

**FIRST DATA ON OCCURENCE OF *SCUTIGERA COLEOPTRATA* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (CHILOPODA, SCUTIGERIDAE) IN LITHUANIA**

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**Introduction**

The native distribution of the house centipede (*Scutigera coleoptrata* (Linnaeus, 1758)) is the Mediterranean region. However, it has expanded the distribution through much of Europe, Asia as well as North and South America as a synanthropic species. It was introduced into numerous European countries, such as Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Slovakia. The species was observed in Finland and Estonia (Nefediev *et al.*, 2016). There are several records from Belarus (Ostrovsky, 2016).

*Scutigera coleoptrata* was not listed in the centipede fauna of Lithuania so far.

**Material and Methods**

*Scutigera coleoptrata* was noticed and documented using Canon 6D camera in Klaipėda city, Curonian Spit, Koggalis (55.715411, 21.102424).

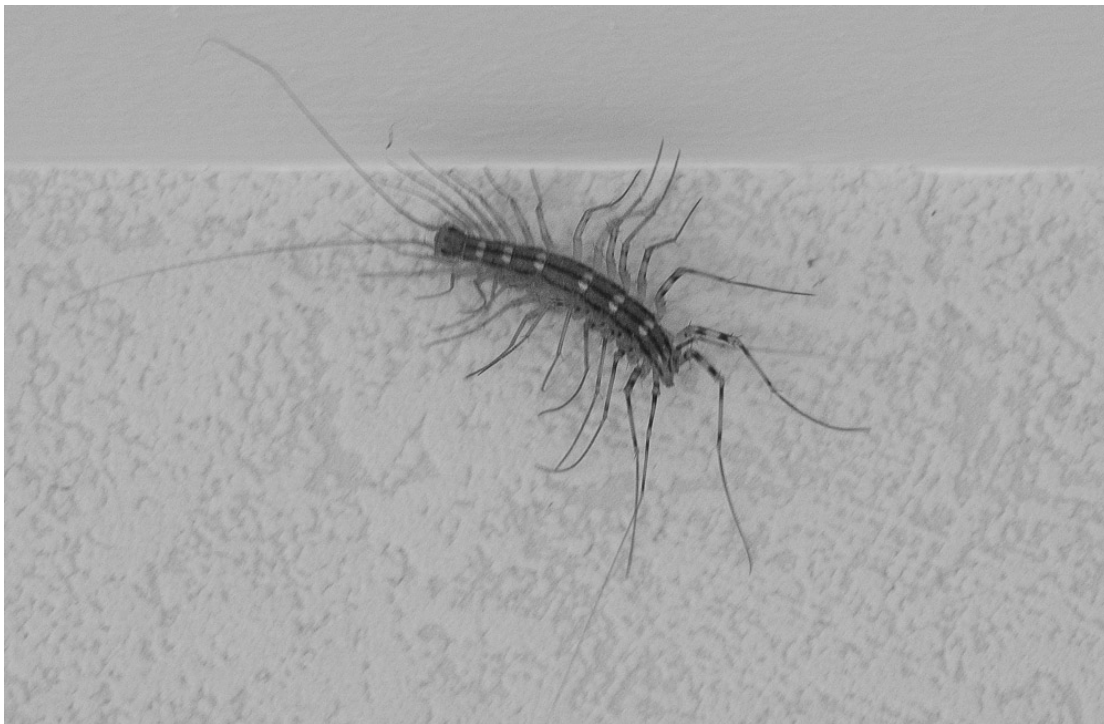


Fig. 1. *Scutigera coleoptrata* at Lithuanian Sea Museum, Koggalis, Curonian Spit.

## Results

A picture of a single house centipede individual was taken inside the quarters of the administrative building of the Lithuanian Sea Museum, located at Kopgalis, Curonian Spit, on 27th October 2019 (Fig. 1).

## Discussion

Most probably, this single record of the species does not confirm a presence of a self-sustaining population in Kopgalis. This specimen might be accidentally introduced with imported goods from abroad as well as from very numerous foreign visitors of the Lithuanian sea museum or frequent staff travels to southern countries. To prove the self-sustaining population at Kopgalis additional individuals should be found on the same location.

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## Pirmas *Scutigera coleoptrata* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Chilopoda: Scutigerae) stebėjimas Lietuvoje

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## Santrauka

*Scutigera coleoptrata* (Linnaeus, 1758) pirmą kartą Lietuvoje pastebėtas 2019 10 27 Kuršių nerijoje, Kopgalyje. Tai pietinė sinantropinė Scutigerae šeimai priklausanti šimtakojų rūšis, dažniausiai gyvenanti patalpose.

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