

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;

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