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An undescribed genus of skate (Pisces, Elasmobranchii, Rajoidei)
from Korea

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The most recent, Jeong and Nakabo (1997) described *Raja koreana* as a new species based on an adult female specimen collected from the southwestern coast of Korean Peninsula. *Raja koreana* has several unique characters not shared with any other supraspecific taxa of Rajoidei, but it was provisionally included in the genus *Raja* because of having no information of its clasper. Later, two mature males and a few specimens of the species were collected from near the type locality. Therefore, a new genus should be erected for this species. The new genus is characterized by the followings: Rostral shaft straight, narrow and thick in depth; unsegmented base with filamentous cartilage. Dorsal surface of tail with a row of distinct thorns along midline, patches of distinct thorns anterior to first dorsal fin and between first and second dorsal fins in both sexes; most thorns directed anteriorly, and thornlets directed posteriorly. Scapulocoracoid comparatively short and high, rear corner high, without anterior bridge, postventral fenestra expanded. Distal tip of accessory terminal 1 clasper cartilage well separated from the tip of accessory terminal 2 clasper cartilage.