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MONOMORIUM SOLLERI comb. nov.

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pro Rhoptromyrmex Solleri Forel, 1910, Ann. Soc. ent. Belg., 54: 430, alate female. Type locality given as "Bissao, Senegal," probably refers to Bissau in nearby Portuguese Guinea. Type in Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, examined 1963.

The holotype of R. solleri has 12-segmented antennae with weak 3-segmented clubs, and the palpi are segmented 2, 2. This female, as Forel himself hinted in the description, does not fit well in Rhoptromyrmex, but seems instead to belong to the Monomorium destructor-M. gracillimum group ("subgenus Parholcomyrmex"). It is intermediate between the destructor and gracillimum females in size, and differs from these two species also in sculptural details.

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