

Diversity of Snakes in and Around Mangoan, Western Ghats, (M.S.), India

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Abstract: Snakes are intrinsically fascinating and form an important component of the food chain and food web. They play key ecological roles in controlling rodent pests; they maintain the nature and serve a lot to humankind. The present study was undertaken to assess diversity of snakes carried out in the selected adjoining area of Mangoan, Western Ghats Maharashtra during July 2021 to June 2022. The present paper incorporates 30 species of snakes distributed in 07 families. Family Colubridae represented 16 species followed by family Boidae, Elapidae, Viperidae, Typhlopidae, Uropeltidae and Lamprophiidae with 03, 03, 02, 02 and 01 species respectively. During survey, cobra snakes were more encountered in adjoining area of Mangoan Western Ghats and followed by viper and elapids due to favorable ecological condition. However conservation actions are needed for other species with limited distribution.

Keywords: Diversity, Snakes, Mangoan, Western ghats, Maharashtra etc

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