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OCCURRENCE OF THE TAIL-LESS FRUIT BAT, *MEGAEROPS ECAUDATUS*
(TEMMINCK, 1837), IN NAMDAPHA, TIRAP DISTRICT, ARUNACHAL
PRADESH : AN ADDITION TO THE INDIAN FAUNA (MAMMALIA :
CHIROPTERA : PTEROPODIDAE)

A mammalian collection made in the course of the faunistic survey in Namdapha, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh, India, during March-May 1981 by a team headed by Dr. Shyamrup Biswas, Zoologist, Zoological Survey of India, contains two specimens of the Tail-less Fruit Bat, *Megaerops ecaudatus* (Temminck, 1837), along with other mammals.

The Tail-less Fruit Bat, *Megaerops ecaudatus* (Temminck) is a member of the Cynopterine section of the family Pteropodidae, suborder Megachiroptera (Chiroptera : Mammalia). Its distribution, according to extant literature, ranges over Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo and to Annam (Andersen 1912, Walker *et al.* 1964, and Ellerman & Morrison-Scott 1966). In recent years it has been also recorded from Thailand (Hill & Thonglongya 1972). Hence, its occurrence in Namdapha, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh, India is of much academic interest.

Material : 2 ♀ (one stuffed dry skin & skull, and the other wet in alcohol), collected from Gibbonsland, c. 16 km east of Miao, Namdapha, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh, India, by Dr. Shyamrup Biswas, on 30 April 1981.

Measurements : Head & body 84, 90 ; Forearm 59.6, 62.7 ; Ear 18.5, 19 ; Tibia

25.5, 26 ; Foot & claw 14.5, 15 ; Wing span —, 424.

These bats were trapped in Japanese Nylon Mist Nets set amidst thick foliages between half-a-metre and two metres above the ground, near a small stream. In the same area and in the same set of nets other species of fruit bats belonging to the genera *Cynopterus*, *Sphaerias* and *Macroglossus* were also trapped.

Since the detailed report on the Namdapha Survey Collection will be dealt with in a separate comprehensive account and will take some more time to appear, the opportunity is taken here to register the new record which is an addition of a genus and a species of fruit bat to the list of fauna of India, Mammalia.

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