

COLEOPTERA FROM MARITIME HABITATS

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Coleoptera occupy three rather distinct seashore habitats : the intertidal zone, sandy beaches and salt-mudflats. In our fauna, about 75 species are coastdwellers. More than 50 % belongs to the Carabidae and Staphylinidae of which the last is predominant.

The species are after ecological factors classified in three major groups : halobiontic, halophilous and haloxene species. Most typical coastbeetles are found beneath wrack and algae, a small group are carnivorous and phytophagous, and only one species is known to be parasitic.

Most of the species are very local or rare and only a few can be recognized as common.

Notes on there biology and chorology are given in this contribution.