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New synonym of *Apoleon edax* GORHAM, 1885 (Coleoptera: Bostrichidae)

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ABSTRACT. The species *Dysides spineus* CHEN et YIN, 2003 is transferred to the genus *Apoleon* GORHAM and synonymized with *Apoleon edax* GORHAM. Characters distinguishing *Dysides* PERTY and *Apoleon*, the only two genera of the subfamily Dysidinae, family Bostrichidae, are indicated.

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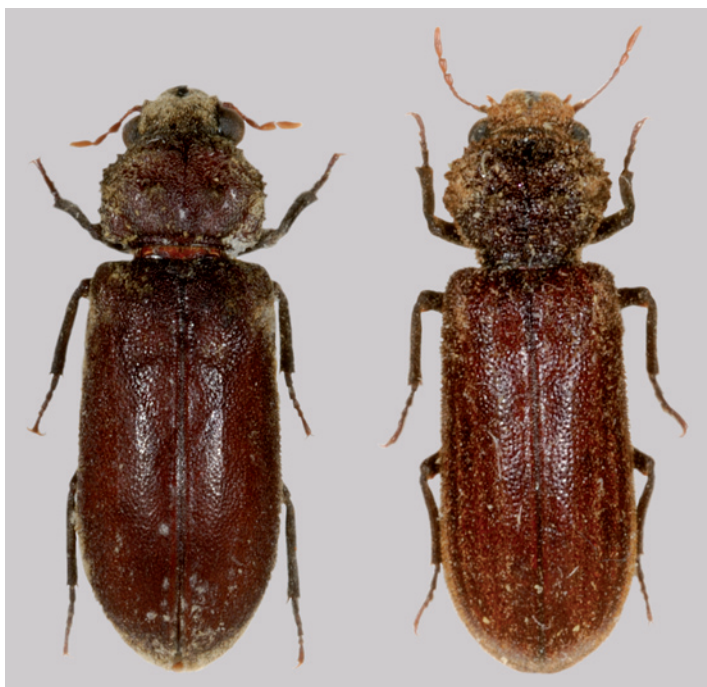
Recently CHEN and YIN (2003) described a new bostrichid species, *Dysides spineus*, whose several individuals had been imported with timber from Malaysia to China (Guangdong prov.). The authors of the original description classified it as belonging to the genus *Dysides* PERTY, 1832, comprising only two South American species (LESNE 1938).

Having analysed the description and drawings we came to the conclusion that the species belongs in fact to the genus *Apoleon* GORHAM and is a junior synonym of its only representative, *A. edax* GORHAM, 1885.

Apoleon edax GORHAM, 1885 is a common species widely distributed in the Oriental Region. It has been reported from Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia (Java, Sumatra, Borneo).

Both genera belong to the subfamily Dysidinae of the family Bostrichidae. Besides separated areas of distribution, they differ in morphological characters shown in the table below and on figures.

Diagnostic character/genus	<i>Dysides</i> PERTY, 1832	<i>Apoleon</i> GORHAM, 1885
number of antennomeres	9	10
shape of last joint of antennal club	length at least 4 times greater than width	length at most 2 times greater than width
pubescence of antennal club	length of setae equal to width of club	length of setae twice greater than width of club
front	somewhat convex	flat or slightly concave
elytra	without longitudinal carinae	each with 6 carinae
elytral pubescence	uniform	uneven, denser on carinae
tarsi	first joint equal to, or slightly longer than second	first joint distinctly shorter than second



1-2. Dorsal view: 1 - *Dysides obscurus* PERTY; 2 - *Apoleon edax* GORHAM

Genus *Apoleon* GORHAM, 1885

Apoleon GORHAM, 1885: 51. Type species: *Apoleon edax* GORHAM, 1885: 52, by monotypy.

***Apoleon edax* GORHAM, 1885**

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Apoleon spineus (CHEN et YIN, 2003: 113). **comb. n.** and **syn. n.**

Distribution: Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia (Java, Sumatra, Borneo), China (Guandong) (introduced).

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