

Table 1. *Calamus* seeds recorded in mammal droppings

| Mammal | Number of droppings with seeds | Mean number of seeds/scat | Range |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Golden Jackal (n=473) | 16 | 28 | 1-35 |
| Bonnet Macaque (n=95) | 4 | 39 | 27-46 |
| Small Indian Civet (n=134) | 1 | - | - |

be concerted efforts (continuous removal) to control its spread in the Island.

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