

# A new species of *Scorpio* Linnaeus, 1758 from Algeria (Scorpiones: Scorpionidae) and a new case of vicariance

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Fig. 10. *Scorpio atakor* sp. nov. male holotype, alive in its natural habitat.

Eric Ythier and co-workers recently published an article describing a new species of *Scorpio* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Scorpionidae*) from Atakor volcanic field in the Hoggar massif in the south of Algeria.

*Scorpio atakor* Ythier, Sadine, Bengaid & Lourenço, 2024

The authors also raise *Scorpio trarasensis* Bouisset & Larrouy, 1962 to species status after it previously was synonymized with *Scorpio maurus maurus* Linnaeus, 1758 (it was originally described as a subspecies of *S. maurus*).

#### **Abstract:**

A new species of *Scorpio* Linnaeus, 1758 is described from the Atakor volcanic field in the Hoggar massif, located in the South of Algeria. *Scorpio atakor* sp. nov. most certainly represents a vicariant element of *Scorpio tassili* Lourenço & Rossi, 2016, species equally described from a massif formation, the Tassili N'Ajjer, in the South of Algeria. Both species are distributed in high altitudes in these massifs. *Scorpio trarasensis* Bouisset & Larrouy, 1962 stat. rev., stat. nov. is also restored from its synonymy with *Scorpio maurus maurus* Linnaeus, 1758 and raised to species level. The number of confirmed species of *Scorpio* in Algeria is raised to six.

#### **Reference:**

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