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A New Record of the Weevil *Pycnodactylopsis tomentosa* (Fåhraeus, 1842) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) from Sindh, Pakistan

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The superfamily of weevils, Curculionoidea, contains about 62,000 described species and subspecies worldwide (Oberprieler *et al.*, 2007). The tribe Lixinae: Cleonini includes almost 600 species and subspecies, mainly distributed in the Palaearctic and Afrotropical regions, with some expansion to the Indo-Malayan region and Northamerica. The genus *Pycnodactylopsis* Voss, 1963 includes eight species. Six of the eight species are exclusive to the Afrotropical and Indo-Malayan fauna (Meregalli, unpublished data). The type species of *Pycnodactylopsis*, *P. schauffelei* Voss, 1963 is a synonym of *P. albogilva* (Gyllenhal, 1834), a species present in subsaharan Africa (Meregalli, 2013). One of the two Palaearctic species is *P. tomentosa* (Fåhraeus, 1842). This is the type species of *Louwia* Alonso-Zarazaga and Lyal, 1999, proposed as a subgenus of *Pycnodactylopsis* and reduced to synonym of the latter by Meregalli (2013). *P. tomentosa* was reported from Iran (Legalov *et al.*, 2010) and has a broad distribution in the Canary Islands, Northern Africa and India. Hashmi and Tashfeen (1992) and Chaudhry *et al.* (1966) listed species of weevils from Pakistan but never recorded this species. In August 2013 the first author collected one female specimen of *P. tomentosa* from Thar Desert Sindh, Pakistan, which represents a new country record. The specimen, determined by the second author, is deposited in the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan. This research work is part of B.S. thesis of the third author, who is

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