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### ANALYSIS OF RICHNESS, DIVERSITY AND EVENNESS (SHE-ANALYSIS) OF INSECT FAUNAL POPULATION IN TEAK-SAL ECOTONE, OF PACHMARI BIOSPHERE RESERVE (PBR), MADHYA PARESH, INDIA

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#### ABSTRACT

Present paper deals about most abundant insect faunal species of PBR, and variation in diversity pattern of insect species in teak –Sal forest ecosystem with seasonal variations. Insect species like *Camponotus*, *Aciagrion* sp, *Metochus uniguttatus* (Thunberg), *Cretonotus gangis* (Linn), *Ypthima* sp, *Myrmica* sp, *Gryllus assimilis* (Fabricius)\*, *Ypthima* sp, *Clania crameri* (Westwood), *Scudderia furcata* (Braner), and *Lasius niger* (Linn.) are most abundant and adaptive insect species of Teak- Sal ecotone in PBR, on the basis of richness count. SHE analysis is made to analyze diversity pattern in both ways yearly and seasonally of insect species of PBR

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## INTRODUCTION

Pachmarhi area was designated as Biosphere Reserve by Government of India vide notification no J-220116/17/94-BR 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1999 (Anonymous 2001). PBR has varied spectrum variations of the latitude, altitude, rainfall, topography, soil. The altitude varies from 320 to 1352 m above MSL at different locations in the PBR area (Anonymous, 2001). The area has a typical monsoon climate with three distinct seasons of summer (March to June), rainy season (July to October) with heavy rains and cloudy climate and winter (November to February). The meeting zone of two major timber species sal and teak, formed ecotone zone (Shadangi and Nath, 2008) the Sal-teak mixture, is rare phenomenon in PBR forests. Such ecotone occur only in some areas of central India in Umariya, Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve in Madhya Pradesh; Bastar, Raipur and Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh and Khariyar forests in Orissa. These junctions of teak and sal forests formed are

known as ecotones or transition zones (Shadangi and Nath, 2008). Sal forest zones localized at top hill (Pathak, 2001). This area is dominated by sal trees. However some other plant species are associated like *Mallotus philippensis*, *Mangifera indica*, *Acbisia procera*, *Terminalia billericia*, *Grewia asilatical*, *Falcourita Indica*, *Gmelina arborea*, *Syzygium cumini*, some timber species like *Buchinia vahlii*, *Dioscorea sp*, *Celastrus peniculata*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Cassia fistula*, *Jasmine*, *Anogeissus pendula*, *Butea monosperma*, *Garcinia indica*, *Terminalia elliptica*, *Holoptelea integrifolia*, *Zizyphus jujuba*, are also associated with it.

The teak (*Tectona grandis*) forest zones occur in mixed deciduous forest community. This patch is located at lower region of PBR and associated with, *Albizia lebbizia*, *Chloroxylon swietenia*, *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Terminalia tomentosa*. ZSI, in its recent publication "Fauna of Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve" documented 217 insect fauna of different order.

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Identification Tool and Agencies

(a) **Online Pictorial Key:** An attempt to develop as implepictorial key was made for identification of specimens during field investigations.

(b) **Identification:** Insects collected during a forede scribed surveys using various methods in PBR, insect were made identified by following authorized institutes:

- Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Jabalpur.
- Forest Entomology Division, Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

### Field Survey and observation

Faunastic survey was made for analyzing, richness, abundance, density, evenness and diversity during year 2011-2013. Random sampling method was used for analysis of insect fauna of two different selected ecosystem communities with the help of standardized plots of 10m X 10m (Nair and Jaynarayan, 2005). Structure data were generated for all insect faunal species represented in sample plot which included insect faunal species of order Lepidoptera, Odonata, Hymenoptera, Hemiptera, Coleoptera. In order to study identification of insects, host status richness, abundance, density and diversity index work plan was divided in two parts i.e. identification of insects and calculation of population dynamics.

### Calculation and Analysis

For the sample analysis the data gathered from the sample plot were analyzed using the following formulae (Nair and Jaynarayan 2005) evenness index (Kullu and Behera, 2012), SHE analysis (Bhattarya, 2015).

Richness (R) = Actual count of types of 'R'.

Abundance (A) = Total No of individuals / Total No of quadrate of occurrence

Density (D) = Total No of individual / Total No of quadrate sampled Species

Shannon diversity index (H') - Diversity indices were estimated using Shannon diversity index

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^s (P_i * \ln P_i)$$

Where:

H = the Shannon diversity index

P<sub>i</sub> = fraction of the entire population madeup of species i

S = numbers of species encountered

∑ = sum from species 1 to species S

Evenness index (J) – Evenness intex was estimated as per (Pielous, 1975) J = H/ln S

H= Shannon Diversity Index;

S = Total no. of species

## RESULTS

### Seasonal variation in richness of insect species in Sal forest ecosystem

During winter season, insal forest ecosystem most abundance species (Fig-1) observed are; *G. assimities*, (386.7), followed

by *Ypthima* sp. (296.7), *U. s. signat* (279.7), *Anamala* sp. (270), *C. ceremeri* (266.7), *L. niger* (211.3), *P. flavescens* (209.7), *T. areonosa* (208.3), *P. congener* (207), *O. Sabina* (204.3), *T. b. burmeisteri* (201.7), *Camponotus* sp. (201),

**Table 1. List of recorded insect species from Teak and Sal forest ecosystem**

S.No.	Insect species from Teak and Sal forest ecosystem
1	<i>Ceriagrion coromandelianum</i> (Fabricius)
2	<i>Actagrion</i> sp (Selys).
3	<i>Orthetrum Sabina</i> (Dhury).
4	<i>Potamarcha congener</i> (Rambur)
5	<i>Crocothemis servilia servilia</i> (Dhury)
6	<i>Diplacodes trivialis</i> (Rambur)
7	<i>Neurothemis tullia tullia</i> (Dhury)
8	<i>Rhyothemis variegata variegata</i> (Linnaeus)
9	<i>Pantata flavescens</i> (Fabricius)
10	<i>Tramea basilaris burmeisteri</i> (Kirby)
11	<i>Urothemis signata signat</i> (Rambur)
12	<i>Oncocephalus schioedtei</i> (Reuter)
13	<i>Metochus uniguttatus</i> (Thunberg)
14	<i>Dysdercus koenigii</i> (Fabricius)
15	<i>Cydnus indicus</i> (Westwood)
16	<i>Riptortus linerris</i> (Fabricius)
17	<i>Ectrychotes dispar</i> (Reuter)
18	<i>Dictyophara Lineate</i> (Don)
19	<i>Papilio demoleus</i> (Linnaeus)
20	<i>Eurema brigitta</i> (Cremer)
21	<i>Eurema hecabae</i> (Linnaeus)
22	<i>Catopsilia</i> sp. (Linnaeus)
23	<i>Danaus chrysipus</i> (Linnaeus)
24	<i>Melatis leda</i> (Linnaeus)
25	<i>Junonia almanac</i> (Linnaeus)
26	<i>Junonia atlites</i> (Linnaeus)
27	<i>Junonia lemonias</i> (Linnaeus)
28	<i>Phalanta phalantha</i> (Dhury)
29	<i>Spialia galba</i> (Fabricius)
30	<i>Ypthima</i> sp (Moore)
31	<i>Chrysodeixis eriosoma</i> (Doubleday)
32	<i>Dysgonia</i> sp. (Fabricius)
33	<i>Mocis undata</i> (Fabricius)
34	<i>Othreis fullonica</i> (Linnaeus)
35	<i>Spodoptera litura</i> (Fabricius)
36	<i>Spirama retorta</i> (Clerck)
37	<i>Trigonodes hyppasia</i> (Cramer)
38	<i>Amata</i> sp. (Linnaeus)
39	<i>Cretonotus gangis</i> (Linnaeus)
40	<i>Macrobrochis gigas</i> (Walker)
41	<i>Agrius convolvuli</i> (Linnaeus)
42	<i>Theretra oldenlandiae</i> (Fabricius)
43	<i>Parotis</i> sp. (Hurber)
44	<i>Clania crameri</i> (Westwood)
45	<i>Eutectona machalis</i> (Walker)
46	<i>Scudderia furcata</i> (Braner)
47	<i>Gryllus assimities</i> (Fabricius)
48	<i>Gryllotalpa hexadectyla</i> (Petery)
49	<i>Herioglypus banian</i> (Fabricius)
50	<i>Tetxix areonosa</i> (Hancock)
51	<i>Hyblaea puera</i> (Cram.)
52	<i>Apis</i> sp
53	<i>Thethredo</i> sp
54	<i>Myrimica</i> sp
55	<i>Polistis</i> sp
56	<i>Lasius niger</i> (Linnaeus)
57	<i>Camopnotous</i> sp
58	<i>Alissonotum</i> sp.
59	<i>Onthophagus dama</i> (Fabricius)
60	<i>Onitis philemon</i> (Fabricius)
61	<i>Anamala</i> sp (Fabricius)
62	<i>Adoretus</i> sp.
63	<i>Holotrichia sculpticollis</i> (Blanchard)
64	<i>Holotrichia</i> sp
65	<i>Onthophagus</i> sp.
66	<i>Hoplocerambyx spinicornis</i> (Newman)

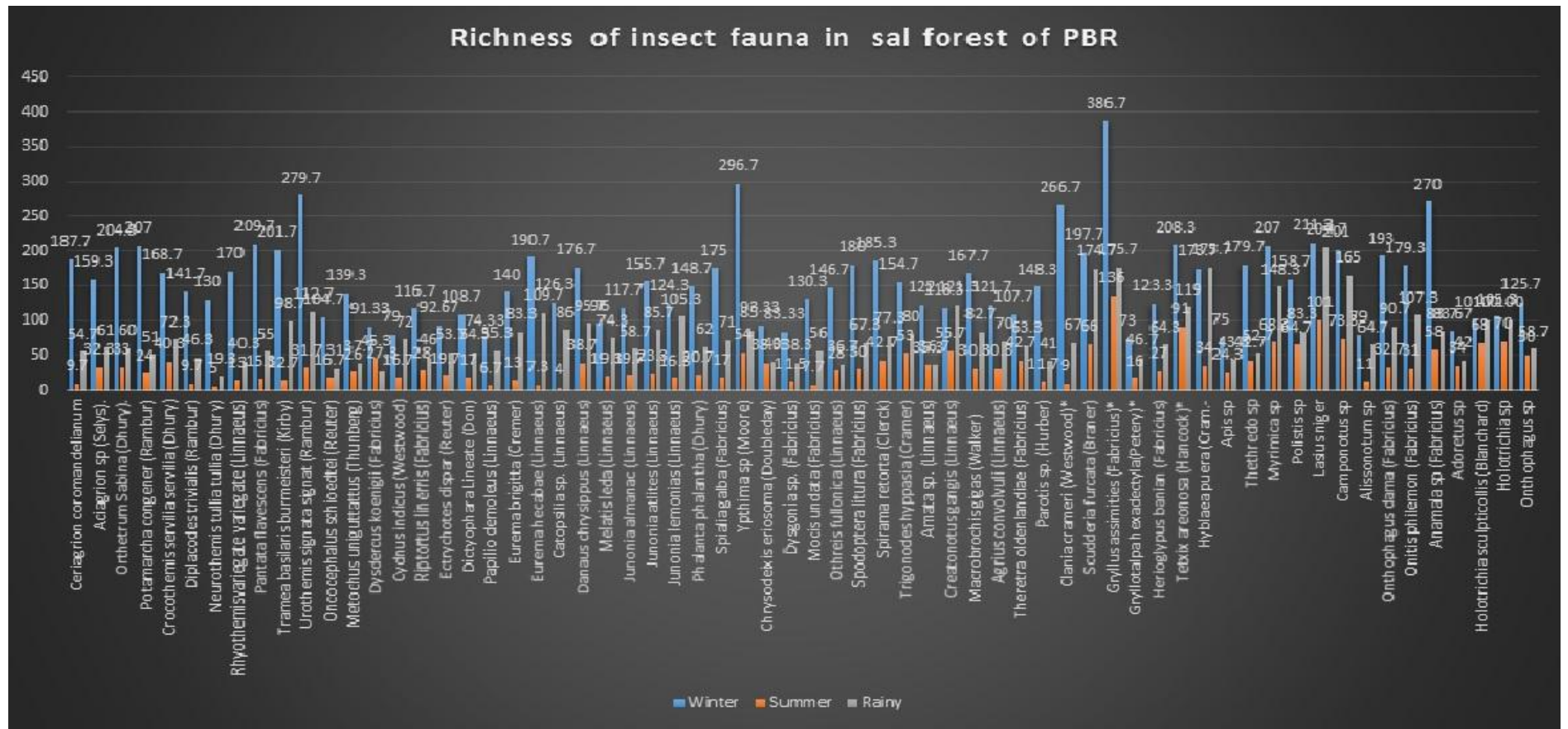


Fig. 1. Richness of insect species in sal forest ecosystem Seasonal variation in richness of insect species in Teak forest ecosystem

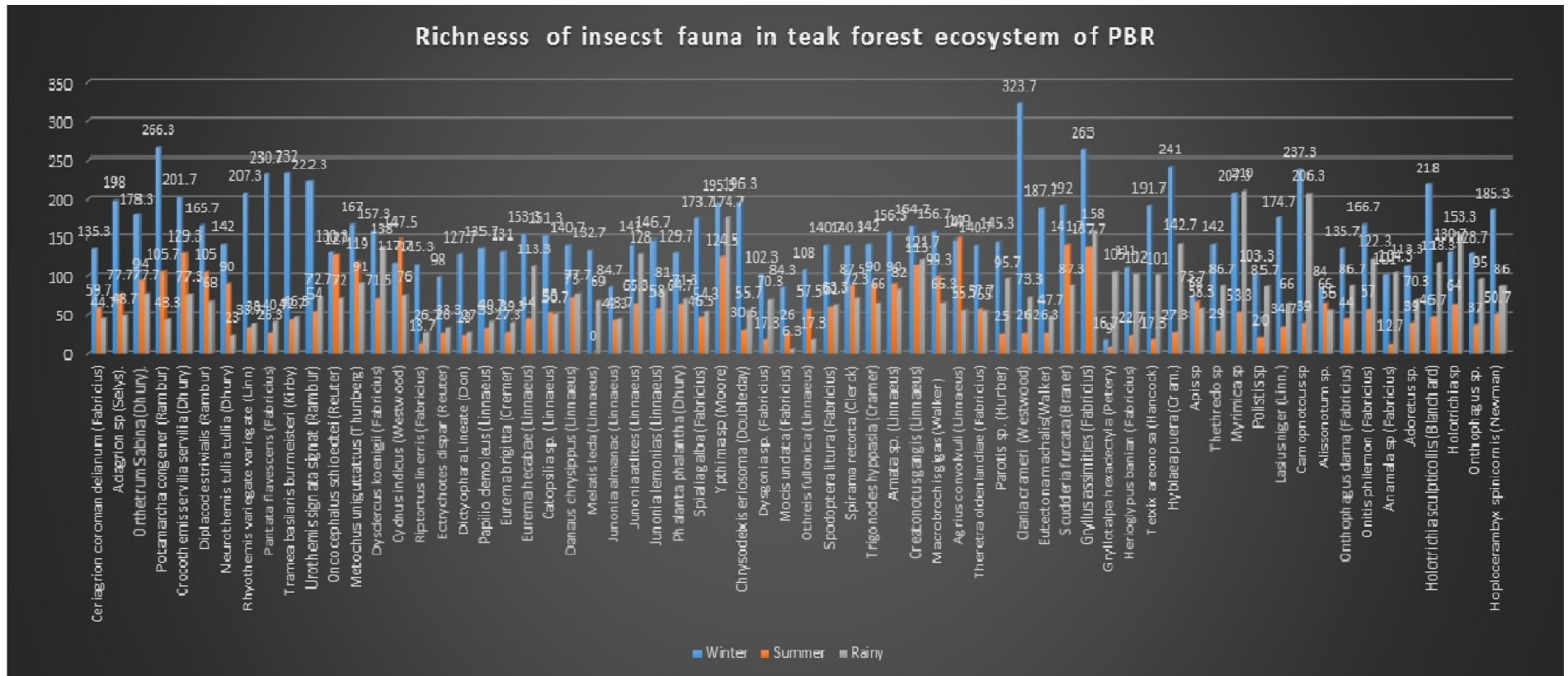


Fig. 2. Richness of insect species in teak forest ecosystem

*S. furcata* (197.7), *O. dama* (193), *E. hecabae* (190.7), *C. coromandelianum* (187.7), *S. retorta* (185.3), *S. litura* (180), *Thethredo* sp.(179.7), *O. philemon* (179.3), *O. philemon* (179.3), *D. chrysippus* (176.7), *S. galba* (175) and during summer season; *G. assimities* (136), followed by *L. niger* (101), *T. areonosa* (91), *Camponotus* sp. (73.3), *Holotrichia* sp. (70), *Myrmica* sp.(68.3) *H. sculpticollis* (68) *S. furcata* (66) *Polistis* sp (64.7). In summer 15 insect species found frequently occurred; are *Anamala* sp. (58), *C. gangis* (55.7), *Ypthima* sp.(54), *T.hyppasia* (53), *Onthophagus* sp.(50), *D.koenigii* (45.3), *S. retorta* (42.7), *T. oldenlandiae* (42.7), *Thethredo* sp.(42.7), *C. s. servilia* (40.3), *D. chrysippus* (38.7), *C. eriosoma* (38.3), *Amata* sp. (35.3), *S. viteripennis* (34), *Adoretus* sp.(34). During rainy season most abundant insect species observed are; *Dysgonia* sp (204.7), followed by *O. schioedtei* (175.7), *P.flavescens* (175.7), *S. galba* (174.7), *Alissonotum* sp. (165), *T.b.burmeisteri* (148.3), *J. atlites* (121.3), *G. hexadectyla* (119), *C. gangis* (112.7), *C. eriosoma* (109.7), *C.Ceremeri* (107.3), *Aciagrion* sp. (105.3).

During winter season, in Teak forest ecosystem most abundance species (Fig.2) observed are; *C.Ceremeri* (323.7) followed by *P. congener* (266.3) *G.assimities* (263.0) *S.viteripennis* (241.0) *Camopnotous* sp (237.3) *T. b.burmeisteri* (232.0) *P. flavescens* (230.7) *U. s. signat* (222.3) *H. sculpticollis* (218.0) *R.v.variegata* (207.3) *Myrmica* sp (207.3) *C.s. servilia* (201.7) *Aciagrion* sp (198.0) *C. eriosoma*(196.3) *Ypthima* sp (195.3) *S.furcata* (192.0) *T.areonosa* (191.7) *E. machalis* (187.7) *H. sprinicro* (185.3) *O.sabina* (178.3) *L. niger* (174.7) *S.galba* (173.7), *M. uniguttattus* (167.0) *O. philemon* (166.7) *D.trivialis* (165.7) *C. gangis* (164.7). During summer most abundant; *A.convolvuli* (149.0) followed by *C. indicus* (147.5) *S. furcata* (141.7) *G. assimities* (137.7) *C. s. servilia* (129.3) *O.schioedtei* (127.0) *Ypthima* sp(124.5) *M.uniguttattus* (119.0) *C.gangis* (115.0) *P. congener* (105.7) *D. trivialis* (105.0) *M. gigas* (99.3) *O.sabina* (94.0) *N.t. tullia* (90.0) *T.hyppasia* (90.0) *Amata* sp (90.0) *S. retorta* (87.5) *Aciagrion* sp(77.7). During winter most abundant; *Myrmica* sp (210) followed by *Camopnotous* sp (206.3) *Ypthima* sp (174.7) *G.assimities* (158.0) *Holotrichia* sp (153.3), *S. viteripennis* (142.7) *D.koenigii* (138.0) *J.atlites* (128.0) *O.philemon* (122.3).

On the basis of mean value (Fig. 1 & 2) it is interpreted that richness in variation is comparable of Take and Sal forestss. In Sal forest ecosystem, during winter 23.4 % insect species are dominant followed by 18% in rain and 5.25% in summer. Simultaneously in Teak forest ecosystem, during winter 40.6 % followed by 27% in summer 19% in rain.

### Diversity index and evenness index Sal and Teak forest ecosystem year wise (2011-2014)

Sal and Teak forest ecosystem of Pachmari Biosphere Reserve lies in Tropical climate. Diversity index and evenness index of insect species is 1.7 and 0.9 respectively for both the forest ecosystems (Table 2).

Diversity index value 1.7 shows, highest diversity status of insect species in forest. Evenness index for topical forest is highly significant, evenness index for tropical and sub-tropical forest ranges between 0-3.

### Diversity index and evenness index Sal and Teak forest ecosystem Season wise

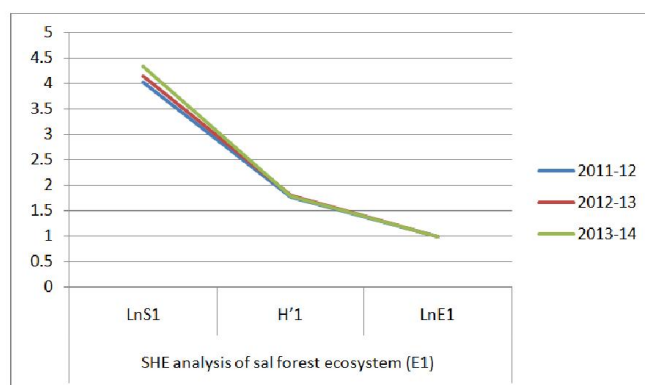
Diversity index rangers from 0.24 to 1.64 season wise, this variation caused due to variation occurred in species richness (3.3 to 4.0) and evenness index (0.0 to 0.9) (Table 3 to 4). In both the forests highly variation occurred in evenness (Table 3) due to seasonal change. It indicates role of climate factor like temperature humidity in contributing diversity status of Sal and Teak forest ecosystem of Pachmari Biosphere Reserve.

### SHE analysis (Year wise, 2011-14)

SHE analysis (Table 2) revealed clear distribution of two ecosystems of insect species richness(S), diversity (H) and evenness (E) in Pachmarhi Biosphere reserve. Analysis indicate (Fig. 3 & 4) that  $H'_1 \sim H'_2$ ,  $S_1 \sim S_2$ ,  $E_1 = E_2$  are similar (Buzas, Hayek 1996 and 1998); Wilson *et al.*, 2010), (where 1 and 2 in suffix are any two population). (Buzas Hayek, (1996 and 1998) pointed out that of tenth diversity ( $H'$ ) changes because the differences between richness (S) and evenness(E) donot offset each. In Pachmarhi Biosphere reserve  $S_1 \sim S_2$ ,  $E_1 = E_2$  (Similar), therefore diversity of both ecosystem is  $H'_1 \sim H'_2$  (Similar). SHE analysis in to Sal and Teak forest ecosystem was significantly not comparable. The diversity pattern in both ecosystems is similar. It may be due to plenty of food resource, host plant habitat, suitable niche, and temperature available for insect species species accorded in Teak-Sal ecotones are polyphagous, so they are flourishing in similar extent. It may also that, the junctions of Teak and Salforests (ecotones) (Shadangi and Nath 2008) are nearest of each other. So ecological attributes like migration and natality is more dynamic, which contributes to similar diversity index.

**Table 2. Year wise SHE analysis of insect species population in two diffent Sal and Teak forest ecosystem of PBR. (Kullu and Behera, 2012; Hayek and Buzas, 1997)**

Year	SHE analysis of sal forest ecosystem (E <sub>1</sub> )			SHE analysis of teak forest ecosystem (E <sub>2</sub> )		
	LnS <sub>1</sub>	H' <sub>1</sub>	LnE <sub>1</sub>	LnS <sub>1</sub>	H' <sub>1</sub>	LnE <sub>1</sub>
2011-12	4.024	1.755	0.977	4.261	1.78345	0.983
2012-13	4.136	1.798	0.988	4.331	1.78843	0.983
2013-14	4.338	1.784	0.983	4.352	1.7759	0.977



**Fig. 3. Year wise SHE plotfor insect population Sal forest ecosystem (E<sub>1</sub>) of PBR**

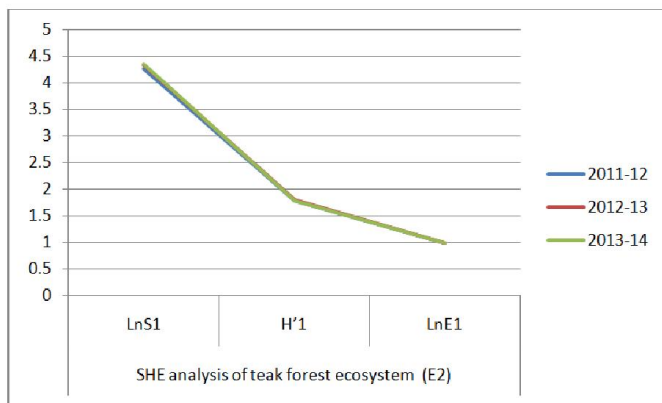


Fig 4. Year wise SHE plot for insect population in Teak forest ecosystem (E<sub>1</sub>) of PBR

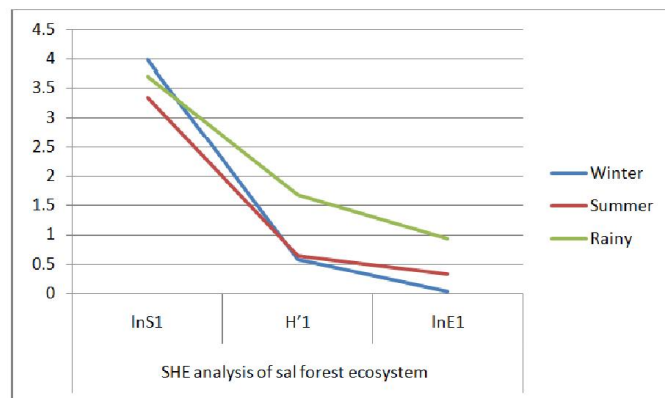


Fig. 5. Seasonal SHE plot for insect population Sal forest ecosystem in different seasons

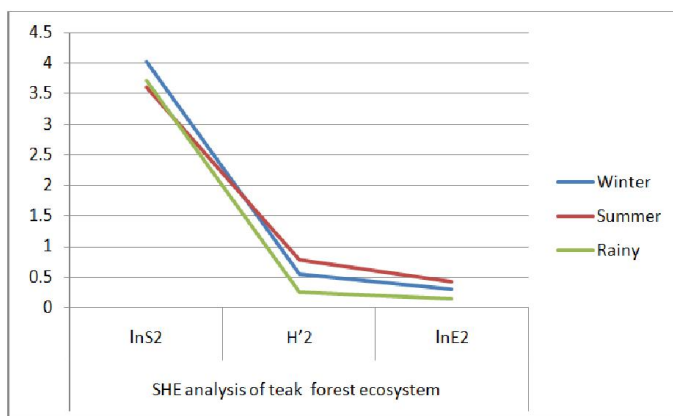


Fig. 5.6 (b) SHE plot for insect population o teak forest ecosystem in different seasons

**SHE analysis (Season wise, 2011-14)**

SHE analysis (Table 2) revealed a clear distribution of two ecosystems of insect species richness (S), diversity (H) and evenness (E) in the three different season seasons. Analysis indicate s that in winter, summer and rainy seasons  $H'_1 \sim H'_2$ ,  $S_1 \neq S_2$ ,  $E_1 \neq E_2$ ,  $H'_1 \neq H'_2$ ,  $S_1 \neq S_2$ ,  $E_1 \neq E_2$  and  $H'_1 \sim H'_2$ ,  $S_1 \neq S_2$ ,  $E_1 \neq E_2$  respectively (Buzas, Hayek 1996 and 1998); Wilson *et al.*, 2010). In winter, in Sal forest ecosystem species were not shown significant evenness (Table 2). It is also observed

that yearly, SHE analysis in to Sal and Teak forest ecosystem was significant as comparable to season wise SHE analysis. Diversity pattern changes in ecosystem as per seasonal changes. However in winter season was  $H_1 \sim H_2$ . It may be due to plenty of food resource, host plant habitat, suitable niche, and suitable temperature. It may also that, the junctions of Teak and Salforests (ecotones) (Shadangi and Nath, 2008) are nearest of each other so they migrate to the adjacent ecosystem area. It reveals that in species accorded in Teak-Sal ecotones are polyphagous, so they are flourishing each other. (Buzas Hayek, 1996 and 1998) pointed out that of tenth diversity ( $H'$ ) changes because the differences between richness (S) and evenness (E) donotoffseteach other and such SHE plot is log normal one (Fig. 5 & 6). Difference observed in  $H'_1 \neq H'_2$ , during summer and rainy seasons, in teak-salecotones, which indicate the change in diversity of the population.

**Table 2. SHE analysis of insect species population season wise of in two diffrent sal and teak forest ecosystem, (Kullu and Behera, 2012; Hayek and Buzas, 1996, 1998; Wilson *et al.*, 2010)**

Seasons	SHE analysis of sal forest ecosystem			SHE analysis of teak forest ecosystem		
	lnS <sub>1</sub>	H' <sub>1</sub>	lnE <sub>1</sub>	lnS <sub>2</sub>	H' <sub>2</sub>	lnE <sub>2</sub>
Winter	3.998	0.57	0.031	4.015	0.54	0.296
Summer	3.334	0.64	0.334	3.598	0.78	0.428
Rainy	3.694	1.68	0.928	3.719	0.24	0.134

(Note -that species evenness s ranges from zero to one, with zero signifying no evenness and one, a complete evenness)

**DISCUSSION**

Estimation of evenness of insects species stands at 0.9, which is significant for in tropical forest climate.PBR has unique transition of Teak –Sal forests which is said as Teak –Sal ecotones. Though is dominated by trees of teak and sal, still it is a hub for diverse insect fauna. SHE analysis supports that seasonally diversity of insect fauna shows variation. Seasonally diversity index of insect fauna in teak sal ecotone shows high variation. Diversity is controlled by richness and evenness. Highest richness value indicates highest abundance of species in teak sal ecotone.

Present analysis of richness show that most adapted species in this transitional area are; *Camopnotous sp*, *Aciagrion sp*, *M. uniguttattus*, *C. gangis* *Ypthima sp*, *Myrimica sp*, *G. assimities*, *Ypthima sp* *C. ceremeri*, *S. furcata*, *L. niger*.

**Conclusion**

Entomofaunal survey was made in PBRs teak and sal forest ecosystem .Diversity of insect fauna was recorded and SHE analysis made to determine diversity of insect fauna of PBR. Diversity index of insect faunas is estimated 1.7, is highest.

Among 66recorded insect species 11 were observed most abundant in area with seasonal variation viz *Camopnotous*, *Aciagrion sp.*, *M. uniguttattus*, *C. gangis* *Ypthima sp.*, *Myrimica sp.*, *G. assimities*, *Ypthima sp.*, *C. ceremeri*, *S. furcata*, *L. niger*, on the basis of richness count.

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