

Trigonopterus corona

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In news— Museum scientists have discovered 28 new species of beetles on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, one of the species has been named after Coronavirus recently. The newly discovered species measure 2-3 mm.

Other species named after coronavirus-

- In April, **a new species of caddisfly** (a moth-like insect) was collected near a stream in Kosovo by a team of scientists, and **named Potamophylax coronavirus**.
- The same month, out of six new species of Brazilian wasps, one was named **Allorhagas quarentenus**, a reference to the quarantine, which occurred while the authors were describing the species.
- Recently out of five new wasp species discovered in Mexico, scientists named one **Stethantyx covida (Zookeys)**.

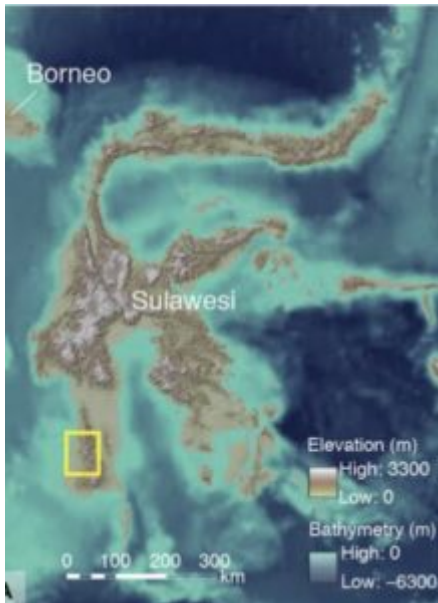
About Trigonopterus-

- It is a **genus of flightless weevils** placed in the Cryptorhynchinae of Curculionidae.
- It is **distributed in Australia, Indonesia and Melanesia**.
- The center of its diversity appears to be New Guinea where 51 or more species can be found in a single locality.
- Many of them are very similar to each other, but male genital characters and DNA barcoding allow a safe identification.

About Sulawesi island-

- Sulawesi, an **Indonesian island east of Borneo**, comprises several long peninsulas radiating from a mountainous center.

- It is known for coral reefs and dive sites such as Bunaken National Park, the Togian Islands and Wakatobi National Park



- Its largest city is Makassar, home to Fort Rotterdam, a former Dutch fort now housing 2 museums.
- Outside Makassar, Leang-Leang Historic Park preserves prehistoric cave paintings.

Extra

reading: <https://journalsofindia.com/cave-art-of-sulawesi/>