LIFE TABLES STUDY OF IMMATURE AEDES ALBOPICTUS (SKUSE) (DIPTERA: CULICIDAE) DURING THE WET AND DRY SEASONS IN PENANG, MALAYSIA

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Abstract. Life tables were constructed for twelve cohorts of immature stages of the dengue vector *Ae. albopictus* in a wooded area of Penang, Malaysia. The development time of *Ae. albopictus* ranged from 6 to 10 days depending on the mean environmental temperature (r=0.639, p<0.05). Total cohort mortality was correlated with total development time (r=0.713, p<0.05) but not temperature (r=-0.477, p>0.05). Rainfall was correlated with neither development time (r=0.554, p>0.05) nor mortality (r=0.322, p>0.05). There was a significant difference among the total mortality that occurred in the twelve cohorts (H=119.783, df=11, p<0.05). There was also a significant difference in mortality among the different stages (H=274.00, df=4, p<0.05).

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