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DIVERSITY OF SCARABAEID BEETLES (COLEOPTERA: SCARABAEIDAE) IN AND AROUND AMBA RESERVED FOREST OF WESTERN GHAT REGION KOLHAPUR DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA

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ABSTRACT: Surveys and collection of beetles of the family Scarabaeidae in and around Amba Reserved Forest of Western Ghat, Maharashtra was carried out in 2007 - 2009. During the study period, 59 species of scarabaeid beetles belonging to 35 genera representing 8 subfamilies: Aphodinae, Hybosorinae, Geotrupinae, Scarabaeinae, Melolonthinae, Rutelinae, Dynastinae and Cetoniinae were recorded. Subfamily Scarabainae represented maximum 25 species.

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