

SOME PRELIMINARY STUDIES ON POPPY ROOT WEEVIL; *Stenocarus fuliginosus* MARSH IN IRAN (1)

A. HASHEMI (2)

SUMMARY

According to our five Years' investigations (1973-1977) in different parts of the country:

— there are two species of *Stenocarus* (*S. fuliginosus* and *S. cardui*) damaging poppy.

— *S. fuliginosus* is much more widely distributed in the country than the other species (See figure 1 in Farsi text).

— the main host plant is *Papaver somniferum*, but *P. dubium* is also attacked by both species.

— there are only one annual generation.

— winter is passed in the form of imago inside the earthen chamber in the soil of the poppy fields.

— it seems that the population of these insects is higher in altitudes than that in lower places.

(See all the figures and tables in Farsi text, which are represented in both Farsi and English languages).

REFERENCES

- AFSHAR, DJ., 1938. The pests of vegetables in Iran (in Farsi).
ROZSYPAL, J., 1941. Ein Beitrag sur kenntnis des Mohnwurzel-
russlers *Stenocarus fuliginosus* MARSH. Entomologicke listy, Folia
entomologica IV. 1941, 1-27.

(1)- Submitted for publication September 18, 1979.

(2)- Eng. Abbas Hashemi, Plant Pests and Diseases Research Institute, P.O. Box 3178,
Tehran, Iran.