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Adverse Factors Affecting the Population of Pollinating Weevil, *Elaeidobius kamerunicus* F and Fruit Set on Oil Palm in India

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The oil palm, Elaeis guineensis Jacq exists in wild, semi-wild and cultivated states in three land areas of the equatorial tropics, viz. Africa, South East Asia and America. Elaeidobius kamerunicus was identified as the most efficient insect pollinator of oil palm. In certain oil palm plantations in spite of the occurrence of weevils, percentage fruit set was found to be very low. This was attributed to the occurrence of predators and some other insects harbouring on the inflorescences and bunches.

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