

Project Update: October 2014

From December 2013 the insect collection at study sites has continued until August 2014. The collection in winter, summer and monsoon has been done. Simultaneously public awareness programmes and poster competitions for villagers and students were arranged. The insect preservation and identifications work is in progress and expected to finish by October 2014.

Methodology:

The insect collection and preservation work has done as mentioned in earlier report. The community programmes are organised by announcing the lecture and competitions at schools, colleges and hamlets. These programmes were mostly conducted on the occasion of social gatherings such as festivals. Banner and certificates are developed for such programmes.

Banner:



**Awareness Programme on
Environment and Sustainable Development**
जनजागृती : पर्यावरण आणि शाश्वत विकास
Under Project
A study of the Scarabaeid beetles and their economic importance
in Sindhudurg district of Konkan region in Maharashtra.
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Poster competition and winners.

Certificate:



Insect collection on light trap.

Results:

The awareness in community by poster competition is becoming more popular. The poster competition was designed for the students, but it is seen that elderly people are also fond of it. Sole lectures and presentations may not serve the purpose of the awareness programme in village communities. The prizes were given to the winners along with a certificate. The name of the Rufford Foundation, London is enough to make understand the people that they are witnessing something important which has been supported by a foreign organisation.

The discussion about sustainable farming with villagers from different parts of the district is turning fruitful as government and non-government agencies have promised to support farmers. There are few large land holders who have approached us to consult them for developing plans for sustainable farming and implementing them so as to start agro business based on organic practices.

Next Phases:

Final report will be submitted by November 2014.