

INSECT PEST OF PALM: COCONUT, OIL & DATE.

(i) **Rhinoceros beetles - *Oryctes* spp.** - Rhinoceros beetles are active at night and bore into the young fronds in the top of palms. Female beetles lay up to 150 eggs in the trunks of dead palms or living plants (*O. monoceros*). Other insect pests of palms are: Palm - weevil *Rhynchophorus phoenicis*; Leaf miner - *Coelanomenodera elaidis* (Maulik); Mole cricket - *Gryllotalpa Africana*; variegated locust - *Zonocerus variegatus*; Leaf weevils - *Temnoschoita quadripustulata* (F).