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First records of *Macromia katae* (Macromiidae) and *Indothemis carnatica* (Libellulidae) from Vietnam (Insecta: Odonata)

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Abstract: In the course of two field trips to Northern Vietnam during March 2012 and June 2014 the dragonflies and damselflies of three National Parks (Cuc Phuong, Tam Dao, and Ba Be) and one Biodiversity Station (Melinh) were sampled. A total of 90 species of odonates in 60 genera and 15 families was recorded, including two new records for Vietnam: *Macromia katae* (Macromiidae) and *Indothemis carnatica* (Libellulidae). Diagnostic illustrations for these two species are provided, as well as the listing of the species recorded from the surveyed areas.

Key words: Cuc Phuong, Tam Dao, Ba Be, Melinh

The odonate fauna of Vietnam was poorly known until relatively recently, based solely on scattered records and descriptions (i.e., Martin 1904, 1909; Ris 1912; Fraser 1926; Asahina 1969). In the late twentieth century a series of papers on the fauna of Northern Vietnam was published (Asahina 1995, 1996a, 1996b, 1996c, 1997a, 1997b, 1998; van Tol and Rozendaal 1995), and since then knowledge of this order in Vietnam increased exponentially. Do and Dang (2007) composed a checklist of the species known from the country, numerous new species descriptions and records were published by several authors (i.e. Do 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011a, 2011b, 2011c; Do and Bui 2011; Do and Karube 2011; Hämäläinen 2012, 2014a, 2014b; Hämäläinen and Karube 2001a, 2001b, 2013; Hämäläinen et al. 2006; Karube 2004, 2007, 2011a, 2011b, 2012, 2013, 2014a, 2014b; Phan and Hämäläinen 2011; Steinhoff and Do 2013), and two websites were created to aid in their field identification (Delonglée 2014; Kompier 2014).

In the course of two surveys in Northern Vietnam during March 2012 and June 2014, the dragonflies and damselflies of three National Parks (Cuc Phuong, Tam Dao, and Ba Be) and one Biodiversity Station (Melinh) were sampled. The odonates from some of these areas have been partially studied in the past; there is a list of the dragonflies (Anisoptera) from Cuc Phuong National Park (Do *et al.* 2011), and species descriptions from Tam Dao and Ba Be National Parks, but no records from Melinh Station.

In this paper we provide color scans, diagnostic illustrations, and notes for the two species that constitute new

records for the country, as well as notes on four additional species which were reported in blogs from Vietnam but for which there are no published peer-reviewed records for the country yet, a checklist of all the species registered during this survey, field pictures of some of them, and a map showing the localities visited.

The four areas visited are located in Northern Vietnam. Cuc Phuong National Park, situated in the Red River Delta in Ninh Binh province, encompasses lowland primary forest extending between two limestone mountain ranges. Created in 1960 as a nature reserve, it was declared a National Park in 1962, and constitutes the oldest and largest National Park in Vietnam. Tam Dao National Park, in Vinh Phuc province, is located in a mountainous area including sharp peaks and steep slopes covered by primary and human altered forest. Melinh Station for Biodiversity, administered by the Institute of Ecology and Biological Studies of the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, is situated in the Me Linh district of Vinh Phuc province. Ba Be National Park, in Bac Kan province, was set up to protect a freshwater lake along with surrounding limestone and lowland evergreen forests. Cuc Phuong was visited during 25–26 March 2012 by S. Gaimari, M. Hauser, and T. Pham, and 12–17 June 2014 by N. von Ellenrieder, M. Hauser, and T. Pham. Tam Dao, Melinh, and Ba Be were sampled during June 2014 by N. von Ellenrieder, M. Hauser, and T. Pham.

Localities sampled (Figure 1) include:

- Cuc Phuong, pond by road, 20°15′8″ N, 105°42′47″ E, 178 m, 12-VI-2014; 15-VI-2014.
- 2. Cuc Phuong, Mac Lake, with sedges, grassy margins and flooded areas along road, 20°15′01″ N, 105°42′27″ E, 190 m, 14, 16–17-VI-2014 (Figure 1).
- 3. Cuc Phuong, forested stream crossing road, 20°15′47″ N, 105°42′2″ E, 179 m, 16-VI-2014.
- 4. Cuc Phuong, forested stream crossing road, 20°16′46″ N, 105°40′45″ E, 242 m, 16–17-VI-2014.
- Cuc Phuong, small sandy stream crossing road, 20°19′11″
 N, 105°37′43″ E, 258 m, 14-VI-2014.
- 6. Cuc Phuong, small dam and exit creek downstream with muddy bottom, 20°19′18″ N, 105°37′36″ E, 212 m,
- 7. Cuc Phuong, pool by secondary forest, 20°21′1″ N, 105°35′35″

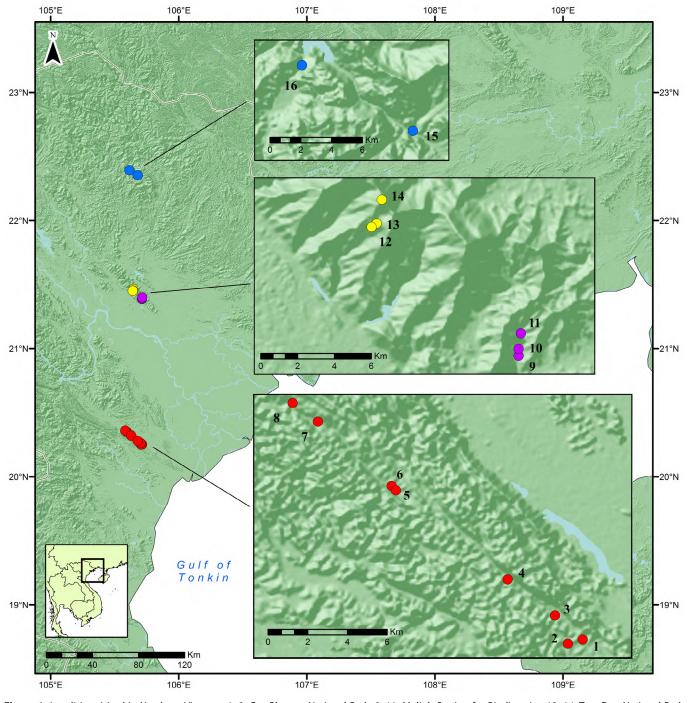


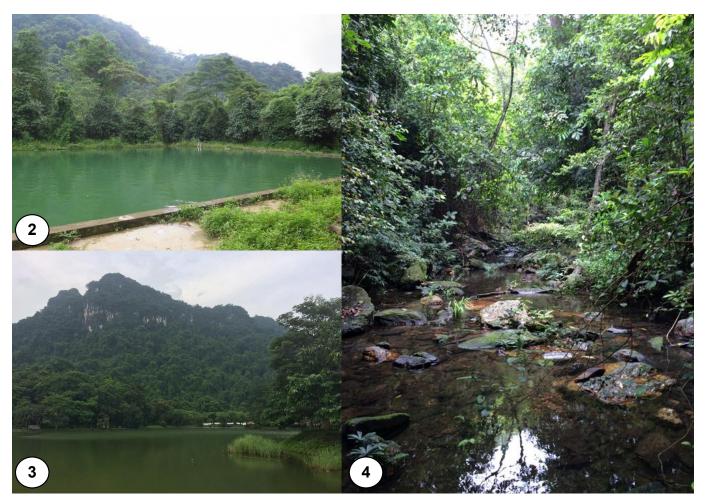
Figure 1. Localities visited in Northern Vietnam. 1–8: Cuc Phuong National Park; 9–11: Melinh Station for Biodiversity; 12–14: Tam Dao National Park; 15–16: Ba Be National Park. For locality codens see the text.

E, 380 m, 25–26 March 2012; 13, 15–18-VI-2014 (Figure 2).

- 8. Cuc Phuong, rocky creek and bedrock stream crossing trail in primary forest, 20°21′33″ N, 105°34′55″ E, 413 m, 14–15-VI-2014.
- 9. Melinh, stream of stony and gravel bed running through secondary forest, 21°23′18″ N, 105°42′46″ E, 70 m, 23-VI-2014.
- 10. Melinh, stream of stony and gravel bed running through secondary forest, 21°23′30″ N, 105°42′46″ E, 83 m, 24-VI-2014 (Figure 3).
- 11. Melinh, stream of stony and gravel bed running through secondary forest, 21°23′57″ N, 105°42′50″ E, 113 m, 25-VI-2014.

- 12. Tam Dao, Suoi Bac, by Belvedere Resort, 21°27′4″ N, 105°38′28″ E, 750 m, 20–21-VI-2014.
- 13. Tam Dao, Thac Bac, 21°27′10″ N, 105°38′37″ E, 860 m, 19-VI-2014.
- 14. Tam Dao, hill path to radio tower, 21°27′52″ N, 105°38′46″ E, 1,200 m, 19-VI-2014.
- 15. Ba Be, stream at Ban Pjec, 22°21′15″ N, 105°40′45″ E, 162 m, 28–29-VI-2014.
- 16. Ba Be, Na Phoong river, 22°23′33″ N, 105°36′52″ E, 170 m, 27–28-VI-2014.

Odonates were collected with aerial nets and are deposited at the California State Collection of Arthropods (CSCA) and



Figures 2–4. Habitat of the new records. **2:** Pool at Cuc Phuong National Park (locality 7, by MH). **3:** Mac Lake at Cuc Phuong National Park (locality 2, by NvE). **4:** Stream at Melinh Station (locality 10, by NvE).

the Vietnam National Museum of Nature (VNMN). The classification followed is that outlined in Dikjstra *et al.* (2013). Color scans were done with an Epson Perfection 4870 scanner. Illustrations were composed using a camera lucida coupled to a Nikon SMZ1500 stereomicroscope, and are not to scale. The map was created electronically with ArcView 9.1.

Ninety species of odonates in 60 genera and 15 families were recorded, including 52 species from Cuc Phuong, 29 from Tam Dao, 27 from Ba Be, and 34 from Melinh (Table 1). Two of these species constitute new records for Vietnam:

Macromia katae Wilson, 1993

1 male from Melinh (locality 10); Figures 5–7

The presence of antehumeral stripes (Figure 5) and dorsum of abdominal segment 10 produced into a spine-like process (Figure 7) allows distinguishing this species from all other *Macromia* species recorded so far from China and Vietnam (Wilson 1993). The upright angle and structure of its posterior hamule and prominent perpendicular genital lobe (Figure 6) are shared with *Macromia aculeata* Fraser, 1927 described from Myanmar and recently recorded from Cambodia (Kosterin 2014a), and *M. arachnomima* Lieftinck, 1953 described from Borneo. *Macromia katae* differs from these two species (Fraser 1927; Lieftinck 1953; Wilson 1993; Kosterin 2014b) by its larger size, with abdomen including appendages 55 mm and

hind wing 45–46.5 mm long (vs. abdomen 39–48 and hind wing 38–44 mm in the other two species), and color pattern of face with yellow spots at mandible bases, sides of labrum, and postclypeus (vs. indistinct yellowish areas at most). The presence of dark brown spots at wing bases also distinguishes *M. katae* from *M. aculeata*, which has no dark basal wing spots.

Macromia katae is so far only known from four localities within lowland secondary forest in China (Guangdong and Hainan) and Hong Kong, and in Laos near the Vietnam border (Yokoi 2003), and it has been assessed as Vulnerable by the IUCN Red List (Wilson 2013). It breeds exclusively in low gradient streams with moderate to fast flow, where the larva is found clinging to roots of mature, well established trees in stream pools or margins (Wilson and Theischinger 1996). Melinh Station encompasses 170.3 hectares of lowland secondary forest, crossed by several streams margined by well developed trees (Figure 4), providing an ideal habitat for the preservation of this species.

Indothemis carnatica (Fabricius, 1798)

2 males from Cuc Phuong (localities 2, 7); Figures 8-11

The original description of *Indothemis carnatica* was very brief and lacked any illustrations. After examining its holotype, Lieftinck (1971) synonymized it with *I. caesia* (Rambur, 1842), and published photographs of its wings, which allowed

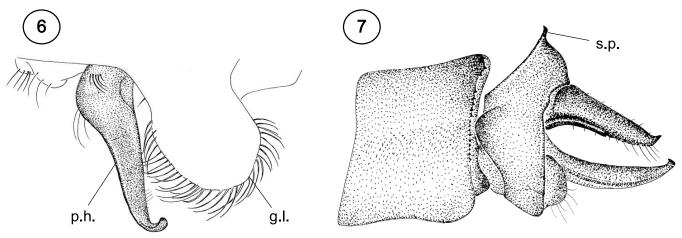
Table 1. Dragonflies and damselflies sampled at four protected areas in Northern Vietnam. @: new records for the country. For locality codens see the text.

Family	Species	Cuc Phuong	Tam Dao	Melinh	Ba Be	Year
Zygoptera	D					
Platystictidae	Protosticta grandis Asahina, 1985	8				2014
	Protosticta satoi Asahina, 1997 (Figure 12)	4,8	12,14			2014
Amphipterygidae	Devadatta ducatrix Lieftinck, 1969 (Figure 13)		12,13			2014
Calopterygidae	Atrocalopteryx coomani (Fraser, 1935)		12			2014
	Mnais mneme Ris, 1916 (Figure 14)			10,11		2014
	Neurobasis chinensis (Linnaeus, 1758)	2,7		9	15,16	2012/2014
	Vestalis gracilis (Rambur, 1842)				15	2014
Chlorocyphidae	Aristocypha fenestrella (Rambur, 1842) (Figure 15) Heliocypha perforata (Percheron, 1835) (Figure 16)	4	12,13	11 9,10,11	15,16	2014 2014
	Libellago lineata (Burmeister, 1839) (Figure 17)	2			16	2014
Euphaeidae	Cryptophaea vietnamensis (van Tol & Rozendaal, 1995) (Figure 18) Euphaea decorata Hagen in Selys, 1853	8	12,13 12,13	11 9,10,11	16	2014 2014
	Euphaea guerini Rambur, 1842 (Figure 19)		12	9,10,11		2014
	Euphaea masoni Selys, 1879 (Figure 20)			9	15	2014
Megapodagrionidae Philogangidae	Agriomorpha fusca May, 1933 (Figure 21) Philoganga vetusta Ris, 1912	4,5,8	12 12	10		2014 2014
Platycnemididae	Calicnemia mortoni (Laidlaw, 1917) (Figure 22)		12			2014
,	Coeliccia acco Asahina, 1997 (Figure 23) Coeliccia ambigua Asahina, 1997 (Figure 24)	4,8	12 12,14	10		2014 2014
	Coeliccia cyanomelas Ris, 1912		12,14			2014
	Coeliccia scutellum Laidlaw, 1932 (Figure 25) Coeliccia uenoi Asahina, 1997	4 4,7,8	12	10	16	2014
	Coeliccia sp.	2,3				2014
	Copera marginipes (Rambur, 1842)	1,2,4,7		9,10	15	2012/2014
	Copera vittata (Selys, 1863)	1,2,1,7		10	.5	2014
	Indocnemis orang (Förster in Laidlaw, 1907) (Figure 26)	4,8	12,14	10		2014
	Prodasineura autumnalis (Fraser, 1922)	2,6	12,11	9,10,11	15,16	2014
	Prodasineura croconota Ris, 1916	2,0		9,10,11	15,10	2014
	Pseudocopera ciliata (Selys, 1863)	7		3,10,11	16	2012/2014
Coenagrionidae	Agriocnemis femina (Brauer, 1868)	2			10	2012/2014
Coenagionidae	Agriocnemis pygmaea (Rambur, 1842)	7				2014
	Ceriagrion auranticum Fraser, 1922	2		10		2012
	Ischnura senegalensis (Rambur, 1842)	2,7		10		2014 2012/2014
	Mortonagrion aborense (Laidlaw, 1914)			9		2014
	Paracercion calamorum (Ris, 1916)	2,6,7				2012/2014
	Paracercion melanotum (Selys, 1876)	7				2012
	Pseudagrion pruinosum (Burmeister, 1839)				16	2014
	Pseudagrion rubriceps Selys, 1876	2			15,16	2014
Anisoptera	3					-
Aeshnidae	Anax guttatus (Burmeister, 1839)	7				2014
	Gynacantha hyalina Selys, 1882	2				2014
	Gynacantha japonica Bartenev, 1910	8		9		2014
	Gynacantha subinterrupta Rambur, 1842	1		-		2014
	Periaeschna magdalena Martin, 1909		12		16	2014
	Planaeschna cucphuongensis Karube, 1999	8				2014

 Table 1. Continued.

Family	Species	Cuc Phuong	Tam Dao	Melinh	Ba Be	Year
Gomphidae	Asiagomphus acco Asahina, 1996	4				2014
	Asiagomphus auricolor (Fraser, 1926)			9,10		2014
	Gomphidia kruegeri Martin, 1904			9,10,11	15	2014
	Gomphidia sp.		12	10		2014
	Heliogomphus retroflexus (Ris, 1912)			10		2014
	Heliogomphus scorpio (Ris, 1912)	4				2014
	Heliogomphus sp.	4				2014
	Ictinogomphus pertinax (Hagen in Selys, 1854) (Figure 27)	2,7				2014
	Leptogomphus perforatus Ris, 1912 (Figure 28)		12	9,10		2014
	Megalogomphus sommeri (Selys, 1894)	4				2014
	Merogomphus tamdaoensis Karube, 2001		12			2014
	Ophiogomphus sinicus (Chao, 1954)			10		2014
	Paragomphus capricornis (Förster, 1914)				15	2014
	Phaenandrogomphus tonkinicus (Fraser, 1926)				16	2014
	Sinictinogomphus clavatus (Fabricius, 1775)	2				2014
Chlorogomphidae	Chlorogomphus auratus Martin, 1910	4				2014
	Chlorogomphus nakamurai Karube, 1995	4,5				2014
	Chlorogomphus takakuwai Karube, 1995		12,14			2014
Synthemistidae	Idionyx carinata Fraser, 1926		12			2014
	ldionyx thailandica Hämäläinen, 1985			11		2014
	Macromidia rapida Martin, 1907			9		2014
Macromiidae	Epophthalmia elegans (Brauer, 1865)	7				2012
	Macromia clio Ris, 1916				15	2014
	@ Macromia katae Wilson, 1993			10		2014
	Macromia pinratani Asahina, 1983		12,14			2014
	Macromia urania Ris, 1916				16	2014
Libellulidae	Brachythemis contaminata (Fabricius, 1793)	2,7				2012/2014
	Crocothemis servilia (Drury, 1773)	7			16	2012/2014
	Diplacodes trivialis (Rambur, 1842)	7	14	10		2012/2014
	@ Indothemis carnatica (Fabricius, 1798)	2,7				2014
	Lyriothemis bivittata (Rambur, 1842)	- /-		16	2014	
	Neurothemis fulvia (Drury, 1773) (Figure 29)	2			16	2012/2014
	Onychothemis tonkinensis Martin, 1904	2			15	2012/2014
	Orthetrum glaucum (Brauer, 1865)	2,7	13		15	2014
	Orthetrum pruinosum (Burmeister, 1839)	2,7	13	10	16	2014 2012/2014
	Orthetrum sabina (Drury, 1770)		12.14	10		
	•	2,7	12,14		16	2012/2014
	Orthetrum triangulare (Selys, 1878)	4	14	10		2014
	Pantala flavescens (Fabricius, 1798)	7	14	10		2012/2014
	Pseudothemis zonata (Burmeister, 1839)	2,7		11	15	2014
	Rhyothemis variegata (Linnaeus, 1763)	2				2014
	Tetrathemis platyptera Selys, 1878	6		0.55		2014
	Trithemis aurora (Burmeister, 1839)	2,7		9,10	16	2012/2014
	Trithemis festiva (Rambur, 1842)	7			15	2012/2014
	Zygonyx asahinai Matsuki & Saito, 1995		12			2014
	Zygonyx iris Selys,1869		12	9,11		2014
	Total number of species	52	29	34	27	



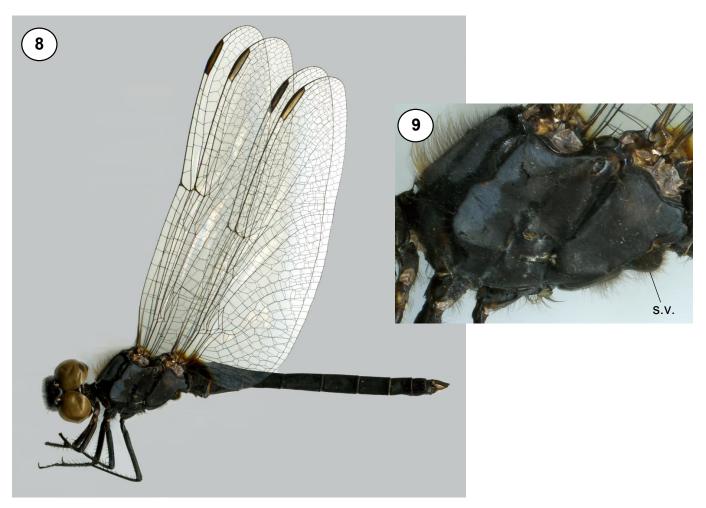


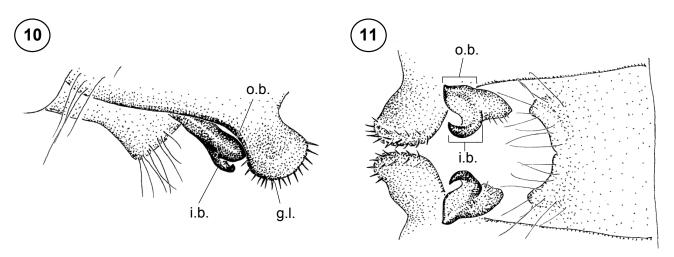
Figures 5–7. *Macromia katae*, male from Melinh Station for Biodiversity (locality 10). **5:** Habitus scan. **6:** Lateral view of genital fossa. **7:** Lateral view of abdominal segments 9 and 10. a.h.: antehumeral stripe; g.l.: genital lobe; p.h.: posterior hamule; s.p.: spine-like process.

us to confirm the identity of our specimens. The genus *Indothemis* currently includes only one additional species, *I. limbata* (Selys, 1891), which can be recognized from *I. carnatica* by differences in wing venation and color pattern (Fraser 1936). Here we provide color scans (Figures 8 and 9) and illustrations of some male body structures which are also of diagnostic value to distinguish both species and have never been figured before; in *I. limbata* the venter of thorax is only slightly swollen (distinctly swollen in *I. carnatica*, Figures 8

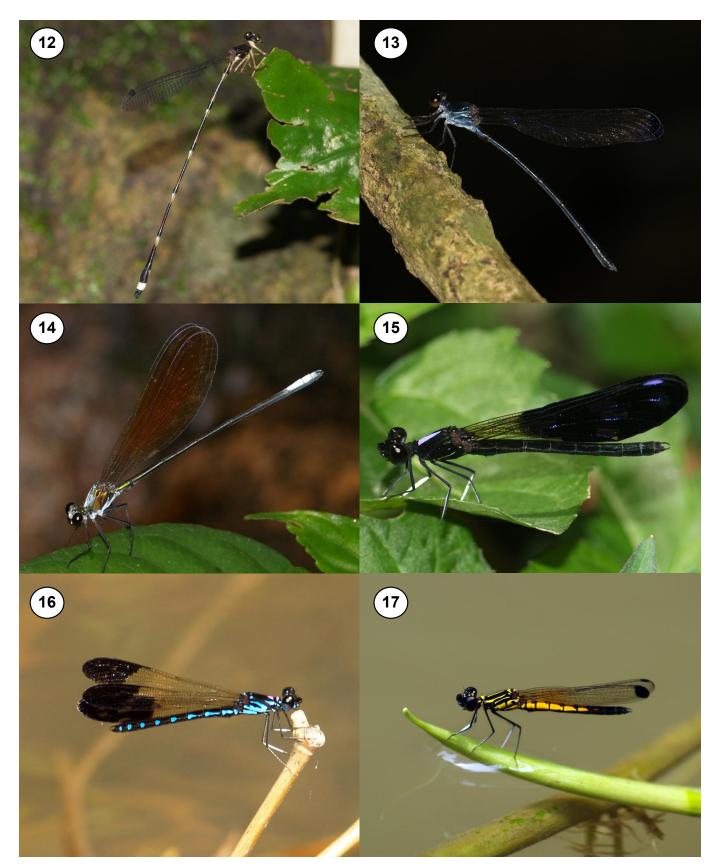
and 9) and inner branch of hamule is distinctly longer than outer branch (about as long as outer branch in *I. carnatica*, Figures 10 and 11).

Indothemis carnatica is apparently scarce and localized in occurrence, known from only a few locations in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand (Dow 2009), and Malaysia (Choong and Cheah 2013). Because of its limited range of distribution in areas altered by human development it was assessed as Near Threatened by the IUCN Red List (Dow 2009). The present





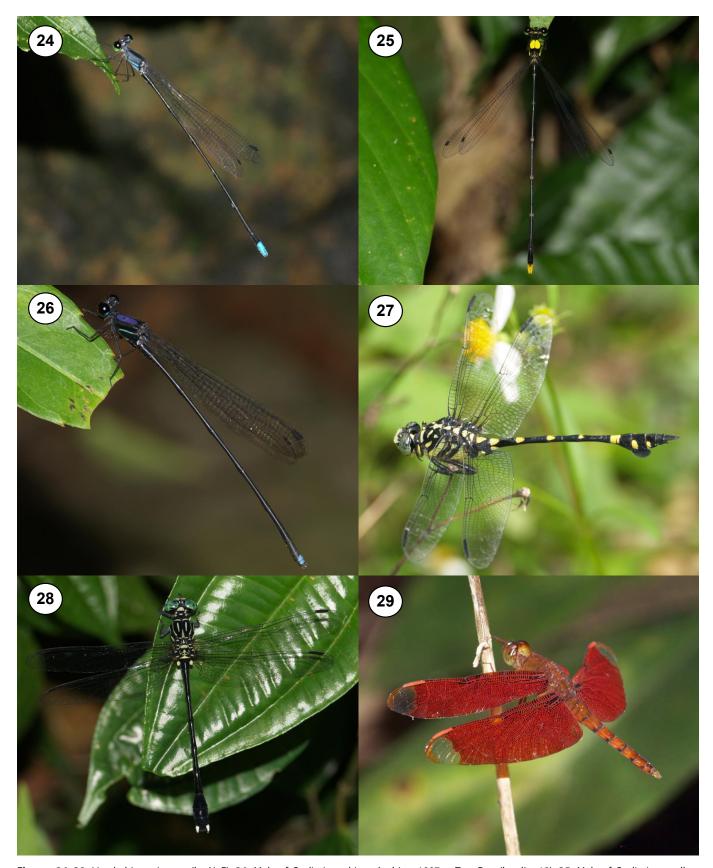
Figures 8–11. Indothemis carnatica, male from Cuc Phuong National Park (locality 2). 8: Habitus scan. 9: Lateral view of pterothorax. 10: Lateral view of male genital fossa. 11: Ventral view of male genital fossa. g.l.: genital lobe; i.b.: inner branch of hamule; o.b.: outer branch of hamule; s.v.: swollen thoracic venter.



Figures 12–17. Live habitus pictures (by NvE). 12: Male of *Protosticta satoi* Asahina, 1997 at Tam Dao (locality 12). 13: Male of *Devadatta ducatrix* Lieftinck, 1969 at Tam Dao (locality 12). 14: Male of *Mnais mneme* Ris, 1916 at Melinh (locality 10). 15: Male of *Aristocypha fenestrella* (Rambur, 1842) at Tam Dao (locality 12). 16: Male of *Heliocypha perforata* (Percheron, 1835) at Ba Be (locality 16). 17: Male of *Libellago lineata* (Burmeister, 1839) at Ba Be (locality 16).



Figures 18–23. Live habitus pictures (by NvE). 18: Female of Chryptophaea vietnamensis (van Tol & Rozendaal, 1995) at Tam Dao (locality 12). 19: Male of Euphaea guerini Rambur, 1843 at Melinh (locality 9). 20: Male of Euphaea masoni Selys, 1879 at Melinh (locality 9). 21: Male of Agriomorpha fusca May, 1933 at Cuc Phuong (locality 8). 22: Male of Calicnemia mortoni (Laidlaw, 1917) at Tam Dao (locality 12). 23: Male of Coeliccia acco Asahina, 1997 at Cuc Phuong (locality 8).



Figures 24–29. Live habitus pictures (by NvE). 24: Male of *Coeliccia ambigua* Asahina, 1997 at Tam Dao (locality 12). 25: Male of *Coeliccia scutellum* Laidlaw, 1932 at Tam Dao (locality 12). 26: Male of *Indocnemis orang* (Förster in Laidlaw, 1907) at Tam Dao (locality 12). 27: Male of *Ictinogomphus pertinax* (Hagen in Selys, 1854) at Cuc Phuong (locality 7). 28: Male of *Leptogomphus perforatus* Ris, 1912 at Tam Dao (locality 12). 29: Male of *Neurothemis fulvia* (Drury, 1773) at Ba Be (locality 16).

finding extends its known area of occurrence considerably. This species breeds in small, heavily weeded ponds and lakes (Fraser 1936), and habitats suitable for its survival are currently protected within Cuc Phuong National Park (Figures 2 and 3).

Another four species found during this survey have been photographed and featured in blogs dealing with Vietnamese odonates (Delonglée 2014; Kompier 2014) but have not yet been recorded in peer-reviewed published literature. Our records for them are:

Paracercion calamorum (Ris, 1916)

6 males, 5 females from Cuc Phuong (localities 2, 6, 7)

Commonly found perching on floating water plants, this is a widespread species recorded from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Russia, and Thailand, and assessed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List (Wilson 2009). Description and illustrations of male diagnostic caudal appendages can be found in Ris (1916: 29, 32–33, figure 9) and Dumont (2004: 364–365, figures 13–16).

Mortonagrion aborense (Laidlaw, 1914)

1 male, 1 female from Melinh (locality 9)

This is a species tolerant of disturbance which is found in forest streams, shady marshes, and ponds; it was recorded from India to Thailand and Laos, and south to Borneo and Sumatra, and assessed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List (Subramanian 2010). Asahina (1982: 456–458, figures 1–10) provided a redescription and illustrations of diagnostic structures of males and females (as *M. binocellata* (Fraser, 1929), a junior synonym of this species).

Ophiogomphus sinicus (Chao, 1954)

1 male from Melinh (locality 10)

Known from several provinces in southeast China, this species was assessed as Data Deficient by the IUCN Red List due to the scarce knowledge about its habitat requirements and ecology (Tong 2013). This constitutes its first published record outside of China. Description and illustrations of diagnostic characters can be found in Chao (1954: 264–266, figures 438–444) and Karube (2014b: 88, figures 17a–c).

Zygonyx asahinai Matsuki & Saito, 1995

1 female from Tam Dao (locality 12)

Matsuki and Saito (1995: 19–23, figures 1–19) described, diagnosed, and illustrated this species, which occurs in forested montane streams, including secondary forest, especially near waterfalls, and is known from several provinces in southeast China, having been assessed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List (Wilson and Zhang 2013). This constitutes the first published record of this species outside of China.

Do et al. (2011) reported 19 species of Anisoptera for Cuc Phuong National Park. Here 37 species are added to the list for the Park, including 22 species of Zygoptera (see Table 1) and 15 of Anisoptera: Anax guttatus (Burmeister, 1839), Gynacantha hyalina Selys, 1882, G. japonica Bartenev, 1910, Heliogomphus scorpio (Ris, 1912), Heliogomphus sp., Epophthalmia elegans (Brauer, 1865), Brachythemis contaminata (Fabricius, 1793), Diplacodes trivialis (Rambur, 1842), Indothemis carnatica (Fabricius, 1798), Neurothemis fulvia (Drury, 1773), Orthetrum

glaucum (Brauer, 1865), Pantala flavescens (Fabricius, 1798), Pseudothemis zonata (Burmeister, 1839), Trithemis aurora (Burmeister, 1839), and Trithemis festiva (Rambur, 1842).

Gynacantha hyalina was recorded from 'Tonkin' (Northern Vietnam) by Martin (1909), and never again mentioned from Vietnam in the literature. Lieftinck (1960: 251–252; figures 12a, b) examined the types of both *G. hyalina* and its most similar congener *G. subinterrupta*. He confirmed that the illustrations and species concepts in Martin (1909) agreed with those of their original descriptions, diagnosed the two species from one another, and provided illustrations of the appendages of the male holotype of *G. hyalina*, which closely match those of the male specimen collected in the present study.

Coeliccia sp., *Gomphidia* sp., and *Heliogomphus* sp. (Table 1), most likely represent new species, although revisionary work including examination of types is necessary to confirm this.

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