

**A new subspecies of land snail *Bensonella plicidens lakainguta* (Gastropoda, Vertiginidae)
from southern Taiwan**

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Abstract

A new subspecies, *Bensonella plicidens lakainguta* subsp. nov., is collected from Mt. Zhibenzhushan, Pingtung County, southern Taiwan and is described in this article. The new subspecies differs to the discontinuously widespread nominate subspecies *Bensonella plicidens plicidens* Benson, 1849 in 1. having a more vertical aperture; 2. having a wider base lip so that the aperture is close to rectangular; 3. the columellar, basal and palatal lamellae are interrupted, with a hook pointed outward, a trace of lamella along the shell wall extending near to the aperture margin and elevated again submarginally. Owing to these minute differences and isolated distribution, I decide it is a new subspecies.

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