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Study on habitat ecology and burrow structure of *Bandicota bengalensis* in groundnut

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ABSTRACT

The Lesser Bandicoot rat is the most dreaded vertebrate pest of Groundnut. The study on habitat burrow ecology of *B. bengalensis* in groundnut was carried out during both during *Kharif* and summer of 2012-13 in groundnut crop at Thagachuguppey village, Magadi Taluk of Ramanagara district of Karnataka state. The study indicated that mean diameters of burrow opening of *B. bengalensis*, was 6.10 ± 0.74 and that of side tunnels was 3.36 ± 1.01 cm. The maximum depth of the burrow was 89 cm and total length was 753 cm for *B. bengalensis* species.

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