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## Mangroves Species Composition in Rajpuri creek of Maharashtra, India

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**Abstract**: Mangrove habitat of Rajpuri creek was screened for ecological composition and distribution using quadrat method at fifteen sites. A total number of eight species were reported of which *Avicennia marina*; Sonneratia alba, Rhizophora mucronata and Aegiceras corniculatum are the dominant species. Maximum frequency is recorded for A. marina. Simpson diversity index, reciprocal index, Shannon Weiner index reveals medium complexity in the community.

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