

## On the synonymy of *Parophonus australicus* BAEHR and *Parophonus opacus* (MACLEAY)

(Coleoptera, Carabidae, Harpalinae)

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BAEHR (1986) described recently a *Parophonus* from Australia which seems to represent the first record of a species of the large subtribe Selenophorina from Australia. Early this year, after that paper was already printed, T. A. WEIR of the Australian National Insect Collection (ANIC) informed me that in the forthcoming Zoological Catalogue of Australia, Coleoptera Vol. I (now printed) B. P. MOORE recorded a *Parophonus opacus* (MACLEAY, 1888) from northwestern Australia which might be the same species. This species was firstly described as a *Diaphoromerus*, a genus of the subtribe Anisodactylina, and the new combination was firstly used by MOORE (1987) in this Catalogue. When describing *Parophonus australicus*, I was not aware of that *Diaphoromerus opacus* MACLEAY, the more, as also NOONAN, in his recent monograph of the Selenophorina (NOONAN 1985) apparently overlooked this species and denied the occurrence of any Selenophorine in Australia.

After examination of the four syntypes from the ANIC I feel rather sure that they belong to the same species as *P. australicus*. As MOORE did not select a lectotype (WEIR, personal communication), I herewith state that *Parophonus australicus* BAEHR is synonymous with *Parophonus opacus* (MACLEAY) and I designate a ♀ from the type series of the ANIC the lectotype. It bears the label „*Diaphoromerus opacus*. Macl. Kings Sound N.W.A.“, written by MACLEAY himself (ANIC). There are three additional paralectotypes (syntypes) in the ANIC and three paralectotypes (syntypes) in the South Australian Museum, Adelaide.

With regard to the statement of MOORE (1987) and the record of BAEHR (1986) *Parophonus opacus* seems to occupy most of the tropical far North of Western Australia, of the Northern Territory, and perhaps also of Queensland. It is, however, still the single known species of the subtribe Selenophorina to occur in Australia.

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