

A preliminary list of the Polyrhachis ants of the Maliau Basin Conservation Area in Sabah, Borneo (Hymenoptera: Formicidae: Formicinae)

Abstract

A preliminary list of the Polyrhachis ants collected during the 2005 Maliau Basin Scientific Expedition is presented. A total of 49 species are recorded, including 36 previously described taxa and 13 species recognised as new to science. This suggests that the Polyrhachis fauna of the Maliau Basin is amongst the most diverse of any area in not only Borneo, but possibly the whole of Southeast Asia.