

Diversity and Identification Key to the Species of Scorpions

(Scorpiones: Arachnida) from Jaffna Peninsula, Sri Lanka

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Abstract

Taxonomic record on scorpion (Scorpiones: Arachnida) revealed the presence of three species of scorpions from Jaffna Peninsula during a field survey. They belong to two families, three genera and three species: the Buthids *Hottentotta tumulus* (Fabricius, 1798) and *Isometrus (Isometrus) maculatus* (DeGeer, 1778), and the Scorpionid *Heterometrus swammerdami* (Simon, 1872). *Isometrus (Isometrus) maculatus* and *Heterometrus swammerdami* are reported for the first time from Jaffna peninsula. Identification key of all three species with notes on distribution and ecology are provided.