

***Graphiola phoenicis* (Mong.) Poit. : An enigmatic parasitic fungus from mangrove palm of Indian Sundarbans**

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During a survey of foliicolous fungi of mangrove ecosystem of Sundarbans *Graphiola phoenicis* (Mong) Poit leaf spot disease (often reported as false smut) was detected on leaves of *Phoenix paludosa*, collected for the first time from mangroves of the Sundarbans. This communication deals with light microscopic and scanning electron microscopic characters of this mangrove fungi. The objective was to verify and report the occurrence of this foliar disease of mangrove plant from Indian Sundarbans.

Key words: Follicolous fungi, *Graphiola phoenicis*, mangrove, *Phoenix paludosa*, Sundarbans
