

**A new *Myriochila* (subgenus *Monelica*)  
from Baluchistan, Pakistan**  
(Coleoptera: Cicindelidae)

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**Abstract:** A new tiger beetle species, *Myriochila* (*Monelica*) *akhteri* n. sp. (Coleoptera: Cicindelidae), closely related to the African species *M. (M.) dorsata* (Brullé, 1834) and *M. (M.) mirei* Rivalier, 1961, is described from Lowralai, Baluchistan, Pakistan. This African-Asian connection east of the Sahelian/Saharian area, the Arabian peninsula and the arid Iranian plateau is a biogeographical distribution similar to that exhibited by two other closely related species in this same genus the Indian species *M. (M.) fastidiosa* (Dejean, 1825) and its African counterpart *M. (M.) vicina* (Dejean, 1831).

**Riassunto:** Una nuova Cicindela, *Myriochila* (*Monelica*) *akhteri* n. sp. (Coleoptera: Cicindelidae), affine alle specie Africane *M. (M.) dorsata* (Brullé, 1834) e *M. (M.) mirei* Rivalier, 1961, viene descritta di Loralai, Beluchistan, Pakistan. Questa interessante connessione africano-asiatica, molto a est dell'area sahelo-sahariana, della penisola arabica e dell'arido plateau iraniano ricalca una distribuzione bogeografica simile a quella mostrata da altre due specie dello stesso genere, la specie indiana *M. (M.) fastidiosa* (Dejean, 1825) e la sua comune controparte africana *M. (M.) vicina* (Dejean, 1831).

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The second author recently received tiger beetle specimens from Pakistan (Baluchistan) of an undescribed *Myriochila* (*Monelica*) species, closely related to the African species *M. (M.) dorsata* (Brullé, 1834) and