

A New Species of *Aulacospira* from Thailand (Pulmonata: Stylommatophora: Pupillidae)

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ABSTRACT.—*Aulacospira khaopratun* n. sp. is described from a limestone hill in Rayong Province, Thailand. It is the third member of *Aulacospira* recorded from Thailand. Approximately, the first two whorls are rounded, the preultimate and final whorls exhibit two spiral sulci that extend to the aperture. No apertural barriers were observed.

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INTRODUCTION

Panha and Burch (2001) were the first to record *Aulacospira* from Thailand when they described two species from northern and eastern Thailand. *Aulacospira* exhibit short deflected tubas, generally with distinct apertural barriers. The protoconch of *A. lampangensis* is sculptured with granulose wrinkles, which terminate abruptly where the protoconch ends and the teleconch begins. The new species was collected from Khao Pratun, Khao Chamao sub-District, Rayong Province, Thailand (Fig. 1). The lack of an apertural barrier is shared with three previously described Phillipine species (Möllendorff, 1887, 1888; Quadras and Möllendorff, 1894).

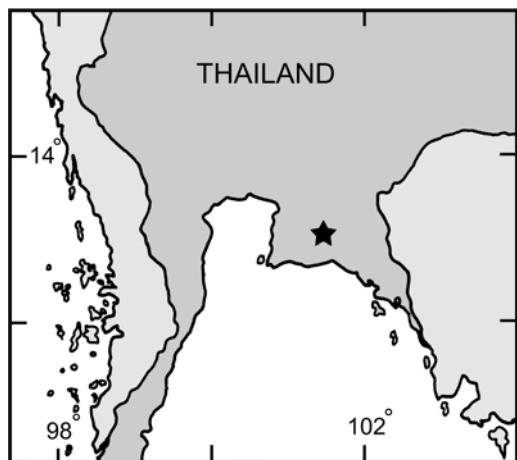


FIGURE 1. Map showing location of type locality, Khao Pratun, Rayong Province (star).

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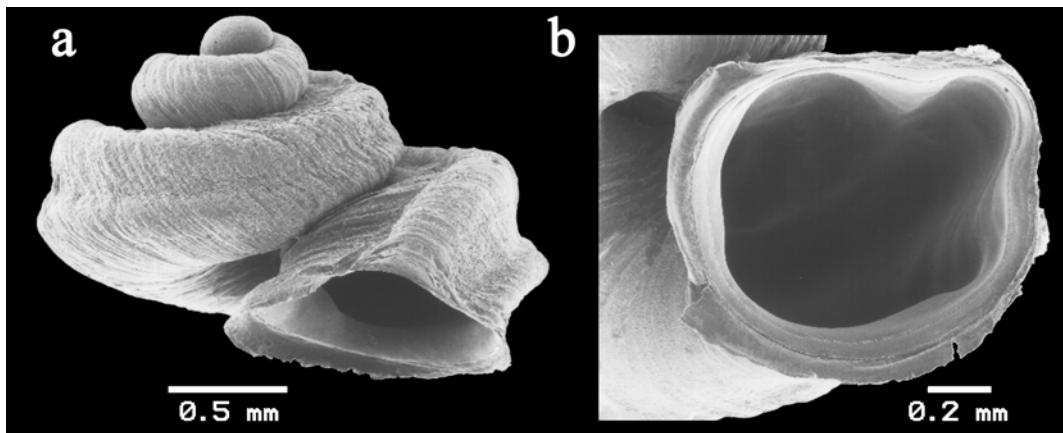


FIGURE 2. *Aulacospira khaopratun* n. sp. Holotype: (a) apertural view; (b) shell aperture.

***Aulacospira khaopratun* n. sp.**
Fig. 2a, b

Description of Holotype- Shell minute, brownish, depressed, 1.6 mm high, 2.0 mm wide. Approximately 3 whorls with almost no trumpet-shaped aperture, normally a common feature of the genus. The smooth protoconch is terminated by the radial sulci of the teleoconch. Almost the first two whorls are rounded; the penultimate whorl and last whorl exhibit two distinct spiral sulci that are continuous with the aperture. No apertural barriers were observed

Type Locality- Thailand, Khao Pratun, an isolated limestone hill of Rayong Province at 13° 07' 18" N 101° 36' 03" E.

Etymology- The specific epithet *khaopratun* is from the locality of the new species.

Type Material- The holotype (CUMZ, ID 093) is deposited in the Chulalongkorn University Zoological Museum; five shell paratypes are deposited in the Museum of Zoology, Burapha University, Chonburi. Specimens presented by P. Dumrongrojwattana.

Geographic Distribution and Habitat- *Aulacospira khaopratun* is known only from Khao Pratun a limestone hill at Khao Chamao sub-District, Rayong Province. *Diplommatina crispata khaochamaoensis* (Panha, Kanchanasa-ka & Burch, 1997) was also found in this habitat.

Diagnosis- The two spiral sulci on the penultimate whorl and last whorl, and the lack of apertural barriers are the dominant characters for the new species.

Remarks- *Aulacospira khaopratun* n. sp. is superficially similar to *Aulacospira hololoma* Möllendorff, 1888 which is found in Cebu, Philippines, but the new species differs in possessing a low spire and two distinct spiral sulci on the penultimate whorl and last whorl.

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