

**A NEW STAPHYLINIDAE (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA) FROM
THE SANTANA FORMATION (LOWER CRETACEOUS,
NORTHEAST BRAZIL)**

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The fauna of Coleoptera from the Santana Formation is abundant and diverse although just two named species are known until now: *Caririderma pilosa* Martins-Neto (Staphylinidae) and *Conan barbarica* (Cloptoclavidae). In this contribution, a new staphylinid is described, representing a new genus and new species.

The material and unique specimen in part and counterpart was recently collected by the author and team (1999) from the Mina Pedra Branca outcrop (Crato Member, laminated limestone level). The specimen is complete, well preserved.

This new taxon is very distinct of *Caririderma pilosa* of the same deposits in all observed morphological aspects.