

Fig. 1 Bat flies on the fore-arm of a Seychelles sheath-tailed bat

References

GERLACH, J. 2004. Phelsuma 12; 78-90

First record of the genus *Kapala* Cameron (Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea, Eucharitidae) from Sevchelles

MICHAEL MADL
Internationales Institut für Entomologie, Naturhistorisches Museum
Burgring 7, A-1010 Wien, AUSTRIA

[michael.madl@nhm-wien.ac.at]

&

Рат Матуот

Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation
P. O. Box 323, Victoria, Mahé, SEYCHELLES

[pat.matyot@sbc.sc]

Members of the small family Eucharitidae containing 413 species worldwide (Heraty 2002) are known as parasitoids of ants. Until now 13 species (and one subspecies) have been recorded from Madagascar (Heraty 2002), but only one species, *Stilbula lissoma* Masi, 1917, is known from the Seychelles (Silhouette). Apparently the family Eucharitidae is absent from the other islands of the Malagasy Subregion.

The specimen has been identified by John M. HERATY during his stay in Vienna 1999 and deposited in the Hymenoptera Collection, Naturhistorisches Museum Wien.

Kapala ivorensis RISBEC, 1954

Material: Praslin: Anse Boudin 1 sp. 7-10.6.1999 leg. Madl.

This is the only Ethiopian member of the genus *Kapala*, Cameron, 1884, which is distributed mainly in the Neotropical Region. *Kapala ivorensis* is known from Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Zaire and Madagascar. The host is probably the ponerine ant *Odontomachus troglodytes* Santschi, 1914.

References

HERATY, JM. 2002 Memoirs of the American Entomological Institute **68**: III-V, 367 MASI, L. 1917 Novitates Zoologicae **24**: 121–230.

Review of the Pentatomidae of Seychelles (Hemiptera, Heteroptera)

Justin Gerlach¹, Michael Madl² & Pat Matyot³

¹University Museum of Zoology Cambridge, Department of Zoology, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3EJ, U.K. [*jstgerlach@aol.com*]

²Internationales Institut für Entomologie (2. Zoologische Abteilung), Naturhistorisches Museum, Burgring 7, A-1014 Vienna, AUSTRIA [michael.madl@nhm-wien.ac.at]

³Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation, P. O. Box 323, Victoria, Mahé, SEYCHELLES [pat.matyot@sbc.sc]

Introduction

Recently the Pentatomidae of the Seychelles islands (inner, granitic islands of Seychelles) have been reviewed by Roche (1977). Up to date nine species have been recorded, but the distribution and the biology of the species are still imperfectly known. The material has been collected by several scientists during projects not focussed on Hemiptera. It contains six species already known from the Seychelles. Three species (Nezara viridula (Linné, 1758), Bathycoelia fleuria Roche, 1977 and Parachinavia creolea Roche, 1977) are recorded as new to the fauna of Silhouette, Bathycoelia praelongirostris Bergroth, 1893, is new to the fauna of Saint Anne and Acrosternum heegeri Fieber, 1861 is new to the fauna of Bird island.

The authors would like to thank the Seychelles Bureau of Standards for the permission to carry out research in Seychelles, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources for the permission to export the material. Many thanks are due to the Nature Protection Trust of Seychelles (R. Gerlach), the Islands Development Corporation and to Mrs. Lapolla and her staff from the Silhouette Island Lodge for their help and support during visits to Silhouette.