

Mossocephalus stysi, a new species of Pentatomidae (Hemiptera: Heteroptera) from the Philippines

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Abstract. The pentatomid genus *Mossocephalus* Dallas, 1851 and its only previously known species, *M. maculatus* Dallas, 1851 are redescribed. The tribal placement of *Mossocephalus* is briefly discussed. One new species, *M. stysi* sp. nov. is described. A key to the species is provided.

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Introduction

A number of years ago, while visiting the U.S. National Museum of Natural History (Washington, D.C.) and the American Museum of Natural History (New York), I discovered several pentatomid specimens from the Philippines that I could not place to genus. After some study, I determined that they belonged to the monotypic genus *Mossocephalus* Dallas, 1851 but there were two species present. One specimen matched the description of *M. maculatus* Dallas, 1851 completely, the other two specimens represent an undescribed species which I describe herein, and take the pleasure in naming after Prof. Pavel Štys in honor of his 75th birthday.

The philippine pentatomid fauna has not been treated comprehensively in over 150 years, the last thorough work being that of STÅL (1871). Unfortunately, *Mossocephalus* was apparently unknown to Stål, and was not included in his monograph. Essentially, since its original description (DALLAS 1851), the genus *Mossocephalus*, and its only included species, *M. maculatus*, have not been studied or redescribed. The only references available are from catalogs and a couple new faunal records cited.

Material and methods

When label data are cited in the text, each letter in parentheses represents a different label with (a) being closest to the specimen on the pin. All measurements are in millimeters; measurements in parentheses are of the holotype. Total length was measured from the apex