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REPORT ON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE CICADAS POMPONIA CINCTIMANUS WALKER, 1850 AND DUNDUBIA ANNANDALEI BOULARD, 2007 FROM MIZORAM, INDIA

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The diversity and distribution of cicadas within the state of Mizoram has been poorly studied and this report adds new distribution records to the cicada fauna of the state as well as two species - *Dundubia hastata* Moulton, 1923 and *Tosena splendida* Distant, 1878., formerly reported by Marathe *et al.* (2021).

The occurrence of Pomponia cinctimanus Walker, 1850 and Dundubia annandalei Boulard, 2007 is reported for the first time from the state of Mizoram, India. P. cinctimanus are characterized by their greenish head, pronotum and mesonotum along with pale green coloration on the ventral head, sternum and operculum. Abdomen dark ochraceous and the tegmina and wings are pale hyaline in colour (Distant, 1892). Their distribution included Bangladesh (Marathe et al. 2021) along with Assam, India and Vietnam (Price et al. 2016). The occurrence of annandalei in India was recently D established by Sarkar et al (2020). The species can be identified based on their entirely green body with pale reddish ocelli. The base of the legs are always yellow and the wings are completely transparent. The species has been reported from the states of Meghalaya, Assam and West Bengal (Sarkar et al. 2020).

The specimens were collected within the campus of Mizoram University (23°44'19.18"N, 92°39'44.62"E; 774 m asl. elevation) using light trap technique proposed

by Sheikh *et al.* (2016) between April, 2020 and May, 2020 and were stored under dry preservation in the Departmental Museum of Zoology, Mizoram University. The specimen photographs were taken using Canon M6 mark ii digital camera with Tokina 100 mm (1:1) macro lens.

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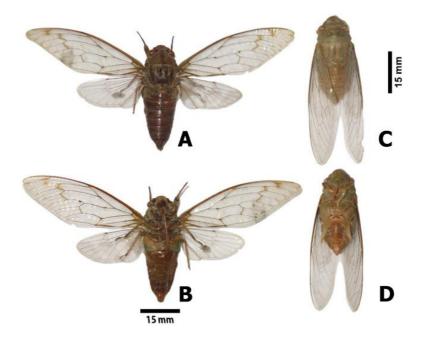


Fig. 1: Dorsal and ventral views of *Pomponia cinctimanus* (A, B) and *Dundubia annandalei* (C, D) from Mizoram, India.