

Rhinoceros Beetle

Xylotrupes gideon



Adaptation to environment

- Large beetle's fearsome appearance & loud hissing helps to drive off predators, although it is actually quite harmless
- Larvae play a role in decomposing plant material.

Feeding relationships

Where do I live? Woodland

What do I eat?

- Larvae live in soil & feed on decomposing plant material
- Adults eat soft bark of young shoots on trees.

What eats me?

- Bandicoots dig for larvae
- Adults eaten by birds, snakes, lizards, bandicoots, cane toads.

- Length: to 60 mm • Male has forked horn on head, used in male to male combat similar to stags fighting; female plain beetle without horn.