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Occurrence of *Mucronianus ellipticus* JORDAN (Coleoptera, Anthribidae) in Central Thailand

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Mucronianus ellipticus Jordan (1923, p. 217) was described on a single female specimen collected in January, 1907, at Kuching, Sarawak, the Island of Borneo. Since then, there has been no record of this species. It is a peculiar species in having a large black round patch on the centre of the elytra, and a whitish obscure ring around the patch.

I was able to examine a specimen of *Mucronianus ellipticus* collected at Rayong, central part of Thailand through the courtesy of Dr. V. ROJANAVONGSE, when I visited the Department of Entomology, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, a few years ago. Not only Kuching, the type locality of the species but also Rayong, a second known habitat faces the South China Sea (Fig. 1). The collecting data of the specimen examined is as follows:

1 $\,$ Rayong, Central Thailand, 1–VI–1966.

Notes. The characteristics of the female antennae are as follows: antennae short, extending barely beyond the basal margin of elytra, 8th segment quite short, 9th, 10th and 11th forming a large club, 9th triangular, apically dilated, about 1.6 times as long as wide, 10th transverse,

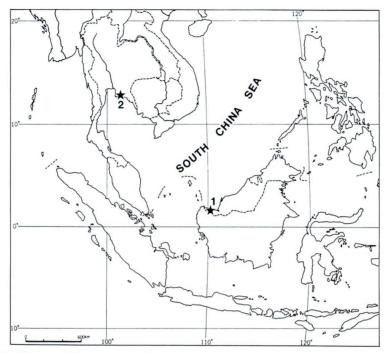


Fig. 1. Distribution of *Mucronianus ellipticus* JORDAN. ——1, Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo; 2, Rayong, Thailand.

11th asymmetrical, a little longer than wide, proportions in length from 7th to 11th about 18: 14:32:18:23.

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