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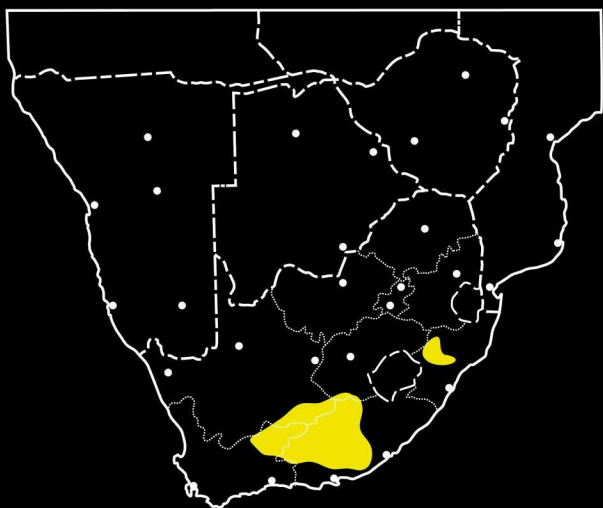
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Southern Rock Scorpion (*Hadogenes trichiurus*)



Maximum size
20 cm

One of the larger Rock Scorpions with males reaching around 20cm with the tail extended. They are usually dark brown to black, often with lighter legs. Males have a longer tail than females. This species occurs in rock cracks or rock on rock habitat. It is distributed from the Western Cape through the Eastern Cape. A subspecies occurs in KwaZulu Natal. It may be confused with a number of other flat rock scorpions although it is the most common species within its range. The venom is of little importance to humans with a slight stinging sensation – in most instances less painful than a bee sting.



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