**REQUEST FOR HELP** in identifying specimens of

 ***Saropogon*** (Dipt, Asilidae) from the Greek islands of CHIOS and LESVOS

**Introduction**

As part of an ongoing, 30 year, invertebrate biodiversity study of the Eastern Aegean and Turkey, by World Museum Liverpool, under collecting licences issued by the Greek authorities, 46 species of Asilidae have been identified from the Greek islands of Chios and Lesvos. A further 14 species are still to be identified. The current checklist of 60 species is available on the adjacent website section.

Of particular difficulty are specimens of the genus *Saropogon* Loew 1847, of which 120 specimens have been collected, as the current literature, including descriptions and keys, do not lead to clear cut determinations. Of these specimens only examples of*Saropogon* *platynotus* Loew 1847, and *Saropogon eucerus* Loew 1847, have been identified so far. The remaining unidentified specimens of *Saropogon* have been sorted into further groups (species ?), under provisional group names of *Saropogon* Sp B through to *Saropogon* Sp H.

I will be preparing Illustrated Descriptions for each of these groups which will be progressively included into this website section.

**I request that any suggested identifications be sent directly to me at:-**

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It is my intention to produce Diagnostic Identification sheets for each of these groups of species once they are confidently identified. These will be placed for free downloading in my Website section ‘Insect Specimen Identification’ under the determined species name.

The current checklist contains a total of 60 taxa, of which 46 have been identified and for which Diagnostic Identification sheets for 34 are currently freely available on my website. My aim is to provide Diagnostic Identification sheets for all 60 species once suitable specimens have been photographed.