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New location reports of *Anomala dimidiata ssp. dimidiata* (Hope, 1831) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) in Arunachal Pradesh, India

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The Pleurostict beetle *Anomala dimidiata ssp. dimidiata* (Hope 1831) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) has a geographical distribution from Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar), Assam, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal in India (Chandra and Gupta, 2012). Pinned specimens of *Anomala dimidiata* (Hope, 1831) preserved in APRC ZSI from Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar, ZSI Campus were examined by Chandra and Gupta (2012). Sonowal *et al.*, (2021) reported *Anomala* spp as pest of pulses in Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh. The present observations are the species feeding on Taro from Yazali

(27.405373, 93.740616) (Fig.1) and Litchi (27.374576, 93.873774) (Lower Subansiri District) and Kimin (27.328324, 93.981201) (Papumpare district) during local surveys undertaken during May-November 2017. The genus *Colocasia* Schott, (Araceae: Colocasieae) includes about 20 species mainly confined to tropical and subtropical Asia, India is home to multiple wild species of *Colocasia* (Li and Boyce, 2010). Different pest insects have been reported damaging the plant (DPPQ&S, 2022). The present observation on multiple occasions is a new location reports from the aforesaid three locations in two different districts of Arunachal Pradesh.



Fig. 1. *Anomala demidata* on *Colocasia* (11.6.2017 at Yazali, Lower Subansiri district)

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