

Revision of the termite family Rhinotermitidae (Isoptera) in New Guinea

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Abstract

Recently, we completed a revision of the Termitidae from New Guinea and neighboring islands, recording a total of 45 species. Here, we revise a second family, the Rhinotermitidae, to progress towards a full picture of the termite diversity in New Guinea. Altogether, 6 genera and 15 species are recorded, among which two species, *Coptotermes gambrinus* and *Parrhinotermes barbatus*, are new to science. The genus *Heterotermes* is reported from New Guinea for the first time, with two species restricted to the southern part of the island. We also provide the first New Guinea records for six species of the genera *Coptotermes* and *Schedorhinotermes*. We briefly describe soldiers and imagoes of each species and provide a key based on soldier characters. Finally, we discuss the taxonomic and biogeographical implication of our results. A replacement name, *Schedolimulus minutides* Bourguignon, is proposed for the termitophilous staphylinid *Schedolimulus minutus* Bourguignon, to solve a question of secondary homonymy.

Keywords

termites, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, new species

Introduction

The Rhinotermitidae constitute one of the most widespread termite families, including numerous pest species. First established under the invalid name Mesotermitidae (Holmgren 1910a, b), then reestablished as Rhinotermitidae by Light (1921), the family originally included all termites possessing a fontanelle and a frontal gland in the imago and soldier castes, 8 malpighian tubules and hindgut with short anterior (pre-paunch) sections. Later on, the Stylotermitidae and Serritermitidae were separated as distinct families (Chatterjee and Thakur 1964, Emerson 1965), a position recently endorsed by Engel et al. (2009). The Rhinotermitidae now comprise several genera of uncertain affinities, such as *Prorhinotermes*, *Termitogeton* and *Psammotermes*, and two well-supported clades: (i) the Rhinotermitinae, including *Parrhinotermes*, *Schedorhinotermes* and the neotropical *Rhinotermes*-group; (ii) the Heterotermitinae + Coptotermitinae, comprising *Reticulitermes*, *Heterotermes* and *Coptotermes*. As presently defined, the Rhinotermitidae might still be paraphyletic with respect to the Serritermitidae or Termitidae, but the actual phylogeny of this group remains uncertain (Lo et al. 2004, Ohkuma et al. 2004, Inward et al. 2007).

The Rhinotermitidae are widely distributed across tropical, subtropical and temperate regions (Eggleton 2000). Whereas the genus *Prorhinotermes* is notable for its pantropical insular distribution (Emerson 1952), other genera are either pantropical (e.g. *Coptotermes*) or limited to one (e.g. *Termitogeton*) or a few zoogeographic areas (e.g. *Schedorhinotermes*). In southeast Asia, the Rhinotermitidae are represented by six genera: *Parrhinotermes*, *Schedorhinotermes*, *Coptotermes*, *Heterotermes*, *Prorhinotermes* and *Termitogeton*. All but the last one are also present in Australia. The former two belong to the subfamily Rhinotermitinae, whose soldiers are equipped to bite and smear a poisonous liquid with their elongated brush-like labrum (Quennedey and Deligne 1975). In the other genera, soldiers can simultaneously bite and emit a toxic or sticky chemical secretion from their frontal gland (Prestwich 1979, Šobotník et al. 2010a). Alates are also equipped with a frontal gland, variously developed according to the genus (Šobotník et al. 2010b).

Some recent revisions or compilations of distributional data are available for Rhinotermitidae in Southeast Asia and Australia. Faunal lists mention 21 species from Sundaland (Peninsular Malaysia to Borneo: Gathorne-Hardy 2004), 12 from Sulawesi (Gathorne-Hardy et al. 2000), 24 from Australia (Watson et al. 1998). However, prior to the beginning of our survey in 1978, only five species in two genera were known from New Guinea: *Coptotermes elisae* (Desneux, 1905), *Coptotermes obiratus* Hill, 1927, *Schedorhinotermes dimorphus* (Desneux, 1905), *Schedorhinotermes translucens* (Haviland, 1898), and *Schedorhinotermes celebensis* (Holmgren, 1911a). *Prorhinotermes inopinatus* Silvestri, 1909, was reported more recently (Gay and Barrett 1983). Findings of *Prorhinotermes* (identified as *P. inopinatus*), *Parrhinotermes* (as *P. browni* (Harris, 1958)) and *Termitogeton* (as *T. nr. planus* (Haviland, 1898)) were mentioned in studies focused on caste patterns (Roisin 1988a, b, Parmentier and Roisin 2003), bringing the

total number of New Guinean species to 8 in 5 genera. The present revision is primarily based on extensive collections carried out in New Guinea between 1978 and 1995. We recorded 15 species in 6 genera, among which 2 species are new to science. The present work complements our series of monographic revisions on New Guinean Termitidae, in which we recorded a total of 45 species in 13 genera (Roisin 1990, Roisin and Pasteels 1996, 2000, Bourguignon et al. 2008).

Materials and methods

Biological material

Extensive termite collecting was carried out by J. M. Pasteels (in collection records: **JMP**), Y. Roisin (**YR**) and M. Leponce (**ML**) in New Guinea and some neighboring islands between 1978 and 1995 although records from Indonesian Papua are almost exclusively limited to the “bird’s neck” area, around Nabire and Kaimana (Figs 30, 82). Termite specimens were collected with tweezers and preserved in 80% alcohol or fixed in Bouin’s fluid or in a formol-alcohol-acetic acid (20:75:5) mixture. We also had the opportunity to examine samples collected in alcohol by Alfred E. and Eleanor Emerson in 1962–1963 (**AE**), as well as a few samples from other sources. Localities where specimens were collected are given as well as their approximate geographic coordinates (Appendix 1), obtained by cross-checking maps, GoogleTM Earth positioning and the National Geospatial Agency GEOnet Names Server (<http://geonames.nga.mil/ggmagaz/>).

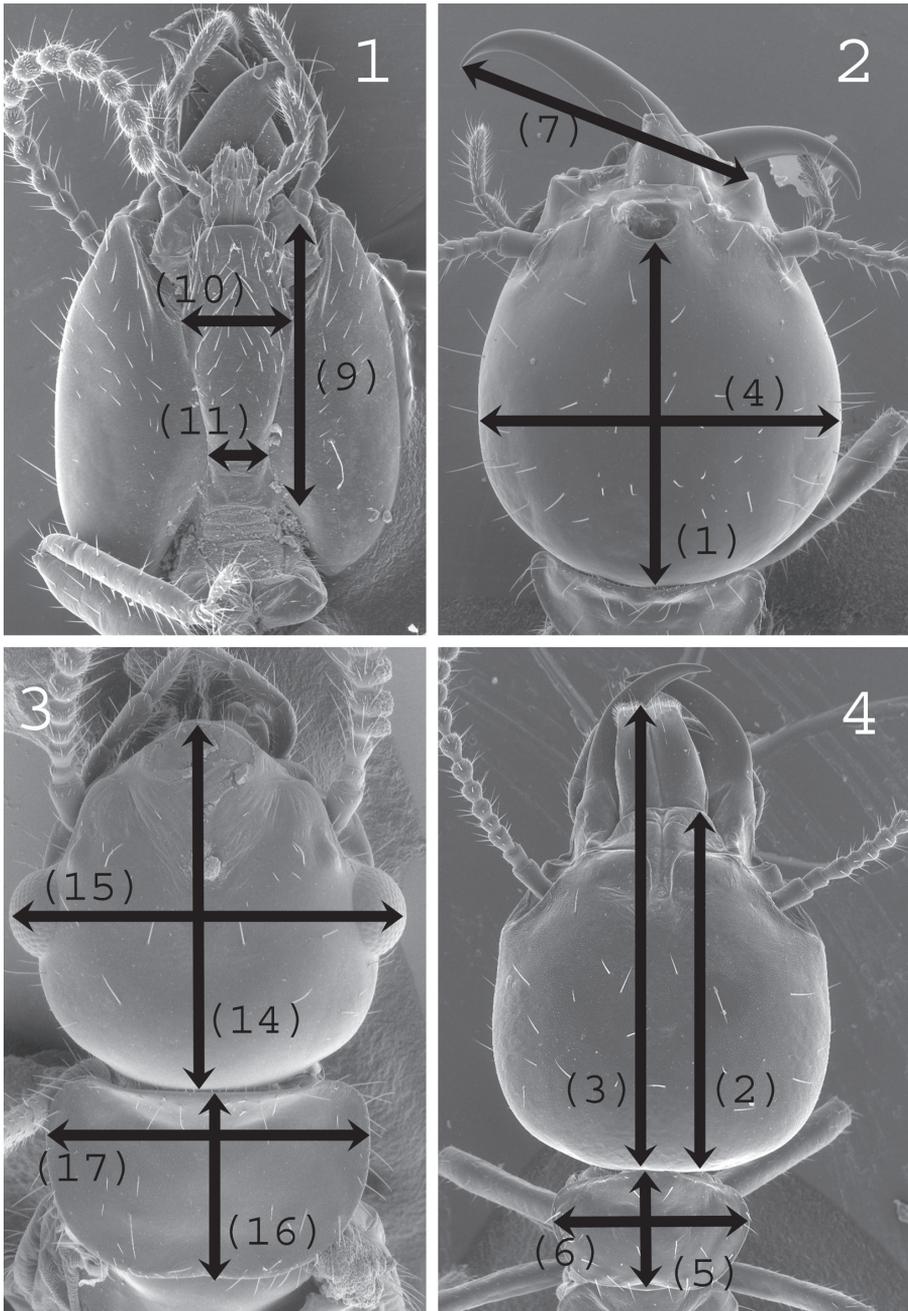
Systematic characters

This study is based on the morphology of soldier and alate castes. Soldiers supply most of the important taxonomic information at the species level. The following characters are of major interest: size, general shape of the head, shape of mandibles, shape of postmentum, pilosity of head and number of antennal articles. Alates, when available, may give taxonomic information at the species level by the general shape of their head and pronotum.

Measurements and their abbreviations

The measurements used, detailed below, follow the guidelines of Roonwal (1970).

Soldiers. (Figs 1, 2, 4): **HLF** – Head length to fontanelle; **HLC** – Head length to apex of the clypeus; **HLL** – Head length to apex of the labrum; **HW** – Head maximum width; **PL** – Pronotum length; **PW** – Pronotum width; **RML** – Right mandible



Figures 1–4. Measurements. **A–B, D** soldier: (1), HLE, head length to fontanelle; (2), HLC, head length to apex of the clypeus; (3), HLL, head length to apex of the labrum; (4), HW, head maximum width; (5), PL, pronotum length; (6), PW, pronotum width; (7), RML, right mandible length; (9), PML, postmentum length; (10), MPW, maximum postmentum width; (11), mPW, minimum postmentum width. **C** imago: (14), HLC, head length to apex of the clypeus; (15), HWE, head width with eyes; (16), PL, pronotum length; (17), PW, pronotum width.

length; **LML** – Left mandible length; **PML** – Postmentum length; **MPW** – Maximum postmentum width; **mPW** – Minimum postmentum width; **T3L** – Hind tibia length.

Imagoes. (Fig. 3): **TBL** – Total body length (without wings); **HLC** – Head length to apex of the clypeus; **HWE** – Head width with eyes; **PL** – Pronotum length; **PW** – Pronotum width; **FWL** – Forewing length (with scale); **ED** – Eyes maximum diameter

Microscopy

For scanning electron microscopy, specimens were dehydrated in a conventional ethanol series, impregnated for 24 h in hexamethyldisilazane, air dried and gold coated. Digital images were taken with a Philips XL 30 ESEM.

Collections and their abbreviations

Species determinations were carried out after comparison with type series or identified specimens kept in the following museums

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| AMNH | American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA |
| BMNH | Natural History Museum, London, UK |
| CUMZ | Cambridge University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge, UK |
| IRSNB | Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles, Brussels, Belgium |
| MVMA | Museum of Victoria, Abbotsford, Victoria, Australia |
| NHRS | Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden |

Samples numbered **#PNGT***** (Papua New Guinea Termites) or **#IRJT***** (Irian Jaya Termites) are in the authors' laboratory collection at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. The major part of this collection will ultimately be deposited at the IRSNB.

Systematics

Genus *Coptotermes* Wasmann, 1896

<http://species-id.net/wiki/Coptotermes>

Termes (*Coptotermes*) Wasmann 1896: 629.

Type species. *Termes gestroi* Wasmann, 1896, by monotypy.

Diagnosis. Imago head circular, covered by many setae. Fontanelle indistinct and appearing as a small spot in the middle of the head. Large ocelli located above the eyes. Pronotum and abdomen densely hairy. Soldiers with pyriform head capsule, slightly

hairy. Fontanelle very large, directed forward, through which the latex-like secretion of the frontal gland is discharged. Labrum short, triangular-shaped. Mandibles narrow and elongated, curved at tip; right mandible without subsidiary teeth and serrations; left one with a basal tooth and serrations. Antennae with 12 to 16 articles.

Distribution. The genus *Coptotermes* is broadly distributed, occurring in all tropical and subtropical regions. It comprises species adapted to all major biomes, from tropical rainforest to arid steppes and deserts. Nests are generally found in logs, in the heartwood of living trees, or underground (Emerson 1971). Several species, such as *Coptotermes formosanus*, are major pests of buildings (Su and Scheffrahn 2000).

***Coptotermes elisae* (Desneux, 1905)**

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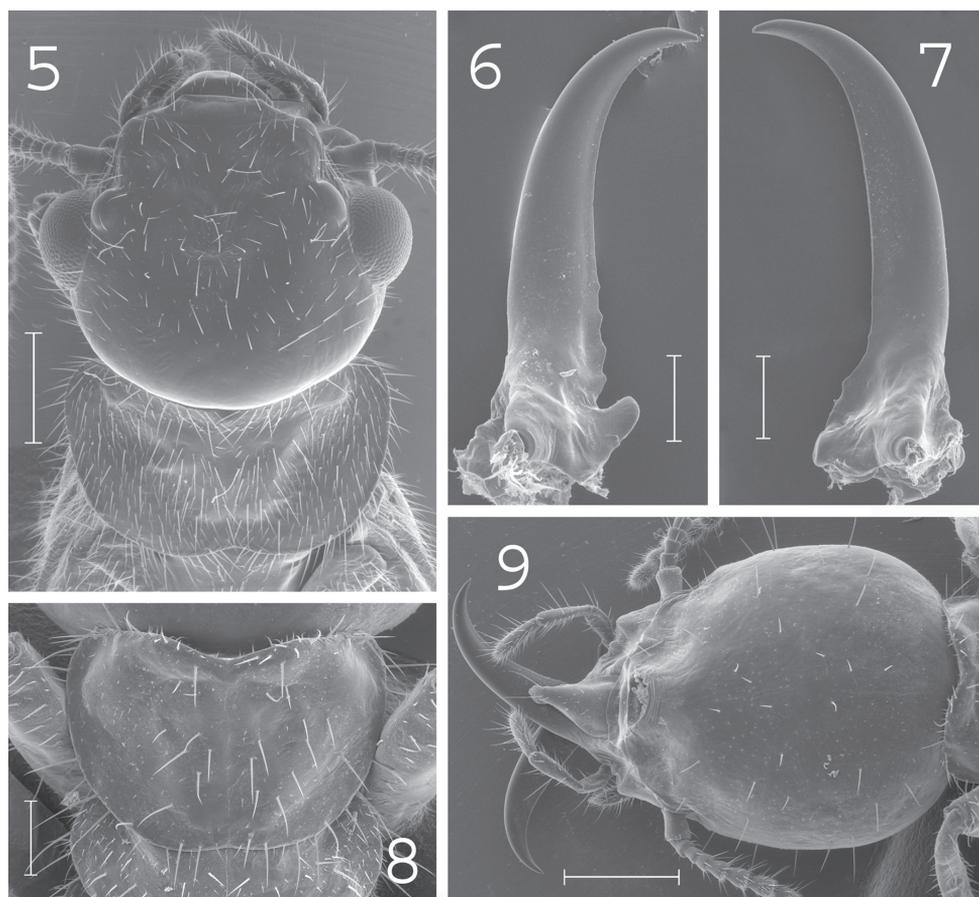
Figs 5–9, 30

Termes (*Coptotermes*) *Elisae* Desneux 1905: 368.

Coptotermes Elisae Desneux. Holmgren 1911a: 456.

Coptotermes hyaloapex Holmgren 1911a: 457 (synonymized by Gay 1963: 421–423).

Material examined. Syntypes: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Morobe: Simbang, 12.ix.1898 (L. Biró), alates only (IRSNB). **Other material. PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Madang:** Laing Island, 28.xi.1978 (JMP), with queen and alate (#PNGT22); Laing Island, 11.vi.1987 (YR), with alates (#PNGT1101); Laing Island, 24.viii.1988 (YR), nest within fallen *Erythrina* tree (#PNGT1260); Manam Island, 23.vi.1981 (JMP), feeding on live tree (#PNGT101); Bogia–Josephstaal road, 10 km S Guam bridge, 26.vi.1984 (YR) (#PNGT711); Hansa Point, 22.viii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT785); Awar, 16.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT831); Tabele (Manam Island), 19.ix.1984 (YR), in decaying palm (#PNGT839); Sepen No.1, 01.iii.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1164); Baitabag, v.1999 and 17.x.1999 (L. Čížek) (#7, #15, J. Šobotník's collection). **Morobe:** Sirasira, 14.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1213); Bulolo, 22.v.1987 (YR), in dead hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) trunk on the ground (#PNGT1080); **Central:** Brown River forest, 15.xi.1962 (AE), from dead branch on forest floor (AMNH); Brown River, 21.xi.1962 (AE), from standing dead stump in forest (AMNH); 24 km NE Port Moresby, 23.xi.1962 (AE), covered galleries over large surface of live tree, with hole to heart wood (AMNH); Subitana plantation, 24.xi.1962 (AE), from standing dead rubber tree in mature grove (AMNH); Sogeri, 15.vii.1984 (YR), in dead liana along tree trunk in small patch of forest (#PNGT740); Sogeri, 23.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT1005); **Oro:** Kokoda, 13.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT952); Kokoda, 17.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT981); Koiasi, 14.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT959); **New Ireland:** Konos, 29.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT624); **Sandaun:** Yapsiei, 10.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1733 & 1734); **Fly:** Morehead, 25.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1447); Wipim, 01.iv.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1509); Tabubil, 20.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1541); Lake Murray, 24.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1582); Lake Murray,



Figures 5–9. *Coptotermes elisae*. Imago: **5** head and pronotum. Soldier: **6** left mandible; **7** right mandible; **8** pronotum; **9** head. Scale bars: **5, 9**: 0.5mm; **6, 7, 8**: 0.2mm.

25.v.1990 (YR & ML), with queen (#PNGT1589); Nomad, 29.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1609); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1624); Nomad, 01.vi.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1637); **Southern Highlands**: Pimaga, alt. 950m, 18.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1316); **INDONESIA: Papua**: Road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT171); Road Nabire-Mapia km 62, 18.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT72, 73); Coa, 22.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT123); Kaimana, 23.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT140).

Imago. (Fig. 5). Head rounded and densely hairy. Large eyes. Pronotum wide and elongated, covered by numerous setae of medium and large size. Antennae with 20 to 22 articles. Measurements (mm) of 8 imagoes from the type colony and 4 imagoes from one other colony (between parentheses): TBL: 8.27–8.99 (7.81–8.12); HLC: 1.53–1.87 (1.48–1.62); HWE: 1.84–1.96 (1.79–1.81); PL: 1.04–1.12 (1.02–1.07); PW: 1.63–1.70 (1.59–1.61); FWL: n.a. (13–13.2); ED: 0.45–0.50 (0.45–0.5).

Soldier. (Figs 6–9). Soldiers of large size. Head rounded, covered by about 40 setae. Fontanelle large, with opening well visible from above. Antennae generally with

16 articles. Pronotum elongated, covered by about 70 setae mainly located on the edges. Mesonotum, metanotum and abdomen bearing plenty of setae. Mandibles with tips extremely curved. Measurements (mm) of 99 soldiers from 33 colonies: HLF: 1.11–1.47; HLL: 1.70–2.20; HW: 1.21–1.54; PL: 0.38–0.64; PW: 0.77–1.03; RML: 0.97–1.20; MPW: 0.30–0.49; T3L: 1.05–1.34.

Comparisons. *C. elisae* can be distinguished from other New Guinean species by its large rounded head with fontanelle opening well visible from above, its strongly curved mandibles and elongated pronotum in the soldier caste.

Distribution. (Fig. 30). This species is widespread in New Guinean forests. It also occurs in New Ireland. It has also been reported from the following localities, but the relevant material was not examined: Bukaua (as *C. hyaloapex*: Holmgren 1911a), Popondetta (Gay 1963). According to Gathorne-Hardy (2004), it is present from Peninsular Malaysia throughout Sundaland.

Termitophiles. *Coptophysa obesa* (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) was found in colony #PNGT740 of this species in Sogeri (Roisin and Pasteels 1990).

Coptotermes remotus Hill, 1927

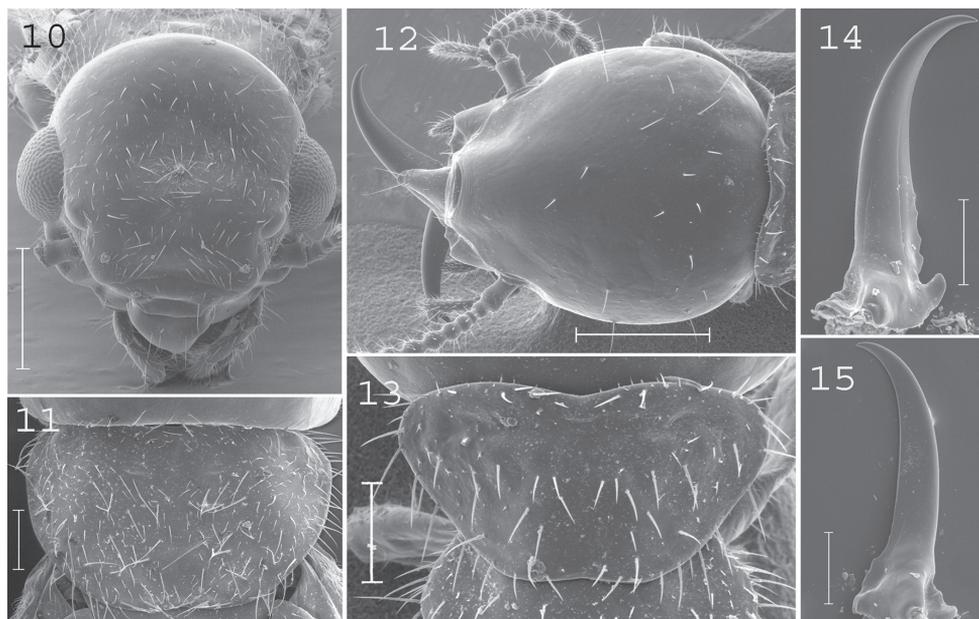
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Figs 10–15, 31

Coptotermes remotus Hill 1927: 16.

Material examined. Syntypes: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: New Ireland: Kavieng (as Kaewieng), 4.x.1923 (H.G. Wallace) (NMVA T-18703, T-18704). **Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Madang:** Hansa Point, 08.vii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT719); Awar, 11.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT828); Nubia, 17.ii.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1154); Potsdam plantation, 22.xi.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1333); Hatzfeldhafen, 25.viii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT795); Baitabag, 17.x.1999 (L. Čížek) (#1, J. Šobotník's collection); **Sandaun:** Yapsiei, 10–11.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1735, 1744). **Central:** Sirinumu Dam, 7.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT923); **Fly:** Lake Murray, 23.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1569). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Pusppensat-IrJa, 13.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT6, 10, 12); Pusppensat-IrJa, 19.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT84, 85); Pusppensat-IrJa, 30.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT207); Road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 15.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT40, 41); Road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT169, 170); Road Nabire-Mapia km 62, 18.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT74, 75); Topo, 28.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT189); Sanoba, 29.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT195); Coa, 22.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT131); Kaimana, 23.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT141). **Samples included with doubt: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: East Sepik:** Koil Island, 17.vi.1981 (JMP) (#PNGT75); **Madang:** Hansa Point, 23.ix.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1281).

Imago. (Figs 10–11). Head densely hairy. Pronotum with many medium and large setae. Antennae with 17 articles. Measurements (mm) of 6 imagoes from 1 colony:



Figures 10–15. *Coptotermes remotus*. Imago: **10** head; **11** pronotum. Soldier: **12** head; **13** pronotum; **14** left mandible; **15** right mandible. Scale bars: **10, 12:** 0.5mm; **11, 13, 14, 15:** 0.2mm.

TBL: 5.75–6.39; HLC: 1.09–1.18; HWE: 1.30–1.38; PL: 0.57–0.73; PW: 0.97–1.08; FWL: 9.92–11.09; ED: 0.33–0.44.

Soldier. (Figs 12–15). Soldiers of small size. Head slightly longer than broad, covered by about 20 setae. Fontanelle with opening directed forward, not visible from above. Antennae generally with 14 articles, but occasionally with only 13 articles. Pronotum larger anteriorly than posteriorly, trapezoid-shaped, covered by about 50 setae. Mandibles with tips extremely curved. Right mandible with four serrations. Measurements (mm) of 5 soldiers from the type colony and 72 soldiers from 24 colonies (parentheses): HLF: 1.11–1.19 (1.01–1.29); HLL: 1.45–1.56 (1.23–1.63); HW: 1.00–1.04 (0.83–1.11); PL: 0.36–0.39 (0.29–0.46); PW: 0.67–0.70 (0.59–0.78); RML: 0.78–0.83 (0.69–0.85); MPW: 0.28–0.31 (0.26–0.38); T3L: 0.83–0.89 (0.68–0.99).

Comparisons. This species shows variation in size along its distribution range although no consistent characters allowed us to split it up. *Coptotermes remotus* most resembles the Australian species *C. lacteus* and the Malayan ones *C. bentongensis* and *C. sepangensis*. These last two species occur in sympatry and are morphologically undistinguishable, making them probable synonyms. Soldiers of *C. remotus* can be distinguished from other New Guinean species by their small size and mandibles curved at the tip.

Distribution. This species, originally described from Kavieng, New Ireland, is widespread throughout New Guinean forests. It is abundant in the bird's neck area of Indonesian Papua, but only a few specimens were collected from Papua New Guinea (Fig. 31).

Termitophiles. *Coptophysella pulposa* (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) was found in colony #PNGT795 of this species in Hatzfeldthafen (Roisin and Pasteels 1990). A possibly new species of *Coptophysella* was also found in colony #IRJT12 in Pusppensat–IrJa (new record).

***Coptotermes grandiceps* Snyder, 1925**

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Figs 16–21, 30

Coptotermes grandiceps Snyder 1925: 401.

Coptotermes solomonensis Snyder 1925: 403 (synonymised by Hill 1942: 153).

Coptotermes obiratus Hill 1927: 17, **new synonymy.**

Coptotermes solomonensis Hill 1927: 19 (junior primary homonym of *Coptotermes solomonensis* Snyder; synonymised by Hill 1942: 153).

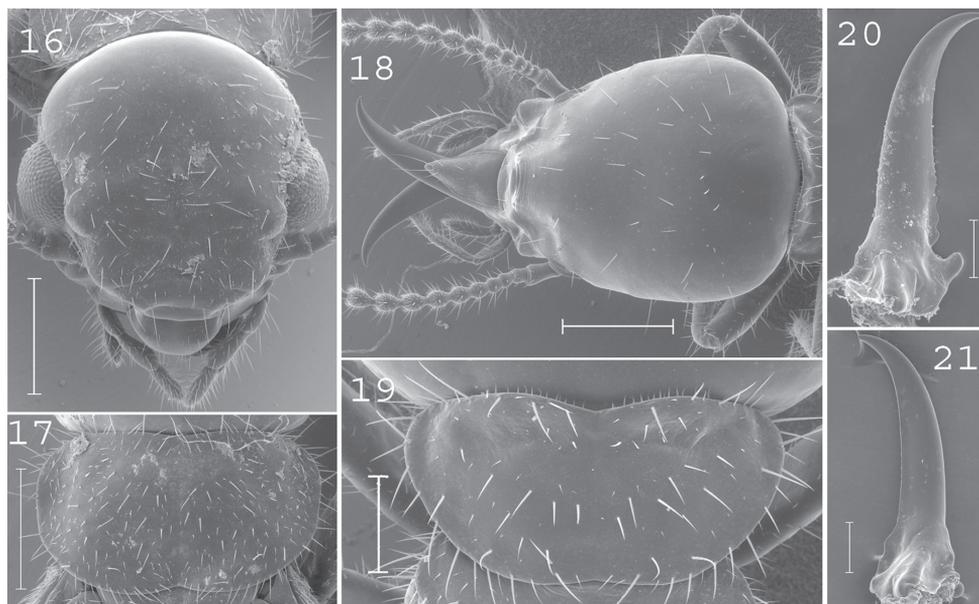
Coptotermes froggatti Light and Davis 1929: 62 (synonymised by Hill 1942: 153).

Material examined. Topotype: SOLOMON ISLANDS: Tulaghi (as Tulagi), iii.1933 (R.A. Lever) (AMNH). **Holotype of *C. obiratus*: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Central:** Waima, vii.1922 (G.F. Hill) (NMVA).

Other materials. PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Oro: Mambare River, 27.iv.1922 (G.F. Hill) (NMVA). **Fly:** Morehead, 25.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1447); Wipim, 30.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1488); Lake Murray, 22.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1561); Lake Murray, 25.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1594); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1627); Nomad, 02.vi.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1651); **Central:** Subitana plantation, 24.xi.1962 (AE), in stump of rubber tree (AMNH); Sirinumu Dam, 06.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT916); Sirinumu Dam, 08.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT929); Varirata National Park, 06.xii.1988 (YR & Phille P. Daur) (#PNGT1346); **National Capital:** 2 km E Port Moresby, 18.xi.1962 (AE), from log in dry eucalypt savanna (AMNH); 8 km E Port Moresby, 16.xi.1962 (AE), under log in eucalypt savanna (AMNH); 8 km E Port Moresby, 18.xi.1962 (AE), from dead log in ravine woods in savanna (AMNH); 10 km NW Port Moresby, 20.xi.1962 (AE), from log on ground in eucalypt savanna (AMNH); 19 km NW Port Moresby, 22.xi.1962 (AE), from fallen log in savanna (AMNH); **INDONESIA: Papua:** Pusppensat–IrJa, 13.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT17).

New synonymy. In his revision of termites from Australia, Hill (1942) mentioned that soldiers of *C. grandiceps* and *C. obiratus* are morphologically indistinguishable, the two species being potential synonyms. After examining material of the two species, we reached the same conclusion and therefore consider *C. obiratus* as a junior synonym of *C. grandiceps*.

Imago. (Figs 16–17). Head moderately hairy. Pronotum covered by many setae of medium size. Antennae with 20 articles. Measurements (mm) of 6 imagoes from one



Figures 16–21. *Coptotermes grandiceps*. Imago: **16** head; **17** pronotum. Soldier: **18** head; **19** pronotum; **20** left mandible; **21** right mandible. Scale bars: **16, 17, 18:** 0.5mm; **19, 20, 21:** 0.2mm.

colony: TBL: 6.08–7.55; HLC: 1.19–1.27; HWE: 1.33–1.41; PL: 0.73–0.82; PW: 1.23–1.29; FWL: 9.97–10.61; ED: 0.31–0.42.

Soldier. (Figs 18–21). Soldiers of large size. Head elongated, larger posteriorly than anteriorly, covered by about 30 setae. Fontanelle narrow, with opening directed frontally, not visible from above. Antennae generally with 15 articles, sometimes with 14 articles. Pronotum wide, moderately long, covered by about 60 setae. Mandibles elongated, curved at tip. Measurements (mm) of holotype of *Coptotermes obiratus*, 1 soldier from the type colony of *C. grandiceps* [brackets], and 27 soldiers from 9 colonies (parentheses): HLF: 1.53 [1.52] (1.21–1.44); HLL: 2.17 [2.19] (1.89–2.20); HW: 1.38 [1.31] (1.17–1.33); PL: 0.51 [0.50] (0.40–0.56); PW: 0.97 [0.95] (0.79–1.00); RML: 1.17 [1.24] (1.03–1.15); MPW: 0.48 [0.42] (0.31–0.46); T3L: 1.22 [n.a.] (1.07–1.21).

Comparisons. This species is closely allied to *C. pamuae* from which it can be distinguished by its larger soldiers with more curved mandibles.

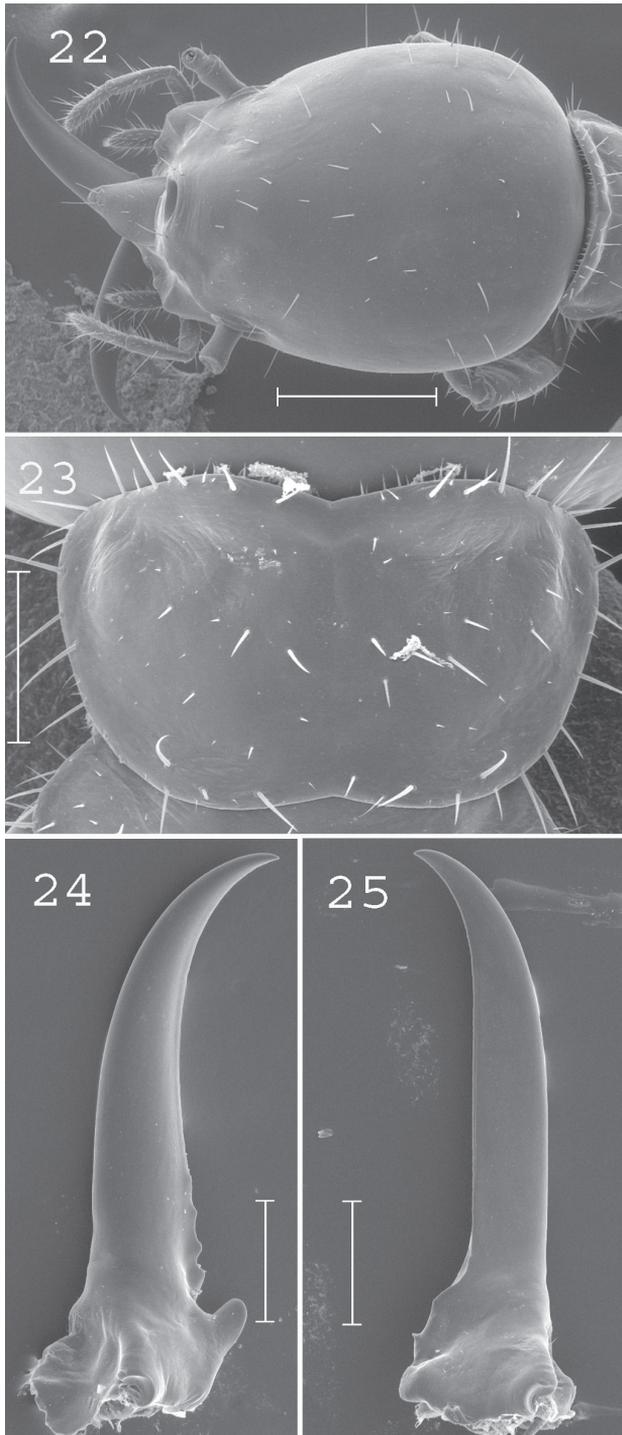
Distribution. (Fig. 30). *C. grandiceps*, originally described from the Solomon Islands, occurs in southern New Guinea and the Papuan peninsula.

Coptotermes pamuae Snyder, 1925

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Figs 22–25, 31

Coptotermes pamuae Snyder, 1925: 402.



Figures 22–25. *Coptotermes pamuae*. Soldier: **22** head; **23** pronotum; **24** left mandible; **25** right mandible. Scale bars: **2:2** 0.5mm; **23, 24, 25:** 0.2mm.

Material examined. Paratype soldier from type colony: SOLOMON ISLANDS: San Cristobal: Pamua, viii.1916 (W.M. Mann) (AMNH). **PAPUA NEW GUINEA: National Capital:** UPNG campus, 04.xii.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1338); **Central:** Varirata National Park, 06.xii.1988 (YR & Phille P. Daur) (#PNGT1348); **Fly:** Morehead, 27.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1466); Wipim, 30.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1486).

Imago. Unknown.

Soldier. (Figs 22–25). Soldiers of medium size. Head elongated, egg-shaped, slightly larger posteriorly than anteriorly, covered by about 30 setae. Fontanelle narrow, with opening directed forward. Antennae generally with 13 articles, sometimes with 14 articles. Pronotum short and narrow, covered by about 40 setae. Mandibles elongated, slightly curved at tip. Measurements (mm) of 1 paratype and 12 soldiers from 4 colonies (parentheses): HLF: 1.28 (1.11–1.27); HLL: 1.70 (1.58–1.79); HW: 1.12 (1.00–1.10); PL: 0.41 (0.31–0.44); PW: 0.79 (0.63–0.74); RML: 0.77 (0.89–0.98); MPW: 0.37 (0.28–0.32); T3L: 0.82 (0.92–1.08).

Comparisons. This species is closely related and imperfectly separated from *Coptotermes grandiceps*. However, the size and morphological differences between the two species are high enough to retain them as distinct taxa, even though some individuals cannot be unambiguously assigned. The same was already observed in the related Australian species *Coptotermes acinaciformis* Froggatt, which is believed to form a species complex (Brown et al. 1990). The main criteria differentiating *C. pamuae* from *C. grandiceps* are its smaller soldiers with less hairy pronotum and less curved mandibles.

Distribution. (Fig. 31). This species, originally described from the Solomon Islands, was only collected in southern Papua New Guinea (Fly savannas and the Port Moresby region).

Coptotermes gambrinus sp. n.

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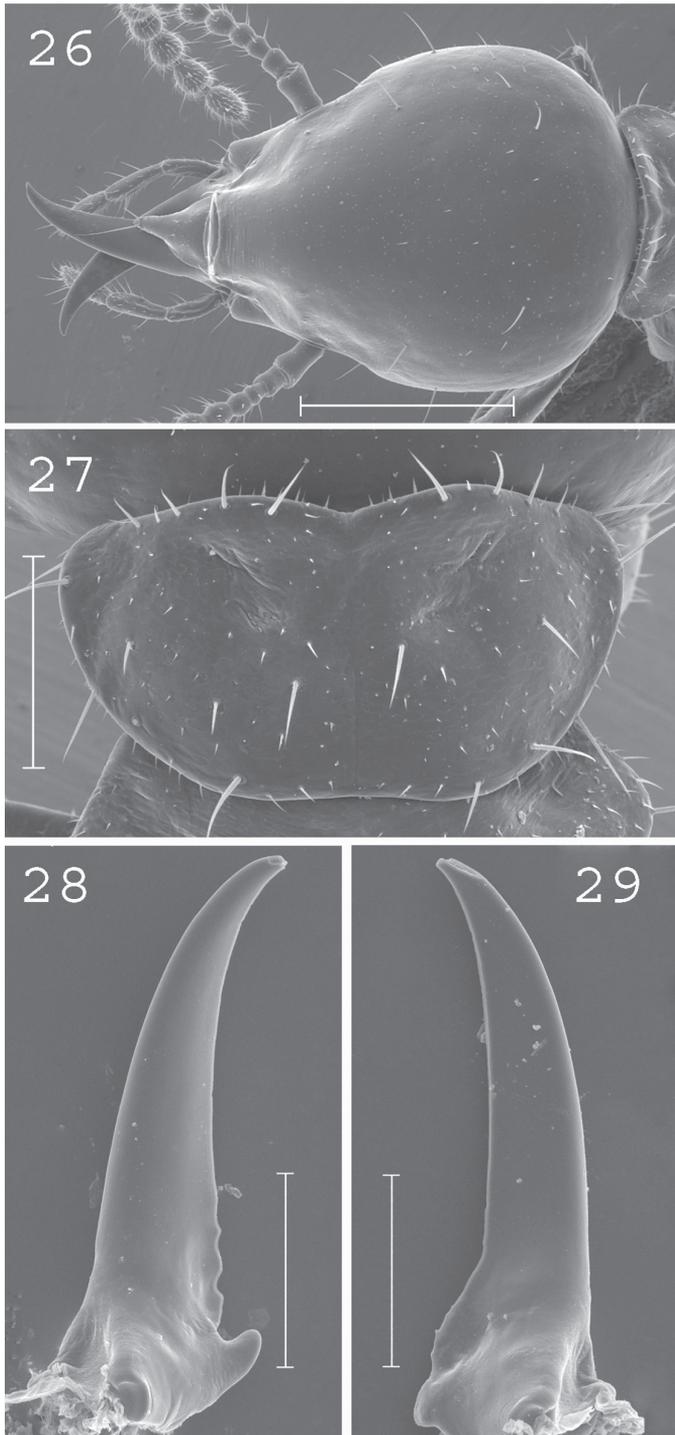
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Figs 26–29, 31

Holotype. Soldier: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Morobe: Bulolo, 22.v.1987 (YR), from stump of klinkii pine (*Araucaria hunsteini*) (#PNGT1077). **Paratypes: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Morobe:** Soldiers and workers from same colony as holotype, same data (#PNGT1077); Mount Susu, 19.v.1988 (YR), in dead branch of klinkii pine on the ground (#PNGT1232); McAdam National Park, 20.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1238). **Madang:** Hatzfeldhafen, 23.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT847); **Oro:** Kokoda, 13.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT950); Popondetta, 18.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT986). **Central:** Sirinumu dam, 07.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT918); Brown River, 21.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT996); **East New Britain:** Warengoi, 19.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT562, 567).

Imago. unknown.

Soldier. (Figs 26–29). Soldiers of small size. Head twice broader posteriorly than anteriorly (at the level of mandibles), covered by about 10 setae. Antennae generally



Figures 26–29. *Coptotermes gambrinus*. Soldier: **26** head; **27** pronotum; **28** left mandible; **29** right mandible. Scale bars: **26**: 0.5mm **27**, **28**, **29**: 0.2mm.

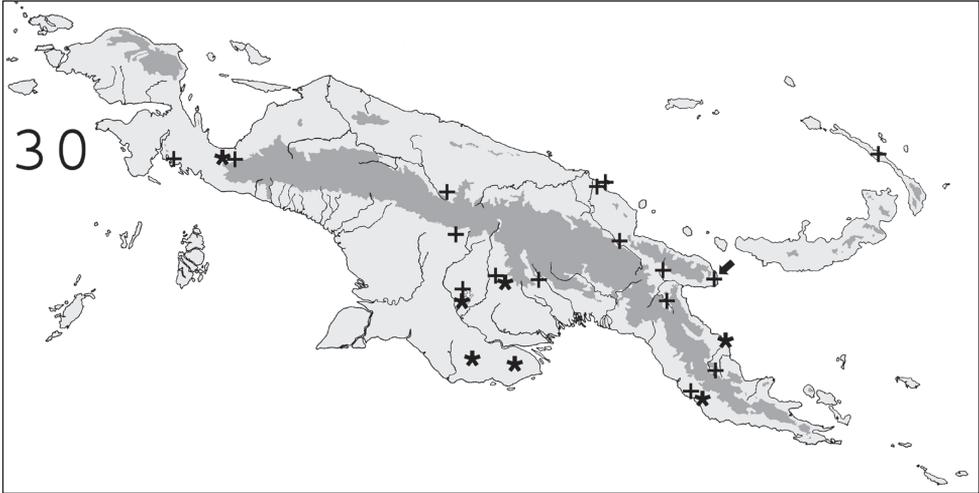


Figure 30. Known distribution in New Guinea of: + *Coptotermes elisae*; * *Coptotermes grandiceps*. Arrow points to type locality.

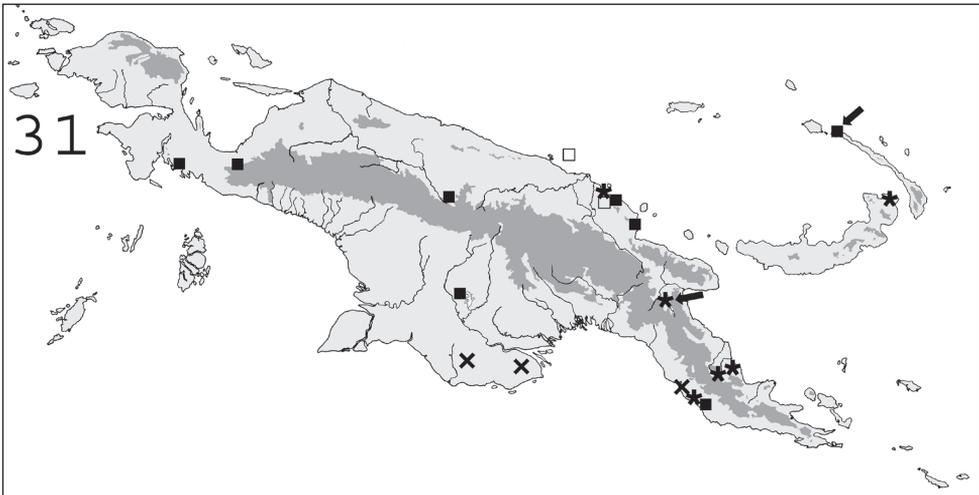


Figure 31. Known distribution in New Guinea of: * *Coptotermes gambrinus*; x *Coptotermes pamuae*; ■ *Coptotermes remotus*; □ doubtful samples of *Coptotermes remotus*. Arrows point to type localities.

with 15 articles. Pronotum covered by about 15 setae, slightly larger anteriorly than posteriorly. Mandibles very short, with apex almost not curved. Measurements (mm) of 30 soldiers from 10 colonies: HLF: 0.92–1.07; HLL: 1.22–1.48; HW: 0.82–0.98; PL: 0.27–0.41; PW: 0.50–0.70; RML: 0.56–0.74; MPW: 0.23–0.36; T3L: 0.75–0.88.

Comparisons. This species is allied to *Coptotermes remotus* from which it is easily recognisable by its shorter and less curved soldier mandible tips.

Distribution. (Fig. 31). This species occurs in Eastern New Guinea and in New Britain.

Etymology. We named this species in honor of *Gambrinus*, a legendary character from Flanders, famous for enjoying life.

Genus *Heterotermes* Froggatt, 1897

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Heterotermes Froggatt 1897: 518.

Type species. *Heterotermes platycephalus* Froggatt, 1897, by monotypy.

Diagnosis. Imago head roughly oval, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly. Fontanelle small, located in the middle of the head. Eyes small and flat. Ocelli situated in front of the head, before eyes. Antennae generally with 15 to 19 articles. Pronotum elongated, narrower than head. Soldier head long and narrow, rectangular-shaped. Fontanelle small, circular, situated forward. Labrum short to medium-sized, about half as long as mandibles. Mandibles sabre-shaped, slightly curved at tips. Left mandible with a tooth and some serrations at the base. Right mandible without basal tooth and serrations. Antennae with 13 to 18 articles.

Distribution. Most species of *Heterotermes* are tropical (Emerson 1971). This genus was known from the Neotropics, northern Africa, Asia (from the Arabic peninsula to Indonesia), and Australia, occurring from humid forests to desert edges. Here, we extend its known distribution to southern New Guinea.

***Heterotermes vagus* (Hill, 1927)**

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Figs 32–36, 44

Leucotermes vagus Hill 1927: 53–55.

Heterotermes vagus (Hill). Hill 1942: 134–136.

Leucotermes venustus Hill 1927: 55. **New synonymy.**

Heterotermes venustus (Hill). Hill 1942: 131–134.

Material examined. Lectotype and paralectotype soldier: AUSTRALIA: Northern Territory: Darwin, 01.viii.1914 (G.F. Hill) (NMVA #T-10848, #T-18705) **Lectotype of *H. venustus*: AUSTRALIA: Northern Territory:** Stapleton, 4.xi.1914 (G.F. Hill) (NMVA #T-10850). **Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Fly:** Morehead, 23.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1419, 1420, 1422); Morehead, 25.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1441); Lake Murray, 25.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1588, 1597).

New synonymy. Hill (1942) pointed out the similarity of *H. venustus* and *H. vagus*, but maintained both names arguing that *H. venustus* has a larger labrum and antennae with more articles. However, after comparing the type series of both species, we did not notice any difference in these characters, nor in any other morphological feature. For this reason, we consider these two species as synonyms and hereby give precedence to *Heterotermes vagus*.

Imago. Unknown from New Guinea (see Hill 1942 for further details).



Figures 32–36. *Heterotermes vagus*. Soldier: **32** head in dorsal view; **33** head in lateral view; **34** pronotum; **35** left mandible; **36** right mandible. Scale bars: **32, 33:** 0.5mm; **34, 35, 36:** 0.2mm.

Soldier. (Figs 32–36). Soldiers of small size. Head elongated, with a prominent hump at front, covered by plenty of short setae. Labrum elongated with sharp tip. Antennae generally with 13 articles. Pronotum short and narrow, covered by about 50 setae. Postmentum slightly narrow, without setae. Mandibles slightly curved at tips. Measurements (mm) of lectotype of *Heterotermes vagus*, lectotype of *H. venustus* [brackets] and 18 soldiers from 6 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.32 [1.43] (1.12–1.37); HLL: 1.75 [1.83] (1.48–1.76); HW: 0.80 [0.82] (0.74–0.83); PL: 0.40 [0.41] (0.32–0.50); PW: 0.55 [0.62] (0.49–0.60); RML: 0.92 [0.89] (0.80–0.93); MPW: 0.34 [0.31] (0.29–0.33); T3L: 0.65 [0.66] (0.54–0.66).

Distribution. (Fig. 44). This species was collected in Southern Papua New Guinea. It is also known from northernmost Queensland and Northern Territory (Australia) (Watson & Abbey 1993).

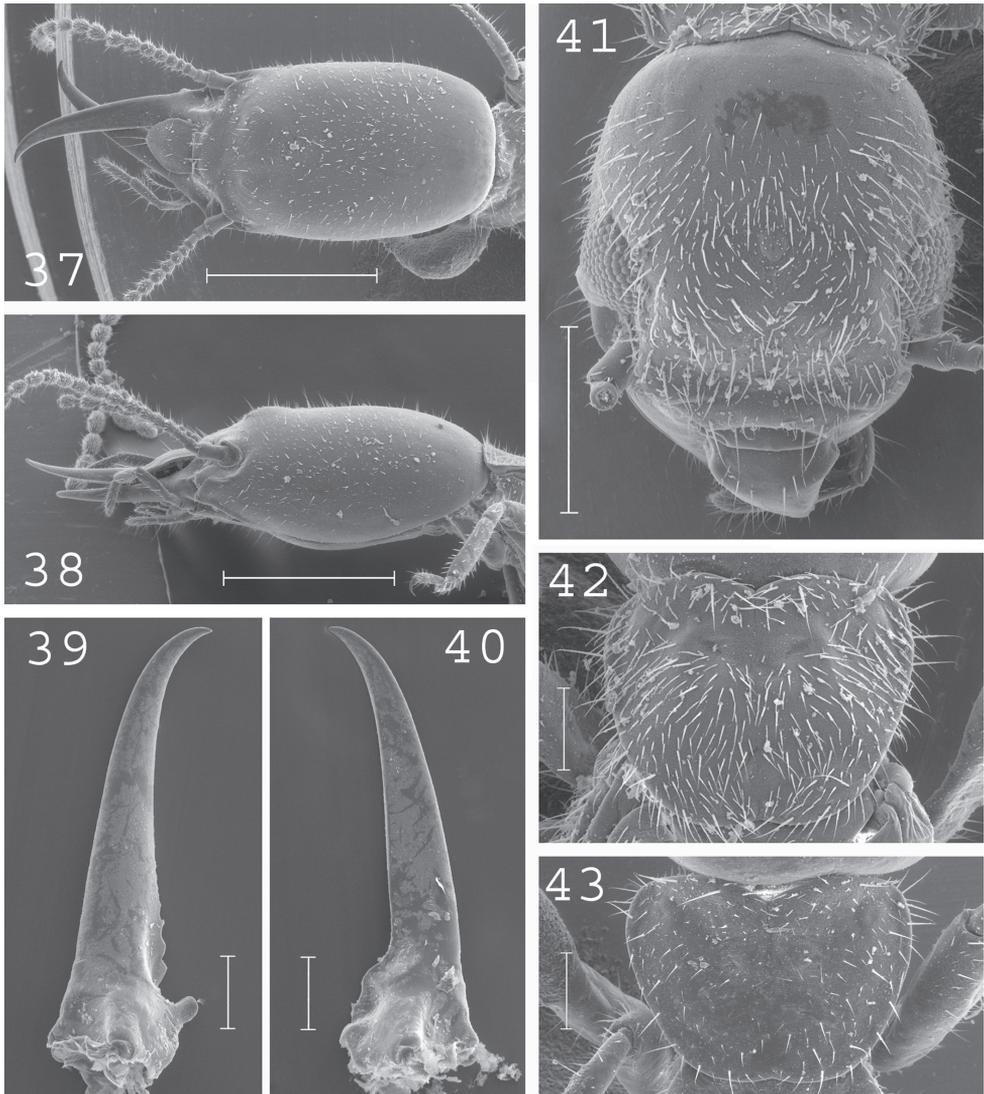
***Heterotermes paradoxus* (Froggatt, 1898)**

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Figs 37–44

Termes paradoxus Froggatt, 1898: 728.

Heterotermes paradoxus (Froggatt). Hill 1932: 146.



Figures 37–43. *Heterotermes paradoxus*. Soldier: **37** head in dorsal view; **38** head in lateral view; **39** left mandible; **40** right mandible; **43** pronotum. Imago: **41** head; **42** pronotum. Scale bars: **37, 38:** 1mm; **41:** 0.5mm; **39, 40, 42, 43:** 0.2mm.

Material examined. **AUSTRALIA: Northern Territory:** 37 km SE Newcastle Waters, 16.vi.1936 (coll. det. G.F. Hill) (ANIC #10–2186); **Queensland:** Weipa mission, 05.x.1957 (F.J. Gay & J.H. Calaby) (ANIC #10–8659); **PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Central:** Sogeri, 14.vii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT731); Sogeri, 4.ii.1985 (YR) (#PNGT855); Sirinumu Dam, 6.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT912); **Fly:** Morehead, 24.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1431); Wipim, 29.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1471); Wipim, 2.iv.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1517); Lake Murray, 22.v.1990 (YR & ML)

(#PNGT1562); Lake Murray, 24.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1577); Lake Murray, 25.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1590a.); Lake Murray, 27.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1598, 1606). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Kaimana, 21.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT104, 111, 112); Kaimana, 23.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT142), two samples with alates (#IRJT143, 144); Puspenssat-Irja, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT166).

Imago. (Figs 41–42). Head slightly elongated covered by several hundreds of setae. Pronotum elongated and moderately wide, covered by several hundreds of setae. Antennae generally with 18 articles, rarely with 17 articles. Eyes flat. Small ocelli in front of the eyes. Measurements (mm) of 12 imagoes from 1 colony: TBL: 5.16–6.31; HLC: 1.13–1.29; HWE: 0.98–1.14; PL: 0.59–0.64; PW: 0.76–0.85; FWL: 8.79–9.92; ED: 0.25–0.33.

Soldier. (Figs 37–40, 43) Soldiers of large size. Head elongated, slightly rounded in the corners, with a well developed hump at front. Labrum with rounded apex. Antennae with 16 or 17 articles. Pronotum elongated, covered by numerous setae. Mandibles elongated, slightly curved at tip. Measurements (mm) of 55 soldiers from 19 colonies: HLC: 1.34–1.98; HLL: 1.63–2.40; HW: 0.86–1.16; PL: 0.39–0.60; PW: 0.62–0.87; RML: 1.03–1.34; MPW: 0.35–0.48; T3L: 0.70–0.93.

Comparisons. Morphological variation occurs along the distribution range of *H. paradoxus*, though it appears insufficient to recognize distinct species. *H. paradoxus* differs from *H. vagus* by the larger size of its soldiers, its less elongated labrum with rounded end and its antennae with 16 or 17 articles.

Distribution. (Fig. 44). This species is widespread in southern Papua New Guinea, and was found on both coasts of the “bird’s neck” in Indonesian Papua. It is also known from northern Australia, especially Queensland (Watson & Abbey 1993). It occurs in savanna as well as in forest.

Genus *Parrhinotermes* Holmgren, 1910

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Parrhinotermes Holmgren 1910a: 285.

Type species. *Termes aequalis* Haviland, 1898, by monotypy (as *T. aqualis*, incorrect spelling).

Diagnosis. Imago head approximately circular, with fontanelle situated between eyes. Frons with a slightly visible groove. Labrum short, inclined downward, without groove. Antennae with 16 or 17 articles. Pronotum relatively short, generally of the same width or slightly narrower than head. Soldier head rectangular to ovoid. Frons and clypeus with a groove, from the narrow fontanelle to the beginning of the labrum. Labrum elongated, crossed by a groove in the middle, and garnished with an apical brush. Base of mandibles serrated. Left mandible with two subsidiary teeth. Right mandible with one subsidiary tooth. Antennae with 13 articles.

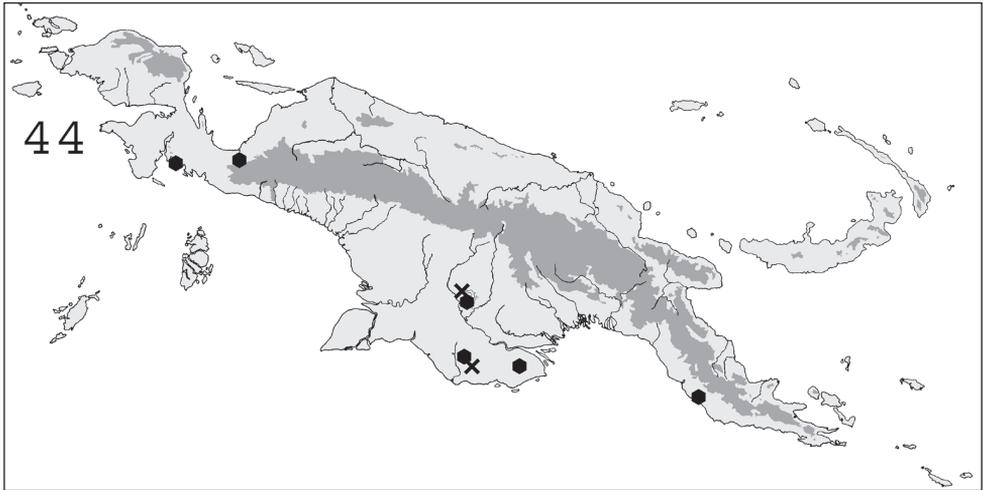


Figure 44. Known distribution in New Guinea of: ✕ *Heterotermes vagus*; ● *Heterotermes paradoxus*.

Distribution. This genus is known from the Oriental region, northeastern India, the Papuan region and northern Australia (in northern Queensland) (Emerson 1955, Tho 1992). It occurs in tropical rainforest where it nests in dead logs.

***Parrhinotermes browni* (Harris, 1958)**

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Figs 45–49, 55

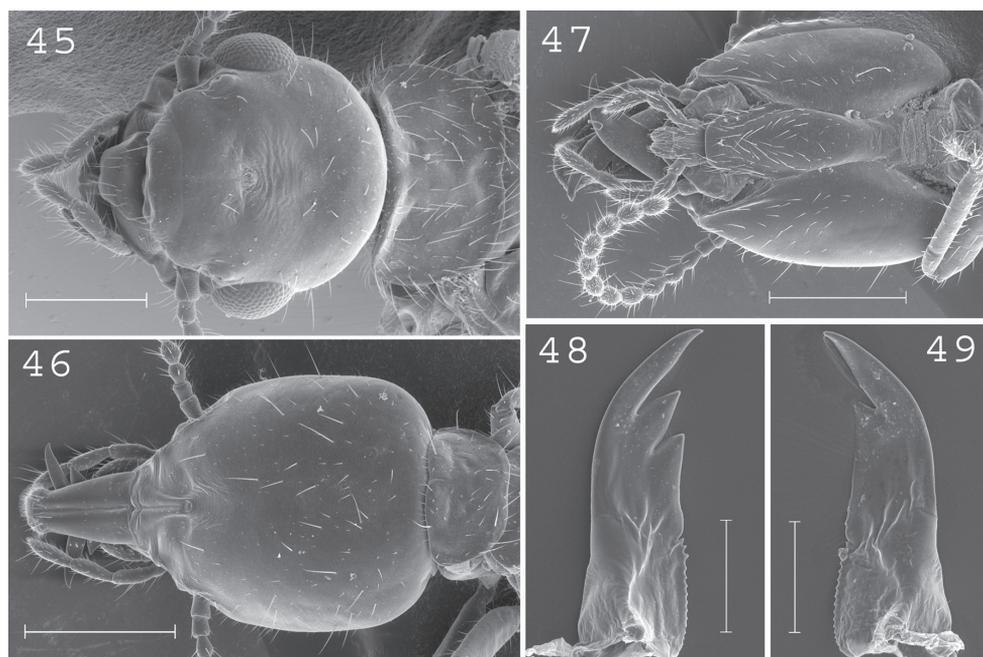
Schedorhinotermes browni Harris 1958: 59.

Parrhinotermes browni (Harris): Roisin 1988a: 22.

Material examined. Paratypes, soldiers and workers: SOLOMON ISLANDS:

Guadalcanal: Gold Ridge, 22.iii.1955 (E.S. Brown) (Brit. Mus. 1957–137, BMNH).

Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: East Sepik: Tsenap, 18.v.1929 (K.P. Schmidt), from log on ground (AMNH); **Madang:** Yagaum Hospital, 07.iv.1983 (YR) (#PNGT303, 306); Yagaum Hospital, 13.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT340, 341); Bunapae, 18.ii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT546); Bunapae, 12.vi.1984 (YR) (#PNGT681); Guam bridge, 09.viii.1984 (YR), with royal pair (#PNGT782); Guam bridge, 12.ii.1985 (JMP & YR), with royal pair (#PNGT867); Guam bridge, 9.vi.1986 (YR), large colony with royal pair in rotten wood (#PNGT1023), and small sample (#PNGT1024); Sepen No.1, 29.vi.1986 (YR) (#PNGT1031); Hatzfeldthafen, 22.viii.1987 (YR), with primary king and ergatoid queen (#PNGT1130); Braham mission, 06.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1204); Wanuma, 05.viii.1969 (R. Zweifel) (AMNH); **Morobe:** Busu River, 17.xii.1962 (AE) (AMNH); 18 mi W Lae, 28.xi.1962 (AE), nest with royal pair in



Figures 45–49. *Parrhinotermes browni*. Imago: **45** head. Soldier: **46** head in dorsal view; **47** head in ventral view; **48** left mandible; **49** right mandible. Scale bars: **45, 46, 47:** 0.5mm **48, 49:** 0.2mm.

large log on forest floor (AMNH); Bulolo, 22.v.1987 (YR), in hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) plantation (#PNGT1081); McAdam National Park, 20.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1236); **Sandaun:** Yapsiei, 11.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1742); Yapsiei, 12.iii.1994 (YR & ML), in standing dead wood, with alates (#PNGT1751); **Central:** Subitana plantation, xi.1962 (AE) (AMNH). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Pusppenssat-IrJa, 13.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT7, 9); Pusppenssat-IrJa, 14.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT28); Pusppenssat-IrJa, 15.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT39); Pusppenssat-IrJa, 29.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT203); road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT167).

Imago. (Fig. 45). Head covered by about 15 setae with posterior edges strongly rounded, frons and clypeus short. Pronotum covered by about 100 setae. Antennae with 17 articles. Measurements (mm) of 6 imagoes from 1 colony: TBL: 5.76–6.34; HLC: 1.04–1.18; HWE: 1.19–1.26; PL: 0.47–0.65; PW: 0.90–0.95; FWL: 8.34–8.93; ED: 0.27–0.36.

Soldier. (Figs 46–49) Head rectangular-shaped with edges slightly rounded, covered by about 50 small setae and 10 large ones. Labrum elongated, reaching the tip of mandibles, with a rounded apical brush. Postmentum covered by setae only on its upper part. Antennae with 13 articles. Mandibles straight, slightly curved at tip, slightly serrated at base. Measurements (mm) of 6 soldiers of the type colony and 39 soldiers from 13 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.13–1.19 (1.01–1.33); HLL: 1.56–1.64 (1.40–1.79); HW: 0.90–0.94 (0.86–1.05); PW: 0.52–0.56 (0.51–0.68); RML: 0.69–

0.73 (0.64–0.78); MPW: 0.27–0.31 (0.27–0.34); mPW: 0.16–0.18 (0.16–0.22); T3L: 0.75–0.81 (0.70–0.89).

Distribution. (Fig. 55). This species, originally described from the Solomon Islands, is common in Northern New Guinea and in the bird's neck area.

Termitophiles. Several species of Trichopseniini (Coleptera, Staphylinidae) were reported from this species (Bourguignon et al. 2007): *Parrhinopsenius brevipilosus*, *P. longipilosus*, *P. hirsutus*, *P. parvus*, and one specimen of *Schedolimulus latus*.

***Parrhinotermes barbatus* sp. n.**

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Figs 50–55

Holotype. Soldier: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Southern Highlands: Lake Kutubu, 11.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1285). **Paratypes: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Southern Highlands:** Lake Kutubu, 11.x.1988 (YR), two colonies, one with alates, the other one with late nymphs (#PNGT1285, 1286); Lake Kutubu, 12.x.1988 (YR), with late nymphs (#PNGT1292); Lake Kutubu, 13.x.1988 (YR), with late nymphs (#PNGT1296); Pimaga, 16.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1306); Pimaga, 17.x.1988 (YR), with late nymphs (#PNGT1315); **Fly:** Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML), two colonies in dead wood, with queen (#PNGT1628, 1630); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1650). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Road Nabire-Mapia km 62, 18.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT71).

Imago. (Fig. 50). Head covered by about 15 setae with posterior margin strongly rounded, frons and clypeus of medium size. Pronotum covered by about 100 setae (Fig. 52). Antennae with 17 articles. Measurements (mm) of 6 imagoes from 1 colony: TBL: 5.23–6.02; HLC: 1.06–1.10; HWE: 1.24–1.27; PL: 0.44–0.65; PW: 0.85–0.98; FWL: 8.02–8.84; ED: 0.27–0.39.

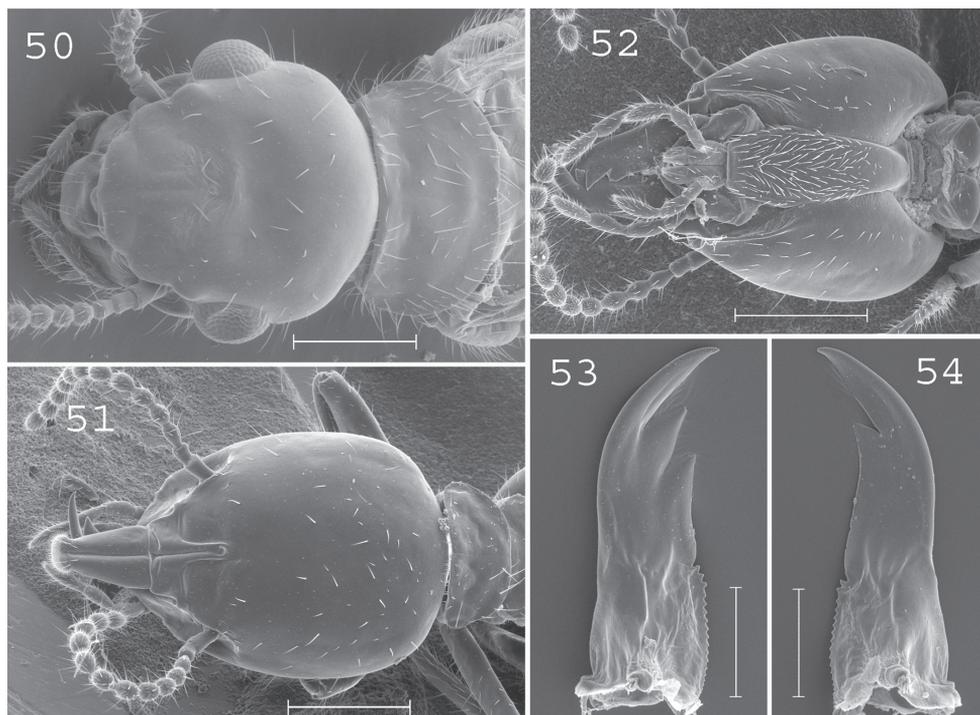
Soldier. (Figs 51–54). Head ellipsoid, covered by about 50 small setae. Labrum elongated, reaching the tip of mandibles, ending in a rounded brush. Postmentum covered by setae from the base to the upper part. Antennae with 13 articles. Mandibles straight, slightly curved at tip, slightly serrated at base. Measurements (mm) of 30 soldiers from 10 colonies: HLC: 1.11–1.33; HLL: 1.51–1.75; HW: 0.95–1.12; PW: 0.53–0.65; RML: 0.66–0.79; MPW: 0.25–0.34; mPW: 0.16–0.22; T3L: 0.74–0.90.

Comparisons. This species is distinguishable from *P. browni* and *P. queenslandicus* Mjöberg, 1920 by the postmentum of soldiers, completely covered by setae.

Distribution. (Fig. 55). This species is common in southern New Guinean forests, and was also collected once in Indonesian Papua.

Termitophiles. The four species of *Parrhinopsenius* found with *Parrhinotermes browni* were also found with this species, previously referred to as *Parrhinotermes* nr. *queenslandicus* (Bourguignon et al. 2007).

Etymology. We named this species after the latin “barba”, referring to the postmentum of its soldiers fully covered by setae.



Figures 50–54. *Parrhinotermes barbatus*. Imago: **50** head. Soldier: **51** head in dorsal view; **52** head in ventral view; **53** left mandible; **54** right mandible. Scale bars: **50, 51, 52:** 0.5mm; **53, 54:** 0.2mm.

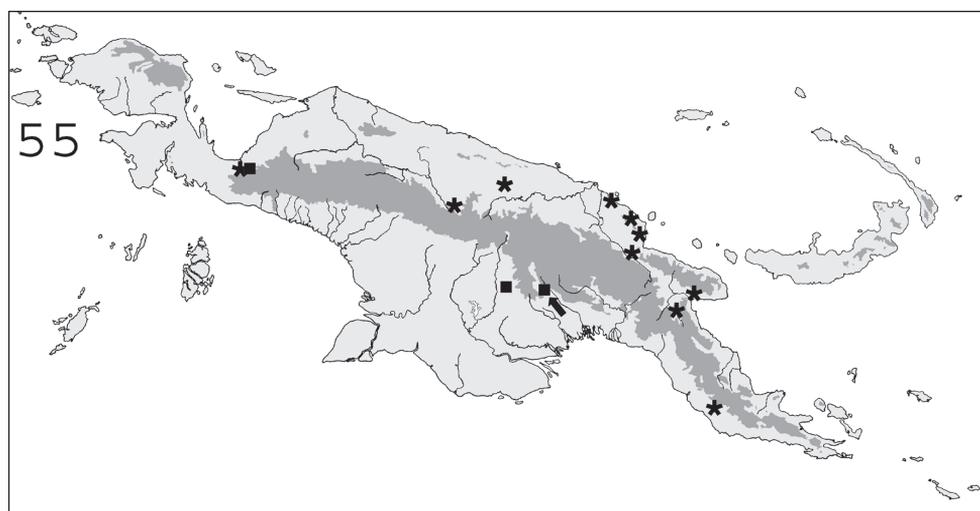


Figure 55. Known distribution in New Guinea of: ★ *Parrhinotermes browni*; ■ *Parrhinotermes barbatus*. Arrow points to type locality.

Genus *Schedorhinotermes* Silvestri, 1909

<http://species-id.net/wiki/Schedorhinotermes>

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) Silvestri 1909: 289.

Schedorhinotermes Silvestri. Snyder, 1949: 89.

Type species. *Rhinotermes intermedius* Brauer, 1865, by original designation.

Diagnosis. Imagoes very similar to those of *Parrhinotermes*. Head approximately circular in shape. Fontanelle situated in the middle of the head. Frons with a slightly visible groove. Labrum short, inclined downward, without groove. Soldiers generally dimorphic and sometimes trimorphic. All species described here have dimorphic soldiers, excepted *S. seclusus* in which the minor soldiers can sometimes be further separated into two morphs (Miller 1987). Minor soldiers with elongated head. Frons and clypeus with a groove in the middle that joins the opening of the fontanelle to the labrum. Labrum elongated, crossed by a groove in the middle, ending in a brush. Mandibles long and slender. Left mandible with two short subsidiary teeth. Right mandible with one short subsidiary tooth. Major soldiers with labrum proportionally shorter than in minor soldiers. Frons and clypeus with a groove in the middle, from the fontanelle to the labrum. Labrum short and large, with a groove in the middle and an apical brush. Mandibles stout and strongly curved. Left mandible with two large subsidiary teeth. Right mandible with one large subsidiary tooth, as well as a hump at the base. Major soldiers supply more relevant systematic information to distinguish species.

Distribution. This genus is known from Africa, Southeast Asia, the Papuan region and Australia (Emerson 1955, Harris 1968). It feeds on dead wood.

***Schedorhinotermes seclusus* (Hill, 1933)**

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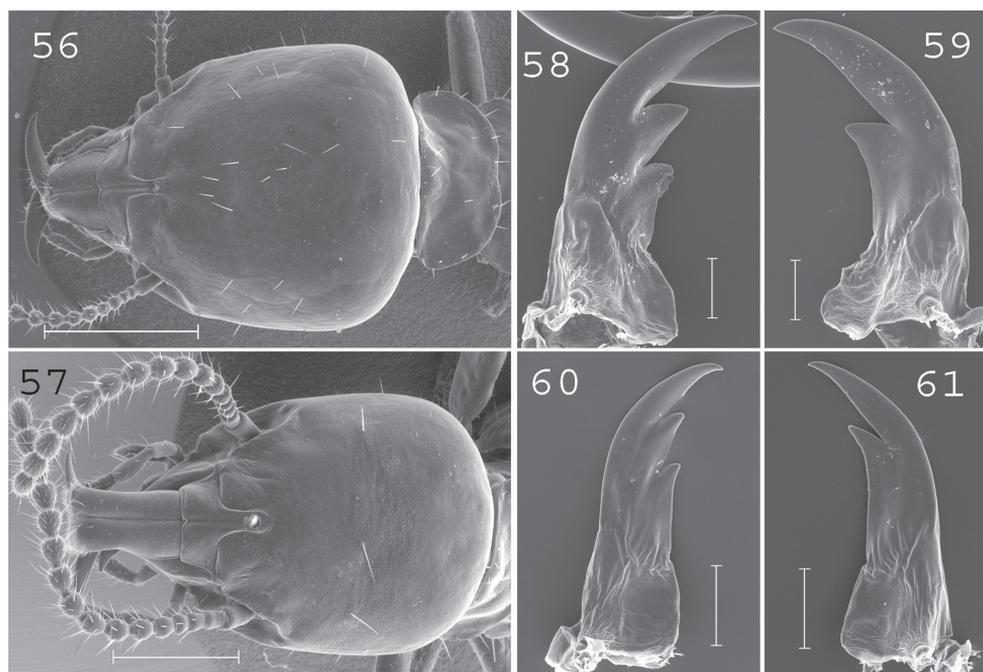
Figs 56–61, 82

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *intermedius seclusus* Hill 1933: 5.

Schedorhinotermes intermedius seclusus (Hill). Snyder 1949: 92.

Schedorhinotermes seclusus (Hill). Watson et al. 1998: 197.

Material examined. Lectotype: AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Babinda, 06.i.1925 (G.F. Hill) (NMVA #T-10854). **Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Southern Highlands:** Lake Kutubu, 13.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1295); **Fly:** Morehead, 25.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1438); Morehead, 26.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1453); Wipim, 15.viii.1962 (R. Zweifel), with nymphs (AMNH); Wipim, 30.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1480, 1482); Wipim, 31.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1495); Wipim, 01.iv.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1504); Lake Murray, 22.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1558, 1559, 1560); Lake Murray, 23.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1573,



Figures 56–61. *Schedorhinotermes seclusus*. Major soldier: **56** head; **58** left mandible; **59** right mandible. Minor soldier: **57** head; **60** left mandible; **61** right mandible. Scale bars: **56, 57:** 0.5mm; **58, 59, 60, 61:** 0.2mm.

1576); Lake Murray, 24.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1579); Lake Murray, 25.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1596); Lake Murray, 27.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1604); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1633).

Imago. Unknown.

Major soldier. (Figs 56, 58–59) Soldiers of large size. Head covered by about 30 setae. Labrum short and large, not reaching the tip of mandibles. Antennae generally with 17 articles, sometimes with 16 or 18 articles. Pronotum large, covered by about 15 setae principally situated on the edges. Abdomen densely hairy, with 20 to 40 setae per segment. Mandibles moderately curved. Left mandible with the first subsidiary tooth shorter than the second and with a small hump at the base. Right mandible with a slight hump at the base. Measurements (mm) of 1 major soldier from the type colony and 30 major soldiers from 10 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 2.07 (1.82–2.33); HLL: 2.52 (2.24–2.74); HW: 1.96 (1.69–2.05); PW: 1.27 (1.08–1.42); RML: 1.27 (1.00–1.36); mPW: 0.36 (0.22–0.38); T3L: 1.76 (1.43–1.73).

Minor soldier. (Figs 57, 60–61). Soldiers of large size. Head covered by about 15 setae. Labrum 1.5 times longer than wide, reaching the tip of mandibles. Antennae with 16 articles. Pronotum of large size with about 10 setae on the edges. Abdomen abundantly hairy, with 10 to 15 setae per segment. Large mandibles strongly curved. Measurements (mm) of 1 minor soldier from the type colony and 10 minor soldiers from 10 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.11 (1.10–1.41); HLL: 1.52 (1.59–1.97);

HW: 0.86 (0.95–1.19); PL: 0.44 (0.38–0.48); PW: 0.66 (0.68–0.86); RML: 0.75 (0.79–0.97); MPW: 0.35 (0.34–0.39); T3L: 1.09 (1.01–1.32).

Comparisons. This species is easily distinguishable from others by its large size and its densely hairy abdomen in the minor and major soldier castes. Minor soldiers are highly variable in size, indicating the likely presence of two developmental subcategories (Miller 1987).

Distribution. (Fig. 82). This species is widespread throughout southern Papua New Guinea. It is also known from Queensland, Australia.

Termitophiles. Three species of Trichopseniini (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae) were reported by Bourguignon et al. (2007): *Schedolimulus seclusi*, *S. planus* and *Papuapsenius magnus*.

Schedorhinotermes malaccensis (Holmgren, 1913)

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Figs 62–67, 82

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *malaccensis* Holmgren 1913: 86.

Schedorhinotermes malaccensis (Holmgren). Snyder 1949: 93.

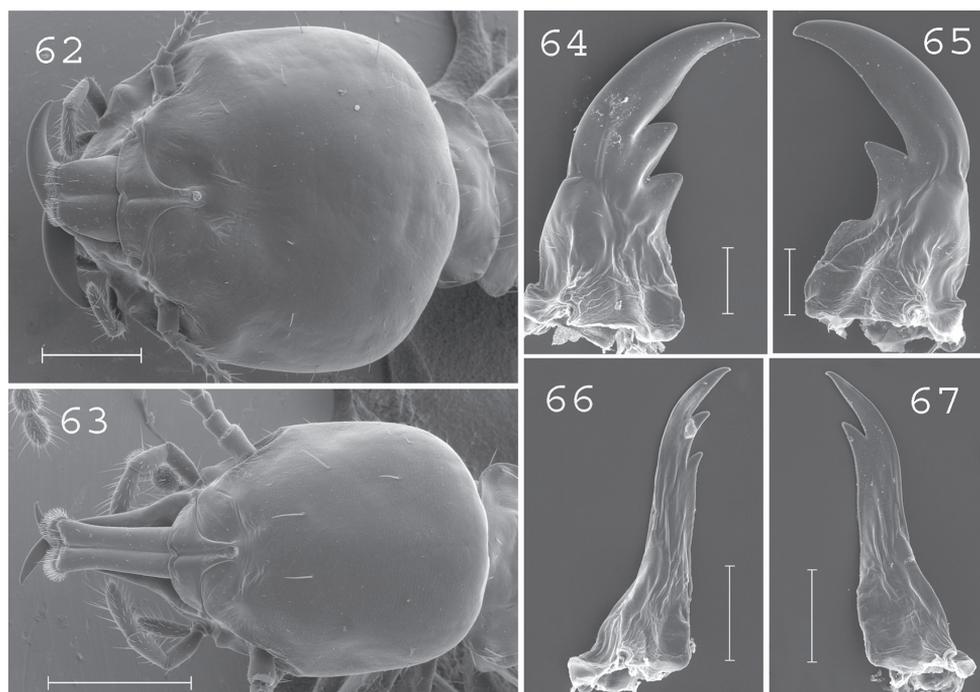
Material examined. Paratype: NHRS collections. **Other material: INDONESIA: Papua:** Puspenssat-IrJa, 13.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT15); Road Nabire-Mapia km 48, 15.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT43).

Imago. Unknown.

Major soldier. (Figs 62, 64–65). Soldiers of large size. Head rounded, as long as large, covered by about 20 setae. Labrum short and large. Antennae generally with 16 articles. Pronotum large, covered by about 15 setae situated on the edges. Mesonotum and metanotum covered by about 10 setae on posterior margin. Abdomen covered by about 10 setae per segment. Mandibles very large. Right mandible with large hump at the basis. Measurements (mm) of 6 major soldiers from 2 colonies: HLC: 1.70–2.09; HLL: 2.03–2.43; HW: 1.95–2.04; PW: 1.17–1.25; RML: 1.07–1.15; mPW: 0.26–0.34; T3L: 1.54–1.64.

Minor soldier. (Figs 63, 66–67). Head covered by 5 to 10 setae. Labrum moderately elongated, almost reaching the tip of mandibles. Fronto-clypeus short and wide. Antennae with 15 or 16 articles. Pronotum with about 10 setae placed on the edges. Mesonotum and metanotum with about 8 setae on the posterior edge. Mandibles elongated, slender, with short subsidiary teeth. Measurements (mm) of 1 minor soldier from the type colony and 6 minor soldiers from 2 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.28 (1.01–1.22); HLL: 1.77 (1.52–1.78); HW: 1.00 (0.81–0.95); PL: 0.50 (0.37–0.49); PW: 0.70 (0.59–0.73); RML: 0.85 (0.72–0.87); MPW: 0.36 (0.30–0.35); T3L: 1.18 (1.03–1.14).

Comparisons. This species is easily distinguished from other New Guinean species by the large rounded head and stout mandibles of its major soldiers.



Figures 62–67. *Schedorhinotermes malaccensis*. Major soldier: **62** head; **64** left mandible; **65** right mandible. Minor soldier: **63** head; **66** left mandible; **67** right mandible. Scale bars: **62, 63:** 0.5mm; **64, 65, 66, 67:** 0.2mm.

Distribution. (Fig. 82). This species is widespread throughout Sundaland (Gathorne-Hardy 2004). In New Guinea, it was only collected twice in northwestern Papua.

***Schedorhinotermes longirostris* (Brauer, 1866)**

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Figs 68–74, 82

Termes longirostris Brauer 1866: 47.

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *longirostris* (Brauer). Holmgren 1913: 86.

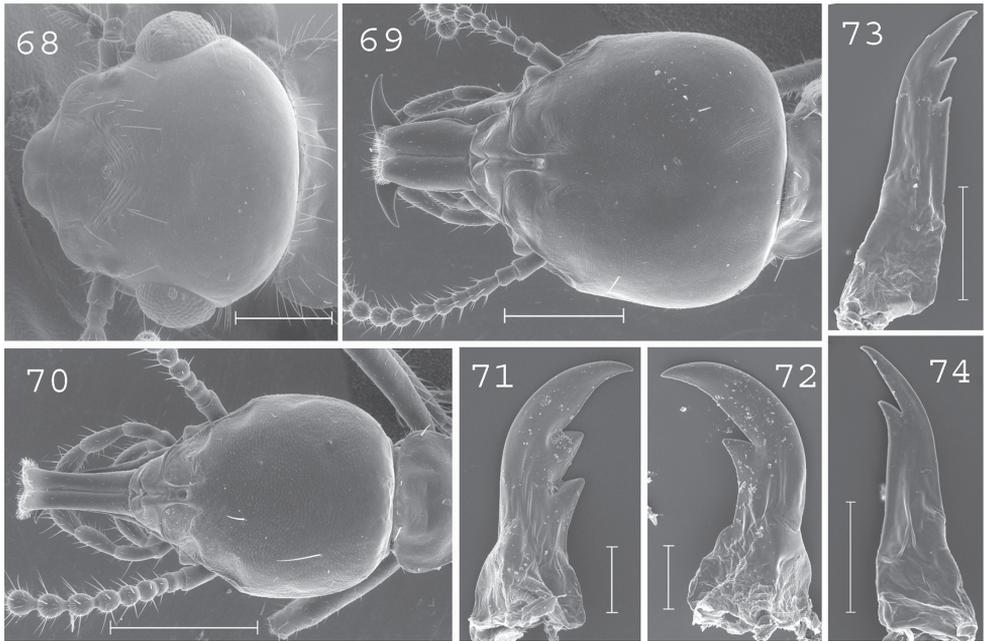
Schedorhinotermes longirostris (Brauer). Snyder 1949: 93.

Rhinotermes dimorphus Desneux 1905: 368. syn. n.

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *dimorphus* Desneux. Holmgren 1911a: 458.

Schedorhinotermes dimorphus (Desneux). Snyder 1949: 90.

Material examined. Syntypes, minor soldier and workers: INDIA: Nicobar Islands: Kondul Island (NHRS). Syntypes of *S. dimorphus*, major soldiers, minor soldiers and workers: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Madang: Madang (as Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen),



Figures 68–74. *Schedorhinotermes longirostris*. Imago: **68** head. Major soldier: **69** head; **71** left mandible; **72** right mandible. Minor soldier: **70** head; **73** left mandible; **74** right mandible. Scale bars: **68, 69, 70:** 0.5mm; **71, 72, 73, 74:** 0.2mm.

8.i.1901 (L. Biró) (IRSNB). **Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Sandaun:** Vanimo, 08.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1718); **East Sepik:** Marangis, 07.iii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT253); **Madang:** Road Madang-Lae km 30, 04.vii.1981 (JMP) (#PNGT120, 121); Bunapas road, 07.vii.1981 (JMP) (#PNGT132, 141); Potsdam plantation, 23.iii.1983 (YR) (#PNGT275); Nubia, 18.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT353), Potsdam plantation, 20.vi.1983 (YR) (#PNGT386); Bunapae, 25.x.1983 (YR) (#PNGT415); Sepen No.1, 29.x.1983 (YR) (#PNGT425); Potsdam plantation, 25.xi.1983 (YR), with nymphs (#PNGT479); Bunapae, 12.vi.1984 (YR) (#PNGT680); Potsdam plantation, 20.vii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT743); Bunapae, 23.vii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT748); Potsdam plantation, 24.vii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT753); Hansa point, 22.viii.1984 (YR) (#PNGT786); Hansa point, 08.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT823); Sepen No.1, 16.ii.1985 (JMP & YR), with alates (#PNGT876); Sepen No.1, 01.iii.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1165, 1166); Yagaum hospital, 10.iv.1983 (YR) (#PNGT304); Gilagil River bridge, 12.iii.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1170); Baitabag, 15.v.1999 (L. Čížek) (#2, J. Šobotník's collection); Tabobo, 07.i.1989 (ML) (#PNGT1383); Road Kausi-Bundi, 07.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1207); Bundi, 10.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1210); **Morobe:** Wampit, 06.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT178); Kaia-pit, 19.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT192); Sirasira, 15.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1219, 1220). Bulolo, 14.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT168); Mount Susu, 23.v.1987 (YR), in branch of klinkii pine on the ground (#PNGT1085); Mount Susu, 19.v.1988 (YR), in branch of klinkii pine on the ground (#PNGT1233); **Oro:** Kokoda, 13.iii.1985 (JMP & YR), in tree stump in cocoa plantation (#PNGT949); Koiasi, 14.iii.1985 (JMP & YR)

(#PNGT957); Kokoda, 19.iii.1985 (JMP & YR), in dead wood in rubber plantation (#PNGT987); **East New Britain:** Warengoi, 19.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT561); Ataliklikun Bay, 30 km W of Keravat, 23.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT595); **New Ireland:** Lelet plateau, 27.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT609, 610); Konos, 29.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT623); **Manus:** Road Lorengau-Yiringo km 32, 04.vi.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT659); **Central:** Sogeri area, 23.xi.1962 (AE), 2 samples with alates, from logs in rubber grove (AMNH); Sirinumu Dam, 06.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT913); Sirinumu Dam, 08.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT926, 931); **Southern Highlands:** Lake Kutubu, 11.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1287, 1288); Pimaga, 16.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1304); **Fly:** Tabubil, 20.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1548); Lake Murray, 22.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1557); Lake Murray, 24.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1583); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1626). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT168); Kaimana, 21.xi.1995 (YR), three samples, the last one with large nymphs (#IRJT103, 109, 113); Kaimana, 23.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT142).

New synonymy. We compared the type material of *S. longirostris* and *S. dimorphus* with our material and were not able to find any relevant morphological characters to distinguish the two species. Therefore, we consider *S. dimorphus* as a junior synonym of *S. longirostris*.

Imago. (Fig. 68). Head covered by 10–15 setae. Eyes of medium size. Pronotum covered by about 50 setae mainly located on the edges. Antennae with 20 articles. Measurements (mm) of 6 imagoes from 1 colony: TBL: 7.39–8.79; HLC: 1.37–1.58; HWE: 1.51–1.62; PL: 0.73–0.79; PW: 1.23–1.36; FWL: 8.70–9.80; ED: 0.31–0.33.

Major soldier. (Figs 69, 71–72). Soldiers of small size. Head, excluding labrum, square-shaped, slightly longer than wide, covered by about 10 setae. Labrum slightly longer than wide, reaching the tip of mandibles. Antennae with 15 or 16 articles. Pronotum covered by 6 long setae disposed in each corners. Mesonotum and metanotum with 4 long setae. Abdomen with 6 long setae per segment, plus sometimes 1 or 2 smaller ones. Mandibles strongly curved at tip with short subsidiary teeth. Left mandible with 2 subsidiary teeth of the same length. Right mandible without hump at the basis. Measurements (mm) of 1 major soldier from the type colony of *S. longirostris*, 2 major soldiers from the type colony of *S. dimorphus* [brackets], and 77 major soldiers from 29 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.56 [1.50–1.56] (1.35–1.95); HLL: 2.05 [1.92–1.99] (1.65–2.21); HW: 1.32 [1.31–1.35] (1.17–1.51); PW: 0.74 [0.73–0.75] (0.65–0.86); RML: 0.98 [0.89–0.97] (0.75–1.06); mPW: 0.25 [0.24] (0.19–0.30); T3L: 1.19 [1.09–1.16] (1.11–1.36).

Minor soldier. (Figs 70, 73–74). Soldiers of small size. Head elongated, covered by 5–10 setae. Labrum very elongated, 3 times longer than wide, reaching beyond mandibles. Fronto-clypeus of medium size. Antennae with 15 or 16 articles. Pronotum covered by 6 large setae disposed in each corner. Mesonotum and metanotum with 4 long setae. Abdomen with 6 long setae per segment, plus sometimes 1 or 2 smaller ones. Mandibles elongated, hardly curved, with short subsidiary teeth. Measurements (mm) of 10 minor soldiers from 10 colonies of *S. longirostris*, plus 6 minor soldiers of the type colony of *S. dimorphus* [brackets]: HLC: 0.82–1.05 [0.90–0.94]; HLL:

1.18–1.54 [1.30–1.37]; HW: 0.60–0.77 [0.66–0.69]; PL: 0.28–0.36 [0.30–0.33]; PW: 0.40–0.53 [0.44–0.51]; RML: 0.52–0.70 [0.51–0.64]; MPW: 0.25–0.31 [0.24–0.28]; T3L: 0.74–0.94 [0.71–0.87].

Comparisons. This species can be distinguished from other New Guinean species by the number of setae on the pronotum (6 per segment), mesonotum (4), metanotum (4) and abdomen (6) in the major soldier caste.

Distribution. (Fig. 82). This species is common in forested areas throughout New Guinea. It probably also occurs in Indonesia, since it was described from the Nicobar islands.

Termitophiles. Several Aleocharinae (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) were found with this species. *Schedotermoeicia kaimanensis* (Coptotermoeiciina) was described from colony #IRJT142, and its congener *S. papuana* from #PNGT1165 (Bourguignon & Roisin 2006). The following Trichopseniini also occur with this species: *Schedolimulus elongatus*, *S. planus* and *S. minutides* Bourguignon, *nomen novum* (here proposed as replacement name for *S. minutus* Bourguignon, 2007, to remove secondary homonymy with *Phorilimulus minutus* Pasteels & Kistner, 1971, transferred to *Schedolimulus* by Kanao et al. 2011).

***Schedorhinotermes translucens* (Haviland, 1898)**

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Figs 75–81, 83

Termes translucens Haviland 1898: 394.

Rhinotermes translucens (Haviland). Desneux 1904b: 28.

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *translucens* (Haviland). Holmgren 1911a: 458.

Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *celebensis* Holmgren 1911a: 458. **New synonymy.**

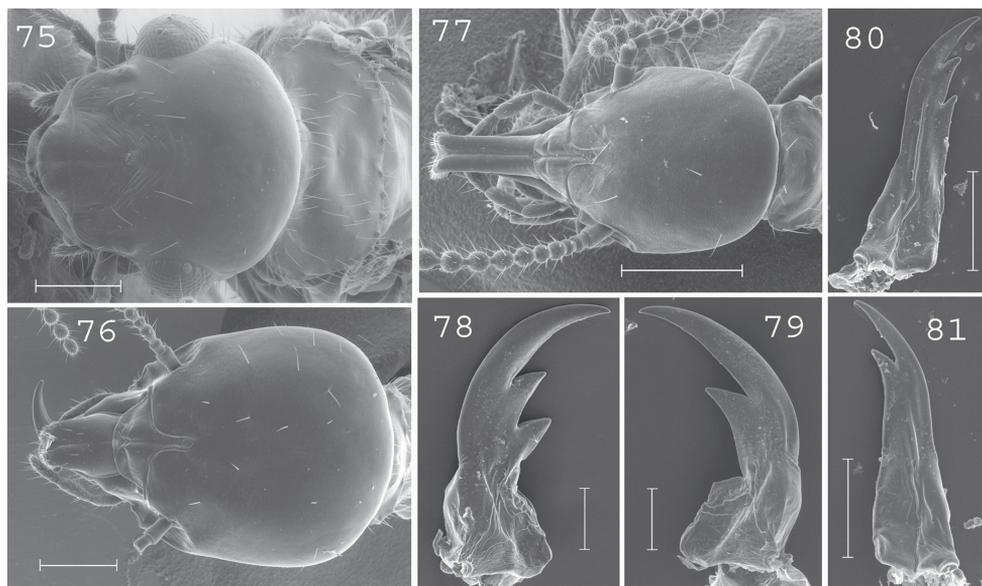
Rhinotermes (*Schedorhinotermes*) *marjoriae* Snyder 1925: 404–405. **New synonymy.**

Schedorhinotermes marjoriae (Snyder). Snyder 1949: 94.

Schedorhinotermes celebensis (Holmgren). Snyder 1949: 90.

Schedorhinotermes translucens (Haviland). Snyder 1949: 96.

Material examined. Syntypes, all castes: MALAYSIA: Sarawak: Kuching, xi.1894 (G.D. Haviland) (type No. 299, B.M.1899–41, BMNH, collection data from Harris 1966). **Syntype of *S. celebensis*, alate:** Celebes, Hickson (BMNH). **Other material: SOLOMON ISLANDS:** Guadalcanal, 24.xi.1954 (E.S. Brown), labelled *S. marjoriae* (BMNH). **PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Madang:** Bunapas road, 26.vi.1981 (JMP) (#PNGT104); Nubia, 18.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT352); Hatzfeldthafen, 20.v.1983 (YR), in bamboo thicket (#PNGT363); Potsdam, 10.xii.1983 (YR) (#PNGT495); Boisa Island, 06.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT819); Tabele (Manam Is.), 19.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT841); Guam bridge, 12.ii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT872); Bunapas road, 16.ii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT877); Hatzfeldthafen, 22.ii.1985 (JMP & YR), with royal pair, 1 alate in log on the ground (#PNGT893); Bogia-Tangu road km 10, 28.vii.1987 (YR) (#PNGT1125 ?1124?); Nubia, 17.ii.1988 (YR), with 3 alates



Figures 75–81. *Schedorhinotermes translucens*. Imago: **75** head. Major soldier: **76** head; **78** left mandible; **79** right mandible. Minor soldier: **77** head; **80** left mandible; **81** right mandible. Scale bars: **75, 76, 77:** 0.5mm; **78, 79, 80, 81:** 0.2mm.

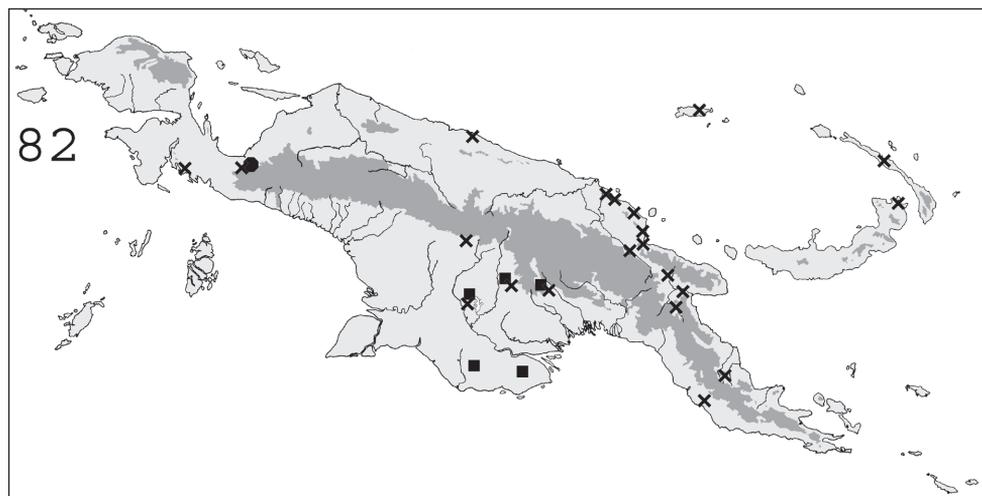


Figure 82. Known distribution in New Guinea of: ■ *Schedorhinotermes seclusus*; ● *Schedorhinotermes malaccensis*; × *Schedorhinotermes longirostris*.

(#PNGT1155); Baitabag, 15.v.1999 (L. Čížek) (#11, J. Šobotník's collection); Tabobo, 07.i.1989 (ML), with alates (#PNGT1385); Braham mission, 05.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1199); **Morobe:** Kaiapit, 18–19.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT185, 190); 19 km W Lae, 28.xi.1962 (AE) (AMNH); 40 km S Lae on Bulolo road, 15.xii.1962 (AE) (AMNH); 21 km ENE Lae, 20.xii.1962 (AE) (AMNH); Markham River (21

km NW Lae), 08.xii.1962 (AE), with nymphoid queen, in standing tree besides stream (AMNH); Oomsis, 25.v.1987 (YR) (#PNGT1089); Bulolo, 14.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT166, 167); Bulolo, 22.v.1987 (YR) (#PNGT1078); 8 km S Bulolo, alt. 900m, 14.xii.1962 (AE) (AMNH); Manki ridge, 18.v.1988 (YR), in *Castanopsis* forest (#PNGT1227); Mount Susu, 19.v.1988 (YR), in hoop pine log (#PNGT1234); Wau-Edie Creek road, 10.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT157, 158); Mount Missim, 12.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT163); Kaulz Creek, 13.xii.1962 (AE), 2 samples from wood stump in mid-montane forest (AMNH); **Eastern Highlands:** Aiyura, 03.i.1963 (AE), 2 samples from stumps, one in *Castanopsis acuminata* forest, one in garden (AMNH); **Sandaun:** Yapsiei, 10.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1731, 1732); Yapsiei, 11.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1743); Yapsiei, 12.iii.1994 (YR & ML), with 1 alate (#PNGT1752); **Manus:** Lorengau-Yiringo road km 32, 04.vi.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT655); Lorengau-Yiringo road km 32, 06.vi.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT674); **East New Britain:** Ataliklikun Bay, 30 km W of Keravat, 23.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT596); **Oro:** Kokoda, 13.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT951); Kokoda, 17.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT978, 979); Kokoda, 17.iii.1985 (JMP & YR), in rubber plantation (#PNGT991, 992); **Central:** Sirinumu Dam, 09.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT941); Brown River, 21.iii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT995); **Southern Highlands:** Bosavi mission, 25.vi.1999 (L. Čížek) (#19, J. Šobotník's collection); Lake Kutubu, 13.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1294); Pimaga, 16–17.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1303, 1305, 1311); Pimaga, 19.x.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1320); **Fly:** Morehead, 23.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1417); Wipim, 29.iii.1989 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1474); Tabubil, 19.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1538); Lake Murray, 23.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1568); Nomad, 29.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1615); Nomad, 31.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1629); Nomad, 01.vi.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1638, 1641, 1646); Nomad, 02.vi.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1666). **INDONESIA:** **Papua:** Pusppensat-IrJa, 14.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT25); Road Nabire-Mapia km 48, 15.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT42); Road Nabire-Mapia km 62, 18.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT69, 70); Pusppensat-IrJa, 19.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT83, 93); Topo, 28.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT191); Sanoba, 29.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT196); Pusppensat-IrJa, 01.xii.1995 (YR) (#IRJT212). **Samples included with doubt: PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** **Madang:** Usino, 22.ii.1983 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT215); Nubia, 18.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT352); Guam bridge, 12.ii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT868); Hatzfeldthafen, 22.ii.1985 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT892); **East New Britain:** Warengoi, 19.v.1984 (JMP & YR) (#PNGT571).

New synonymy. *S. celebensis* was described by Holmgren (1911a) based on the alate caste. The distinction of rhinotermitid species based only on alates is uncertain, as only few characters give relevant taxonomic information. After comparison of the type series of *S. celebensis* and *S. translucens* it appears that alates of the two species are morphologically identical and could be considered as the same species. Moreover, *S. celebensis* was mentioned in New Guinea and was therefore expected to occur in our samples. Thus, even though the soldiers could not be compared, we consider *S. celebensis* as a junior synonym of *S. translucens*.

S. marjoriae was described by Snyder (1925) based on specimens collected in the Solomon Islands. He pointed out its resemblance with *S. translucens* and gave as sole character to distinguish these species the morphology of major soldier mandibles. After examination of samples of *S. marjoriae* and *S. translucens*, we found that differences between soldier mandibles of the two alleged species are by far smaller than variation observed among New Guinean specimens. For this reason, we also consider *S. marjoriae* as a junior synonym of *S. translucens*.

Imago. (Fig. 75). Head slightly rounded posteriorly, covered by about 15 setae. Eyes relatively large. Pronotum bearing about 50 setae, principally located on edges. Antennae with 20 articles. Measurements (mm) of 3 imagoes from the type colony of *S. translucens*, 1 imago from the type colony of *S. celebensis* [brackets], and 26 imagoes from 5 colonies (parentheses): TBL: 7.31–8.95 [7.18] (7.02–8.95); HLC: 1.62–1.68 [1.54] (1.36–1.67); HWE: 1.72–1.76 [1.66] (1.63–1.84); PL: 0.88–0.98 [0.80] (0.74–0.89); PW: 1.48–1.55 [1.39] (1.30–1.56); FWL: 10.21–10.70 [n.a.] (9.60–11.40); ED: 0.51–0.54 [0.41] (0.31–0.48).

Major soldier. (Figs 76, 78–79). Soldiers of medium size. Head slightly longer than wide, covered by about 30 setae. Labrum not reaching the tip of mandibles. Antennae with 16 articles. Pronotum large, covered by about 15 setae. Mesonotum and metanotum covered by about 10 setae on the posterior margin. Abdomen with 15 to 20 setae per segment. Left mandible with the first subsidiary tooth slightly longer than the second. Right mandible with well developed outgrowth on interior side of base. Measurements (mm) of 3 major soldiers from the type colony of *S. translucens*, 6 major soldiers from one determined sample of *S. marjoriae* [brackets], and 87 major soldiers from 29 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.91–1.97 [1.95–2.06] (1.45–2.10); HLL: 2.38–2.42 [2.40–2.58] (1.82–2.62); HW: 1.67–1.79 [1.75–1.89] (1.32–1.84); PW: 1.02–1.08 [1.04–1.12] (0.74–1.17); RML: 1.11–1.14 [1.12–1.19] (0.88–1.23); MPW: 0.27–0.30 [0.29–0.34] (0.20–0.34); T3L: 1.54–1.57 [1.42–1.53] (1.15–1.63).

Minor soldier. (Figs 77, 80–81). Head elongated, rounded posteriorly, covered by about 10 setae. Labrum 2.5 times longer than wide, reaching the tip of mandibles. Fronto-clypeus elongated. Antennae with 15 articles. Pronotum with about 10 setae on the edges. Mesonotum and metanotum with about 10 setae on the posterior edge. Abdomen with about 8 to 10 setae per segment. Mandibles slender. Measurements (mm) of 5 minor soldiers from the type colony of *S. translucens*, 6 minor soldiers of one determined sample of *S. marjoriae* [brackets] and 10 minor soldiers from 10 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 0.99–1.19 [0.98–1.20] (0.90–1.11); HLL: 1.44–1.72 [1.49–1.67] (1.34–1.68); HW: 0.78–0.93 [0.78–0.87] (0.71–0.90); PL: 0.40–0.48 [0.35–0.46] (0.28–0.43); PW: 0.59–0.69 [0.52–0.63] (0.45–0.65); RML: 0.65–0.78 [0.60–0.72] (0.55–0.77); MPW: 0.30–0.35 [0.28–0.32] (0.24–0.34); T3L: 1.04–1.24 [0.89–1.02] (0.87–1.04).

Comparisons. This species is related to *Schedorhinotermes longirostris*, from which it can be distinguished by its more hairy pronotum, mesonotum, metanotum and abdomen of major soldiers.

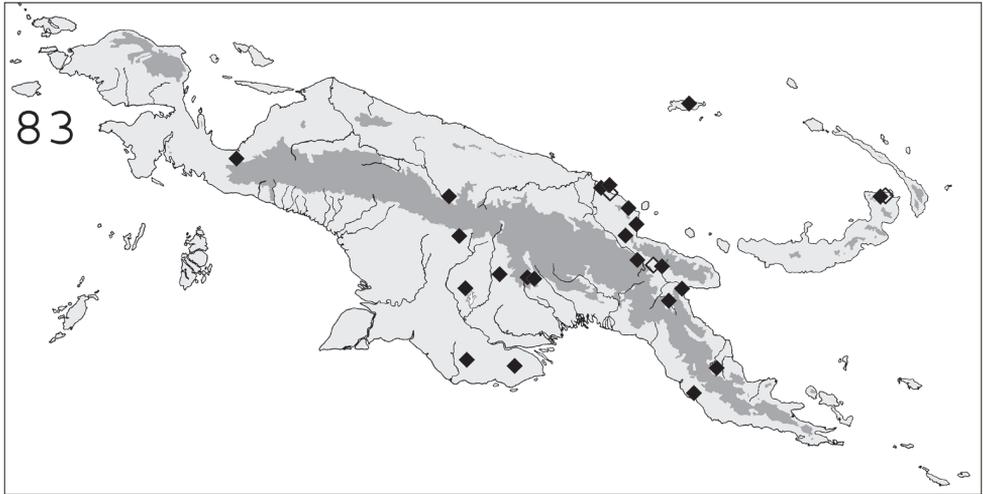


Figure 83. ◆ Known distribution in New Guinea of *Schedorhinotermes translucens*; ◇ dubious samples.

Distribution. (Fig. 83). *S. translucens* is widespread throughout New Guinea, both in savannas and forests. The following additional records are from the literature (samples not examined): Holmgren (1911a): Sattelberg, Kola; as *S. celebensis*: Aitape (as Eitape (Berlinerhafen)); Roonwal & Maiti (1966): Meervlakte.

Termitophiles. *Myrmedonota termitophila* (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae, Lomechusini) was discovered in colony #PNGT163 (Bourguignon & Roisin 2006). The following Trichopseniini (also Aleocharinae), were reported as guests of this species (Bourguignon et al. 2007): *Schedolimulus elongatus*, *S. latus*, *S. planus*, and *Schizelythron papuanum*.

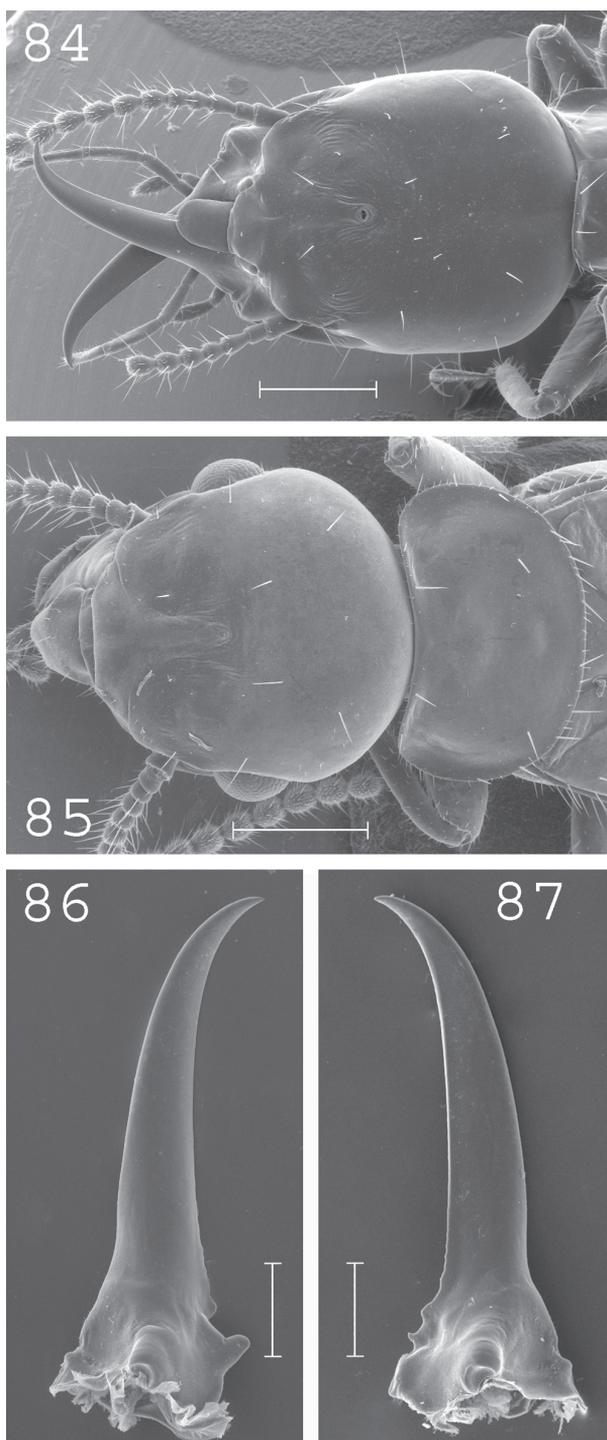
Genus *Prorhinotermes* Silvestri, 1909

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Prorhinotermes Silvestri 1909: 286.

Type species. *Prorhinotermes inopinatus* Silvestri, 1909, by original designation.

Diagnosis. Imago head oval to circular-shaped, with ocelli located before the well developed eyes. Fontanelle situated in the middle of the head. Antenna with 19 to 22 articles. Pronotum narrower than head. Soldier head variable in shape, often larger posteriorly than anteriorly. Fontanelle narrow, placed at anterior third of the head. Frons with a groove in the middle from opening of fontanelle to clypeus. Eyes present as hyaline spots, more or less developed. Antennae with 13 to 20 articles. Pronotum generally wide. Mandibles elongated, left one with a short marginal tooth at the basis, right one without marginal teeth. Soldiers and workers very variable in size (Tho 1992).



Figures 84–87. *Prorhinotermes inopinatus*. Soldier: **84** head; **86** left mandible; **87** right mandible. Imago: **85** head and pronotum. Scale bars: **84, 85:** 0.5mm; **86, 87:** 0.2mm.

Distribution. *Prorhinotermes* has an insular distribution. It is found in the West Indies, Pacific islands, East Indies and islands of the Indian Ocean including Madagascar. It is not reported from continents excepted in Central America, Southern Florida and Northern Australia (Emerson 1952, Gay and Barrett 1983, Roisin et al. 2006).

***Prorhinotermes inopinatus* Silvestri, 1909**

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Prorhinotermes inopinatus Silvestri 1909: 287–288.

Prorhinotermes manni Snyder 1925: 399 (synonymized by Snyder 1949: 86).

Prorhinotermes solomonensis Snyder 1925: 400 (synonymized by Snyder 1949: 86).

Material examined. Syntype: TONGA: Niua Fo'ou (as Insulae Samoa, Ninafoou) (B. Friedländer) (AMNH). **Other material: PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Madang:** Bunapas road, 26.vi.1981 (JMP), with neotenic reproductives (#PNGT111); Road Bogia-Tangu km 10, 07.vii.1981 (JMP) (#PNGT129); Potsdam, 18.iv.1983 (YR) (#PNGT325); Nubia, 18.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT354); Sepen No.1, 29.x.1983 (YR), with nymphs and neotenic (#PNGT426); Bunapae, 12.vi.1984 (YR) (#PNGT687); Bunapae, 23.vii.1984 (YR), with queen in dead wood (#PNGT749); Potsdam, 24.vii.1984 (YR), with neotenic (#PNGT754); Hansa point, 05.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT808); Tabele (Manam Is.), 19.ix.1984 (YR) (#PNGT840); Laing Island, 06.ii.1985 (JMP & YR), with alates and neotenic (#PNGT857); Nubia, 25.v.1986 (YR), two colonies, the former dissected completely, with two primary queens and one neotenic male, and nymphs (#PNGT1012, 1013); Potsdam, 03.vi.1986 (YR), two colonies, the latter with many alates (#PNGT1019, 1020); Sepen No.1, 06.vii.1986 (YR) (#PNGT1035); Nubia, 12.vii.1986 (YR), two small colonies (#PNGT1039, 1040); Road Potsdam-Makarup km?, 30.viii.1987 (YR) (#PNGT1137); Sepen No.1, 26.iv.1988 (YR), with two neotenic females (#PNGT1192); Laing Island, 12.iii.1989 (ML), in log on sea shore, with alates (#PNGT1405); Hatzfeldthafen, 20.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT362); Tabobo, 23.ii.1983 (JMP & YR), with royal pair (#PNGT219); Yagaum Hospital, 07.ii.1983 (JMP & YR), with neotenic (#PNGT149); Yagaum Hospital, 12.iv.1983 (YR), two colonies, the former with alates (#PNGT310, 311); Yagaum Hospital, 13.v.1983 (YR) (#PNGT346); Baitabag, xi.1999 (L. Čížek) (#12, J. Šobotník's collection). **Morobe:** 21 km NW Lae, 08.xii.1962 (AE), from log on ground in lowland forest (AMNH); Lae, 11.xii.1962 (P. Aloma & AE), rather wet log on forest floor in Botanic Garden (AMNH); 5 km S Lae, 21.xii.1962 (P. Aloma), 2 samples in mangrove branches and stump in water (AMNH); 8 km NW Lae, 27.xii.1962 (AE) (AMNH); 32 km NW Lae (Markham road), 27.xii.1962 (AE), in standing dead tree on edge of *Pandanus* forest (AMNH); 32 km SW Lae, 29.xii.1962 (AE), in sago forest (AMNH); Oomsis, 24.v.1988 (YR) (#PNGT1241); **Sandaun:** Yap-

siei, 12.iii.1994 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1753); **Fly:** Tabubil, 20.v.1990 (YR & ML) (#PNGT1539); Nomad, 29.v.1990 (YR & ML), two colonies, the former with neotenics (#PNGT1608, 1612); Nomad, 01.vi.1990 (YR & ML), (#PNGT1635). **INDONESIA: Papua:** Pusppenssat-IrJa, 13–15.xi.1995 (YR), three colonies, the first two with neotenics (#IRJT16, 27, 44); Pusppenssat-IrJa, 18.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT76); road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT172); Pusppenssat-IrJa, 01.xii.1995 (YR) (#IRJT213). Kaimana, 23.xi.1995 (YR), in dead log on limestone hill (#IRJT145).

Imago. (Fig. 85). Head slightly rounded, covered by about 10 setae. Eyes variable in size. Pronotum with large setae mainly situated on the edges. Measurements (mm) of 12 imagoes from 2 colonies: TBL: 4.38–6.72; HLC: 1.09–1.33; HWE: 1.20–1.47; PL: 0.65–0.81; PW: 1.09–1.27; FWL: 6.67–8.42; ED: 0.24–0.37.

Soldier. (Figs 84, 86–87). Head slightly elongated, covered by about 15 setae. Eyes of medium size. Pronotum, mesonotum and metanotum long and wide. Abdomen covered by 6 to 12 long setae per segment. Large mandibles, slightly curved at tip. Measurements (mm) of syntype and 94 soldiers from 32 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.79 (1.39–1.85); HLL: 2.02 (1.65–2.16); HW: 1.10 (1.13–1.53); PL: 0.56 (0.45–0.69); PW: 1.17 (0.86–1.24); RML: 1.22 (0.95–1.40); MPW: 0.51 (0.37–0.57); T3L: 1.35 (1.02–1.48).

Distribution. (Fig. 93). This species occurs throughout New Guinean forests, or forested swamps (Roisin 1988b). It also occurs in Northern Australia (Gay and Barrett 1983), the Solomons, Santa Cruz, Fiji, Samoa, Ellice and Mariana Islands (Hill 1942) and Vanuatu (Roisin et al. 2011).

Genus *Termitogeton* Desneux, 1904

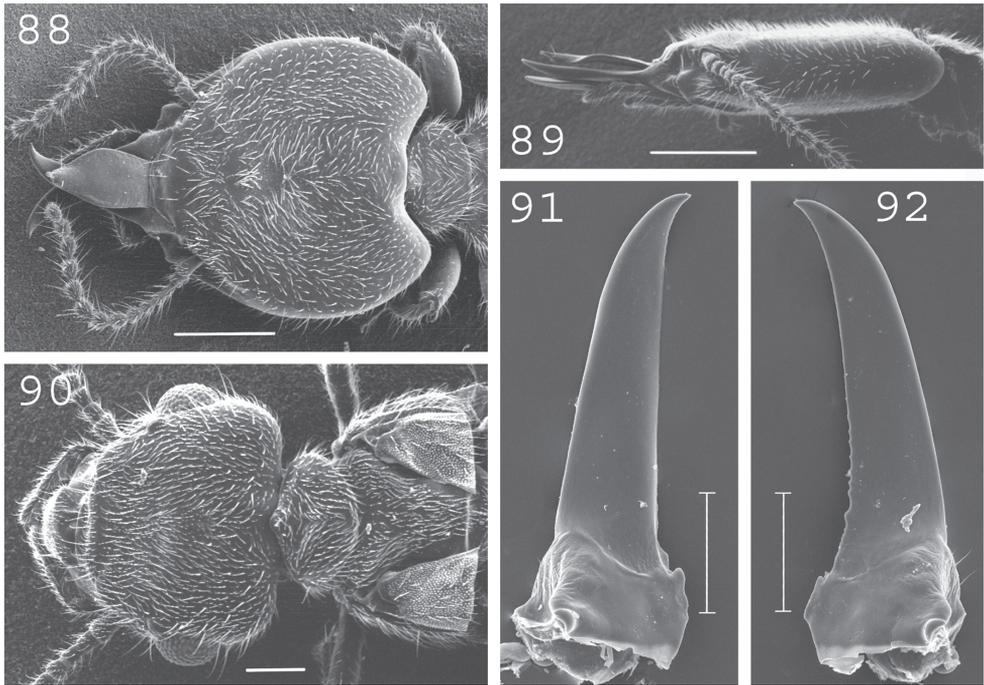
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Termes (*Termitogeton*) Desneux 1904a: 373–374.

Termitogeton Desneux. Holmgren 1911b: 75.

Type species. *Termes planus* Haviland, 1898, by monotypy.

Note on type species designation. Snyder (1949) mentioned *Termes umbilicatus* Hagen, 1858, as type species of *Termitogeton*. However, Desneux (1904a) explicitly based the original description of the subgenus *Termitogeton* on *Termes planus*. In this paper, he mentions *T. umbilicatus* only once, stating that *T. planus* “est probablement synonyme de *T. umbilicatus* Hagen”. That two species are considered probable synonyms by an author does not automatically imply that this author has no doubt about their subgeneric assignment. Consequently, *T. umbilicatus* should be considered as doubtfully included in *Termitogeton*, and ineligible for type species fixation (Art. 67.2.5 of the Code). *Termitogeton* Desneux should therefore be considered as monotypic when established, *Termes planus* becoming automatically the type species. The fact that Desneux (1904b) subsequently mentioned *T. umbilicatus* as single valid



Figures 88–92. *Termitogeton planus*. Soldier: **88** head and pronotum in dorsal view; **89** head in lateral view; **91** left mandible; **92** right mandible. Imago: **90** head, pro- and mesonotum. Scale bars: **88, 89:** 0.5mm; **90, 91, 92:** 0.2mm.

species of *Termes* (*Termitogeton*), with *T. planus* as a ?-marked junior synonym, is irrelevant.

Diagnosis. Imagoes densely hairy. Head larger posteriorly than anteriorly. Fontanelle very narrow, placed in the middle of the head. Eyes small. Antennae with 10 to 15 articles. Pronotum very small, half as broad as head. Wings without median and radial vein (Krishna 1970). Soldiers densely hairy, with characteristic heart-shaped, dorso-ventrally flattened head. Antennae generally with 13 to 15 articles. Labrum roughly triangular-shaped. Mandibles elongated, without marginal teeth. Pronotum half as broad as head.

Distribution. *Termitogeton* is a rainforest-dwelling wood feeder known from Sri Lanka, Borneo, Peninsular Malaysia (Tho 1992) and western New Guinea (Parmentier and Roisin 2003).

***Termitogeton planus* (Haviland, 1898)**

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Termes planus Haviland 1898: 397.

Termes (Termitogeton) planus Haviland. Desneux 1904a: 373–374.

Termitogeton planus (Haviland). Holmgren 1911b: 75.

Material examined. Syntypes: MALAYSIA: Sarawak: Santubong, 16.ix.1894 (G.D. Haviland) (type No. 164, CUMZ, collection data from Harris 1966). **Other material: INDONESIA: Papua:** Puspensat-IrJa (YR): 13.xi.1995 (#IRJT23, in large log on the ground, with alates); 14.xi.1995 (#IRJT26, in large rotten red wood log, with nymphs; #IRJT29); 16.xi.1995 (#IRJT60, small colony with queen); 25.xi.1995 (#IRJT155, 156, 157); 30.xi.1995 (#IRJT202, large colony with alates, nymphs, one neotenic reproductive, in standing dead tree, hard red wood); 01.xii.1995 (#IRJT214, with queen and neotenic reproductives; #IRJT215, 216); Road Nabire-Mapia km 43, 26.xi.1995 (YR) (#IRJT173, 174, in hard red wood). Several of the Indonesian samples mentioned above, then identified as *Termitogeton* nr. *planus*, were previously used in a study of caste patterns (Parmentier & Roisin 2003).

Imago. (Fig. 90). Very small. Overall body covered by many small setae. Head narrower anteriorly than posteriorly, heart-shaped. Large eyes. Ocelli in front of eyes. Antennae generally with 9 to 15 articles. Pronotum approximately half as broad as head, with a small projection forward. Measurements (mm) of 4 imagoes from the type colony and 10 imagoes from 2 colonies (parentheses): TBL: 3.23–3.94 (3.19–3.94); HLC: 0.59–0.63 (0.59–0.70); HWE: 0.82–0.85 (0.85–0.93); PL: 0.27–0.28 (0.28–0.30); PW: 0.39–0.45 (0.43–0.51); FWL: n.a. (4.93–5.23); ED: 0.14–0.18 (0.18–0.23).

Soldier. (Figs 88–89, 91–92). Overall body covered by many small setae. Head heart-shaped. Labrum elongated, pointed at the tip, narrow at the basis, broadest apical one-third. Antennae with 11 to 15 articles. Pronotum half as broad as head, elongated anteriorly in the middle. Mandibles short, without marginal teeth, slightly curved at tip. Measurements (mm) 4 soldiers from the type colony and 32 soldiers from 8 colonies (parentheses): HLC: 1.16–1.27 (1.10–1.37); HW: 1.21–1.31 (1.12–1.48); PW: 0.51–0.55 (0.45–0.58); LML: 0.71–0.73 (0.75–0.86); PML: 0.87–0.94 (0.77–0.97); mPW: 0.10–0.13 (0.11–0.15); T3L: 0.58–0.62 (0.51–0.65).

Distribution. (Fig. 93). In New Guinea, this species was only collected in the bird's neck area (western Indonesian Papua). Originally described from Sarawak (Haviland 1898), it is also known from Sabah (Thapa 1982) and Peninsular Malaysia (Tho 1992).

Key to New Guinean Rhinotermitidae species, based on the soldier caste

- 1 Mandibles sabre-like, without subsidiary teeth (Figs 14–15) 2
- Left and right mandibles with 2 and 1 subsidiary teeth respectively (Figs 53–54) 10
- 2 Head rounded to ovoid, with broad fontanelle opening in front (Fig. 12) *Coptotermes* 3

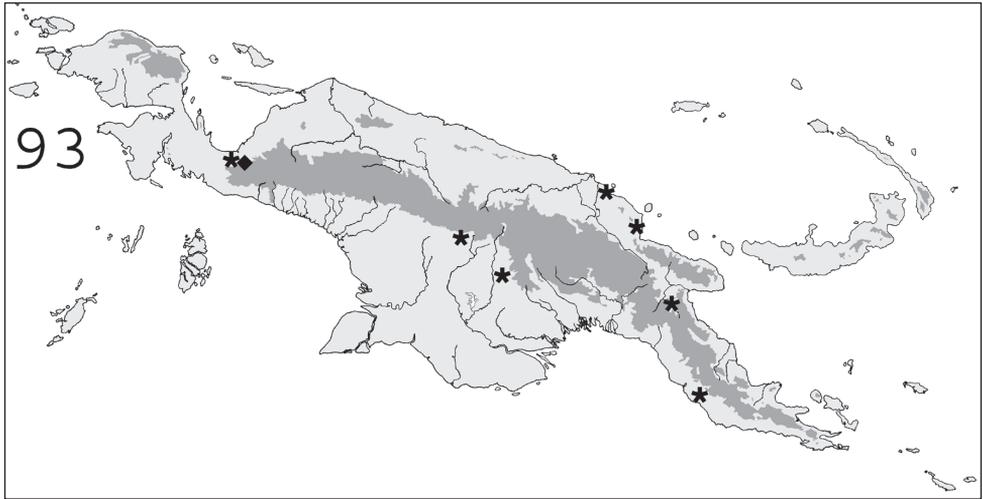


Figure 93. Known distribution in New Guinea of: * *Prorhinotermes inopinatus*; ◆ *Termitogeton planus*.

- Head of different shape, with dot-like fontanelle distant from clypeal border7
- 3 Head rounded, fontanelle well visible from above, mandibles strongly curved at tip (Figs 6, 7, 9) *C. elisae*
- Soldier head of different shape, fontanelle directed forwards4
- 4 Head distinctly narrowing anteriorly (Figs 18, 22) 5
- Head ovoid (Figs 12, 26) 6
- 5 Small-sized soldier (HW < 1.10 mm), mandibles slightly curved (Figs 22–25) *C. pamuae*
- Large-sized soldier (HW > 1.15) mm, mandibles distinctly curved (Figs 18–21) *C. grandiceps*
- 6 Mandibles curved at tips (Figs 14, 15) *C. remotus*
- Mandibles almost not curved at tips (Figs 28, 29) *C. gambrinus*
- 7 Soldier flattened with heart-shaped head (Fig. 88) *Termitogeton planus*
- Soldier not flattened, head ovoid or with parallel sides, with posterior margin not indented (Figs 32, 37, 84) 8
- 8 Soldier head with sparse setae (Fig. 84) *Prorhinotermes inopinatus*
- Soldier head covered by hundreds of setae (Figs 32, 37) *Heterotermes* 9
- 9 Head with a small hump anteriorly (Fig. 33); labrum long and pointed, reaching well beyond half length of mandibles *H. vagus*
- Head with a large hump anteriorly (Fig. 38); labrum rounded and short, ending well before half length of mandibles *H. paradoxus*
- 10 Monomorphic soldiers with serrated mandible base (Figs 48, 49) *Parrhinotermes* 11
- Polymorphic soldiers, mandible base not serrated *Schedorhinotermes* 12
- 11 Postmentum completely covered by setae (Fig. 52) *P. barbatus*

- Postmentum covered by setae only in the anterior part (Fig. 47) *P. browni*
- 12 Pronotum and abdomen of major soldiers with 6 setae per segment *S. longirostris*
- Pronotum and abdomen of major soldiers with 10 or more setae per segment **13**
- 13 Major soldier head rounded, with stout mandibles (Fig. 62) .. *S. malaccensis*
- Major soldier head somewhat flattened on sides and posterior margin (Figs 56, 76)..... **14**
- 14 Abdomen of major soldier with more than 20 setae per segment .. *S. seclusus*
- Abdomen of major soldier with less than 20 setae per segment... *S. translucens*

Discussion

This study reveals that the richness of Rhinotermitidae in New Guinea is much higher than the 8 species previously recognized. Overall, we found 6 genera and 15 species, a diversity which appears slightly lower than that of neighboring areas such as Peninsular Malaysia (6 genera, 24 species (Tho 1992)), Sabah (6 genera, 19 species (Thapa 1982)) and Australia (5 genera, 23 species (Watson and Abbey 1998)). However, these richness figures deserve closer scrutiny, because several species are known only from their original description. Furthermore, the Rhinotermitidae display several characteristics predisposing them to synonymy. (i) In several genera, soldiers may be derived from a series of larval or worker instars, producing a substantial variation in size and number of antennal articles (Hanus et al. 2006). Differences are especially conspicuous between incipient and mature colonies. Therefore, these criteria, though frequently used, are of limited value for species discrimination. (ii) Wood feeders are generally good dispersers and can easily cross salt water gaps by rafting (Eggleton and Tayasu 2001). Extensive colonization of islands and large intercolonial variability favored multiple descriptions of single species under different names along their distribution range. Some pruning, as initiated by Gathorne-Hardy (2004) who placed 11 species of Rhinotermitidae from Sundaland and the western Pacific into synonymy, is clearly needed. On the other hand, the existence of cryptic species has been documented in several Rhinotermitidae (*Heterotermes*, Watson et al. 1989; *Coptotermes*, Brown et al. 1990; *Reticulitermes*, Copren et al. 2005) and Termitidae (*Macrotermes*, Bagine et al. 1994; *Cubitermes*, Roy et al. 2006), so that morphologically homogenous taxa might have to be split when submitted to detailed chemical or molecular analyses.

The distribution patterns of rhinotermitid species match those found in termitids (Roisin 1990, Roisin and Pasteels 1996, 2000, Bourguignon et al. 2008). The central mountain range constitutes a barrier for several species, as in the genus *Parrhinotermes* where *P. browni* occurs almost exclusively on the north slope, while *P. barbatus* occurs in the south. In a similar way, *Heterotermes* is completely missing in the northern part of New Guinea but is represented by two species, also present in Australia, in the south, like the nasute genus *Niuginitermes* (Roisin and Pasteels 1996). Interestingly, northern

and southern species meet in the bird's neck area, where several low valleys connect the two coasts. A second barrier shaping termite species distribution in New Guinea is the ecotone between southern Papuan savannas and the forest-covered areas to the north. Typically, the invertebrate fauna of Papuan savannas shows close affinities with that of northern Australia, whereas forested areas of New Guinea mainly harbor species with Oriental affinities (Gressitt 1982). This situation is illustrated by *Heterotermes vagus* and *Coptotermes pamuae*, which were only found in southern Papuan savannas but also occur in Australia (Hill 1942). Among the Termitidae, at least 11 species (e.g., *Amitermes arboreus*, *Nasutitermes triodiae*, *Microcerotermes taylori*, *Lophotermes aduncus*) are in this case (Roisin 1990, Miller 1994, Roisin and Pasteels 1996, 2000, Bourguignon et al. 2008). Fewer species inhabiting Papuan and northern Australian savannas penetrate deep into southern forests, but *Schedorhinotermes seclusus* and the termitid *Ephelotermes cheeli* do (Bourguignon et al 2008). *Heterotermes paradoxus* was also found in forests in the bird's neck area. East-west patterns are less conspicuous than north-south ones, but some termitid species show a longitude-restricted range: the genus *Hospitalitermes*, of clear oriental origin, was not found east of Nomad (Roisin and Pasteels 1996), whereas *Microcerotermes piliceps* is restricted to eastern Papua New Guinea and islands further east (Roisin and Pasteels 2000). Here, two species known from as far west as the Malay peninsula, *Schedorhinotermes malaccensis* and *Termitogeton planus*, were recorded only from the bird's neck area, but their eastern limits are unknown due to the near absence of termite samples from the huge area between the bird's neck region and the Papua New Guinean border (141° E meridian).

We expect the rhinotermitid diversity found in this study to reflect the overall richness of the island, although it is inevitable that some rare or locally distributed taxa escaped detection. Two regions are particularly likely to host undiscovered taxa: (i) southern Papuan savannas, in which our collecting effort was limited, possibly host additional taxa of Australian affinities; (ii) as stated above, the western half of New Guinea (Indonesian Papua) was also poorly explored and is therefore likely to conceal further taxa of Oriental origin, in the vein of *Termitogeton planus* and *Schedorhinotermes malaccensis*.

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Appendix I

Table I. Situation of collecting localities in Papua New Guinea and Indonesian Papua

| Locality | S | E | Altitude (m a.s.l.) |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------------|
| Aitape | 03°08' | 142°21' | |
| Aiyura | 06°20' | 145°54' | 1700 |
| Ataliklikun Bay | 04°20' | 151°55' | |
| Awar | 04°08' | 144°51' | |
| Baitabag | 05°08' | 145°46' | |
| Bogia-Tangu road km 3-5 | 04°17' | 144°57' | |
| Bogia-Tangu road km 10 | 04°19' | 144°57' | |
| Boisa Island | 04°00' | 144°58' | |
| Bosavi (mission) | 06°25' | 142°50' | 600 |
| Braham mission | 05°45' | 145°22' | |
| Brown River (bridge) | 09°14' | 147°12' | |
| Bukaua | 06°44' | 147°22' | |
| Bulolo | 07°12' | 146°39' | 800 |
| Bunapae | 04°12' | 144°41' | |
| Bunapas road | 04°11' | 144°43'-50' | |
| Bundi | 05°44' | 145°14' | 1000 |
| Busu River | 06°38' | 147°01' | |
| Coa (Kaimana airfield) | 03°39' | 133°41' | |

| Locality | S | E | Altitude (m a.s.l.) |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Gilagil bridge | 04°43' | 145°39' | |
| Guam bridge | 04°33' | 144°58' | |
| Hansa Point | 04°12' | 144°55' | |
| Hatzfeldthafen (Yoro road) | 04°25' | 145°14' | |
| Kaiapit | 06°16' | 146°16' | |
| Kaimana | 03°39' | 133°45' | |
| Kaulz Creek | 07°21' | 146°46' | 1300 |
| Kausi-Bundi road | 05°44' | 145°18' | 650 |
| Kavieng | 02°34' | 150°48' | |
| Koiasi | 08°54' | 147°43' | |
| Koil Island | 03°21' | 144°08' | |
| Kokoda | 08°53' | 147°44' | |
| Kola | 05°14' | 151°25' | |
| Konos | 03°07' | 151°43' | |
| Lae | 06°44' | 147°00' | |
| Laing Island | 04°10' | 144°52' | |
| Lake Kutubu (Gesege) | 06°27' | 143°25' | |
| Lake Murray | 07°02' | 141°28' | |
| Lelet plateau | 03°19' | 151°55' | 950 |
| Lorengau-Yiringo road km 32 | 02°05' | 147°09' | |
| Madang-Lae road km 30 | 05°24' | 145°38' | |
| Mambare River | 08°03' | 148°02' | |
| Manam Island | 04°02'-07' | 145°00'-05' | |
| Manki range | 07°15' | 146°36' | 1350 |
| Marangis | 04°01' | 144°36' | |
| Markham River | 06°36' | 146°47' | |
| McAdam National Park | 07°16' | 146°38' | 850 |
| Meervlakte | 03°20' | 139° | |
| Morehead | 08°33' | 141°39' | |
| Mount Missim | 07°17' | 146°49' | 1700 |
| Mount Susu | 07°14' | 146°37' | 950 |
| Nabire-Mapia road km 43 | 03°29' | 135°40' | 250 |
| Nabire-Mapia road km 48 | 03°29' | 135°42' | 350 |
| Nabire-Mapia road km 62 | 03°31' | 135°44' | 300 |
| Nomad | 06°18' | 142°14' | |
| Nubia | 04°11' | 144°51' | |
| Oomsis | 06°41' | 146°48' | |
| Pimaga | 06°30' | 143°31' | 800 |
| Popondetta | 08°46' | 148°14' | |
| Port Moresby | 09°28' | 147°12' | |
| Potsdam (plantation) | 04°13' | 144°56' | |
| Puspenssat-IrJa | 03°29' | 135°43' | 750 |
| Sanoba | 03°18' | 135°34' | |
| Sattelberg | 06°29' | 149°49' | |
| Sepen No.1 | 04°11' | 144°45' | |
| Simbang | 06°35' | 147°50' | |
| Sirasira | 06°19' | 146°29' | 600 |

| Locality | S | E | Altitude (m a.s.l.) |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| Sirinumu Dam | 09°29' | 147°27' | |
| Sogeri | 09°25' | 147°24' | |
| Subitana plantation | 09°25' | 147°32' | |
| Tabele | 04°07' | 145°00' | |
| Tabobo | 05°36' | 145°40' | |
| Tabubil | 05°17' | 141°14' | 500 |
| Topo | 03°28' | 135°35' | |
| Tsenap | 04°16' | 142°19' | |
| UPNG campus | 09°25' | 147°10' | |
| Usino | 05°34' | 145°25' | |
| Vanimo | 02°41' | 141°18' | |
| Varirata National Park | 09°26' | 147°22' | |
| Waima | 08°38' | 146°27' | |
| Wampit | 06°44' | 146°40' | |
| Wanuma | 04°54' | 145°19' | 650 |
| Warengoi | 04°31' | 152°21' | |
| Wau-Edie Creek road | 07°20' | 146°40' | 2100 |
| Wipim | 08°47' | 142°52' | |
| Yagaum Hospital | 05°18' | 145°45' | |
| Yapsiei | 04°38' | 141°06' | |