

**Redescription of *Candezea dahlmani* Jacoby, 1899
from tropical Africa, transferred to
Panafrolepta n. gen.¹
(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Galerucinae)**

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Abstract: After revision of the speciose Afrotropical galerucine genera *Monolepta* Chevrolat, 1837, *Candezea* Chapuis, 1879 and *Barombiella* Laboissière, 1931, many described species remained which are not closely related to those taxa and need to be transferred to other genera. *Candezea dahlmani* Jacoby, 1899 represents such a phylogenetically isolated species. In particular the asymmetric aedoeagus, an unique character in Afrotropical Galerucinae with elongated basi-metatarsus, underline the necessity of describing a new genus *Panafrolepta* n. gen. *Luperodes circumcinctus* Laboissière, 1919, n. syn., and *Candezea bifrons* Laboissière, 1923, n. syn. are junior synonyms of *Candezea dahlmani* which is type species of *Panafrolepta* n. gen. by monotypy. A comprehensive re-description of the species and description of the new genus is given. The species is widely distributed and abundant throughout savannahs and semi-deserts of tropical Africa, but absent from dense rain forests and high mountains.

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Introduction

A revision on Afrotropical "Monoleptites" sensu the most recent catalogue of the Galerucinae (WILCOX 1973) was started some years ago

¹ 24th contribution to the taxonomy, phylogeny and biogeography of Afrotropical Galerucinae.