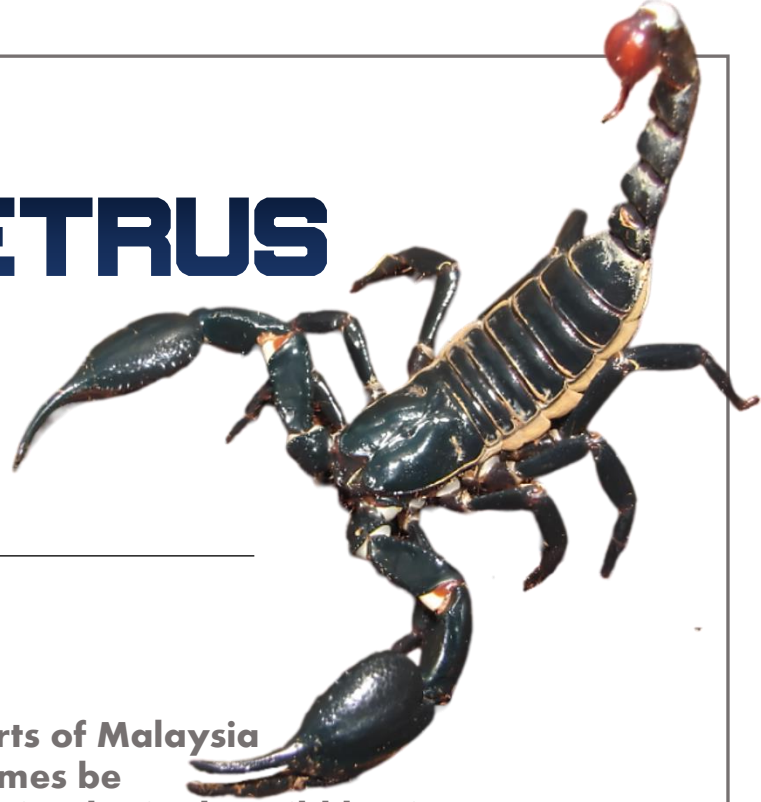


# HETEROMETRUS SPINIFER

**MALAYSIAN FOREST  
SCORPION**



## DESCRIPTION

The largest species in it's genus.

H. spinifer can be often found in parts of Malaysia & Thailand. Their venom can sometimes be quite painful due to their diet of centipedes in the wild but is not considered to be medically significant.

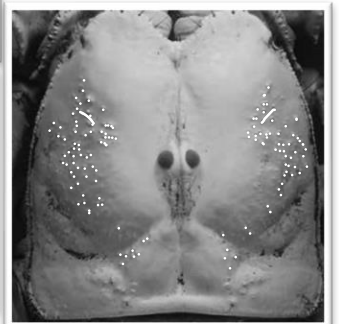
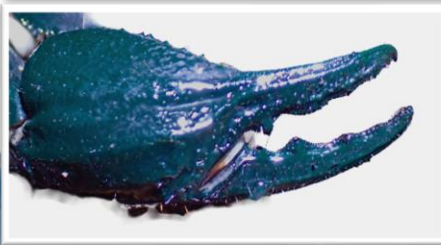
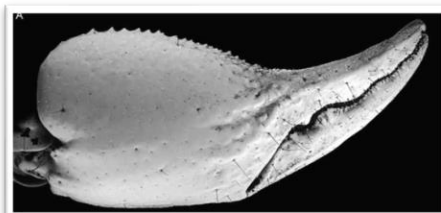
Spinifer is from 'Spīna', meaning 'Thorn' and 'fer' meaning 'Carrying'.

## IDENTIFYING

H.spinifer are a very glossy black colour with a blue hue under light that covers their body. They are quite slender with large oval pedipalps. Their telson [bulb before the stinger] is always orange/red (orange in juveniles & red in adults).

The pedipalps are smooth and large, they do not present any sexual dimorphism.

H. spinifers can reach up to 7 inches in length.



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