

## *Scolopendra morsitans*

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Arthropoda	Chilopoda	Scolopendromorpha	Scolopendridae

### Common name

### Synonym

### Similar species

### Summary

The millipede *Scolopendra morsitans* is believed to be at least partly responsible for the decline of the 'Critically Endangered (CR)' St Helena giant earwig (see [Labidura herculeana in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)), giant ground beetle on Saint Helena and probably other endemic invertebrates on Ascension.



[view this species on IUCN Red List](#)

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### ALIEN RANGE

[8] AUSTRALIA

[3] SAINT HELENA

**Red List assessed species 1: CR = 1;**

[Labidura herculeana](#) CR

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