# Citizen science and open innovation to manage mosquito-borne diseases

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### About us

The European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) is a non-profit association set up to encourage the growth of the Citizen Science movement in Europe in order to enhance the participation of the general public in scientific processes, mainly by initiating and supporting citizen science projects as well as performing research on citizen science. ECSA is framing citizen science as an open and inclusive approach, for example by supporting and being part of the exploration, shaping and development the different aspects of the citizen science movement, its better understanding and use for the benefit of decision making.

### ABOUT US

Reef Check Italia - Mediterranean Underwater Coastal Environment Monitoring

#### ABOUT US

Doing-it-Together Science Project Legacy UK Environmental Observation Framework

# Guide to Citizen Science

developing, implementing and evaluating citizen science to study biodiversity and the environment in the UK



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# Data Quality

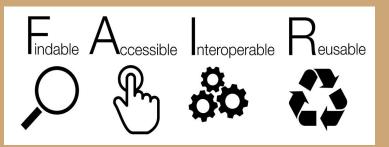
### **REAL-MEASURE**

- 1. Quantity
- 2. Accuracy
- 3. Precision

### UTILITY

- 1. Completeness
- 2. Free-of-bias
- 3. Scale-adjusted
- 4. Fitness-for-use (hypothesis driven)

### **UTILITY 2.0**



# Types of Citizen Science

types of citizen, approach, goals...

- Amateurs
- Trained
- Naive
- Contributing projects
- Collaborative projects
- Co-creative projects
- Scientists' needs
- Participants' needs

# Mosquito Alert

A citizen science solution



# Why adding citizen science in your surveillance?

It is the future...

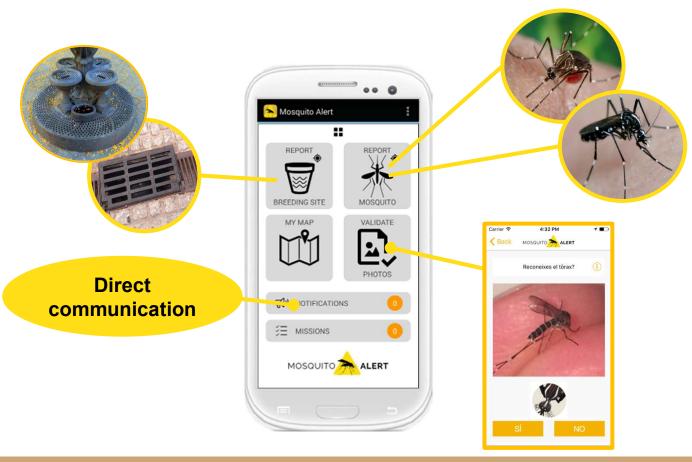
- Scalability
- Real-time
- Flexibility
- Integrative
- Big Data
- Open
- Cost-effective

# Why NOT adding citizen science in your surveillance?

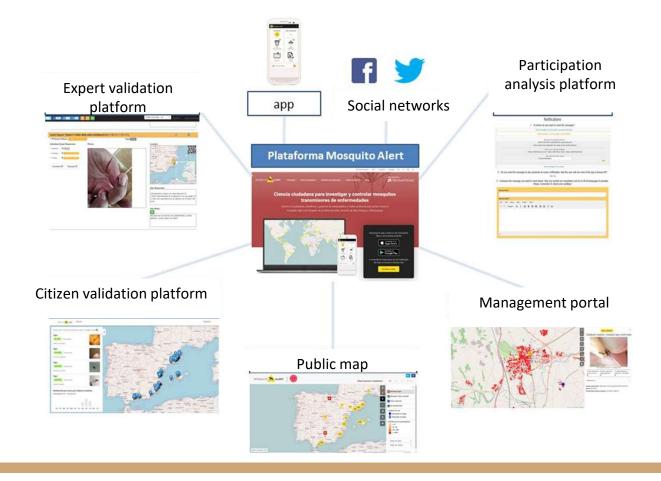
It is demanding...and open!

- Community Managing
- Requires fast-rewards
- Technologically demanding
- Multidisicplinar team
- Openess

## Citizen Observations: Collecting Data



## Mosquito Alert is an e-infrastructure



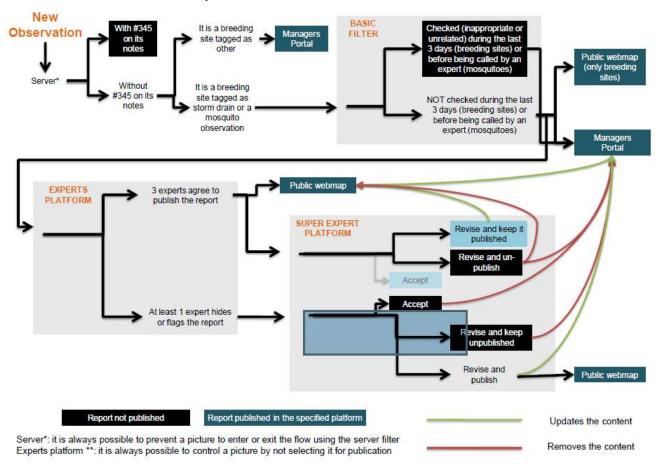






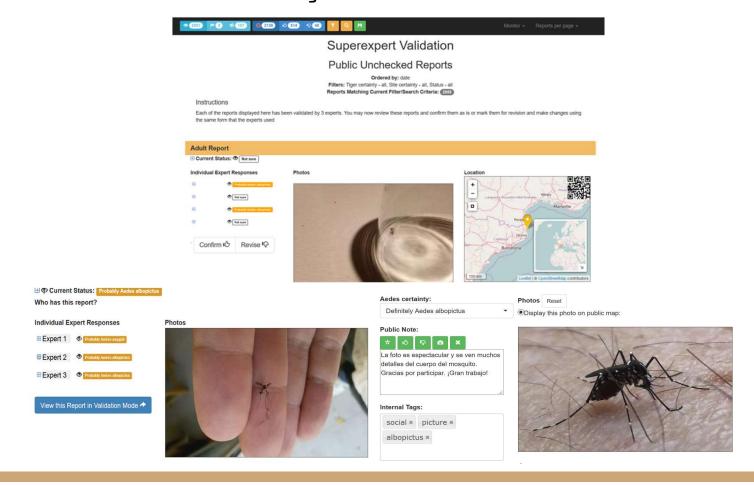


### Data flow at MOSQUITO ALERT



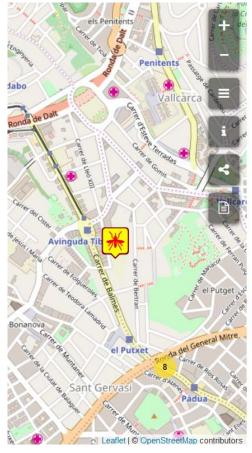


### Validating Data: DIGITAL ENTOLAB





### Data Visualization and Sharing



### Expert validation: possible tiger mosquito



Author: Anonymous. License: CC by Mosquito Alert

Expert note: Nota experta: Se aprecia la raya blanca en patas y abdomen, nos faltaría la raya blanca en cabeza y tórax. Te animamos a que nos mandes una foto donde se vea ¡Gracias!

Observation ID: 9a5f5780-1039-4fac-9e30-d510210d9a08

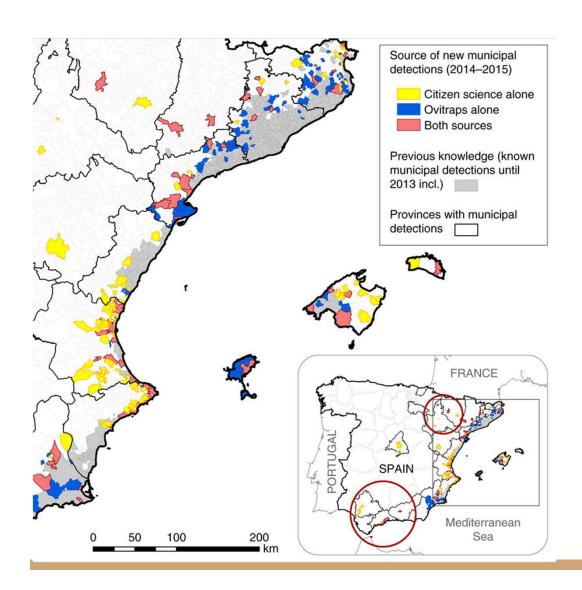
Date: 17-9-2015

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## Reputation Systems in Citizen Science

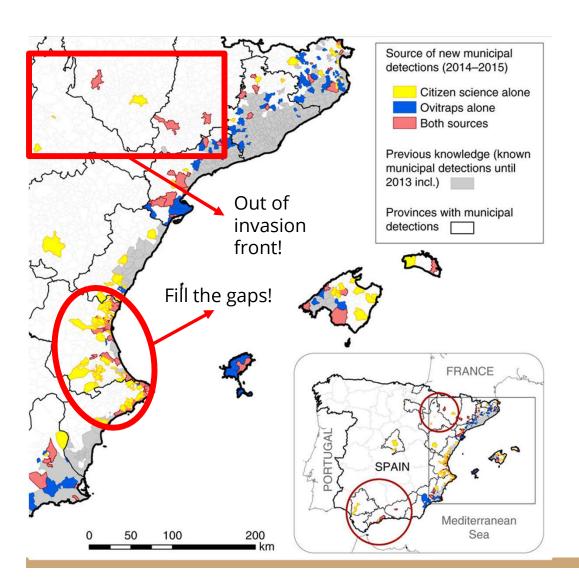
Silverstown et al. (2015) ZooKeys





# Early Warning

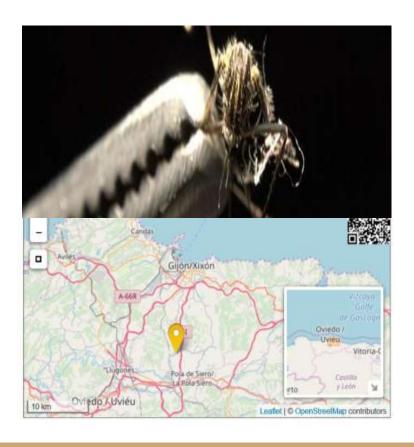
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### Japonicus Mosquito in Northen Spain (Asturias) 4-07-2018



We would be very interested if you could give us more details about this mosquito, especially if you have kept it, or you can get more specimens to send by postal mail.

### Rural Habitats, cattle-related breeding sites











Aedes japonicus

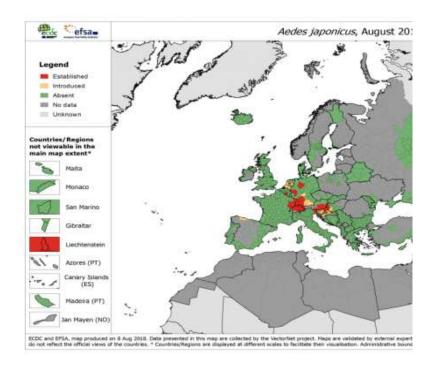
Aedes albopictus

Aedes aegypti

### Consequences

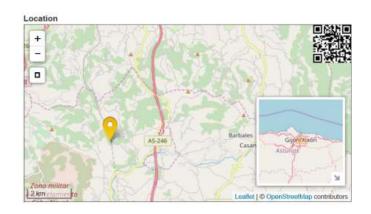
- A (national) rapid risk assessment
- An updated official European map (ECDC)
- Media attention and more pictures received
- Eritja et al 2019. Parasites & Vectors





### Consequences

The media attention brings new evidence from participant citizens.





I've been observing this mosquito since 3 years ago, near the location where the japonicus has been detected.

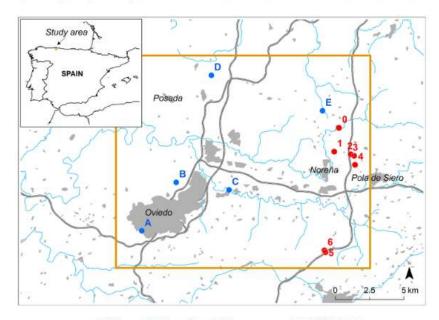


RESEARCH Open Access

# First detection of *Aedes japonicus* in Spain: an unexpected finding triggered by citizen science



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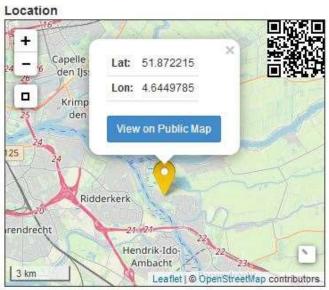


Eritja et al. Parasites & Vectors (2019) 12:53 https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-019-3317-y



### Tiger Mosquito in Rotterdam 4-09-2019





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Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA)
National Reference Centre (NRC)
Centre for Monitoring of Vectors (CMV)

# Sampling Bias Problem

Does absence of reports indicate absence of mosquitoes or of citizen scientists?

Does abundance of reports indicate abundance of mosquitoes or of citizen scientists?

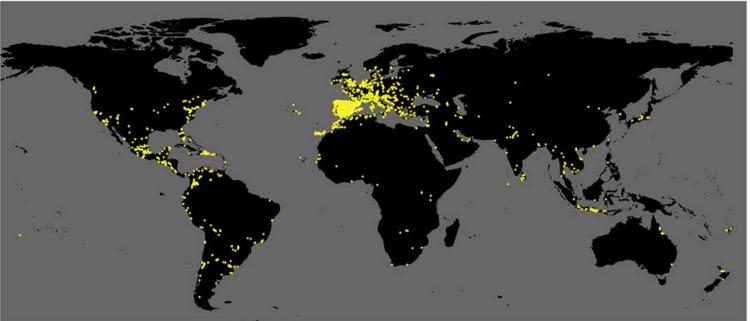
# Modelling Sampling Biases

- Participation patterns
- Background tracking
- Reporting dynamics





### Scalable Sampling Effort

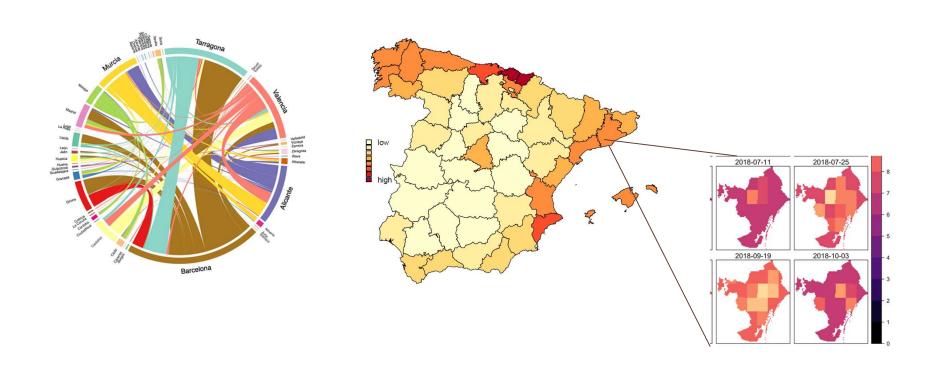


Ovitraps (left) vs. Mosquito Alert participants (right) in Spain during 2014-15.

Over 60,000 participants worldwide to date.

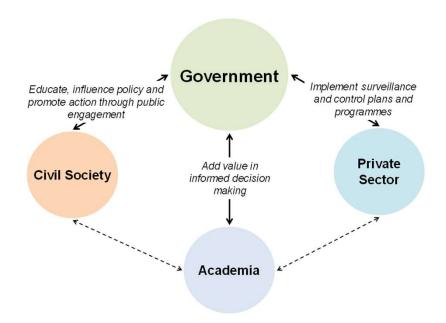
# Vector Modelling

(mosquito abundance, fluxes encounter rates, biting patterns?)



# Open Innovation

at regional and country-level





























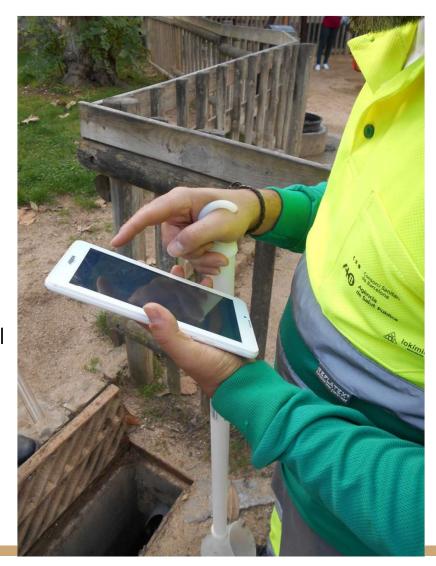




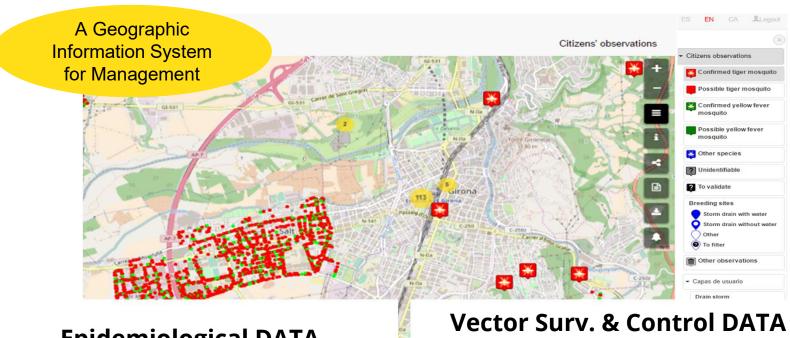


# A citizen-driven platform for the Integrated Control of Arbovirosis

- 1. (Stakeholder) Management Portal
- 2. Smartphone Notification System
- 3. Vector Modelling



### MANAGEMENT: Stakeholder Portal

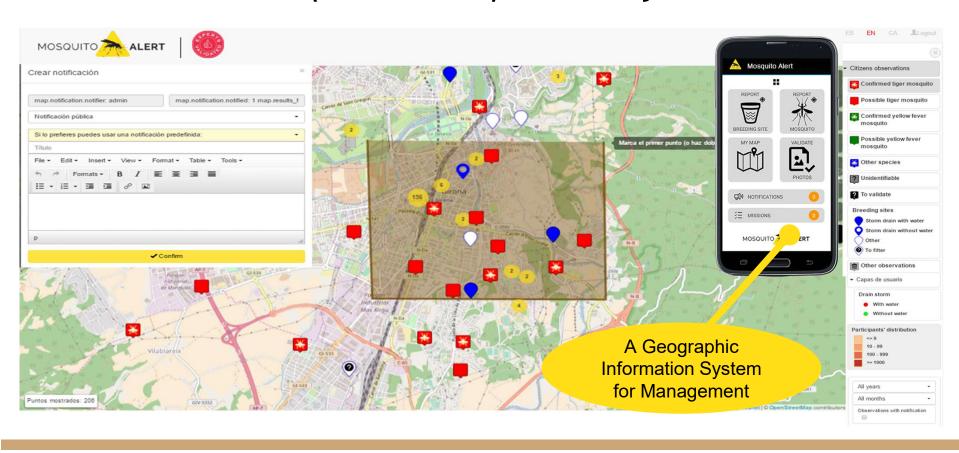


### **Epidemiological DATA**

 Infected Cases for epidemiological control

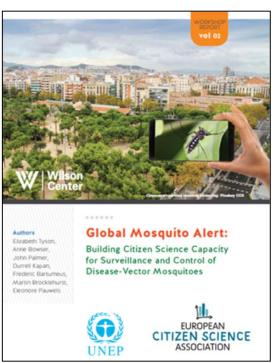
- Mosquito surveillance
- Breeding site activity
- Vector risk models

# Smartphone Notification System

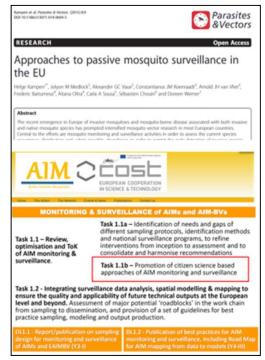


### Current Initiatives or what is it next?

### Global



### European



### National/Regional





### **Working Groups**

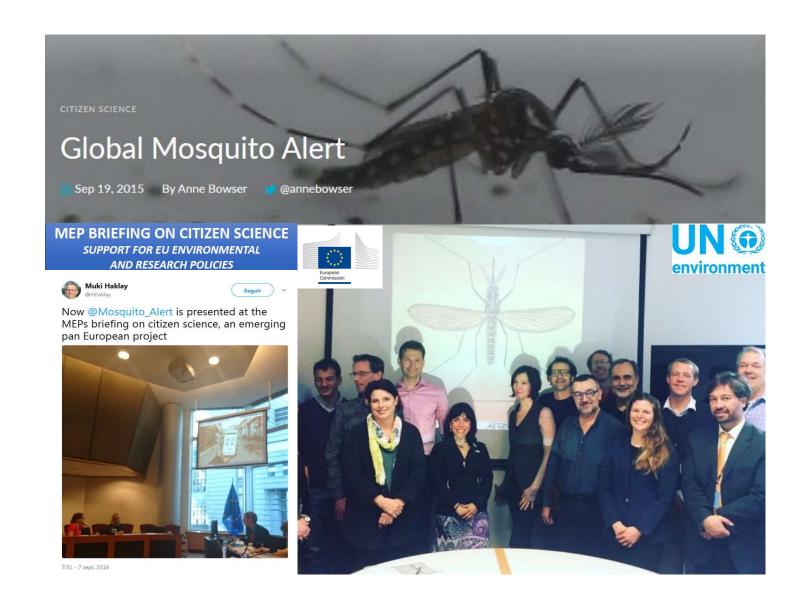


ECSA's thematic working groups undertake the major part of our activities throughout the year. They focus on research, exchange of experience and capacity building and are open to our members and supporters. Membership of working groups requires a time commitment to attend meetings and undertake tasks. To join a working group please contact the relevant Chair.

At the ECSA 2018 General Assembly, the following Working Groups were renewed and establised (*list still incomplete*):

- Sharing Best Practice and Building Capacity
- · Projects, Data, Tools, and Technology
- Policy, Strategy, Governance and Partnerships
- · Learning and Education in Citizen Science
- Citizen Science and Open Science
- BioBlitzes
- Global Mosquito Alert
- Air Quality
- · Empowerment, Inclusiveness, Equity
- Citizen Science Networks

In addition to the working groups, ECSA also conducts general communication and capacity building activities and engages in research and coordination projects. Read more below.





### The Global Mosquito Alert Consortium Vision

The Global Mosquito Alert Consortium is a new citizen science initiative that aims to leverage networks of scientists and volunteers for the global surveillance and control of mosquito species known to carry the following diseases: Zika, yellow fever, chikungunya, dengue, malaria, and the West Nile Virus.

The Global Mosquito Alert will be an open, common set of protocols and toolkit that is augmented with modular components created to meet both global and local research and management needs.









### Aedes Invasive Mosquitoes: Linking Citizen Science to Epidemiological Models



COST ACTION CA17108
WORKSHOP. Blanes 25-27. March 2019.













Images	Yes	No (sample)	No	No	Yes	No (sample)
Taxonomic identification	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Biting	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Nuisance info	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Image encounters	No	No	No	No	No	No
Breeding site Larvae	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Protection / Measures	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Human Mobility	No	No	No	No	Yes	No







When did you observed?

During last hour

In the morning

In the evening

Last night



Breeding site. Water Source

Take picture and send

**Future version** 

Mosquito bites me!

### Mosquito nuisance / bite

When

Where

Mosquito observation, how many

Mosquito identification

Measures

#### Water Source?

(a) Lake, Swamp (ditch, wetland, lake, etc...)

(b) Water near a stream (estuary, puddle by a stream)

(c) Artificial container (cement, metal, plastic tank, etc...)

(d) Garbage or similar (Can, bottle) (e) Natural container

(Plant shell, animall shell, hole in tree, etc...)

Take picture and send

Is there any visible larva?

Yes No Not sure

Would you like to perform a sampling and count larvae?

Number of larvae observed? Number of pupae observed? See mosquito eggs?

Do you see mosquitoes around?

> Yes No

Continue with the identification of larvae

> Taxonomic instruction to identifies groups or species

#### What nuisance have you experienced?

I have not experienced any inconvenience

I was bitten

I suffered from buzzing The night rest was disturbed

Different

#### When did you experience the

inconvenience?

At night In the morning In the evening

Where did you experience

mosquito nuisance?

Bedroom Living room Kitchen Cellar

> Garden Outdoor, etc...

Where was you?

Outdoors Indoors

When?

Where?

#### How many mosquitoes have you seen or heard?

1 2-5 6-10

11-20

21-50 More than 50 Did you experience mosquito nuisance? How many you observed?

1-3 3 - 30 More than 30

What measures do you take to limit mosquito nuisance

No measures Mosquito net bed Mosquito net windows Mosquito repellent skin Mosquito plugs, etc...

Measures did you take

Indicate day and hour you did a disinfection Product you used

Identification of species

Did you observe mosquito?

Take picture and send

Validation

