

## The first Euaesthetines from the Solomon Islands (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae)<sup>1)</sup>

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**Abstract:** Three species of the genus *Edaphus* Motschulsky are recorded from the Solomon Islands including the description of *E. solomonensis* **n. sp.** and *E. tuberosicollis* **n. sp.** These species have close relationships to the New Guinea fauna.

**Zusammenfassung:** Drei Arten der Gattung *Edaphus* Motschulsky werden von den Solomon Inseln gemeldet, zwei davon als neu beschrieben: *E. solomonensis* **n. sp.** und *E. tuberosicollis* **n. sp.** Die Arten zeigen enge Beziehungen zur Fauna von New Guinea.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Solomon Islands, Staphylinidae, Euaesthetinae, *Edaphus*, new species

### Introduction

The Euaesthetine genus *Edaphus* Motschulsky has a worldwide distribution. More than 400 species have been described, mainly from the Oriental region. The genus is well known from New Guinea, but no species have been recorded up to now from the Solomon Islands. Recently I got some *Edaphus*, which were collected on the Solomon Islands by the Noona Dan Expedition in 1961–1962 (PETERSEN, 1966). The material contains three species, which are described here.

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<sup>1)</sup> 101<sup>st</sup> contribution to the knowledge of Euaesthetinae.