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First citation of *Macrocoma splendens* for La Gomera, Canary Islands (Coleoptera Chrysomelidae Eumolpinae)

Riassunto: *Prima segnalazione di Macrocoma splendens per La Gomera, Isole Canarie (Coleoptera Chrysomelidae Eumolpinae).*

Macrocoma splendens Lindberg, 1950 viene segnalata per la prima volta per La Gomera (Isole Canarie) e gli esemplari esaminati sono comparati con quelli provenienti da La Palma e Tenerife. È questa la prima segnalazione di una *Macrocoma* per La Gomera.

Abstract: *Macrocoma splendens* Lindberg, 1950, is reported for the first time for La Gomera (Canary Islands) and examined specimens are compared with specimens collected at La Palma and Tenerife. This is the first citation of a *Macrocoma* species for La Gomera.

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INTRODUCTION

In a review regarding *Macrocoma* of the Canary Islands, Zoia (2017) reported that there was no knowledge establishing a connection with La Gomera. I recently had the opportunity to examine a small series of a *Macrocoma* species from La Gomera that can be referred to *M. splendens* Lindberg, 1950, previously known from La Palma and Tenerife (Zoia, 2017: 80-81 and Figs 40-46 and 68).

Macrocoma splendens Lindberg, 1950

EXAMINED MATERIAL. Canary Is., La Gomera, Alto de Garajonay, 1350-1450 m, 20-24.6.2005, M. & J. Horák leg. (3♂♂, 7♀♀ - author's collection).

NOTES. Examined specimens are quite uniform in their habitus and coloration; females are somewhat bigger and stouter than males, otherwise hardly distinguishable in their exoskeletal characteristics. They fully match the

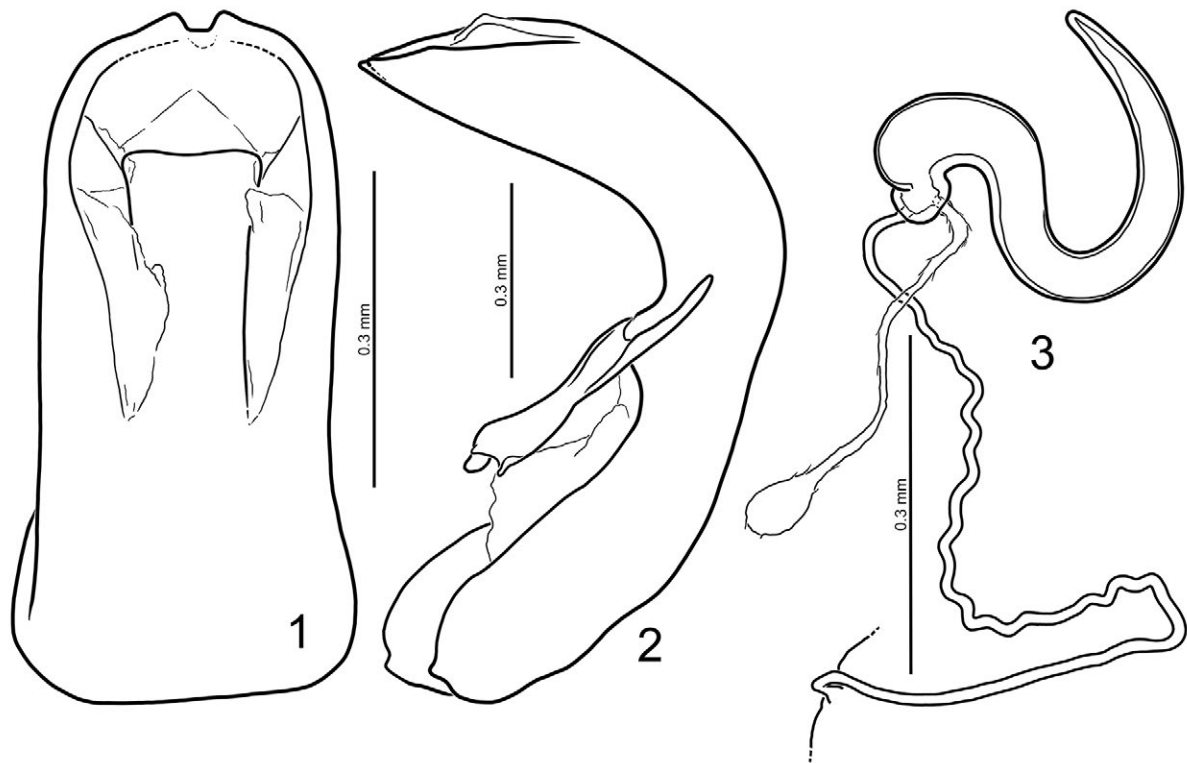
characteristics reported in the key of Zoia, 2017: 77. Legs reddish, antennae reddish with antennomeres 7th-11th partially darkened distally. Dorsum metallic bronze with a dense punctation made of small but impressed punctures. Elytra with dense pubescence, partly arranged in nine more or less evident longitudinal rows of longer and erected setae.

Aedeagus as in Figs 1-2, somewhat more briefly rounded at apex in dorsal view than in specimens from both Tenerife and La Palma (Zoia, 2017: figs 42 and 45) and somewhat stouter in lateral view (Zoia, 2017: figs 43 and 46).

Spermatheca as in Fig. 3, with both spermathecal gland and ductus somewhat longer than in the specimen from Tenerife portrayed in Zoia, 2017: fig. 68; spermathecal gland ending in a small ovoidal widening.

From my point of view, said differences, although distinguishing the specimens from La Gomera, do not call for a taxonomic separation among populations of different islands.

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Figs 1-3. *Macrocoma splendens* (La Gomera, Alto de Garajonay, 1350-1450 m): 1 - aedeagus, dorsal view; 2 - idem, lateral view; 3 - spermatheca.

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