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## CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRA LASCAR *PANTOPORIA SANDAKA* IN ODISHA, INDIA

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The Extra Lascar *Pantoporia sandaka* (Butler, 1892) is superficially nearly identical to the widespread Common Lascar *P. hordonia* (Stoll, [1790]). Varshney & Smetacek (2015) report *P. sandaka* from Uttarakhand to north east India, peninsular India south of Maharashtra and the Andaman islands. Kehimkar (2016) reported *P. sandaka* from peninsular India up to Maharashtra and West Bengal, Uttarakhand-Arunachal, NE (India). This distribution includes Odisha but appears to be not based on any published records or specimen. No previous author clarified the distribution along the east coast of the Indian peninsula, since this was not confirmed earlier.

### Material examined

2 exs. Forewing length: 21 mm. Expanse 42 mm: 16.ii.2020. Village Upara Taladiha, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha (21°40'28.3"N; 86°28'41.7"E). *Leg. et coll.* Sandeep Mishra Biodiversity Education and Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

*P. hordonia* and *P. sandaka* were separated by Eliot (1969). The only way to distinguish adults is to examine the hind wing speculum. This is not visible in photographs of live individuals, hence it is impossible to separate these two species on the basis of photograph of live individuals. *P. hordonia* has been reported from Odisha (Varshney & Smetacek, 2015). The present records confirm the presence of *P. sandaka* in Odisha.

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Fig. 1: *Pantoporia sandaka*