

**Water beetles of
New Caledonia
(part 2)**

Editorial

Part 1 of the “Water beetles of New Caledonia” (see also p. 190) was published in May 2010, more than 10 years ago, in the “Monographs on Coleoptera”, which were founded in 1997 as a supplement to the *Koleopterologische Rundschau* (Coleopterological Review) to cover also very comprehensive scientific contributions (revisions, monographs, faunas).

On 449 pages, part 1 included an introductory chapter and 23 taxonomic/faunistic articles authored by 19 experts from 12 countries. In total, 58 new species (Dytiscidae: 28, Hydrophilidae: 17, Scirtidae: 12, Limnichidae: 1) were described from New Caledonia, all of them regarded as endemic!

However, not all families/genera of aquatic beetles were included in part 1. It had been planned that, a few years later, the “Water Beetles of New Caledonia (part 2)” would be published, which should include the Hydraenidae (around 50 species), the remaining genera of Scirtidae, faunistic and taxonomic updates, additional keys, a complete checklist of all New Caledonian water beetles and shore beetles, as well as some contributions on larvae.

The first taxonomic update was already received in 2010 (see article on *Anacaena* below), very shortly after part 1 had been published. Understandably, not all authors were willing to wait until a sufficient number of manuscripts had been submitted, which would enable the release of a complete volume. Thus, some of the manuscripts received have therefore been published separately, see e.g.:

FIKÁČEK, M., MINOSHIMA, Y.N. & JÄCH, M.A. 2018: Larval morphology of *Yateberosus*, a New Caledonian endemic subgenus of *Laccobius* (Coleoptera: Hydrophilidae), with notes on ‘*Berosus*-like’ larvae in Hydrophiloidea. – *Acta Entomologica Musei Nationalis Pragae* 58 (1): 195–206.

WEWALKA, G. & JÄCH, M.A. 2018: A new species of *Hydaticus* Leach, 1817 from New Caledonia (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae). – *Koleopterologische Rundschau* 88: 1–8.

It was, therefore, decided that incoming contributions should be published as quickly as possible, namely in a special section of *Koleopterologische Rundschau*, starting with the present volume, which includes two articles.