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The genus Laccosternus was described for a species from Sumatra, L. grouvellei (Regimbart). In the course of our recent investigation in Laos, a new species was found in the province of Savannakhet It is described here as Laccosternus krausi sp.nov. It is here compared to the single previously known species and its status within the genus is discussed. The most important characters are illustrated and the habitat thoroughly described. The known distribution and ecology of the two species are briefly outlined. Several characters that are generally used and accepted as reliable for phylogenetic analysis are discussed.

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