

## Environment friendly management of mosquito: a short review

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### Abstract

Despite the large scale use of insecticides, capacity building, municipality, community and metropolis awareness, and preventive measures to counter vector borne diseases which are mounting day-by-day, new tools are now being introduced to prevent the spread of mosquito transmitted diseases. The low efficacy status of chemical pesticides has led to the interest of researchers in search of fresh and even more practicable vector control methodologies to be applied. In this regard, multiple alternatives have been monitored to develop control practice measures for the eradication, observation and control of mosquitoes at larval level by the use of a sustainable biological monitoring and control by an ordinary constructive predator, to exercise monitoring and practical control measures over parasites at larval stages in environmental and eco-friendly techniques. In particular, bio-control measures to monitor and control practical practices, context predatory larvivorous fish, dragonfly nymph, frogs, copepods, turtle, *Entomopathogenic bacillus*, *Bacillus sphaericus* and *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* are being tried in different regions of the world. The available research on the subject recommends that there exist multiple direct and indirect growth factors that could play a dynamic role in prey and predator's survival. Species *controphic* that have an impact on concerned eco-relation reflect significant effect. In addition to this, certain eco-relations represent positive stimuli for the control of vector borne viral diseases. As a bio-control achieving feasible agent for vector monitoring, pointing, management and control predatory larvivorous fish, dragonfly nymph, frogs, copepods, turtle, *Entomopathogenic bacillus*, *Bacillus sphaericus* and *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* are not only considered as a liberated intervention for disease vector control of practices and mechanical control cost deterrents as well. Further research has been suggested on the subject so as to find out even more practicable and effective mosquito monitoring and practical control practices.

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### Introduction

Public health risk expected to vector-borne pathogens pose a serious threat, resulting in the current era occurred about 30% of the disease burden (Huang *et al.*, 2017). Chikungunya CHIKV; genus Alphavirus Zika ZIKV; genus Flavivirus and dengue DENV; genus Flavivirus and yellow fever viruses are spread by *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes as disease vector and continue seen in some regions, the probability of infection by multiple mosquitoes borne

viruses disease trend increasing (Baldacchino *et al.*, 2017). Mosquitoes not only occupy certain niches, they are scattered around the world, and even in high temperature affected areas are affected by rainfall temperature, humidity and sea level (Gama and Nakagoshi., 2013; Wu *et al.*, 2016). Natural climatic conditions are important factors in the distribution of different disease vectors (Dom *et al.*, 2013; Mohiddin *et al.*, 2016).

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Mosquito borne disease transmission is particularly sensitive to host factors including human community and behavior intervention measures, environmental and climatic conditions (Malik *et al.*, 2017). In spite of modern monitoring and practical control practices, the mosquitoes population is increasing day after day all over the world. In contemporary world the male populations of mosquitoes are heritably sterilized. They used to mate with mature mosquito eggs. However, female population of mosquitoes lay sterilized mature eggs that are reported unable to hatch. Rather than decreasing, the population of vector carrying mosquitoes is increasing. Though, a number of states have had practiced the decontamination and spray on regularly basis. But, due to either the monitoring and practical control practices using methods showed low efficacy for quite a short term, or very substantially cultured, unproductive or productive for some stage or very less significant and costly. Such as application of vector resistant spray is expensive, laborious, short term, short time, only effective for certain stage life cycle of mosquito's population and time taking. Indoor residual spray IRS is infrequently done when population of mosquitoes escalates and risk of emerging outbreaks threatened. Previously, the breeding sites of such vector carrying mosquito habitats were unknown. Therefore, the use of resistant sprays was more of a reactive than preventive action as it can de-activate adult population of mosquitoes (Tariq and Qadri, 2008; Santos and Meneses, 2017) but source of them remain intact and positive (Tariq, 2001; George *et al.*, 2017). *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes lay eggs in a variety of containers, is considered to be the domesticated mosquitoes, found crowded neighborhood in an urban environment (Harinder *et al.*, 2014; Sutherst, 2004; Bandyopadhyay and Skoufias, 2015). Vector-borne diseases develop very close coordination in urban areas to adapt to the environment, population and intensive moisture, global warming (Hafeez *et al.*, 2017; Malik *et al.*, 2017; Chaudhry *et al.*, 2017).

Insecticide resistance increasing in mosquito's biocontrol better program and public mobilization and community participation are considered to be basic tool to control disease transmission and controlling vector breeding (Dieng *et al.*, 2011; Naqvi *et al.*, 2015; Bouzid *et al.*, 2016). In this way, such chemical sprays become ineffective rather, they immune the mosquito system as well. For this, importance should be specified to such monitoring and practical control measures which may be extended a bit longer than the previous one, and may prove to be effective, targeted, less time consuming, low charge and cost-friendly (Qadri *et al.*, 2007). Bio-control is a best provided alternatives for incapacitating the insecticidal resistance resulting from the indiscriminate use of chemical substances and their destructive impacts on the environment. Bio monitoring and practical control

methods are better due to safety, particularly for human being (Lacey, 2007; Terbot *et al.*, 2015). Application of Fish copepods, plankton pointing, management and controlling (Ritchie, 2005; Ritchie *et al.*, 2010; Ghosh *et al.*, 2011) have been verified as bio control agents in developing, and immature stages of the *A. aegypti* and '*A. albopictus*' mosquitoes. Most monitoring and control agents are effective comparatively nontoxic, economically viable and are moderately tranquil to manage on a comprehensive and suitable to the targeted vector carrying mosquito population (Lacey, 2007; Diallo *et al.*, 2016). Standing water basins and waste water stabilization pond water in the remote areas and, drains and open fresh water store tanks in the big cities are stimulating possible risk of mosquito caused infections and respectively dengue and malarial epidemic occurred in the municipality, rural community and metropolis population (Fatima *et al.*, 2016; Atique *et al.*, 2016; Malik *et al.*, 2017).

Repeated practical practices applied for synthetic insecticides for mosquito monitoring and control practical practices has disrupted natural biological monitoring and control practice systems and led to resurgence in mosquito populations (Thomas, 2017). It has also stemmed in the improvement of insecticide immunization in mosquitoes which produced detrimental impacts on untargeted organisms and nurtured environmental, ecological, and human health concerns, initiating a search for alternative monitoring and control practical practices and measures. Pointing, management and controlling of mosquito emergent undeveloped and immature through biological monitoring and control practical practices is being tried world over (Kumar and Hwange, 2006; Manilal *et al.*, 2011).

#### *Predatory larvivorous fish*

In fresh water bodies predatory larvivorous fish considers as best technique of larva monitoring and control practices in fresh water bodies. The mouth spot is of prior feature to determine the larvivorous competency of a fish. As of the tactic of their effectiveness in monitoring and control measuring mosquito larvae, Hora and Mukherjee (1953) classified the predatory larvivorous fish into the different categories as typical surface feeders, sub-surface feeders and column feeders. In 2002, Martinez and co-workers conducted research studies in Southern Mexico and described five local, indigenous and native fish species, namely *Bryconguatemalensis*, *Lepisosteustropicus*, *Astyanaxfasciatus*, *P.reticulate* and *Ictalurusmeridionalis* to be operative in contrast to and in contradiction of *A. aegypti* larvae in water reservoirs. Chandra *et al.* (2008) directed a research and described forty-four species the efficacy of *X. cancila* as bio monitoring and practical control practices

agent contrary to and in contradiction of fourth stage larval form of *Ar.subalbatus* Cx. *Quinquefasciatus* and *An. Subpictus* under laboratory settings. *O. Mossambica* were proved to be considerably effective for monitoring and control practices as in mosquitoes in cow manure pits in contradiction of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> instars larvae and even pupae of *An. Culicifacies* and Cx. *Quinquefasciatus* at the place of 5 fish sqm<sup>2</sup> surface area. To obtain great development per-ha of aquatic frame, rapidly increasing compatible fish species of diverse nurturing practices and multiple mass figure of the concerned species are carried in the identical pools so that all its ecological population are scaled in categorized fish order. This structure of pool marking, management and controlling is called *poly-culture* or *composite fish culture* or *mixed fish farming*. On natural habitats (Ghosh *et al.*, 2004) conducted research studies and described 50 species that predation experiment using *C. carpio* *Ctenopharyngodonidella*, *O. niloticus* and *Clariasgariepinus* were conducted against and in contradiction of fourth instar *An. stephensi* larvae.

Aditya *et al.* (2012) studied indigenous larvivorous fishes implications for biological control against *Culex quinquefasciatus* and found reduced numbers of larva time to time. Similarly, Gupta and Banerjee (2013) had done a comparative experiment to check mosquito biocontrol competence between *Poecilia reticulata* and *Aplocheilus panchax* and determined the both fish has predation behavior for mosquito larvae.

Sarwar *et al.* (2015a and 2015b) found *Gambusia affinis* that can consume per day 100 to 300 *Aedes* mosquitoes larvae, *Gambusia* and *guppy Poecilia* eat less than 100 larvae. Pamplona (2006) applied practical measures with five inactive larvivorous species including *Bettasplendens*, *Trichogastertrichopteros*, *Astyanaxfasciatus*, *Poecilia sphenops*, and *Poecilia reticulata* to counter *Aedes aegypti* larval invasion in the Brazil. Similarly Seng *et al.* (2008) conducted study in which they described that villages in Cambodia had been seventy-nine percent decreases in *A. aegypti* larval epidemic as it was discovered and observed compared to monitoring and practical control practices of villages. A specifically targeted predator reflects substantial impending for consideration in the bio-monitoring and practical control practices of vector carrying mosquitoes. Still, in severe ecological conditions, predator can just endure as long as their favored breathing eco-friendly environments and settings are dynamically existed, albeit difficult to achieve and sustain. However, predator's life cycle requires being well implemented or appropriate with the prerequisites demanded by prey. To control *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, defined as *Gambusia*, *Poeciliidae* and *Poecilia* are highly preferred predatory larvivorous fish. *Poecilia* can

survive on limited availability of food and has breeding potential in confined pits and open wells and small size vessels. *Gambusia* can survive in large size water pond for long duration because it feeds on high availability of zooplankton (Ghosh *et al.*, 2011).

Hora and Mukherjee (1953) conducted a study on the indication of Indian clean aquatic fishes, with depicting of particular families in addition to observations on the comparative efficacy of the actual predatory carnivorous fishes of India. Chandra *et al.* (2008) reported on the carnivorous *Colisalalia* mosquito larval feeding habitat found in both still and running waters. *C. fasciatus* a larvivorous culture procedure appropriate for exposed water surface exclusively in rice fields for monitoring and regulation practical practices of such larvivorous parasites, locally existing available and accessible local, indigenous and native fish composed as of pebble pits of Allahabad and Shahjahan-pur district. Populations of local *Mesocyclops spp.* were comprised in precisely designed municipality, communal and metropolis based monitoring and control practical practices plans maintained through *Micronecta* aquatic microbes in addition to fish for monitoring and practical control practices of dengue disease in Vietnam (Nam *et al.*, 2000). In coastal village in Taiwan on integrated monitoring and control practical practices of *A. aegypti* and *A.albopictus* utilizing *G. affinis*, *Tilapia mossambica*, *P. reticulata*, and *Sarotherodonniloticus* drinking water containers and these fish spp. were far along substituted with *Cyprinus carassius* as per their relaxed adaptability and accessibility to native ecological and environmental settings (Wang *et al.*, 2000). From 1980s onward villages in Chinese coastal provinces, *Chinese catfish* was also practical practices applied in the direction of monitoring and practical control practices of *A. aegypti* and *A.albopictus* larval breeding potential in order to tackle dengue fever epidemic which happened to cause this disease in fish and respective victims (Wu *et al.*, 2016). In Thailand, effective implementation of practical control practices over *A. aegypti* and *A.albopictus* were by using fish covered water storage tanks (Phuanukoonnon *et al.*, 2005).

#### *Dragonfly nymph*

Dragonfly nymph breeds in fresh aquatic reserves and respective habitat. Larvaecidal competence of nymph of dragonfly as water centered predators that are examined at research laboratory level. Dragonfly's nymphs consume as a minimum around of fifty larvae of mosquitoes per hour. Because they monitor and furnish control practices of diseases which spread through mosquito and conserving marine feature and have microbe such as phytoplankton,

zooplankton etc (Singh., 2003). Males *Rhodothemis rufa* showed higher rate of predation larvae of *Culex quinquefasciatus* was higher than that of females larvae (Chandra *et al.*, 2016). *Neurothemis fluctuans* and *Orthetrum sabina* utilized *Aedes aegypti* larvae as most preferred feeding option and *Culex quinquefasciatus* prey the *Orthetrum chrysis* consumed more in contrast to other species (Norma and Saleeza *et al.*, 2014).

Therefore, dragonflies are benign for humanoid consumption along with their economic viability. Under the alternative strategy of dengue and malaria monitoring and control practical practices by means of ecological and ecological enhancement practices, crucial significance is given on the way to anti larval procedures (Shad and Andrew, 2013). Nymphs capture mosquito larva by the modified labium, which pass into a structure known as mask. Though, during catching prey mask is tossed out and stretched with implausible rapidity and the prey engrossed with the hook is trapped into the buckle-cavity, correspondingly. At rest the labrum is folded over the jaws but can be extended to collect prey within a fraction of a second. Preference of food of Dragonfly nymph includes mosquito larvae and pupae, nymphs of their own species, chironomid larvae, small tadpoles in laboratory condition (Chandra *et al.*, 2006; Chatterjee *et al.*, 2007).

#### Frogs

Recent accompanied research on using of mosquito bugs and tadpoles in controlling mosquitoes has grown interest. It is defined as the harmful outcome on respectively other's growth and subsistence, which was anticipated to be outstanding to positive physiological, chemical and biological aspects (Sarwar, 2015b). Mokany and Shine (2002) study reported that a considerable deduction and observed decline in survival rates of *Culex quinquefasciatus* and *Aedes australis* larvae in laboratory experiments and while in ground, reduction was observed and documented in ovi-status of female mosquito in the tadpoles of the *Limnodynastes peronii* and *Crinia signifera* that utilized mosquitoes larvae as most preferred feeding option. Marian *et al.* (1983) also examined and found that *R. tigrina* tadpoles preference for pupal stages. Consequently, existence of supplementary microbes that influence instantaneous predator-prey compression on diverse phases of mosquito emergent that remained undeveloped and immature, that will be further operational in regards to monitoring and practical control practices and extent. Various larvae released after predation and transform to pupal phases; in such circumstances existence of *R. tigrina* tadpoles have a potential role to exert immediate stress on pupal phases. In

1974, Spielman and Sullivan examined and described on the basis of *Cx. pipiens* and *Hyla septentrionalis* tadpoles larvae which consumed on mosquito larvae and they detected and consequently noticed decline of population of *Cx. Pipiens* along with *Hyla sp.* in sample field as per particular prey preference. In 2006, Kumar and Hwange demonstrated that establishment of bio-control agents by the interactions of prey-predator community, if the conditions when arise predator shows negative consumptive effect in the environment, as result decrease inter-and intra-competition particularly augmented quantities of marked and targeted types. Therefore, net impact evaluations accessed from the research work on the consideration over sample frog population in addition to prey and predator that is practically operational through the process of manipulation and prediction of success rate for its practical application in the research work of vector monitoring and practical control practices. Environmental principles of bio manipulation in certain areas may be applied for such vector monitoring and control practical practices aimed at pointing, management and controlling strategies (Raghavendra *et al.*, 2008).

#### Copepods

Copepods biological practical control agents. Copepods are basically little crustaceans that are used as and the live in aquatic habitats and eats larvae of mosquito confined in artificial containers to control mosquito larvae of public health significance (Kay *et al.*, 2002; Soumare *et al.*, 2011; Lazaro *et al.*, 2015). In Thailand different copepods like *Mesocyclops thermocyclopoides*, *Mesocyclops guangxiensis*, *Mesocyclops aspericornis*, have been detected and noticed as operative bio-monitoring and practical control measures for *Aedes aegypti* larvae (Kosiyachinda *et al.*, 2003). Mosquito larvae are key functional component of the food chain and are the lists of invertebrate predators for food which depend upon mosquito larvae in aquatic ecosystems. In recent study for the as intervention measures of *Culex pipiens* and *Aedes albopictus* in Italy *Macrocyclus albidus* were applied and found that mosquito population was under control but The main problem depicting survival of copepods is the accumulation of hypoxia due to less dissolved oxygen in water and toxic metals residues in the water. Only 1st and 2nd instar Copepods feed on the mosquito larvae and average consumption up to 35 larvae per day (Veronesi *et al.*, 2015).

#### Turtle

Turtles belongs to aquatic predators and consume a variety of creatures comprising larvae of different mosquitoes. Borjas *et al.* (1993) have worked on *Red eared slider turtles* reported that turtle overlooked 1<sup>st</sup> instars but consumed to approximately about on 2<sup>nd</sup> instars, and finally preyed

particularly on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> instars larva and pupa. The turtles regularly consumed approximately one-thousand larvae per hour depending on availability of mosquito's larva. Still, turtles practices have been applied in inaccessible aquatic tanks for example aquatic ponds, seasonal storm water catch basins and providing supplementary food when needed (Marten, 2007).

#### *Entomopathogenic bacilli*

At present, *Bacillus thuringiensis varisraelensis* and *Bacillus sphaericus*, merely two types of entomo-pathogenic bacilli as Coelomomyces, Culicinomyces and Lagenidium, are environmental and ecological safe practices applied in mosquitos control programs (Scholte *et al.*, 2004; Darbro *et al.*, 2011; Blanford *et al.*, 2012). Entomo-pathogenic bacilli has great toxicant efficacy against and in contradiction of marked and targeted organisms and easy development on industrial scale. By simple integration into monitoring and vectors control programs involving municipality, community and metropolis participation make *thuringiensis Varisraelensis* and *Bacillus sphaericus* possibly the utmost operational and ecological controlling species. The insecticidal control activity of entomo-pathogenic bacilli based on the production of proteinaceous paraspora secreting crystalline mosquito-toxic proteins have been reported (Gammon *et al.*, 2006; Luz *et al.*, 2007).

#### *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis Bti*

Currently *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* Bti isolated from soil effective to control larvae (Anderson *et al.*, 2011; Tan *et al.*, 2012; Wilson *et al.*, 2015). Bti is more sensitive to water quality parameters especially chemical oxygen of water and light intensity effect like UV radiation emission (Silapanuntakul *et al.*, 1983). *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* Bti development of protein cytolytic toxins that kill mosquitoes larvae at binding site on glycoprotein absorbers existed on border of midgut larval brush (Bravo *et al.*, 2007; Manceva *et al.*, 2005; Stalinski *et al.*, 2016). In a recent study, Harwood *et al.* (2015) revealed that *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* applied in granular form and showed higher mortality rates in tree-hole habitats and testing containers.

#### *Bacillus sphaericus*

*B. sphaericus* has less UV sensitivity and polluted water conditions (Gammon *et al.*, 2006; Sougoufara *et al.*, 2017). This bacterial species has a potential to be used as identifier as per its plump spore positioned terminally in a puffy sporangium. Various researchers described cytotoxins enhance toxicity of *Bacillus sphaericus* by synergistic effect

of *Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis* at gene level (Wirth *et al.*, 2000, 2001; Berry *et al.*, 2002; Becker, 2003; Poopathi and Abidha, 2010; Silva-Filha., 2017).

In Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana recent study described that in the *Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis* minor dose of 0.2 kg / ha was effective against mosquito larvae, thus providing a viable option for managing vector mosquitoes (Nartey *et al.*, 2013). Monnerat *et al.* (2004) observed that *Bacillus sphaericus* separates yielded protein contaminants mentioned as the insecticidal chemicals *Methotrexate* and molecular weight is approximately one-hundred kDA and immune system suppressant did not cause hazard in environment. The tablet forms of *Bacillus thuringiensis* or *Bacillus sphaericus* substantially contaminated through gamma rays to stop adulteration of eating aquatic bodies with microorganisms, is magnificently viable practice that used to be applied, intended for monitoring and practical control in mosquitoes breeding container to control such as *Ades aegypti* in high risk areas (Mahilum *et al.*, 2005).

#### **Conclusion**

Mosquitoes are documented for community health, nuisance problem, economically reducing real estate values of country, related business interests and adversely affect tourism. Research of imitation, preparations of pesticides, and usage reported ecologically destructive and environmentally unviable in different regions of the globe. The failure of traditional vector control operations observed from side to side biochemical pesticides rehabilitated concentration in biotic monitoring and practical control practices. An alternative monitoring and practical control measure for the eradication and monitoring and control practices of mosquitoes at larval level by the use of a judicious bio-content including their eco-friendly control techniques are utmost needed for monitoring and control for mosquitoes at larval. In bio-control measures to monitoring and control practical practices contexts predatory larvivorous fish, dragonfly nymph, frogs, copepods, turtle can be used. *Entomo-pathogenic bacilli*, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* and *Bacillus sphaericus* used as predator species, which are specifically used in advancement for mosquito control in regards to lessen the ecologically destructive outcomes such as bio-magnification etc. Moreover, the company of diverse prey and predator associations observed in the ecological surroundings to measure the viability of usage of a predator as bio-control agents for vector monitoring, practical control practices and proper management. To eradicate mosquitoes it is suggested that extinction of natural enemies of mosquitoes such larvivorous fish, dragonfly nymph, frogs, copepods, turtle should be

prohibited and thus sustain these species population in aquatic system of natural and artificial water bodies of particular region of any country.

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