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First record of *Sastrapada baerensprungi* (Stål, 1859) (Heteroptera: Reduviidae) from Madeira (Portugal)

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So far, the Mediterranean assassin bug species *Sastrapada baerensprungi* (Stål, 1859) (Heteroptera: Reduviidae) has been reported from the following European countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia (Rab), France (mainland and Corsica), Greece (mainland and Crete), Italy (mainland, Sardinia and Sicily), Portugal (mainland), Spain (mainland and Canary Islands) and Switzerland (a single and doubtful record) (GROSSO-SILVA *et al.*, 2021; VAN DER HEYDEN, 2022).

Now, the presence of *S. baerensprungi* on the Portuguese island of Madeira can be reported: On 10-12-2023, a female specimen was found in São Martinho, located in the municipality of Funchal at the southern coast of the island. The specimen was found indoors in a residential neighbourhood with grassy yards and medium-sized vegetation; some vacant lots are covered with shrubs and reeds. It was found at night, around 10 p.m., while the light inside the house was on, so it is possible that the specimen was attracted by the artificial light (Manuel Ribeiro, pers. comm.). A photo of the specimen was uploaded to the online database iNaturalist (see [here](#)).

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