

BREEDING PATTERNS OF *Aedes STEGOMYIA ALBOPICTUS* IN PERIURBAN AREAS OF CALICUT, KERALA, INDIA

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Abstract. *Aedes albopictus* has been shown to be a vector for diseases which have been on the increase, such as dengue fever and chikungunya infection. We conducted a study of 100 homes from 2006-2009 to determine the breeding sites for *Ae. albopictus* mosquitoes in Calicut, Kerala, India. We found the larvae of *Ae. albopictus* mosquitoes most often in coconut shells and plastic waste, followed by tires, flower pots, glass products, egg shells and dumped grinding stones. *Ae. albopictus* control programs in Calicut, Kerala, India should target these objects as part of a control program.

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