

INSECT PEST OF YAM

(i) *Heteroligus* sp. (*H. meles* and *H. appius*) - Yam Tuber Beetles: Female *H. meles* lay eggs in moist soil in swampy breeding site. Development is completed in 4-5months.

(ii) *Crioceris livida* and *Lema armata* – Yam Leaf Beetles. Adult *C. livida* is red- brownish to black with hard wings or elytra that are yellow to brown with black spots. The larvae of both species are shiny. Female beetles lay eggs in clusters on the underside of the leaves. Pupation takes places in the soil and the total developmental period is 3 - 4 weeks.