

NOTE

A New Name for *Myopias punctigera* (Emery 1901), not *M. maligna* var. *punctigera* (Emery 1900) (Hymenoptera: Formicidae)

Carlo Emery (1900) described *Trapeziopelta maligna* var. *punctigera* from Mentawai Island, Indonesia. In 1901 he described *Trapeziopelta punctigera* from the then German colony in northeastern New Guinea; the type locality was cited as Sattelberg, a mountain peak near the settlement of Finschafen, about 80 kilometers east of Lae on the Huon Peninsula. The two ants both now are placed in the genus *Myopias* (Willey and Brown 1983). Although Bolton (1995) recognized that *T. punctigera* of 1901 was a junior primary homonym of *T. maligna* var. *punctigera* of 1900, he chose not to propose a replacement name for the former.

The types of the two nominate taxa are in the Museo Civico di Storia Naturale "Giacomo Doria" in Genoa, Italy, and have been examined. They are clearly not particularly closely related. The 1900 taxon belongs to a group of species in which the head width exceeds 1.0 mm, the labral lobes are without a pair of slender distal teeth, the eyes are prominent and multifaceted, and the subpetiolar process is concave behind an anterior tooth and ends abruptly caudad in a rectangular toothlike process. The later described species has a head width less than 0.65 mm, the labral lobes possess a pair of slender distal teeth, the eyes are small and

obscurely faceted, and the subpetiolar process is a simple prominent backward projecting tooth.

In order that the name might be available for use in future publications by other colleagues, I here propose for *Trapeziopelta punctigera* Emery 1901, the **new name** *Myopias papua*. The name is here used as a noun in apposition and refers to the island from which this species originates.

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