

***Necrobia rufipes*, the Copra beetle/ Redlegged ham beetle (Cleridae)**

It is a pest of copra, coconut meal, oilseeds, cocoa beans, garlic and materials of animal origin (bone meal, fish meal, and dried fish). Shiny blue to bluish green beetles, 3.5-4.5 mm long, and can fly. Both larval and adult stages are active and predatory. Higher relative humidity favour the growth and larval survival. A closely related species, *N. ruficollis*, the Ham beetle / Red-necked bacon beetle essentially feeds on animal material and rarely occur in other commodities.

