



大黑豔鍬形蟲產於非洲的西部和中部，外觀上有兩個型式，大顎弧度較小的稱為*regius*型，大顎弧度大的稱為*tarandus*型。但無論如何，兩型皆屬於*Mesotopus tarandus*，沒有再分亞種。大黑豔鍬形蟲體長可達100 mm。

黃金鬼鍬形蟲有2個種類，一種是產於爪哇的「羅森伯基黃金鬼鍬形蟲」*Al-*

*M. tarantus* is from western and central Africa. It exhibits two morphological types. The morph with minimally arched mandibles is known as the *regius* type. The morph with visibly arched mandibles is known as the *tarandus* type. However, the two types are not considered subspecies. *M. tarandus* is capable of reaching 100 mm.





♂ 莫瑟里黃金鬼锹形蟲。64 mm。2008。活體林琨芳提供  
*A. m. moseri*. Live specimen provided by Ralf Lin



♂ 莫連坎普黃金鬼锹形蟲。50 mm。2003  
*A. moellenkampii moellenkampii*.



← ↓ 羅森伯基的大顎末端呈三叉狀。*moellenkampii*則大顎上緣長有齒突。  
72 mm。2001

*A. rosenbergi* has tri-forked mandibles. *A. moellenkampii* has upper denticles.





*lotopus rosenbergi*。另外一種是 *A. moellenkampii*。這一種又分為4個亞種，分別為蘇門達臘的原名亞種「莫連坎普黃金鬼鍬形蟲」、婆羅洲的「婆羅洲黃金鬼鍬形蟲」*A. m. fruhstorferi*、泰國、緬甸、馬來半島的「莫瑟里黃金鬼鍬形蟲」*A. m. moseri*，以及緬甸的「馬場黃金鬼鍬形蟲」*A. m. babai*。*Moseri*是各亞種中最大的，可達85 mm、*babai*可達73 mm、原名亞種可達67 mm、*fruhstorferi*可達57 mm。當然了，在良好的飼育環境下，要突破以上的尺寸是指日可待的。

大黑豔鍬形蟲和黃金鬼鍬形蟲的雌蟲相當特別，牠們是唯一大顎外圍沒有弧度的鍬形蟲。牠們的大顎保有鍬形蟲

There are two species within the Genus *Allotopus*. One being *A. rosenbergi* from Java. The other being *A. moellenkampii*. This species is further divided into four subspecies. There is the nominate subspecies from Sumatra, *A. m. fruhstorferi* from Borneo, *A. m. moseri* from Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, and *A. m. babai* from Myanmar. The *moseri* variety is the largest of the subspecies, capable of reaching 85 mm. *Babai* is capable of reaching 73 mm. The nominate variety reaches 67 mm. *Fruhstorferi* is the smallest variety, reaching only 57 mm. Of course, as breeding techniques advance, it's only a matter of time before these records are broken.

*M. tarandus* and *Allotopus* females are unique among stag beetles. They are



♀大黑豔鍬形蟲雌蟲。可見沒有弧度的大顎。  
50 mm。2008。活體林琨芳提供  
*M. tarandus* female. Notice un-curved mandibles.  
Live specimen provided by Ralf Lin



♀羅森伯基黃金鬼雌蟲。可見筆直的大顎。  
55 mm。2008。活體林琨芳提供  
*A. rosenbergi* female. Notice straight mandibles.  
Live specimen provided by Ralf Lin