

# ***LENTINUS VELUTINUS* FR. LINN (POLYPORACEAE) A NEW RECORD FOR MAHARASHTRA STATE OF INDIA**

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**Abstract:** During the field survey of Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra, India on 01<sup>st</sup> September 2018 a polypore is found. It is identified as *Lentinus velutinus* Fr. Linn. (Polyporaceae). A thorough study of literature<sup>8</sup> revealed that this species is not reported from Maharashtra state of India. Therefore we are reporting *Lentinus velutinus* Fr. Linn (Polyporaceae) a new record for Western Ghats of Maharashtra state of India.

**Keywords:** *Lentinus velutinus*, Ratnagiri, polypore, Western Ghats.

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**