

Medium sized fruit fly (wing length 4.2-5.8 mm). Widespread throughout sub-Saharan Africa but existing records may be unreliable since the species can easily be confused with *Dacus ciliatus*. One of the main fruit fly pests of wild and cultivated Cucurbitaceae. Develops occasionally also on Solanaceae crops. Both sexes can be attracted by protein bait products. Males are attracted to zingerone and cuelure.

Further information see: <a href="http://projects.bebif.be/fruitfly/taxoninfo.html?id=282">http://projects.bebif.be/fruitfly/taxoninfo.html?id=282</a> Limitation: the species sheets only show differentiation between major pest species but do not take into account similarities/differences between ALL fruit infesting tephritids in West Africa. Copyright: text G. Goergen, IITA; images G. Goergen, IITA & \*NHM, London. Acknowledgements: Thanks are due to M. De Meyer, MRAC for help provided in the conceptualization of the sheets.