

**RHINOCEROS BEETLE**  
*(Oryctes rhinoceros)*



Adult beetle is stout, black, about 4 or 5 cm long and has a long horn projecting dorsally from the head in the male, the horn is sometimes smaller in females.

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## RHINOCEROS BEETLE GRUBS

The beetle breeds in decaying coconut organic matter, compost pits, felled coconut logs and stumps, coir dust and saw dust heaps.



Damage of coconut leaves  
(*Oryctes rhinoceros*)

Rhinoceros beetle is a key pest causing damage in coconut trees. The adult beetle bores into the side of the tree, then threw the unopened spindle leaves to the heart of the tree where it then begins to feed.

When fully opened the affected leaves exhibit characteristic geometric cuts. Nut production and life span the of tree is greatly reduced.



Grubs are stout, sluggish and white in color with a pale brown head and are usually found in dead or fallen coconut trees, coconut root systems or adjacent soil to a depth of about 5-30 cm.

