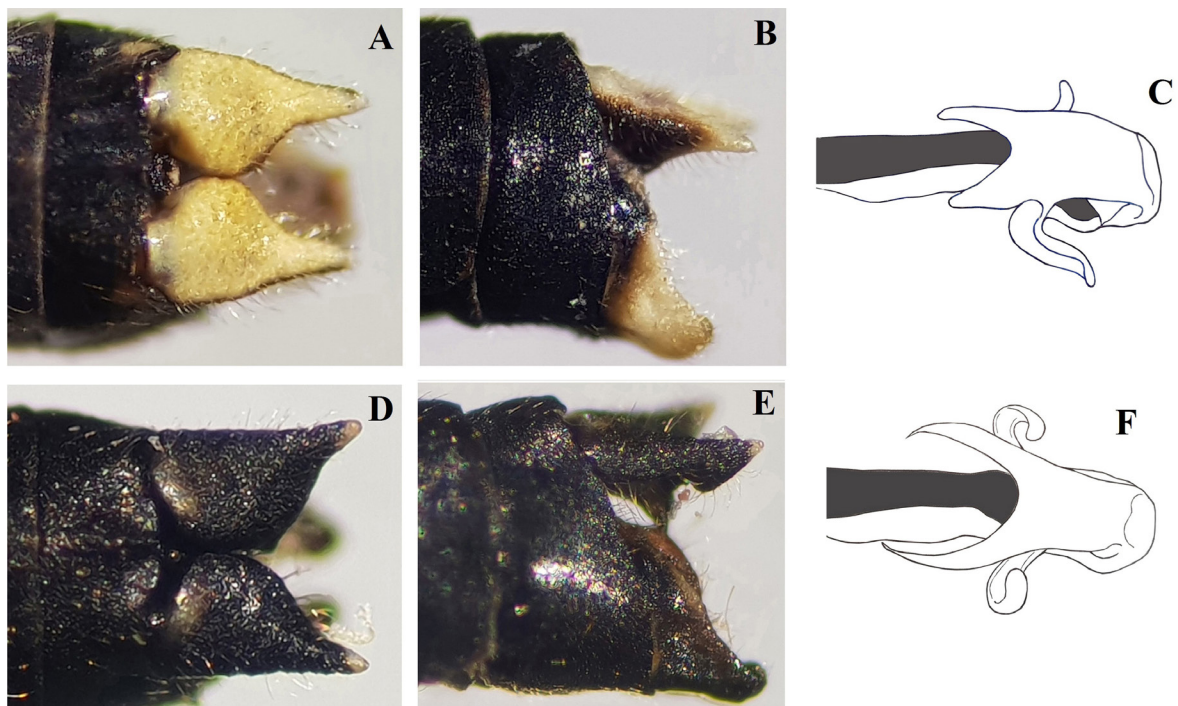
mostly black except for indistinct basal yellow stripe dorsally (Fig. 7D–E) while cerci dorsally entirely yellowish or bluish in *P. croconota* (Fig. 7A–B); ultimate segment of genital ligula of *P. verticalis* acute at apex (Fig. 7F) but blunt in *P. croconota* (Fig. 7C). Posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax of female *P. verticalis* characterized by two thin, long horns (Fig. 13G–H) while robust and short in *P. croconota* (Fig. 13A–B).

### Remarks

Bui (2007) recorded *Elattoneura* sp. at Phu Quoc Island, which subsequently was reidentified as a *Prodasineura* sp. by Do *et al.* (2011). Based on examination of specimens, it was identified as *P. verticalis* by Kompier (2019). This paper confirms the identification of the *Prodasineura* species from Phu Quoc Island recorded in Bui (2007), Do *et al.* (2011) and Kompier (2019) was *P. verticalis*. Asahina (1997) presumed that a male from Mai Chau of Hoa Binh Province (northern Vietnam) was probably *P. verticalis* (see in Asahina 1997: 20, figs 7–8). However, according to Asahina, this was “a pale bluish striped, black-bodied species”, which is not consistent with *P. verticalis* with orange stripes. Asahina’s drawing shows a species with thin antehumeral stripe, which may well be *Prodasineura coerulescens*, which occurs also in the similar lowland limestone forest in Quang Binh Province, rather than *P. hoffmanni* (see in Asahina 1997: 20, figs 7–8) which is recorded further south from primary forest of the Central Highlands or evergreen forests in Cat Tien National Park. Asahina’s (1997) male should be re-examined to establish its identity with certainty.

### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 18): Kon Tum (Chu Mom Ray National Park), Lam Dong (Bao Loc District), Dong Nai (Cat Tien National Park) and Kien Giang (Phu Quoc Island) Provinces (Kompier 2019; this study).



**Fig. 7.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., males. **A–C.** *P. croconota*, ZCDTU 2017060802-ODO. **D–F.** *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860, ZCDTU 2018030611-ODO. **A, D, G** = tip of abdomen, dorsal view; **B, E** = tip of abdomen, lateral view; **C, F** = genital ligula, oblique-ventral view. Images not to scale.

*Prodasineura laidlawi* (Forster in Laidlaw, 1907) - excluded species  
Fig. 8F

**Diagnosis**

Bluish *Prodasineura* that resembles *P. coerulescens* and *P. hoffmanni* with thin antehumeral stripe, bluish abdominal tip, appendages in males. Bluish marking covers most of S9, extends to S8 in *P. laidlawi* while only dorsal area of S9 blue in *P. coerulescens* and *P. hoffmanni* (Kosterin 2015). Female easily separated from *P. coerulescens* and *P. hoffmanni* by posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax having large rounded plate mid-centrally (Fig. 8F) rather than two separate ear-like processes, disposed laterally in *P. coerulescens* (Fig. 5D), midposteriorly in *P. hoffmanni* (Fig. 5F).

**Remarks**

Asahina (1969) reported *P. laidlawi* from Dinh Quan District of Dong Nai Province, but included no figures of its structures. Other studies in Cat Tien National Park and Dinh Quan District of Dong Nai Province record the similarly marked species *P. coerulescens* but not *P. laidlawi* (Do & Dang 2007; Kompier 2019; this study). We suggest that the male of *P. laidlawi* as identified by Asahina (1969) was probably *P. coerulescens*. The occurrence of *P. laidlawi* in Vietnam is also unlikely given the known range of *P. laidlawi*, which has been reported from Malaysia (Orr 2005) and Thailand (Asahina 1983).



**Fig. 8.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., females. A–C. *P. croconota* Ris, 1916, ZCDTU 2017060802-ODO. D–E. *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860, ZCDTU 2018030611-ODO. F. *P. laidlawi* (Forster in Laidlaw, 1907), modified from Asahina (1983: fig. 22). A, G–F = prothorax, lateral view; B, D = prothorax, dorsal view; C, E = tip of abdomen, lateral view. Images not to scale.

*Prodasineura kong* sp. nov.

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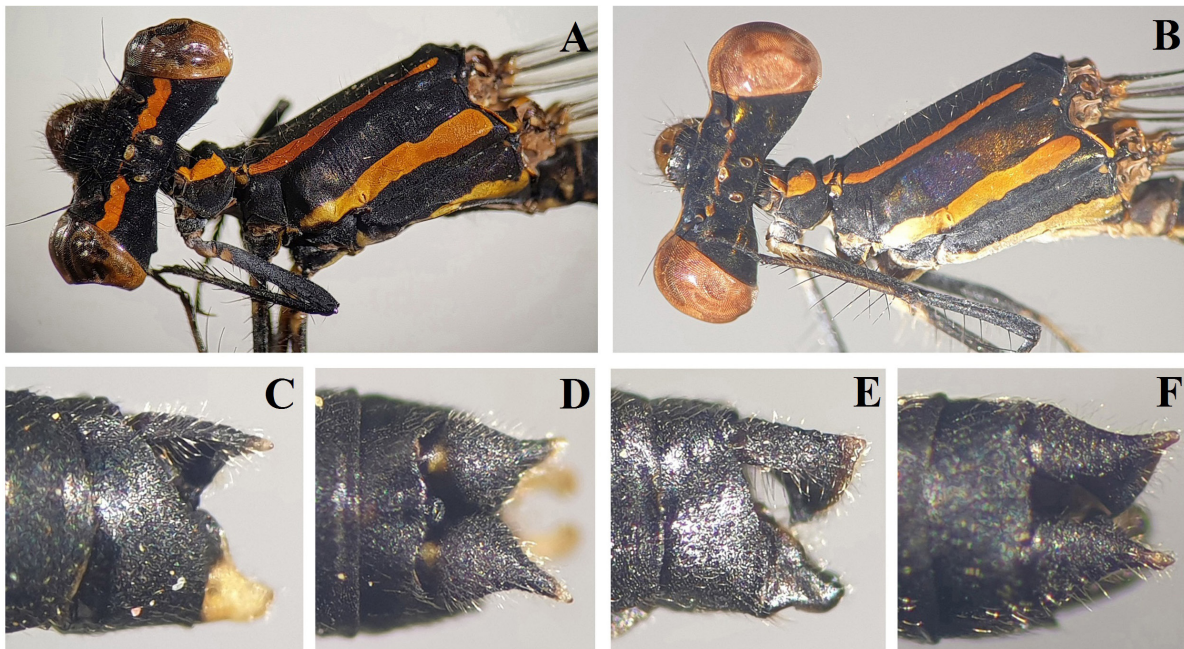
Figs 9A, C–D, 10A–B, 11A, C, E, 12A–B, 13C–D, 14A–B, 15A, 16C, 18

**Diagnosis**

Male very similar to those of *P. croconota* and *P. verticalis* but differing in following characters: large transversal stripe on dorsal surface of head (Fig. 9A), interrupted centrally, not connecting, covering anterior ocellus as in *P. verticalis* (Fig. 6E) (with small spots in *P. croconota*, Fig. 6A); antehumeral stripe narrow (Fig. 9A), not large shield-shaped as in *P. croconota* and *P. verticalis* (Fig. 6C–D). In fully mature specimens, paraprocts of *P. verticalis* entirely black (Fig. 7D–E) while yellow apically in *P. kong* sp. nov. (Fig. 9C). Cerci distinctly different in shape (Fig. 9C, E). Cerci, paraprocts yellow or bluish (except for black ventral side of cerci and base of paraprocts) in *P. croconota* (Fig. 7A–B). Structure of posterior pronotal lobe of female prothorax somewhat similar to that in *P. croconota* (Fig. 13A, D) with two short, robust horns, unlike two long horns of *P. verticalis* (Fig. 13G–H). *Prodasineura kong* sp. nov. similar to *P. lancastrei* sp. nov. by sharing same character of narrow antehumeral stripe on male synthorax, but males differ very much in structure of appendages, wing colouration. Females differ in structure of posterior pronotal lobe (see Diagnosis for *P. lancastrei* sp. nov.).

**Etymology**

The new species is named after the giant ape Kong since it was discovered at the filming location of the American monster film “Kong: Skull Island”, in Tu Lan Caves System of Quang Binh Province, central Vietnam. A noun in apposition.



**Fig. 9.** Structures of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., males, holotypes. **A, C–D.** *P. kong* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019071811-ODO. **B, E–F.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019051212-ODO. A–B = head and thorax, lateral view; C, E = appendages, lateral view; D, F = appendages, dorsal view. Images not to scale.

## Material examined

### Holotype

VIETNAM • ♂; Quang Binh Province, Minh Hoa District, Tan Hoa Commune; 17.776° N, 106.0701° E; 144 m a.s.l.; 18 Jul. 2019; Q.T. Phan & Q.P. Ngo leg.; ZCDTU 2019071811-ODO.

### Paratypes (9 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀)

VIETNAM – **Quang Binh Province** • 1 ♂; same collection data as for holotype; 14 Apr. 2016; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2016041412-ODO • 5 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀; same collection data as for holotype; ZCDTU 2019071812-18-ODO. – **Bac Kan Province** • 2 ♂♂; Ba Be District, Cho Ra Commune; 22.444° N, 105.846° E; 25 Jun. 2014; T. Kompier leg.; RMNH. – **Cao Bang Province** • 1 ♂; Cao Bang City; 22.681° N, 106.273° E; 20 May 2015; T. Kompier leg.; RMNH.

## Description

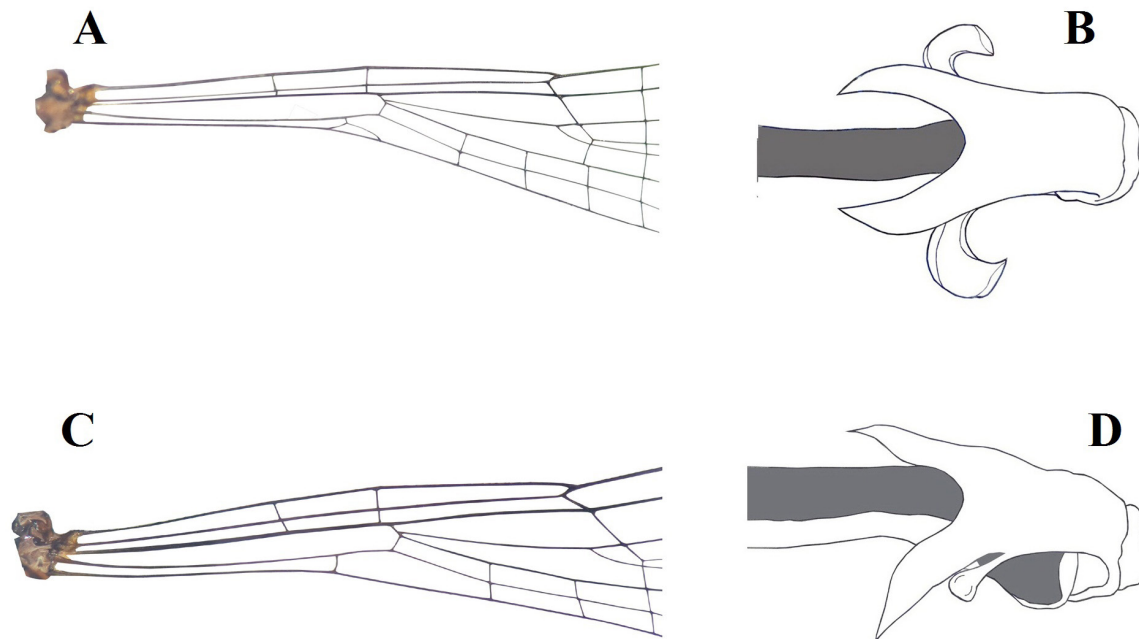
### Male (Figs 9A–C, 10A–B, 12A, 14A, 15A)

MEASUREMENTS. Hind wing 20 mm, abdomen (including appendages) 31 mm.

HEAD. Labrum, mandible, genae, anteclypeus dark red except for upper genae; upper genae black. Space between eye margins, genae shining black (Fig. 9A). Frontal, dorsal surfaces of head, including postclypeus, antennae, matt black except for large orange transverse stripe running from eye margins across anterior ocellus (Fig. 12A).

THORAX. Prothorax black with orange markings on distal margin of each pronotal lobe as follows: thin stripe on anterior lobe, small spots on posterior lobe, large oval spot on middle pronotal lobe (Fig. 9A). Propleuron entirely black. Synthorax black with narrow orange antehumeral stripe; two other distinct stripes: paler orange on metepisternum, yellowish on lower margin of metepimeron (Fig. 9A).

LEGS. Mostly black except for some small dark yellow spots on coxa, trochanter, femur; flexor surface of tibia dark yellowish.



**Fig. 10.** Wings base and genital ligula of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., males, holotypes **A–B**. *P. kong* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019071811-ODO. **C–D**. *P. lancastrei* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019051212-ODO. Images not to scale.

WINGS. Completely hyaline, Px 16, 14 in forewings, hindwings respectively. Pterostigma black (Fig. 10A).

ABDOMEN. Mostly black except: yellow triangular spots on lower margins of S1; yellowish bands on ventro-lateral surfaces of S2; small spot on anterior margin of S3, whitish spot on dorsal anterior margin of S4–7; S8–10 entirely black (Fig. 14A).

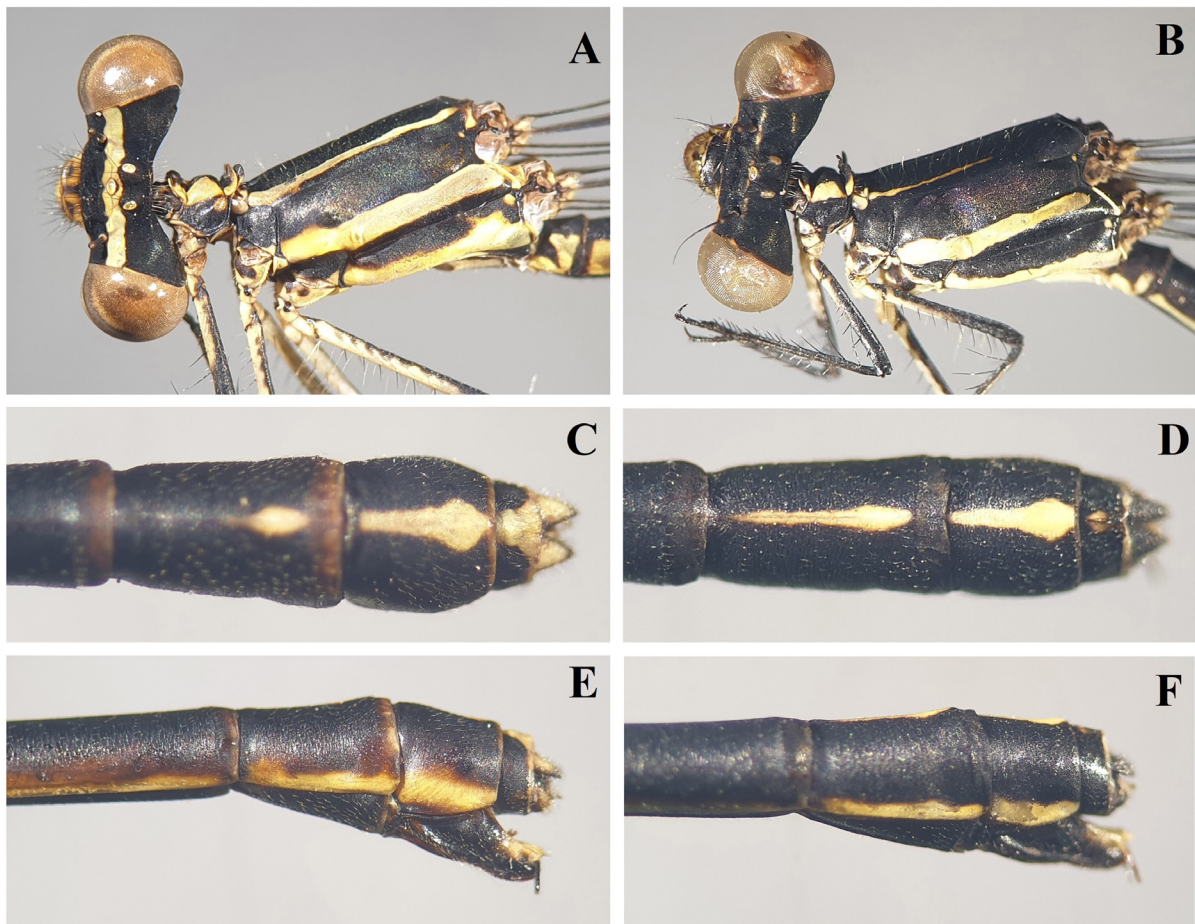
ANAL APPENDAGES. Typical of members of genus *Prodasineura* with cerci hammer-like shaped; paraprocts broad at base, tapering abruptly to rounded tip; cerci black excepted tip dark yellowish; paraprocts black at base; remain yellowish (Fig. 9C–D).

GENITAL LIGULA. Latero-apically with two robust flagella with pointed tips; subbasal shorter flagellum, expanding apically as rounded lobe (Fig. 10B).

**Female** (Figs 11A, C, E, 12B, 13C–D, 14B)

MEASUREMENTS. Hindwing 20.5 mm, abdomen (including appendages) 31 mm.

HEAD Figs 11A, 12B. Labrum yellowish with black dot beneath upper margin; mandibles, genae yellowish except for small black dot near anteclypeus; yellow colour extends from compound eyes just



**Fig. 11.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., female paratypes. **A, C, E.** *P. kong* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019071817-ODO. **B, D, F.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019051217-ODO. A–B = head and thorax, lateral view; C–D = abdominal tip, dorsal view; E–F = abdominal tip, lateral view. Images not to scale.

over postclypeus to level of base of antennae; antennae black; anteclypeus dark yellowish; postclypeus yellow with two separated black spots, black stripe centrally. Antennae black except for second segment, yellowish anteriorly. Front, rear of head black with large transverse yellowish stripe at level of anterior ocellus.

**THORAX** Figs 11A, 13C–D. Prothorax black, laterally yellowish, forming large oval stripe on middle pronotal lobe. In dorso-oblique view, posterior lobe with pair of raised robust anterior projections, two ear-like processes (Fig. 13C–D). In dorsal view, projections sharply curving upward (Fig. 13D). Synthorax black with three yellow stripes (Fig. 11A).

**LEGS.** Coxae yellowish with large outer black spot; trochanter yellow with flexor side black; tibia, tarsus, claws black.

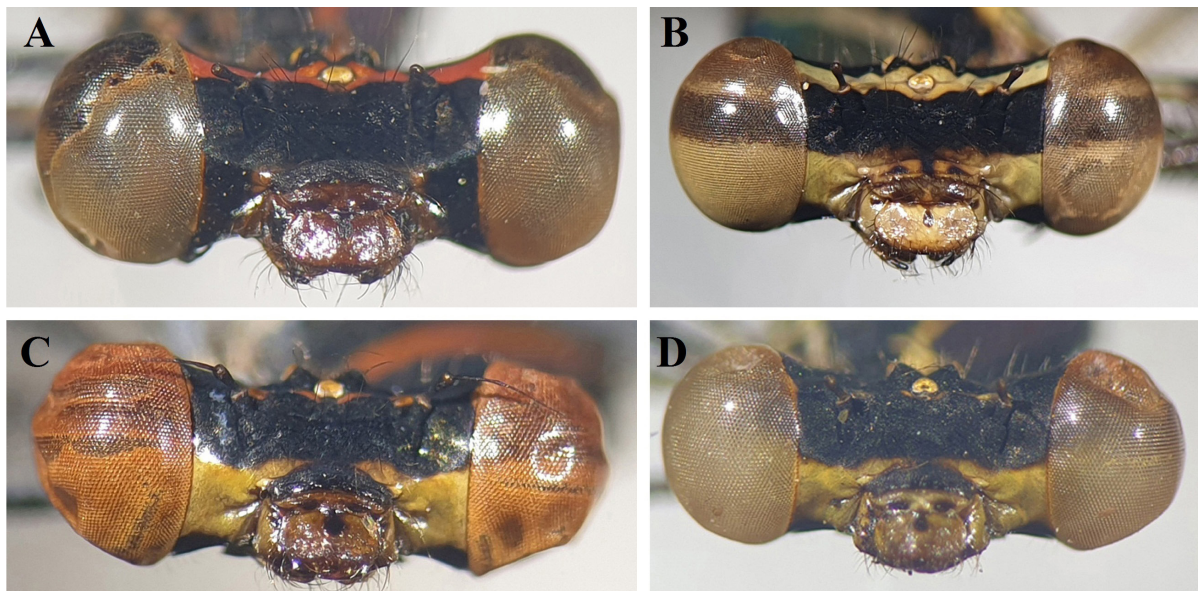
**WINGS** Fig. 14B. Hyaline, forewings slightly longer than hindwings, Px 15, 13 in forewings, hindwings respectively. Pterostigma brown.

**ABDOMEN** Figs 11C, E, 14B. Black with yellowish pattern: S1 with heart-shaped spot on lateral sides; S2 with narrow yellowish stripes along lower margins; ventro-lateral halves of S3–6 brown-yellowish with oval yellowish spot on anterior margin of each segments; S7 dark brownish and S8–9 black with yellowish stripe on lower margin; dorsal side of S8 with oval yellow spot posteriorly but extending to mid-dorsally on S9; lower margin of S10 black but with yellowish marking dorsally (Fig. 11C).

**APPENDAGES.** Yellowish except for lower margin of cerci; cerci dark brownish; ovipositor black, distal end yellowish (Fig. 11C, E).

#### Variation in male and female paratypes

Paratypes from Bac Kan with some orange on dorsum of cerci; male from type location with incomplete transverse band between compound eyes over anterior ocellus. Male from Cao Bang with small orange



**Fig. 12.** Head of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., frontal view. **A–B.** *P. kong* sp. nov. A. ♂, holotype, ZCDTU 2019071811-ODO. B. ♀, paratype, ZCDTU 2019071817-ODO. **C–D.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov. C. holotype, ZCDTU 2019051212-ODO. D. ♀, paratype, ZCDTU 2019051217-ODO. Images not to scale.



spot on posterodorsal corner of propleuron. Other male paratypes from type location provided no significant differential features from holotype male. Compound eyes bright red in living male (Fig. 15A). Stripes on male synthorax bright orange in life (Fig. 15A), but stripe on lower margin of metepimeron becoming yellowish after acetone treatment in holotype (Fig. 9A).

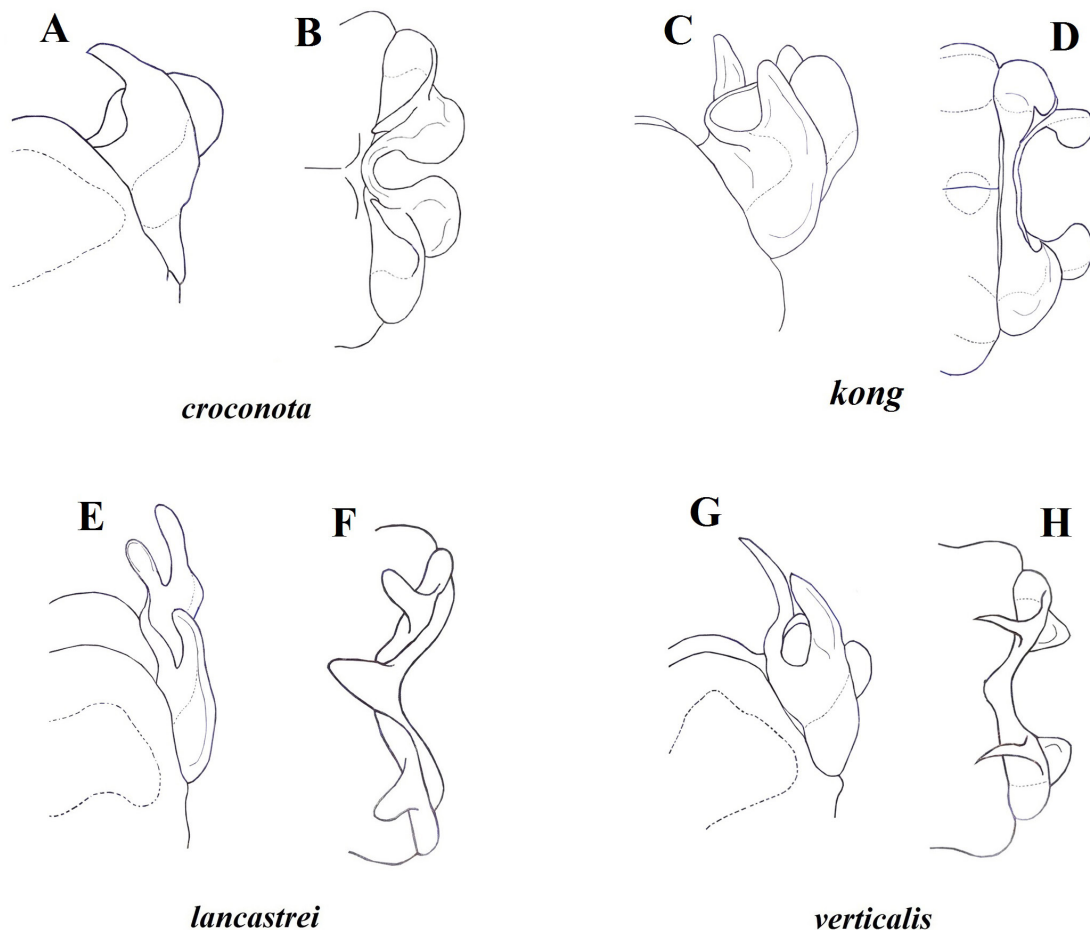
MEASUREMENTS. Hind wing 20–21 mm, abdomen (including appendages) 30–31 mm.

### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 18): Cao Bang (Cao Bang City), Bac Kan (Ba Be District) and Quang Binh (Minh Hoa District) Provinces.

### Habitat and ecology

The new species was collected in Quang Binh from an open stream (about 3–6 m wide) with fast running water a low limestone mountain area (Fig. 16B). This species usually flies over the surface of water, fighting with two other species of *Prodasineura* present, for occupation of the habitat near the border of the stream, the blue *P. coerulescens* and the dark *P. autumnalis*.



**Fig. 13.** Posterior pronotal lobe of prothorax of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., females, lateral and dorsal views. **A–B.** *P. croconota* Ris, 1916, ZCDTU 2017060802-ODO. **C–D.** *P. kong* sp. nov., ZCDTU 019071817-ODO. **E–F.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov., ZCDTU 2019051217-ODO. **G–H.** *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860, ZCDTU 2018030611-ODO. Images not to scale.

*Prodasineura lancastrei* sp. nov.

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Figs 9B, E–F, 10C–D, 11B, D, F, 12C–D, 13E–F, 14C–D, 15B, 16B, 18

**Diagnosis**

Differing from most other congeners and all Vietnamese species of *Prodasineura* by darkened apical wings (Fig. 14C) in male and morphology of posterior pronotal lobe with three flattened horns in female (Fig. 13E–F). In Vietnam, *P. lancastrei* is superficially most similar to *P. kong* by sharing the same thin antehumeral stripe on the male synthorax (Fig. 9A–B), but differing by the following characters: in male, transverse band on dorsal head of *P. lancastrei* narrow (Fig. 9B), wider in *P. kong* (Fig. 9A); appendages of *P. lancastrei* mostly black (Fig. 9E–F), paraprocts yellowish apically in *P. kong* (Fig. 9C–D); cerci of *P. lancastrei* (Fig. 9E) in lateral view not pointed, ventral expansion convex along posterior margin as opposed to concave in *P. kong* (Fig. 9C). Female of *P. lancastrei* differing by three horns (Fig. 13E–F) in stead of two short, robust horns in *P. kong* (Fig. 13C–D).

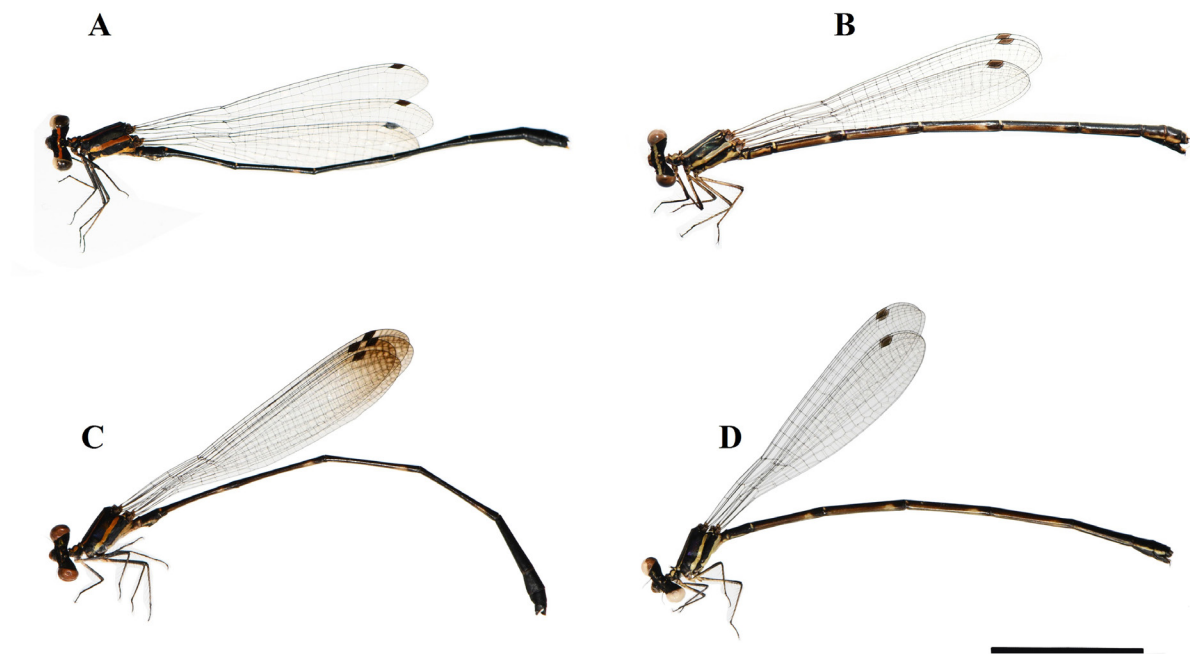
**Etymology**

This species is named after Mr. Luis de Lancastre (born on 20 December 1990) in appreciation of his financial aid for our fieldwork. A noun in the genitive case.

**Material examined**

**Holotype**

VIETNAM • ♂; Nghe An Province, Con Cuong District, Mon Son Commune, a small stream near Khe O Forestry Latch, Pha Lai Ranger Station; 19.52167° N, 105.545° E; 66 m a.s.l.; 12 May 2019; Q.T. Phan leg.; ZCDTU 2019051212-ODO



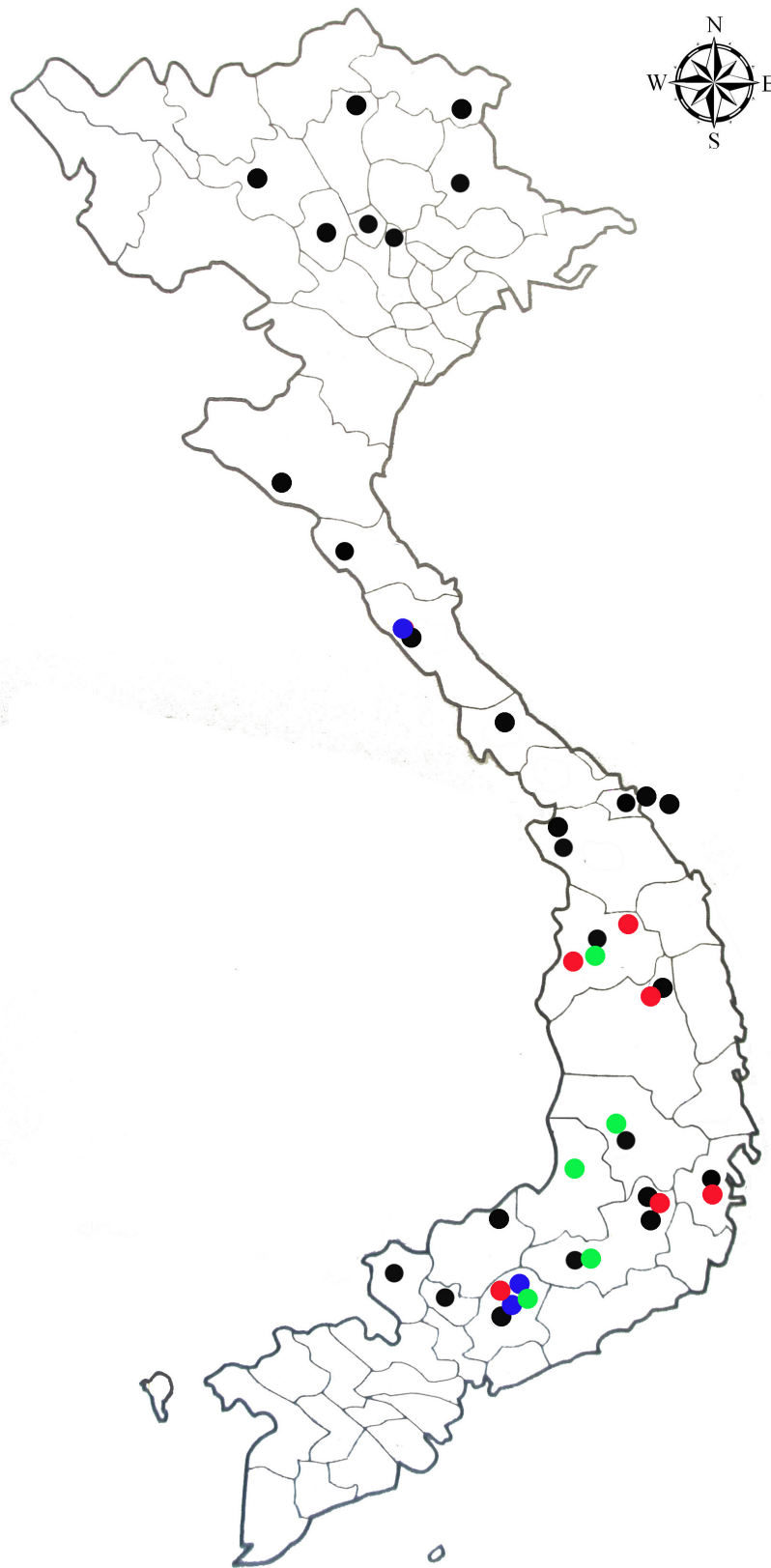
**Fig. 14.** Habitus of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp. **A–B.** *P. kong* sp. nov. **A.** ♂, holotype, ZCDTU 2019071811-ODO. **B.** ♀, paratype, ZCDTU 2019071817-ODO. **C–D.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov., **C.** ♂, holotype, ZCDTU 2019051212-ODO. **D.** ♀, paratype, ZCDTU 2019051217-ODO. Scale bar = 1 cm.



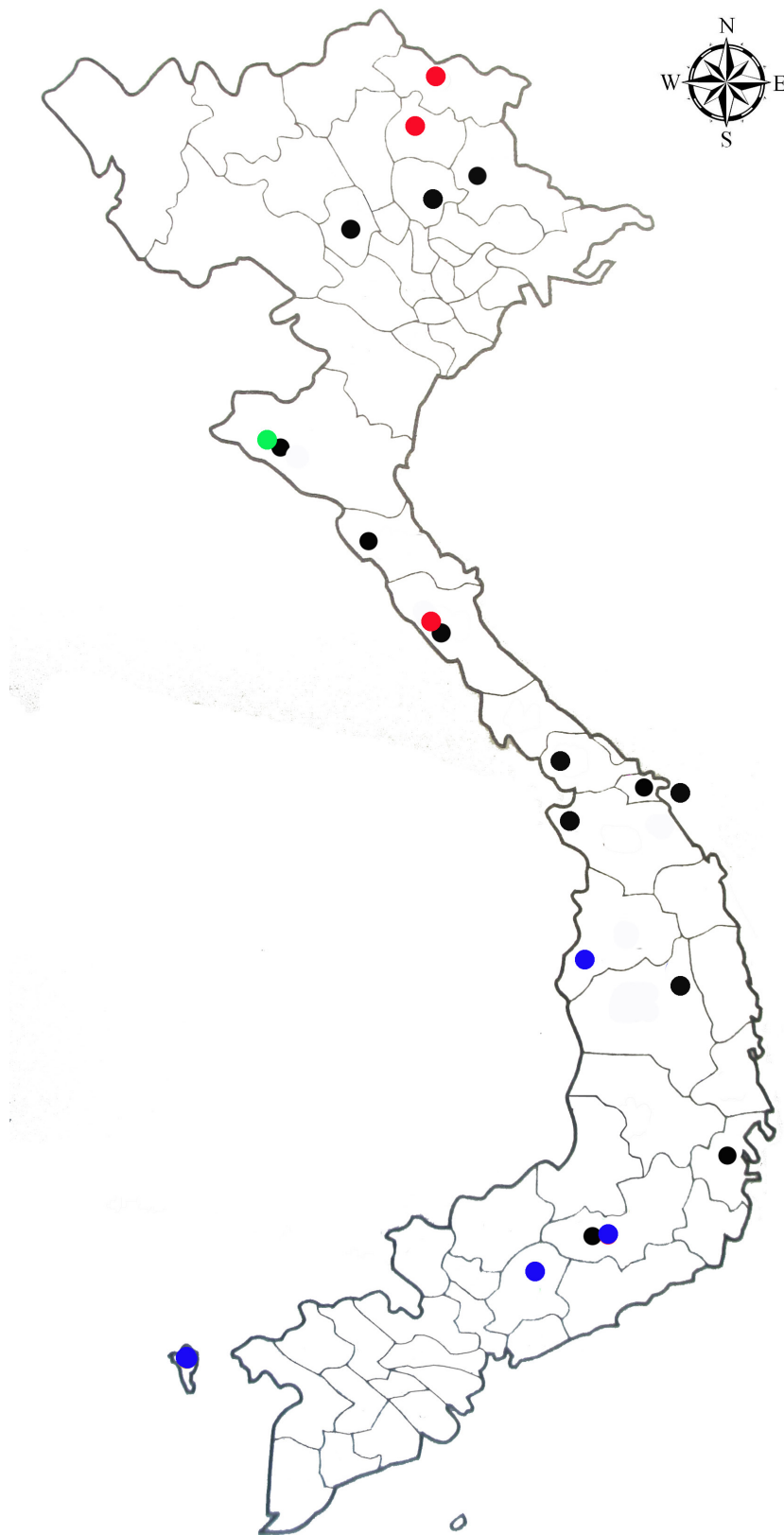
**Fig. 15.** *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp., males, in nature. **A.** *P. kong* sp. nov. **B.** *P. lancastrei* sp. nov.



**Fig. 16.** Habitat of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp. in Vietnam. **A.** Gia Trang stream in Chu Mom Ray National Park, home of *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007 and *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860. **B.** Typical stream where *P. lancastraei* sp. nov., *P. autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922) and *P. croconota* Ris, 1916 occur, in Pu Mat National Park. **C.** Open limestone stream in Tan Hoa Commune, Minh Hoa District of Quang Binh Province with three species: *P. autumnalis*, *P. kong* sp. nov. and *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932) coexisting. **D.** Habitat of *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015 and *P. autumnalis* in Mang Canh, Kon Plong District of Kon Tum Province.



**Fig. 17.** Distribution map of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp. in Vietnam (blue group species including the blackish *P. autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922)). (●) *P. autumnalis*. (●) *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932). (●) *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007. (●) *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015.



**Fig. 18.** Distribution map of *Prodasineura* Cowley, 1934 spp. in Vietnam (orange group species). (●) *P. croconota* Ris, 1916. (●) *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860. (●) *Prodasineura kong* sp. nov. (●) *P. lancastrei* sp. nov.

### Paratypes

VIETNAM • 4 ♂♂, 1 ♀; all mature; same collection data as for holotype; ZCDTU 2019051213-17-ODO.

### Description

**Male** (Figs 9B, E–F, 10C–D, 12C, 14C, 15B)

MEASUREMENTS. Hindwing 19 mm, abdomen (including appendages) 31.5 mm.

HEAD. Labrum dark red with black dot medially. Mandibles yellow, pattern extending to level of postclypeus. Anteclypeus dark red, postclypeus matt black (Fig. 9B). Antennae entirely black. Front matt black except for complete narrow transversal reddish stripe running from eye margins, encompassing anterior ocellus. Rear of head entirely black (Fig. 12C).

THORAX. Prothorax black, orange markings as in Fig. 9B; distal margin of anterior, posterior pronotal lobe with small spot, middle of pronotal lobe with large oval spot. Propleuron entirely black. Synthorax black, on each side with narrow orange antehumeral stripe, two other distinct stripes: reddish one on metepisternum and yellowish ones on lower margin of metepimeron (Fig. 12C).

LEGS. Coxae black, lateral yellow lines; trochanter yellow, flexor margin black; femur entirely black; tibia black, flexor surface yellow; tarsus, claws entirely black.

WINGS. Hyaline, darkened from about level of pterostigma (Figs 10C, 14C, 15B). Forewings slightly longer than hindwings, Px 17, 14 in forewings, hindwings respectively. No anal bridge (Fig. 10C). Pterostigma black, covering slightly more than one underlying cell.

ABDOMEN. Mostly black except for yellow triangular spots at lower margins of S1; ventro-lateral sides of S2 with yellowish bands; S3–6 with dorsally interrupted half-rings along anterior margin; anterior S3 with orange spot; S7–10 entirely black (Fig. 14C).

ANAL APPENDAGES. Mostly black except for dark yellowish tips of cerci; cerci axe-shaped, broadened ventro-apically, paraprocts entirely black, broad at base, narrower toward blunt tip (Fig. 9E–F).

GENITAL LIGULA. Typically shaped for *Prodasineura* species, two robust flagella lateroapically, extending posteriorly, pointed at tip, bearing subbasal shorter flagellum, which expands apically as rounded lobe (Fig. 10D).

**Female** (Figs 11B, D, F, 12D, 13E–F, 14D)

MEASUREMENTS. Hindwing 18.5 mm, abdomen (including appendages) 30 mm.

HEAD. Labrum, mandibles, genae, anteclypeus yellowish except for black spot beneath lateral side of mandibles, border of genae black, two separated black spots on anteclypeus; this pattern over postclypeus at level of base of antennae (Fig. 11B). Postclypeus, antennae entirely black. Front, rear of head black, obscure tiny transverse yellowish stripe at level of anterior ocellus (Fig. 12D).

THORAX. Prothorax black, yellowish laterally (Fig. 11B). Posterior pronotal lobe with three flattened horns (Fig. 13F), strongly erect in lateral view (Fig. 13E). Antehumeral stripe yellow, not reddish as in male, shorter, interrupted at about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of mesepisternum (Fig. 11B).

LEGS. Same as male.

WINGS. Hyaline, forewings slightly longer than hindwings, Px 13, 12 in forewings, hindwings respectively. Pterostigma black (Fig. 14D).

ABDOMEN. Black, following pattern: S1 with two oval yellowish spots; S2 with narrow yellowish stripe along lower margin; S3–6 with dark reddish stripe along lower margin, oval yellowish spot on anterior segments, larger spot at about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of each segment length (Fig. 14D); S7–9 black with yellowish stripe on lower margin; S10 black with oval yellow spot dorsally (Fig. 11D, F).

APPENDAGES. Entirely black; ovipositor black with distal end yellowish (Fig. 11D, F).

#### Variation in male paratypes

Two paratype males having yellowish compound eyes due to acetone treatment for preservation, other features of paratype specimens showing no significant differential features from holotype male. Compound eyes bright red in living males (Fig. 15B).

#### Distribution

Vietnam (Fig. 18): Nghe An (Con Cuong District, Mon Son Commune) Province.

#### Habitat and ecology

The new species was found in a densely vegetated, very narrow (about 1 m width) branch (Fig. 16C) of a shaded, shallow, narrow (about 1–3 m width) and rocky forest mountain stream with slow running water and a sandy bottom. Two other species of *Prodasineura* (*P. autumnalis* and *P. croconota*) occurred in the same stream with *P. lancastraei* sp. nov.

#### Key to the males and females of *Prodasineura* species from Vietnam

Males of all Vietnamese species of *Prodasineura* can be separated into two main colourational groups (except for the sole black synthoracic species *P. autumnalis*) based on the colouration of the male thorax: the blue group (including *P. coerulescens*, *P. hoffmanni* and *P. doisuthepensis*) and the orange group (including *P. croconota*, *P. verticalis*, *P. kong* sp. nov. and *P. lancastraei* sp. nov.).

#### Males

1. Synthorax with whitish stripes, becoming very dark or complete black in fully mature individuals (Fig. 1A) ..... *P. autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922)  
– Synthorax with blue or yellow/orange stripes ..... 2
2. Synthorax and abdominal tip, sometimes including cerci with blue marking ..... 3  
– Thorax and head with red or orange pattern ..... 5
3. Synthorax with large blue oval markings on mesepisternum (Fig. 2C) .....  
..... *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007  
– Synthorax with a narrow antehumeral stripe ..... 4
4. S8–10 largely blue, paraproct with blue marking (Fig. 3A–B) ..... *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932)  
– S9 with a small blue dot, S10 largely blue, paraproct entirely black (Fig. 3G–H) .....  
..... *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015
5. Synthorax with large orange oval spots on mesepisternum ..... 6  
– Synthorax with narrow antehumeral stripe ..... 7



6. The large oval marking never extending to the end of the mesepisternum (Fig. 6C); dorsal side of head mostly black with two small orange spots (Fig. 6A); appendages mostly yellow or blue (Fig. 7A–B) ..... *P. croconota* Ris, 1916  
 – The large oval marking covering most of mesepisternum (Fig. 6D); wide transverse band on dorsal head side (Fig. 6E); appendages mostly black (Fig. 7D–E) ..... *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860
7. Wide transverse band on dorsal side of head (Fig. 9A); cerci posterior margin concave in lateral view; paraprocts yellowish apically (Fig. 9C–D) ..... *P. kong* sp. nov.  
 – Very narrow transverse band on dorsal side of head (Fig. 9B); cerci posterior margin concave in lateral view, axe-shaped; paraproct entirely black (Fig. 9E–F) ..... *P. lancastrei* sp. nov.

### Females

We collected all studied species of *Prodasineura* in Vietnam in pair or tandem in order to exactly define the female of each species, except for the female of *P. hoffmanni*, which is still lacking in our collection. All characters of the female of *P. hoffmanni* used in this key are adopted from Kosterin (2015).

1. Posterior pronotal lobe with three flattened projections without a pair of ear-like structures (Fig. 13E–F) ..... *P. lancastrei* sp. nov.  
 – Posterior pronotal lobe with two horns and two adjacent ear-like structures ..... 2
2. Posterior pronotal lobe possesses two long sharp horns, strongly upward curving (Fig. 13G–H) ..... *P. verticalis* Selys, 1860  
 – Posterior pronotal lobe with two short and robust horns ..... 3
3. The horns well developed, smoothly curving anteriorly in lateral view ..... 4  
 – The horns very short, slightly raising anteriorly in lateral view (Fig. 5A–B) .....  
 ..... *P. autumnalis* (Fraser, 1922)
4. The pair of raised processes small, well separated (Fig. 5D–E) ..... *P. coerulescens* (Fraser, 1932)  
 – The pair of raised processes well developed, positioned more centrally ..... 5
5. The robust horns curving upward, two ear-like structures well separated by a space greater than their own diameter (Fig. 13C–D) ..... *P. kong* sp. nov.  
 – The robust horns strongly curving anteriorly, two ear-like structure are set closer to each other, separated by a broad incision (Fig. 5C) ..... 6
6. Dorsal side of head and thorax with yellowish pattern (Fig. 6B) ..... *P. croconota* Ris, 1916  
 – Dorsal side of head and thorax with blue pattern (Fig. 2E, G) ..... 7
7. Anteclypeus black, two ear-like structures are set closer to each other and converging, separated by a roundish incision (Kosterin 2015) (Fig. 5F) ..... *P. hoffmanni* Kosterin, 2015  
 – Anteclypeus ochre-yellow with a black central stripe (Fig. 2E), two ear-like structures separated by a broad semicircular incision, not converging (Kosterin 2015) (Fig. 5C) .....  
 ..... *P. doisuthepensis* Hoess, 2007

### Discussion

The two genera *Prodasineura* and *Elattonneura* Cowley, 1935 are probably artificial and monophyletic since they were separated from each other by the degree of the anal bridge development (Cowley 1934, 1936). According to their current definition, ab nervure is always complete in the genus *Elattonneura* while in *Prodasineura* it is considered to be either incomplete or a short arch (as in Fig. 10A of *P. kong*) or absent (as in Fig. 10C of *P. lancastrei*). However, the axe-shaped cerci of *P. lancastrei* (Fig. 9E) are

unique among species of *Prodasineura* but of the same shape as in the current species of *Elattoneura* and *Disparoneura*. The colouration, especially the entirely bright-red eyes, of *P. lancastrei* (Fig. 15B) comes closest to *E. atkinsoni* Selys, 1886 but the darkened wings of the male suggest some proximity to *Disparoneura*, especially *D. apicalis* (Fraser, 1924) (O. Kosterin pers. comm.). The relationships between the numerous Asian species currently attributed to these two genera *Prodasineura* and *Elattoneura* are poorly understood (Dijkstra *et al.* 2014; Kosterin 2015). *Prodasineura lancastrei* obviously appears to be more related to *Elattoneura atkinsoni* or *Disparoneura apicalis* than to any species of *Prodasineura*, irrespective of its generic attribution. However, in spite of the anal bride being unreliable for generic subdivision as an evolutionary flexible structure, we decided to describe this new species under the genus *Prodasineura* as formally fitting its current definition. It should also be noted that the central horns in the female prothorax of *P. lancastrei* (Fig. 13E–F) are unusually structured for all three genera *Prodasineura*, *Elattoneura* and *Disparoneura* which possess only paired structures and no central processes.

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