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REPORT ON SOME SPIDERS OF MANGROVES OF SOUTH INDIA

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ABSTRACT: Spiders play a pivotal role in every ecosystem owing to their predatory nature. In mangroves they serve as a major natural enemy to various pests and help in protecting forest health. The current study was conducted for documentation of spider fauna in the mangroves of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh during the year 2006-07. Thirteen species of spiders belonging to 6 families were collected and identified.