**Baezia vulcania** sp. n., an endogeous weevil from La Palma I. (Canary Is.) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Molytinae)

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Abstract

A new species of endogeous, eyeless Molytine weevil collected in La Palma island (Canary Is.), **Baezia vulcania** sp. n., is described and compared with its closest ally, **B. litoralis** Alonso-Zarazaga & García, 1999. Biological data are provided. The genus is new to La Palma I.

**Key words**: Curculionidae, Molytinae, **Baezia vulcania**, sp. n., endogeous, edaphobiotic, La Palma I., Canary Islands.

Introduction

A sample of blind weevils collected in the Cueva de Los Palmeros (García, 1996) proved to be a new species of the recently described genus **Baezia** (Alonso-Zarazaga & García, 1999). This genus is endemic to the Canary Islands, known previously only from the island of Tenerife, where it is represented by its type species, **B. litoralis** Alonso-Zarazaga & García, 1999. Both known species have marked adaptations to an edaphobiotic way of life. This species was listed by García (1996) as Curculionidae **indet**.

**Baezia vulcania** Alonso-Zarazaga and García, sp. n. (Figures 1 – 5)

Type material: holotype male, Cueva de Los Palmeros, Fuencaliente, La Palma, Islas Canarias, 650 m a.s.l., R. García leg., 27-XI-93, deposited in R. García’s collection (Sta. Cruz de La Palma, La Palma, Canary Is.). Paratypes: 23 specimens with same data as holo-