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The Status of *Philanthus formosanus* TSUNEKI, 1873

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Recent reexamination of the type of *Philanthus formosanus* m. revealed that it is better allocated within the category of *P. notatulus* F. SMITH, 1862, in view of the structure of the clypeus and in the punctuation on the vertex. This species ranges from the western Indonesian Archipelago to Celebes and Flores, including four geographical races. The Formosan representative is close to the race of Celebes (*notatulus* s. str.) and Flores (ssp. *wegneri* VECHT) among them, but differs from either of them as below described and must be considered a distinct race:

*Philanthus notatulus formosanus* TSUNEKI, 1973

The Formosan race is similar in the maculation of the face except that the paraocular mark is longer than wide, in the general maculation of the abdomen and in the punctuation on the scutellum to *P. n. notatulus* F. SMITH, but it differs from this in that the vertex is marked with three spots, pronotal band is entire, tubercles and tegulae wholly yellow, mesopleural marks larger and the abdominal tergite 1 without reddish band. In these different respects it rather resembles *n. wegneri* except some minor inconsistencies, but it differs from this in the facial maculation pattern, in the scutellar punctuation and in the well developed maculation on the abdominal sternites.

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