NESTING STRATEGIES OF *APIS DORSATA* IN SUNDARBAN MANGROVE FOREST

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ABSTRACT

Rock bees, *Apis dorsata*, in the Sundarban mangrove forest build smaller hives in lower reaches during March end to April and medium to larger hives on higher branches in April and May months. Honey comb size, site and yield of honey are apparently associated with strategies in relation to environmental parameters.

Key words: Rock bee, Nesting strategies, Sundarban mangrove forest.