MOSQUITO FAUNA OF "TOH DAENG" SWAMP FOREST, THAILAND

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Abstract. Entomological surveys (2001-2005) were carried out in Narathiwat Province to determine mosquito fauna of the peat swamp forest. Fifty-four species belonging to 13 genera were identified from 837 larval specimens and 3,982 adult mosquitoes. These included the major vectors for Brugian fillariasis: *Mansonia annulata, Ma. bonneae, Ma. dives, Ma. uniformis* and *Ma. indiana. Ma. annulata* and *An. letifer* were reported for the first time in Thailand as lymphatic filariasis vectors. Three species inhabiting *Nepenthes* pitchers (*N. mirabilis*): *Tripteroides tenax, Toxorhynchites manopi* and *Uranotaenia edwardsi*, were recorded for the first time in Thailand; *Zeugnomyia gracilis* was also found common in the peat swamp forest.

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