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***Platyoides mailaka*, new species**

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**TYPE:** Female holotype from Mailaka, Diégo-Suarez, Madagascar (no date; J. Millot), deposited in MNHN.

**ETYMOLOGY:** The specific name is a noun in apposition taken from the type locality.

**DIAGNOSIS:** Females of this distinctive species are easily recognized by the wide anterior epigynal margin (fig. 47).

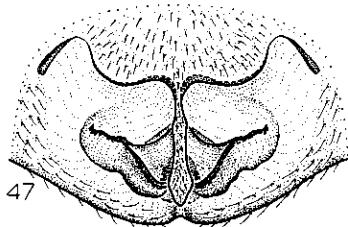
**MALE:** Unknown.

**FEMALE:** Total length, not including chelicerae, 4.36. Carapace 1.80 long, 1.76 wide. Femur II 1.94 long. Eye sizes and interdistances: AME 0.09, ALE 0.10, PME 0.10, PLE 0.11; AME-AME 0.09, AME-ALE 0.09,

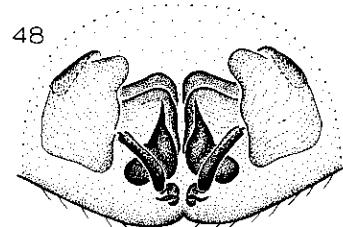
PME-PME 0.14, PME-PLE 0.18, ALE-PLE 0.11; MOQ length 0.24, front width 0.34, back width 0.34. Cheliceral promargin with single large distal tooth, retromargin with two smaller proximal teeth. Abdominal dorsum white with lateral dark gray longitudinal bands and anterior and posterior pairs of paramedian dark spots. Anterior epigynal margin wide (fig. 47); paramedian ducts oblique (fig. 48).

**OTHER MATERIAL EXAMINED:** None.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Known only from Madagascar.



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Figs. 47-48. *P. mailaka*, new species. 47. Epigynum, ventral view. 48. Epigynum, dorsal view.