

Description of a new Species of the Genus *Crocidura* in the Collection of the  
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The adult male specimen from which the following description was taken was forwarded to me by the Marquis G. Doria at whose suggestion I connect with it the name of its discoverer, the late Captain Bove, whose lamented death has taken place so recently.

Scarcely had I finished its description when I found in the collection of the Berlin Museum two other specimens of the same species from the same zoological subregion, the measurements of which are also given below.

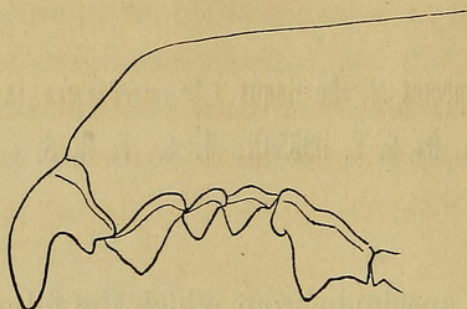
***Crocidura bovei*, n. sp.**

Allied to *C. aranea* but smaller than that species from which it also differs in the much greater length of its tail and in its dental characters. The ears are very thinly clothed with short, almost invisible hairs, the manus and pes are covered with short hairs of a pale colour, and the tail is similarly covered and also provided with long fine hairs not concealing the scales. Above light brown with a greyish tinge on the surface, beneath the surface colour is silvery grey slightly intermixed with brown, on the throat and neck with a yellowish tinge, the integument of the ears, feet, and under surface of the tail whitish, in young specimens the colour is darker throughout. Lateral gland moderately large, in the usual position, distinct in males, rudimentary or absent in females.

The teeth differ from those of *C. aranea* in the much greater equality in size between the third upper incisor and the anterior maxillary tooth and in the smaller size of the posterior basal



process of the anterior upper incisor, as shown in the wood-cut below.



*C. bovei*, part of the upper tooth-row  $\times 7$ .

The following are the measurements, in millimetres, (1) of an adult male specimen obtained at Vivi, Lower Congo, by the late Captain Bove, (2) of an adult female from Kwako, Kimpoko, and (3) of an immature female from Loanda:

	1	2	3
Tip of nose to vent . . . . .	58	60	55
Vent to tip of tail . . . . .	47	44	43
Ear . . . . .	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
Elbow to end of middle digit (without claw)	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Manus . . . . .	6	6	6
Pes . . . . .	12	12	11

Dimensions of the skull of the type: — Total length between perpendiculars 18  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; occipital crest to front margin of premaxilla 16; foramen magnum to front edge of premaxilla 16; greatest width of skull 8; length of upper tooth-row 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; tip of anterior cusp of first upper incisor to tip of principal cusp of last premolar 4; condyle of mandible to front edge of first lower tooth 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Hab.* Africa (Vivi, Lower Congo; Loanda : Kwako, Kimpoko).

Type in the Collection of the Genoa Civic Museum.



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