

## NOTA / NOTE

*Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 (Coleoptera: Cleridae)  
rediscovered in PortugalJosé Manuel Grosso-Silva<sup>1</sup> & Melanie Pritchard<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup> Museu de História Natural e da Ciência da Universidade do Porto (MHNC-UP) / PRISC, Praça Gomes Teixeira,  
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**Abstract:** *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 (Coleoptera: Cleridae), which previously was only recorded once from Portugal, is reported from the country almost 140 years after the first record.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Cleridae, *Clerus mutillarius africanus*, rediscovered, second record, Portugal.

**Resumen:** *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 (Coleoptera: Cleridae) redescubierto en Portugal. Se registra *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 (Coleoptera: Cleridae), previamente citado sólo una sola vez de Portugal, tras casi 140 años sin registros en el país.

**Palabras clave:** Coleoptera, Cleridae, *Clerus mutillarius africanus*, redescubrimiento, segunda cita, Portugal.

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The Iberian fauna of Cleridae was recently the subject of a thorough study based on a comprehensive literature compilation and the analysis of numerous collections which produced a catalogue containing 37 species, being one species, *Clerus mutillarius* Fabricius, 1775, represented by two subspecies (BAHILLO DE LA PUEBLA *et al.*, 2021).

For mainland Portugal, these authors compiled a list of 24 species previously recorded, including a few which they considered doubtful or in need of confirmation (BAHILLO DE LA PUEBLA *et al.*, 2021).

The purpose of this contribution is to present a very recent record of *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 from Portugal. This taxon, recorded only once from the country in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, from Buçaco (OLIVEIRA, 1884), ranks among the clerids with the longest absence of new records in Portugal: 139 years.

### Material examined

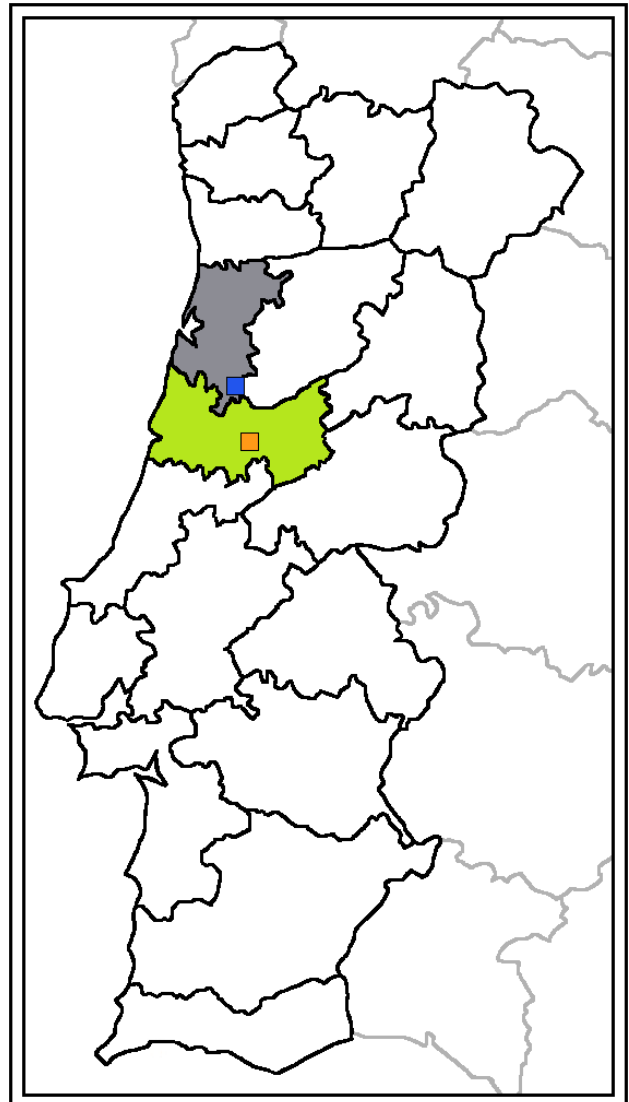
**Coimbra district:** Lousã municipality: Covas (40.1344533, -8.1789176; MGRS: 29TNE6943), 25/04/2023, 1 specimen photographed by Melanie Pritchard (<https://www.biodiversity4all.org/observations/157067279>). Figs. 1-2 show two views of the specimen.

The new record confirms the occurrence of *Clerus mutillarius africanus* in Portugal after almost 140 years without observations or any kind of record and, as shown in Map 1, adds a new district (Coimbra) to the one previously known (Aveiro), from where the species was recorded by OLIVEIRA (1884).

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**Map 1.-** Portuguese distribution of *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 (green: new district; grey: previously known district; orange: new MGRS 100 km<sup>2</sup> square; blue: previously known MGRS 100 km<sup>2</sup> square).

**Figs. 1-2.-** Two views of the specimen of *Clerus mutillarius africanus* Kocher, 1955 photographed in Covas (Lousã, Portugal) on 25/04/2023. (Photos: M. Pritchard).