

Confirmation of the presence of *Solenosthedium bilunatum* (Lefèbvre, 1827) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Scutelleridae) in Albania

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ABSTRACT: Reporting the second record of *Solenosthedium bilunatum* (Lefèbvre, 1827) in Albania, the presence of the species in the country is confirmed. Information on the known distribution of *S. bilunatum* in Europe is summarized.

KEYWORDS: *Solenosthedium bilunatum*, distribution, Albania.

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So far, *Solenosthedium bilunatum* (Lefèbvre, 1827) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Scutelleridae), a Mediterranean scutellerid belonging to the subfamily Elvisurinae, has been reported from the following European countries: Albania, Croatia (mainland, Korčula), Cyprus, France (mainland, Corsica), Greece, Italy (mainland, Sardinia, Sicily, Ustica), Malta, Portugal and Spain (mainland, Ibiza, Mallorca) (Misja, 1973; Josifov, 1986; Matocq & Pluot-Sigwalt, 2002; Göllner-Scheidig, 2006; Gogala, 2008; Aukema et al., 2013; Dusoulie et al., 2016; Škorput et al., 2019; van der Heyden, 2020). The only known record of *S. bilunatum* from Albania so far, which was found in Kokome (Sarandë) on 31.10.1970, was reported by Misja (1973). Now, the presence of *S. bilunatum* in Albania can be confirmed: On 29.09.2021, a nymph was photographed by Théalie Dhellemmes on *Paliurus spina-christi* Mill. (Rhamnaceae) near the city of Sarandë, located at the Ionian Sea (Fig. 1). The photograph was uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (under the pseudonym thealie) (2021).



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Figure 1. Nymph of *Solenosthedium bilunatum* (Lefèbvre, 1827), near Sarandë, Albania, 29.09.2021. (Photo: Théalie Dhellemmes).