

**NEW RECORDS OF SCORPIONS (SCORPIONIDA : VAEJOVIDAE
AND CHAERILIDAE) FROM MEGHALAYA, INDIA**

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INTRODUCTION

The study of Scorpions from Meghalaya reveals the occurrence of five species of Scorpions of which two are new records from this area.

Order : SCORPIONIDA

Family : VAEJOVIDAE

Scorpiops (Scorpiops) hardwickii Gervais

Material : 3 ♂ (2 Juv.) ; 5 ♂ (Juv.) Khasi Hills, Dist. Khasi ; 20. IX. 1928 ; H. S. Pruthi (Reg. No. 5398/18)

Measurements (in mm.) : Total length 37.6 ; Carapace 5 ; Mesosoma 20 ; Metasoma 12.6.

Distribution : India : Khasi Hills, Meghalaya ; Kashmir ; Uttar Pradesh ;

Remarks : This species is usually found under rocks and has been reported for the first time from Meghalaya.

Family : CHAERILIDAE

Chaerilus gemmifer Pocock

Material : 1 ♀ Nonhyllam village, Khasi Hills, Dist. Khasi, 11.XII. 1977 ; K. R. Rao (Reg. No. 5399/18).

Measurements (in mm.) : Total length 40·3 ; Carapace 6 ; Mesosoma 16·8 ; Metasoma 23·9.

Distribution : India : Khasi Hills, Meghalaya ; West Bengal. Elsewhere : Sylhet, Bangladesh,

Remarks : This species has so far been recorded from very limited areas of North East India. Vast areas of India have remained still unsurveyed. The author is of the view that more extensive surveys will further extend the range of distribution of this Scorpion.

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