

**THE FIRST FINDING OF *HYPOTHENEMUS ASPERICOLLIS*
WOLLASTON (COLLEOPTERA: SCOLYTIDAE) IN MONTE NEGRO**

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This paper presents the data on the first finding of *Hypothenemus aspericollis* Wollaston in Montenegro and on its distribution along the Adriatic Coast.

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During our study of Scolytidae in rural sites along the Adriatic Coast, on August 24th, 1994 we found two adult bark beetles *Hypothenemus aspericollis* Wollaston, 1860, near Sveti Stefan in Montenegro.

The above specimens were found in larval galleries of the bark beetle *Hypoborus ficus* Erichson, 1836, in a fig branchlet 1 cm thick, with already dead leaves and noticeable tunnel openings in the leaf axils. Larval galleries were completely filled with bark beetle residue. Numerous fig bark beetles, which are very frequent in this region, were found at gallery openings.

The polyphagous species *Hypothenemus aspericollis* was found by Professor Ivan SPAIĆ near Rijeka (Croatia) on January 27th, 1956, but he did not publish the data. The specimens from both sites are kept in the author's collection.

As fig trees and its other host plants grow throughout the Adriatic Coast, new findings of the above bark beetle can be expected with certainty.

This species is known in Andalusia, west Pyreneans and Marocco (REITTER, 1894, 1913), WINKLER (1927-1932) reports it on the Canary Islands, while BALASCHOWSKI (1949) adds North Africa and Atlantic Islands where it is frequent, then France, Corsica, Italy, Crimea, and Iran where it is rare. POSTNER (1974) confirms its finding in Italy, Spain and Corsica.

However, there are no data on this bark beetle findings in the former Yugoslavia and in other regions of the Balkan Peninsula.



Map 2 The findings of *Hypothenemus aspericollis* Wollaston along the East Adriatic Coast.

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ПРВИ НАЛАЗ *HYPOTHENEMUS ASPERICOLLIS* WOLLASTON
(COLEOPTERA: SCOLYTIDAE) У ЦРНОЈ ГОРИ

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Извод

У овом прилогу се по први пут наводе налази сипца *Hypothenemus aspericollis* Wollaston, 1860 у Crnog Gori i Hrvatskoj.

Истражујући Scolytidae руралних станишта дуж Јадранске обале, 24.08.1994. у Црној Гори, код Светог Стефана, пронађена су два примерка ове врсте сипца на смокви (*Ficus carica* L.). Аутор је такође издвојио из збирке професора Ивана СПАИЋА (Загреб) два мужјака ове врсте који су нађени код Ријеке (Хрватска), 27.01.1956. Тај налаз није објављен.

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