Descriptions of two *Copidognathus* halacarid mites (Acari, Halacaridae) from Zanzibar, Tanzania

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Abstract

Two halacarid species of the genus *Copidognathus* (Acari, Halacaridae) collected from the east coast of Unguja, Zanzibar, Tanzania, are described. *Copidognathus matemwensis* sp. nov. is characterized by an anterodorsal plate with 3 areolae, posterior dorsal plate with 2 costae, pair of ventromedial areolae between lateral and posterior setae on anterior epimeral plate, areolae present on lateral side of anterior half of genitoanal plate tending to join the areolae laterally to the genital opening area, rostrum elongate, tibiae I and II each with 1 denticulate process proximodorsally. The male of *Copidognathus corallorum* (Trouessart, 1899) is reported for the first time and described; leg morphology for *C. corallorum* is provided.

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