

First record of *Sceliphron madraspatanum* (Fabricius, 1781) (Hymenoptera: Sphecidae) from the Malagasy subregion

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The genus *Sceliphron* Klug, 1801 is known from all zoogeographical regions. In the Malagasy subregion it is represented by the endemic species *Sceliphron fuscum* Klug, 1801, which is recorded from Seychelles (Mahé, Silhouette, Praslin, Aldabra), Comoros (Anjouan, Mohéli), Mayotte, Madagascar, Réunion and Mauritius (Madl, unpublished catalogue of the Sphecidae of the Malagasy subregion). It has been accidentally introduced into New Caledonia. Although *Sceliphron fuscum* has been recorded from New Caledonia several times, there are no recent records (Madl, unpublished catalogue of the “Sphecoidea” of New Caledonia). I failed to collect *Sceliphron fuscum* there in 2009.

Sceliphron madraspatanum (Fabricius, 1781) is widely distributed in the Oriental, Palaearctic and Australian regions and has been split in several subspecies (van der Vecht & van Breugel 1968). The material contains the nominate subspecies. Currently *Sceliphron madraspatanum* is widely distributed in Mauritius (Madl, unpublished data).

Material examined: Vacoas: Henrietta 3 ♀♀ December 2003 leg. Siedlecki – Savanne: Souillac 2 ♀♀ January 2004 leg. Siedlecki.

The material is deposited in the Natural History Museum in Vienna, Austria.

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