

HETEROMETRUS LONGIMANUS

BORNEO FOREST SCORPION



DESCRIPTION

A forest scorpion located in the tropical rainforests of Borneo. The name 'Longimanus' translates from latin as 'long hands'.

Heterometrus longimanus are usually thin and elongated scorpions particularly with the males distinguishing themselves apart from other forest scorpions.

In the Philippines, it is believed H. longimanus are parthenogenetic (being able to birth without a mate) due to the males being scarce.

However, there have been no studies to suggest the accuracy of these statements. Therefor, H longimanus need to be mated in captivity to produce offspring.

IDENTIFYING

H.Longimanus are a glossy black colour that covers their entire body. Their telson is always orange in juveniles and red in adults. They can be defensive.

The Pedipalps are smooth and elongated, this species presents sexual dimorphism with the male having excessively longer chela (claws) than the females.

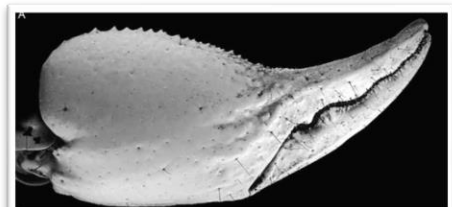
H.longmimanus present granulation on the carapace



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