elephants (Nair & Ananathasubramanium, 1979). A mixture of herbage including grasses may be an alternative diet (Karunarathna & Ranawana, 1998). Perhaps, a diet formulation for different age groups of elephants is a timely necessity. An island-wide study on nutrient status of working and non-working domesticated elephants of all ages, is urgently needed for better understanding of the serum levels of minerals with respect to their diets. Similar investigations conducted in domesticated elephants in other countries have been of immense clinical value (Sreekumar & Nirmalan, 1989).

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STATILIA NEMORALIS (SAUSSURE) (INSECTA: MANTODEA) FROM MAHARASHTRA

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The genus *Statilia* Stål (Mantodea: Mantidae) comprises three species in India, namely., *S. maculata* (Thunberg), *S. apicalis* (Saussure) and *S. nemoralis* (Saussure). Out of these, *S. maculata* has a wider distribution in the country. Though a common species of Oriental Asia, *S. nemoralis* has so far been known only from Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal (Mukerjee *et al.,* 1995). During the faunistic survey of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (20°25'50"-20°04'53"N & 79°33' 34"E) in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra, a female specimen of *S. nemoralis* (Image 1[w]) was collected under light near the Tadoba Rest House. *S. nemoralis* is the only green coloured species in the genus and the present specimen has a smoky brown patch on the hind wing at the extreme outer end of the costal area. The present report extends the range of *S. nemoralis* to the northwestern part of the Deccan Peninsula. Outside India, the species is known from Eastern Asia and the Philippines. With the present record, 52 species of mantids are known to occur in Maharashtra (Ghate & Ranade, 2002; Sureshan *et al*., in press).

Material examined: One female, 4.xii.1996, Tadoba Rest House, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger reserve, coll. R.M. Sharma (under light) (ZSI-WRS, Pune E/3577).

Measurements: Total length: 45mm, prozona 5mm, metazona 10mm, forecoxa 10mm, femora 14mm, tibia 6mm, forewing 34mm, hind wing 31mm.

Description: Body green, abdomen brownish; frontal sclerite sinuate on either side; lateral edges of prozona and metazona denticulate; prosternum without any black patch; fore coxae with five white spines; femora with four external and four discoidal spines, the third largest; claw groove yellow, situated distally, with a black patch proximal to it, larger internal spines blackish at tips and marked at base by black spot; forewing longer than abdomen, stigma without black spot, costal area opaque; hind wing with smoky brown patch at outer corner of costal area.

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