

LECTOTYPE DESIGNATION

After examining the type of *S. petiolatum*, I noted that a type or holotype is not clearly designated. Since the species description is based upon both gyne (Emery, 1897) and worker (Emery, 1914) from different localities and since there is a large amount of variation in this species as it is currently recognized, I decided to designate the gyne I examined as LECTOTYPE. It appears to be the same specimen that Emery based his 1897 description upon. Since a gyne was described first, it seemed appropriate to designate that gyne as lectotype. This specimen bears a red, partly handwritten label (*Stenamma petiolatum* LECTOTYPE) and has been returned to MCSNG.

COMPARISONS

S. petiolatum is not likely to be confused with other species due to its size, length of scape, length and shape of the petiole, and the pilosity of both scape and body. It is placed within the *S. westwoodii* species group, but its closest relative is uncertain. It possesses several features in common with *S. debile*, such as surface sculpture. However, it has more restricted range and is known mostly from soil samples. After examining measurement data, it appears the Corsica material is distinct from the Italian material. Given the small sample sizes, I prefer to call both the same species. This is subject to change as more material is reviewed.

One additional species, *S. orousseti* is also known from Corsica. *S. petiolatum* is larger and has erect setae on both legs and scape, *S. orousseti* does not.

MATERIAL EXAMINED

ITALY: Mte. Argentaria, Nordost Macchia Ober de Noviciatto, leg. Moczarski-Scheerpeltz, Aus laub und Wurzeln gesiebt, ca. 400 m, 22 March 1921 (10 workers, 2 dealate gynes — MCZ); Isla del Liri, 1896, J. Emery (1 gyne — MCSNG). FRANCE: Corsica, Zonza (6 workers — XEPC).

Stenamma msilanus Forel

Worker Figs. 187 - 193. Gyne Figs. 194 - 198.

Distribution Fig. 199.

Stenamma westwoodi var. *msilana* Forel, 1901: 347. Gyne — ALGERIA: Oran Prov., Forêt de Msila (MHNG — 1 gyne) [Examined].

Stenamma africanum Santschi, 1940: 66, fig. 2. Worker, Gyne — TUNISIA: Ain Draham [by present restriction] [Types (including lectotype worker, NHMB — Examined)]. **New Synonymy.**

Stenamma africanum var. *submuticum* Santschi, 1940: 67, fig. 3. Worker — ALGERIA: Bône (NHMB) [Examined]. **New Synonymy.**