A NEW SPECIES OF OLIARUS (HOM., CIXIID.) ON COCONUT PALMS.

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Oliarus cocosivora, sp. n. (fig. 1).

Male: length, 3.5 mm.; tegmen, 4 mm.

Length of vertex along lateral margin twice the width at base; the areolets reaching nearly to middle of vertex; base angularly emarginate; a distinct, fine carina down middle of basal half. The median frontal carina forked at base. The fine carinae of mesothorax distinct. The fork of Sc+R slightly more distad than fork of Cu; the fork of M1, 2 slightly more basad than fork of M3, 4. The genitalia are figured. The anal segment a little longer than wide. The aedeagus armed with large spines.

Dark chocolate brown, which, owing to the presence of fine waxy powder, often has a bluish tint; the labium and carinae of frons lighter, the antennae, tegulae, carinae and hind margin of pronotum, the posterior margin of mesonotum, the posterior margin of abdominal segments yellow or light brown; legs light brown. Tegmina light brown with a colourless band across middle reaching from the costa to the hind margin and extending from the fork of Sc+R to the node; the basal cell and a small spot at base of costal cell colourless; veins same colour as membrane; granules very fine. Wings hyaline, fuscous over apical portions of Sc. R and M cells.

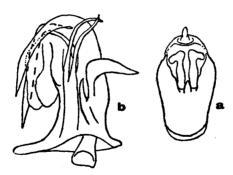


Fig. 1. Oliarus cocosivora, sp.n.: a, pygofer, full view; b, aedeagus.

Female: length, 4 mm.; tegmen, 5.4 mm.

Vertex slightly broader than in male and the areolets also shorter. Otherwise in build and in colour similar to male. Pygofer twice as broad as long; anal segment nearly half the width of pygofer and about as long as pygofer, broadest at base; genital styles hardly as long as the pygofer.

MALAYA: Klang, 5 33, 11 99, xi.1926 (G. H. Corbett—no. 3400), ex Cocos nucifera.