

INFORMATION SYSTEM ON BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH EAST INDIA: IDENTIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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This software on butterflies of north east India their identification and distribution has been developed using visual basic programming language and it can provide informations related to butterflies found in NEH region their characteristics, identification and distribution in the region..The architecture of this software is organised in such a manner that wide range of users including farmers/ agriculture extension officers/ subject matter specialists/ researchers with different demands can utilize it.

The North Eastern region of India comprising the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim lies between 21° 5' N to 29° 2' N latitude and 87° 5'E to 97° 3' E longitude. The region possesses a great diversity of life and climate as influenced by varied altitudes ranging from 18m to more than 3000m MSL. This region is very rich in natural resources with varied types of vegetation. The diversity in vegetation supports extremely diverse insect fauna, particularly butterflies. The total number of butterfly species recorded from India is over 1200 and out of this about 850 species are recorded from North East India. The species across all the butterfly families of India are recorded from Northeast. In this book volume, we present 125 species individually treated with adult description, larval hosts, distribution – mapped with the help of Geographical Positioning System and colour images.

The distribution maps, given for all the species individually in this software, are based on surveys using Geographical Positioning System (GPS). The way-point marks shown in the maps are the locations where the particular butterfly species was found. The name of locations corresponding to the way-point numbers shown in the maps are given as index in the software

The software can be easily installed on any PC or can be run directly through the disk. To operate the software one needs to double click on it. The first screen of the software will appear displaying the information's about the author and the space for furnishing the software code and the password. After furnishing the desired software code and password and selecting a module from the choice of information on pressing the enter button the main menu of the software can be accessed and from this various sub menus can be accessed and the desired information about butterflies can be generated. The information on butterflies can be obtained either alphabetically or based on orders.

