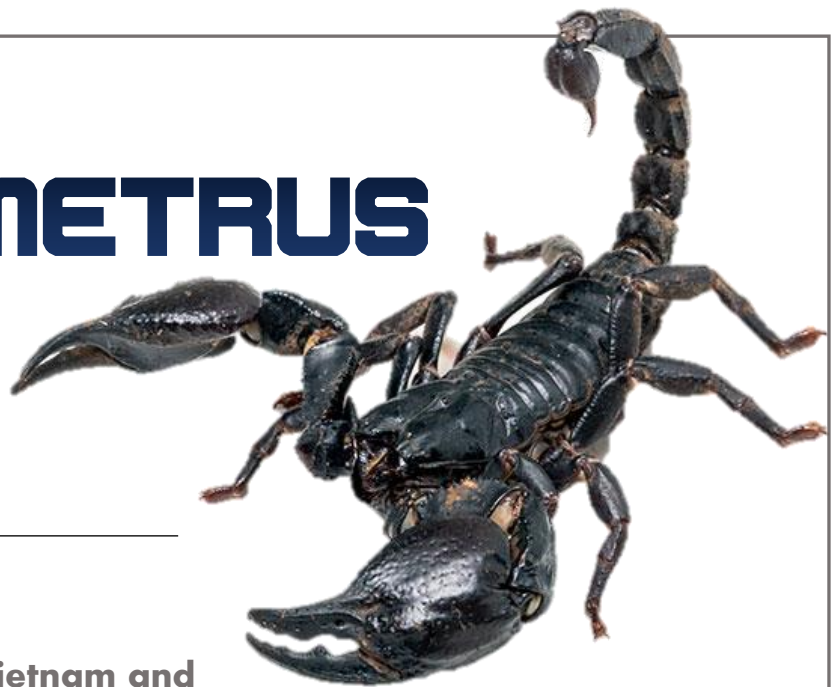


HETEROMETRUS SILENUS

**VIETNAMESE FOREST
SCORPION**



DESCRIPTION

A forest scorpion located in Vietnam and throughout most of Southeast Asia.

H.silenus named after Seilenós – God of the Forest in Greek Mythology.

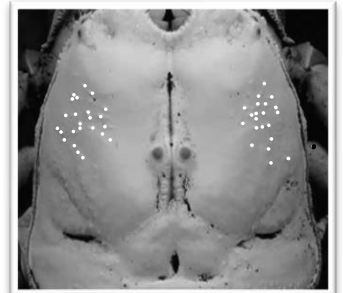
Heterometrus silenus was previously named Heterometrus petersii before it's revision to Heterometrus silenus. They are a large and stocky scorpion found in the tropical rainforests of Asia.

IDENTIFYING

H.silenus are a glossy black colour that covers their body, their telson [bulb before the stinger] is always brown/black.

The Pedipalps [claws] are smooth and very round which can often have a reddish hue, this is more predominant in males.

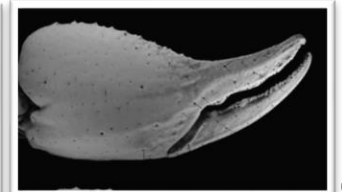
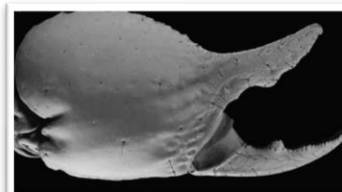
H.silenus present a small amount of granulation on the sides of the carapace that appear like freckles, this pattern can change depending on the locality which makes this an unreliable method for identifying in most cases.



Silenus present sexual dimorphism which is present on the moveable finger on their pedipalps. Males will have a very pronounced 'tooth' on the movable finger which is much less pronounced on the females. This can often be a sure way of identifying H. silenus, for the males at least.



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