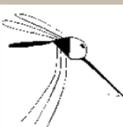




MOSQUITO MONITORING

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MOSQUITO MONITORING: OBJECTIVES

Possible objectives:

- Study of biodiversity
- General risk assessment: overview of (potential) vector or pest species
- Specific risk assessment:
 - Detection of invasive species
 - Surveillance of established vector populations
 - Identification of vector species and roles
 - Determination of populations' vector capacities
- Quality control in mosquito abatement

→ Different tools and methods for different aims.

MOSQUITO MONITORING: BASIS

- Why to survey adults?

- Disease vectors; provide estimates for risk assessment / vector density
- Detection of pathogens
- Determination of flight range
- Sometimes easier to identify
- Sometimes easier to sample than eggs, larvae, or pupae
- Mark-release-recapture experiments: adult survival rates

- Why to survey larvae?

- Rapid answer
- Origin/location of nuisance species
- Predict/prevent adult population

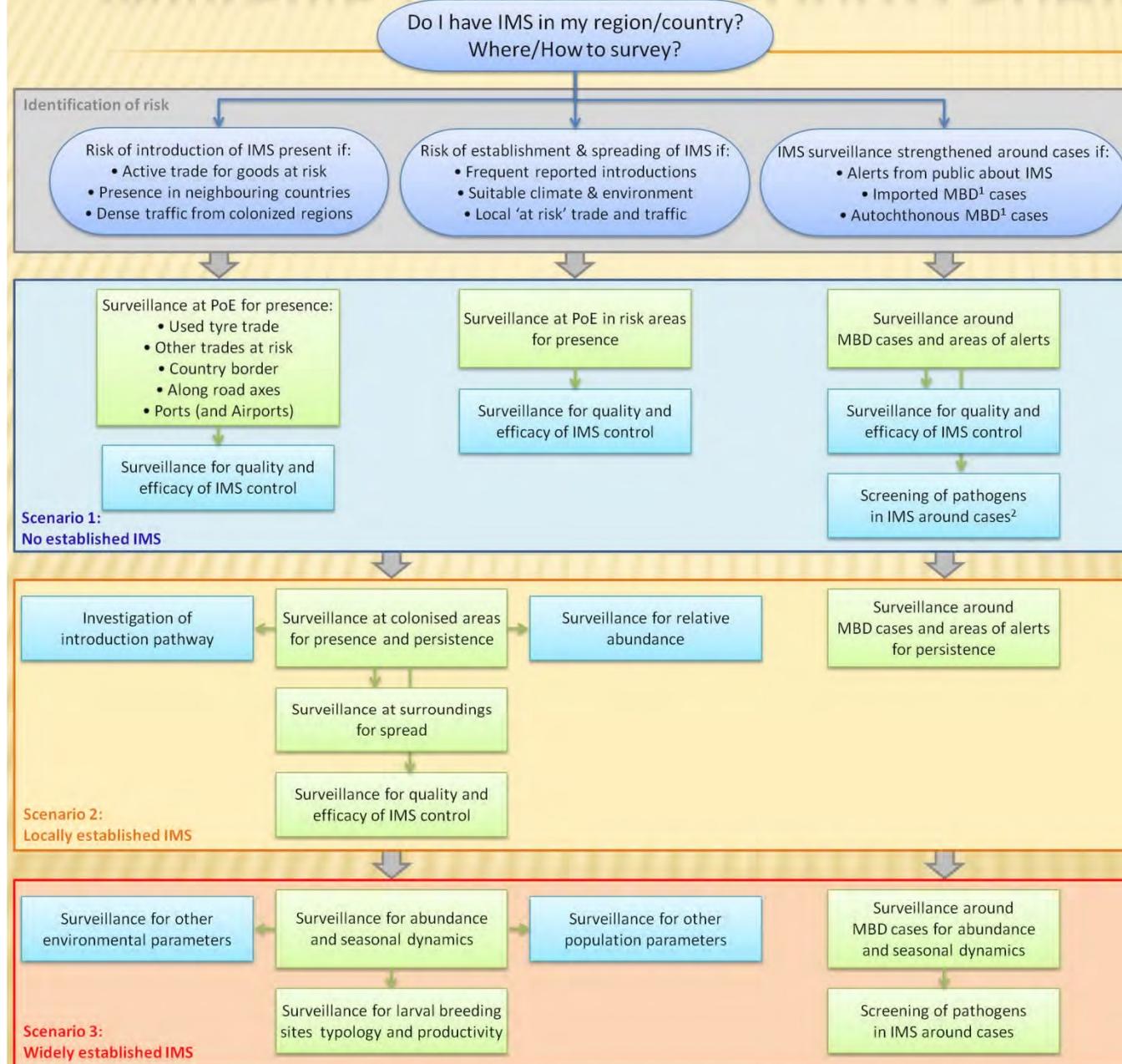
- Why to survey pupae?

- Pupal index (prox to adults)

- Why to survey eggs?

- Proxi to adults abundance and activity

INVASIVE AEDES MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE



Guidance to define the surveillance methods



Table 4: Recommended mosquito collection methods according to aims of IMS surveillance, with indications of density, frequency and period

Surveillance aim and sites	Met trap	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Surveillance aim and sites	Methods and traps	Density of traps	Frequency of trapping	Period of trapping
Introduction at points of entry									
✓ ✓ ✓ Platforms of imported used tyres	BG-Sentinel or MM HLC Larval search	✓ ✓ ✓			Platforms of imported used tyres	BG-Sentinel or MM HLC Larval search	1/5000m ² 1 or 2 1/10 tyres	Bi-monthly Twice-yearly Twice-yearly	Apr-Nov Jul-Nov Jul-Nov
✓ ✓ ✓ Shelters/ greenhouses for imported cutting plants like Lucky bamboo ¹	BG-Sentinel or MM HLC Larval search	✓ ✓ ✓			Shelters/ greenhouses for imported cutting plants like Lucky bamboo ¹	BG-Sentinel or MM HLC Larval search	1/5000m ² 1 or 2 20 vessels	Bi-monthly Twice-yearly Twice-yearly	Jan-Dec Jan-Dec Jan-Dec
✓ ✓ ✓ Main parking lots at country borders, highways and road axes originating from colonised areas ²	Ovitrap HLC Larval search	✓ ✓ ✓			Main parking lots at country borders, highways and road axes originating from colonised areas ²	Ovitraps HLC Larval search	1/2500m ² 1 or 2 10 vessels	Bi-monthly Twice-yearly Twice-yearly	Apr-Nov Apr-Nov Apr-Nov
✓ ✓ ✓ Ports ³	Ovitrap	✓ ✓ ✓			Ports ³	Ovitraps	1/5000m ²	Bi-monthly	Apr-Nov
(✓) (✓) (✓) Airports	Ovitrap BG-Sentinel								
(✓) ✓ ✓ Quality and efficacy of control measures	Ovitrap BG-Sentinel								
Persistence in colonised area									
✓ Inspection of colonised area	Ovitrap (BG-Sentinel) HLC Larval search								
(✓) ✓ Abundance and seasonal dynamics	Ovitrap (BG-Sentinel) CO ₂ -baited Gravid traps								
(✓) Other mosquito population parameters (e.g. biting behaviour)	Baited asp								
✓ Infection of IMS by pathogens	Gravid BG-Sentinel								
✓ ✓ Quality and efficacy of control measures	Ovitrap BG-Sentinel								
Spread into areas surrounding colonised areas									
✓ ✓ Inspections around colonised areas	Ovitrap BG-Sentinel								
✓ Quality and efficacy of control measures	Ovitrap BG-Sentinel								

Table 5: Methods of collection of IMS adult or detection by egg collection and their efficacyaccording to mosquito species. HLC= human landing collection; CO₂ traps= CO₂-baited suction traps; MM=

MosquitoMagnet™ CO₂-baited suction traps with chemical attractant; Light traps= light-baited suction traps; BG-Sentinel™ or Mosquitaire™= odour-baited suction traps; Gravid traps= infusion-baited suction traps; Sticky traps= water/infusion-baited oviposition trap with sticky element; Ovitraps= water/infusion-baited oviposition traps (in these traps, only eggs are collected); - low efficacy; + fair efficacy in some situation; ++ good efficacy; +++ excellent performances; ? not known.

Type of attractiveness	Host-seeking females					Oviposition-seeking females		
	Trap models	HLC	CO ₂ traps	MM (CO ₂)	Light traps	BG-Sentinel	Gravid traps	Sticky traps
<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	+++	+/-	+	-	++	+/-	++	++
<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	+++	+/-	+	-	++	+/-	++	++
<i>Ae. atropalpus</i>	++	+	+	-	+/-	-	?	+
<i>Ae. japonicus</i>	+	+/-	+	+	+/-	++	+	+/-
<i>Ae. koreicus</i>	?	?	?	?	?	-	?	+
<i>Ae. triseriatus</i>	+++	++	++	?	++	+	+	++

¹ Other platforms for goods or equipment able to retain fountains, damaged military vehicles or equipment); ² Also borders; ³ Ports with international trade; Tourist ferry port year, then can be limited to the period of development und

MOSQUITO MONITORING: TECHNIQUES

1. Sampling adults:

- Choice depending on the target species and behaviour
 - 1. Imagoes on host search
 - 2. Imagoes on laying site search
 - 3. Imagoes resting or overwintering
 - 4. Imagoes on dispersal / migration
- Choice depending on the characteristics of the available material
 - + Efficiency (quantity/quality)
 - + Selectivity

2. Sampling eggs: ovitraps

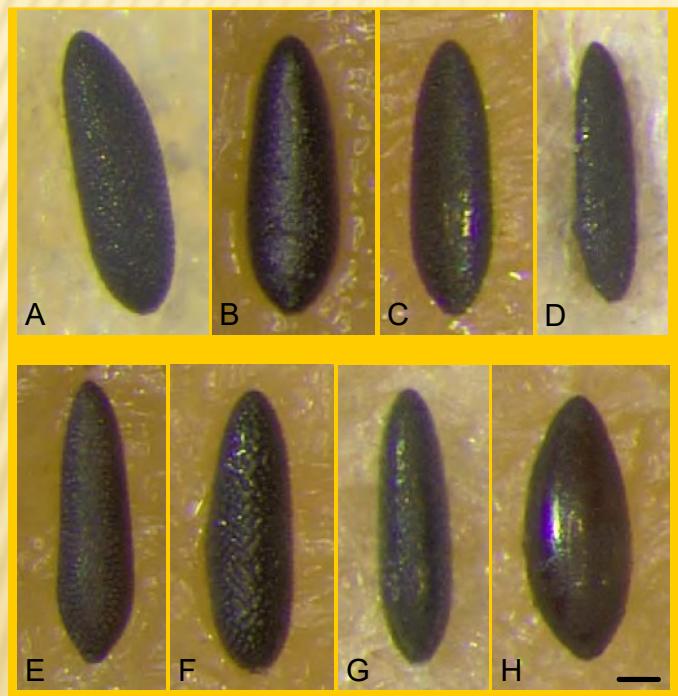
3. Sampling larvae and pupae:

- active search, larvitraps

1. SAMPLING ADULTS



2. SAMPLING EGGS



PRINCIPLES

- ✖ By imitating breeding sites, ovitraps are meant to attract gravid female mosquitoes to lay their eggs in known, easily accessible and controllable locations
- ✖ Ovitraps can be used in situations where mosquitoes are suspected to occur (e.g. to check for introduction or spread) or to assess control efficacy
- ✖ They can be particularly useful for surveying remote areas as they can be checked infrequently (intervals of several weeks to several months)

LIMITATIONS

- ✖ In some situations, it is recommended to add some long-lasting insecticide (biopesticide or insect growth regulator) in order to prevent the trap from becoming a breeding vessel
- ✖ Of note, efficiency is reduced when other breeding sites compete with the ovitraps, but their attractiveness can be improved by using dried oak leaves or hay infusion

TOOLS

- ✖ Ovitraps can be any kind of black plastic bowls (0.3 to 2 l volume) filled with water (ca. 2/3) and supplemented with an oviposition support (e.g. a wooden stick, a piece of polystyrene, germination paper)
- ✖ The size of the ovitrap (i.e. the volume of water it can contain) has to be adjusted to the trap-checking frequency as well as to the local rainfall frequency and intensity in order to prevent the trap from falling dry
- ✖ A **grid** can be placed on the top to avoid to lose the oviposition support



French model:

- 1 l black bucket
 - water (wood or leaves infusion)
 - laying support: polystyrene 5*5*2cm
 - insecticide (facultative)
- Larvae and/or egg counting

Oviposition trap: black bucket + water + laying support

WHERE AND WHEN

- ✖ The best season for ovitrapping depends on temperature (itself related to latitude and altitude), as well as on the mosquito species; For most invasive species, female activity can be assumed at minimum temperatures above 10 °C
- ✖ Once the sampling sites (e.g. points of entry such as parking lots, ports, airports) are identified according to the local scenario, appropriate sites for positioning the ovitraps have to be identified
- ✖ Site positioning is performed on place: places close to or under vegetation (keeping space above the trap, e.g. around 50 cm high) or near buildings have to be found; Ideally, the positions of the ovitraps should be sketched on an outline map

WHERE AND WHEN

Recommendations for the trap density, frequency and period

Surveillance aim and sites	Density of traps	Frequency of trapping	Period of trapping
Introductions at point of entry			
Main parking lots at country borders ¹ , highways and road axes that originate in colonised areas, storage platforms of imported tyres	1/2500 m ²	twice a month	Apr - Nov
Ports	1/5000 m ²	twice a month	Apr - Nov
Airports	1/ha	monthly	Apr - Nov
Persistence in colonised area			
Inspection of colonised area	1/5 ha	twice a month	Apr - Nov
Abundance and seasonal dynamics	6/site	twice a month	Jan - Dec ²
Spread into areas surrounding colonised area			
Inspection around colonized areas	1/15 ha	monthly	Apr - Nov

¹ Includes parking lots at commercial centres close to country borders.

² Required during the first year; can later be limited to the period of development in the local climate.

WHERE AND WHEN

- ✖ Although ovitraps are cheap and easy to use, identification of eggs is difficult and time-consuming, and the correlation between number of eggs and female density is not always obvious, as females do not lay all their eggs in a single vessel, particularly if there are other options like used tyres
- ✖ For detecting the presence of an IMS, it is recommended to use three to five ovitraps simultaneously in one place (i.e. a parking lot or a district of a city) in order to increase the sensitivity of the trapping
- ✖ Traps can also be placed in different micro-environmental conditions (e.g. south or north side of a building, under vegetation, in a less obstructed area, or near various putative hosts)

TIPS & EXAMPLES

- ✖ exemple of trap placement



Above: Ovitrap in shrubs

Photo: E.-J. Scholte (Dutch National Centre for Monitoring of Vectors, CMV, NVWA)

Source: ECDC Guidelines, 2012

TIPS & EXAMPLES

Example of trap placement on a highway parking lot (Luxembourg, 2019)



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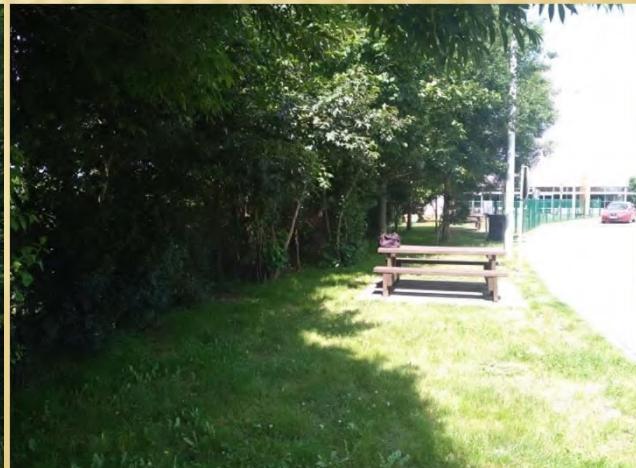
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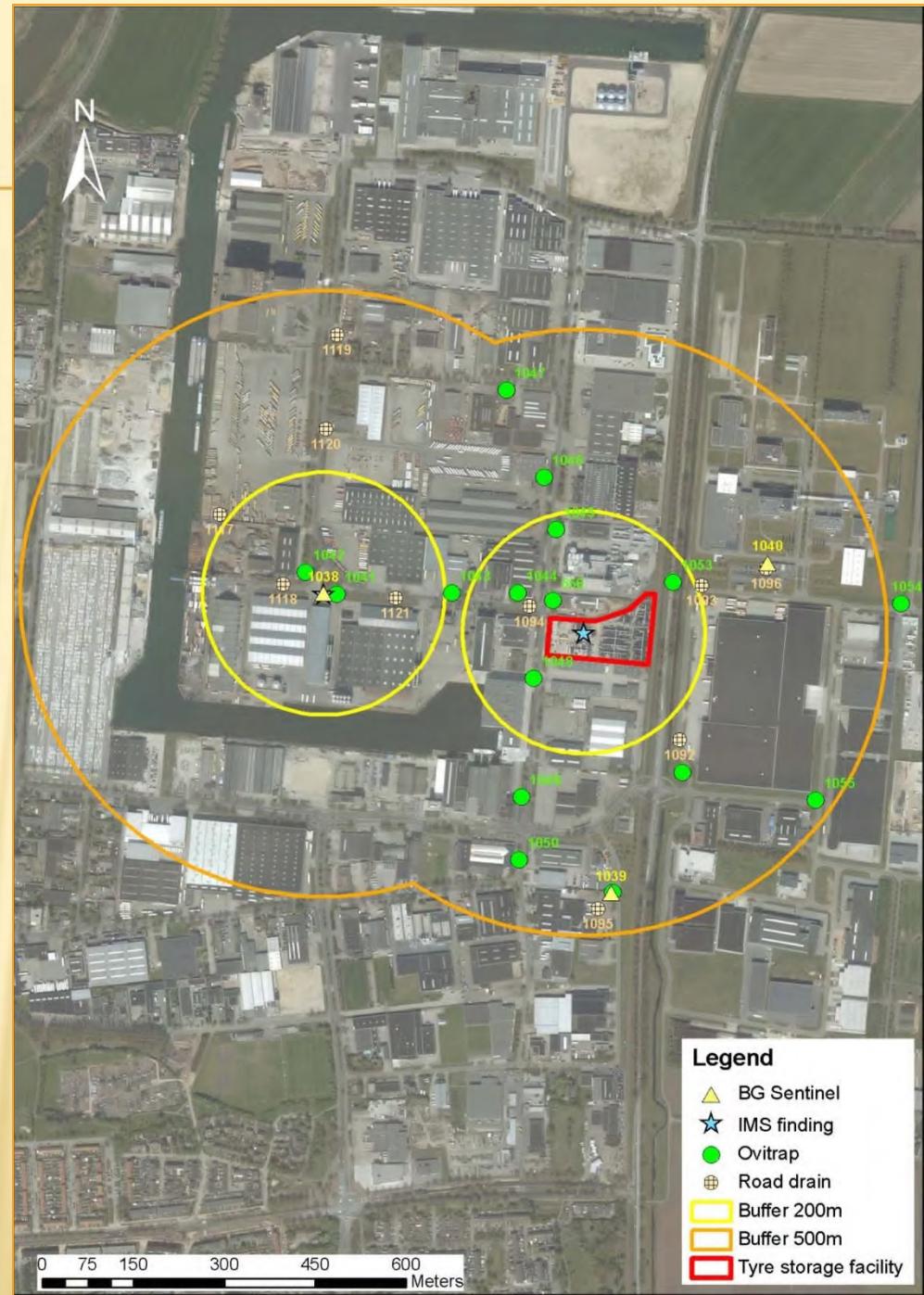


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TIPS & EXAMPLES

Example of placement of traps and definition of the area to be surveyed at an infested storage site for used tyres



Source: ECDC Guidelines, 2012

FIELD DATA AND PARAMETERS TO BE RECORDED

- Place (georeferenced: WGS84 system, D.NNNNNN)
- Environment/Land use
- Type of site
- Date, time of placing and removing oviposition support
- Trap status (present/absent, dry...)
- Weather parameters (temperature, rainfall) during the period of trap activity, if accessible
- Person collecting traps/oviposition supports
- Results (number of eggs, species)

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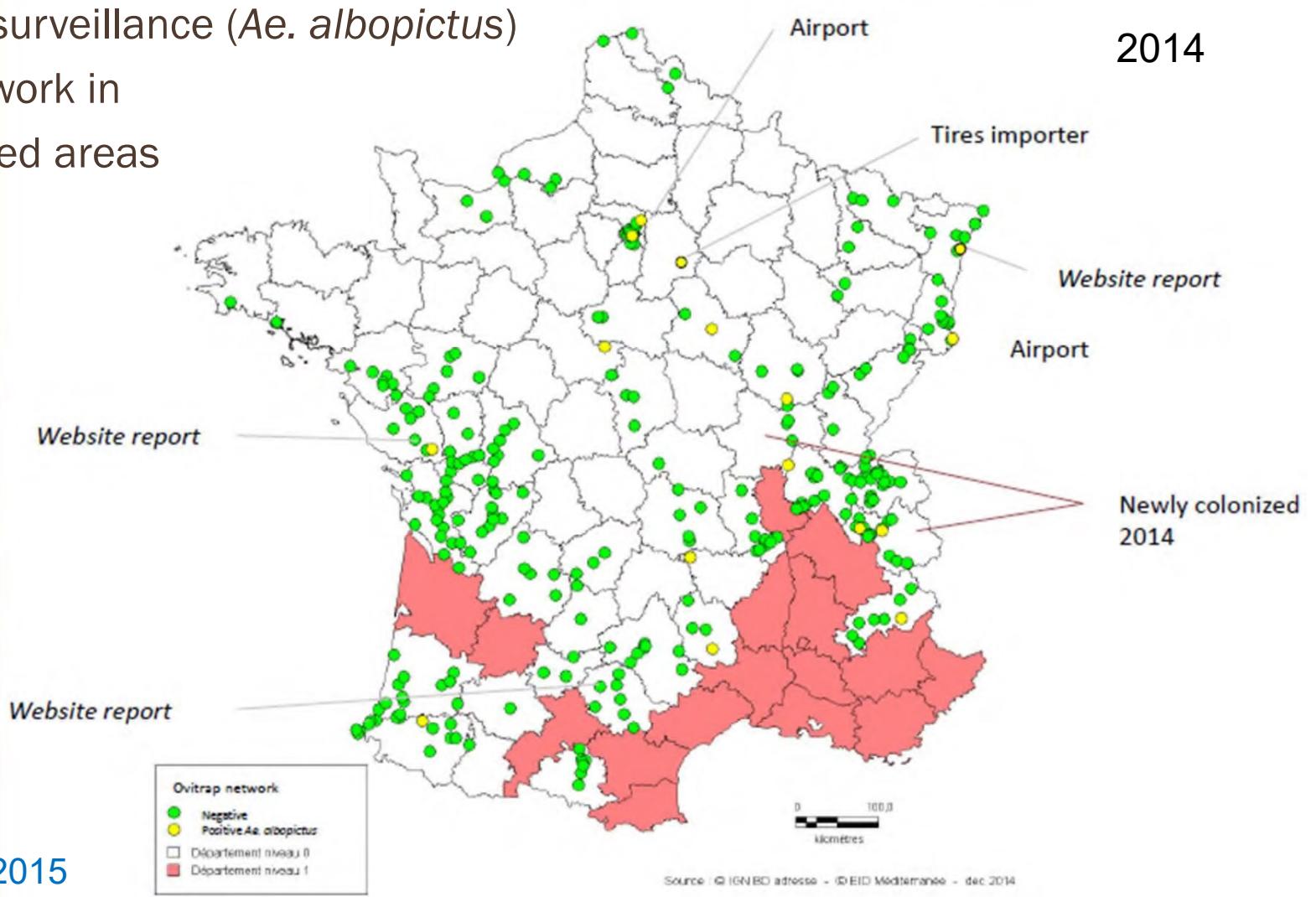
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TIPS & EXAMPLES

Country-wide surveillance (*Ae. albopictus*)

- Ovitrap network in non-colonised areas



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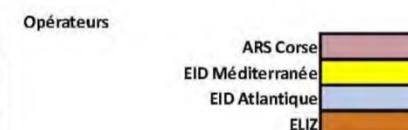
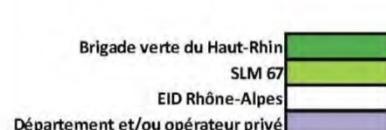
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Country-wide surveillance (*Ae. albopictus*)

- National ovitrap network
- Partner & admin unit allocation

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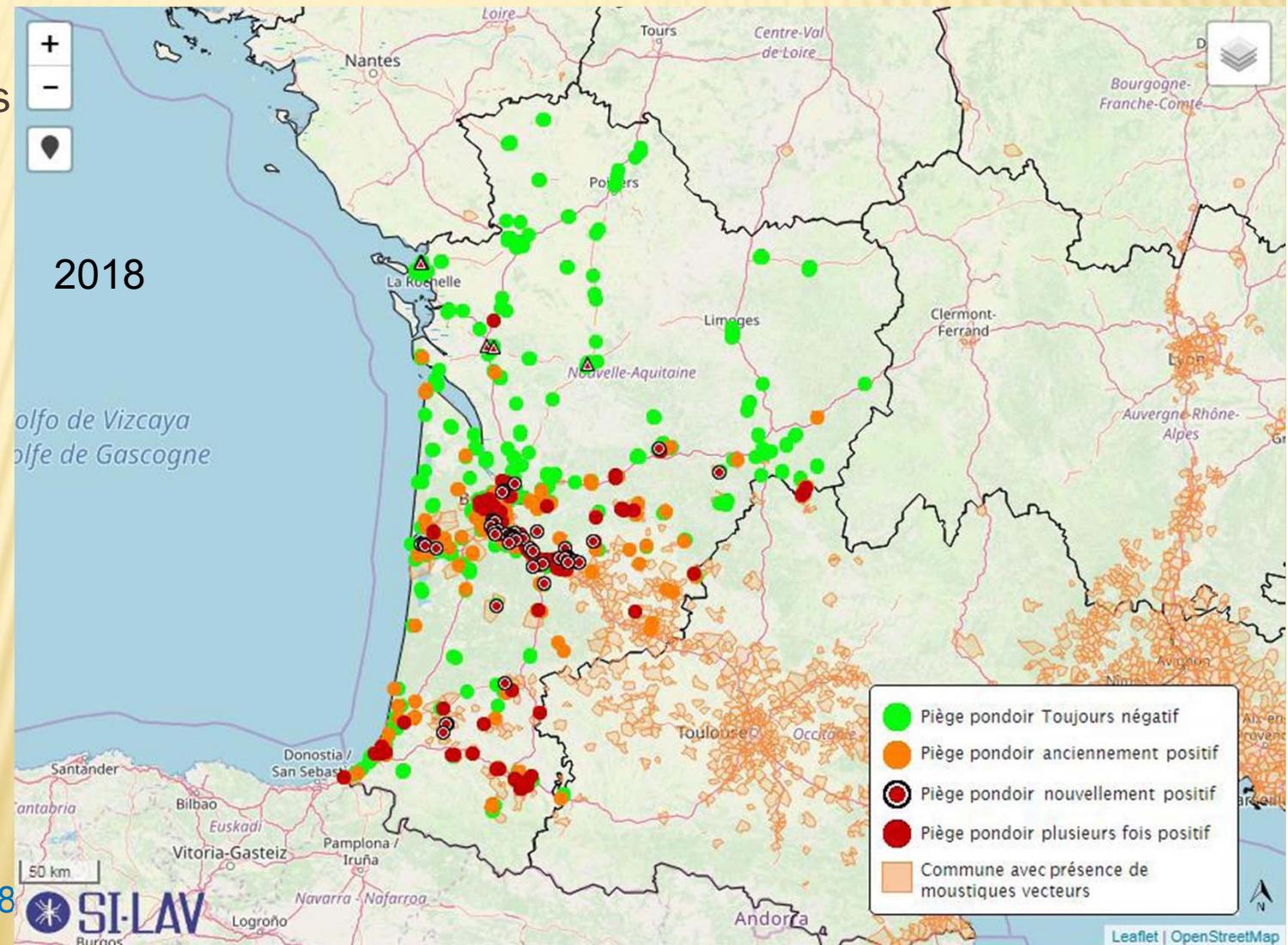
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3 Allier	5	0b	27 Eure	4	0			
7 Ardèche	31	1	61 Orne	5	0			
26 Drôme	23	1	76 Seine-Maritime	37	0			
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74 Haute-Savoie	21	0	24 Dordogne	68	1			
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21 Côte d'Or	10	0	33 Gironde	504	1			
58 Nièvre	18	0b	40 Landes	56	1			
71 Saône-et-Loire	31	1	47 Lot-et-Garonne	26	1			
Bretagne								
22 Côtes-d'Armor	8	0	64 Pyrénées-Atlantiques	93	1			
29 Finistère	5	0	79 Deux-Sèvres	83	0b			
35 Ille-et-Vilaine	4	0	86 Vienne	25	0			
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18 Cher	10	0b	9 Ariège	49	1			
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36 Indre	33	1	12 Aveyron	51	1			
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75 Paris	77	0	49 Maine-et-Loire	159	1			
77 Seine-et-Marne	28	0b	53 Mayenne	6	0			
78 Yvelines	23	0	72 Sarthe	24	0			
91 Essonne	59	0b	85 Vendée	166	1			
92 Hauts-de-Seine	35	1	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur					
93 Seine-Saint-Denis	31	0	4 Alpes-de-Haute-Provenc	37	1			
94 Val-de-Marne	57	1	5 Hautes-Alpes	51	1			
95 Val-d'Oise	20	0	6 Alpes-Maritimes	50	1			
Total 2018			83 Var	36	1			
Total niveau 0			Total niveau 1					
Total niveau 1			3061					



Source: EID LM, 2018

TIPS & EXAMPLES

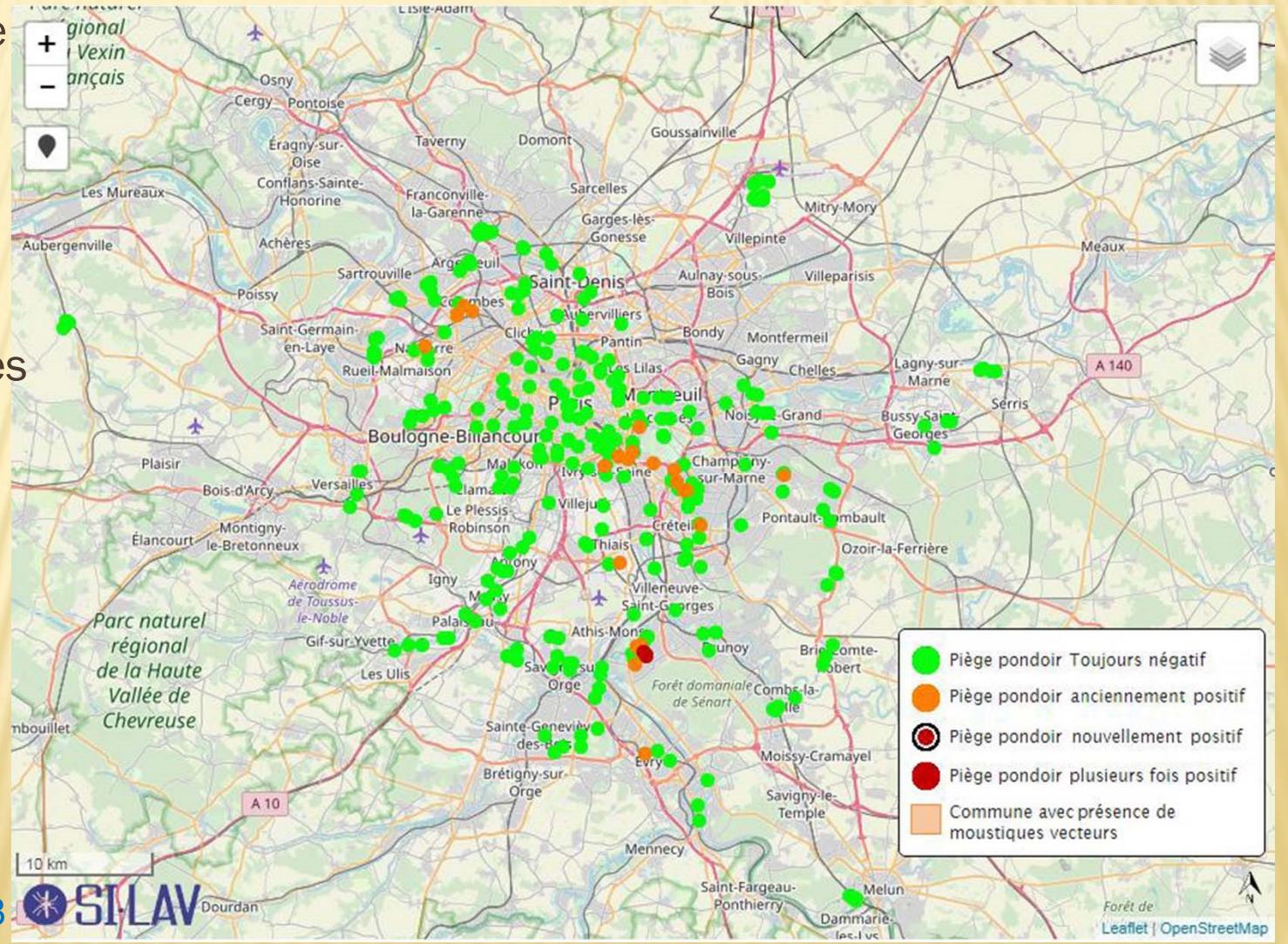
Regional ovitrap
network & results



TIPS & EXAMPLES

Local surveillance
network & results
Ile-de-France
(incl. Paris)

- 238 traps
- 42 municipalities



TIPS & EXAMPLES

Focus surveillance: An industrial zone and its inhabited surrounding

- ✖ Angoulême, 2018
- ✖ Citizen report
- ✖ Surveillance and treatment
- ✖ 15 traps



Source: EID LM, 2018

TIPS & EXAMPLES

Focus surveillance: A highway parking lot

Saint-Léger, 2018



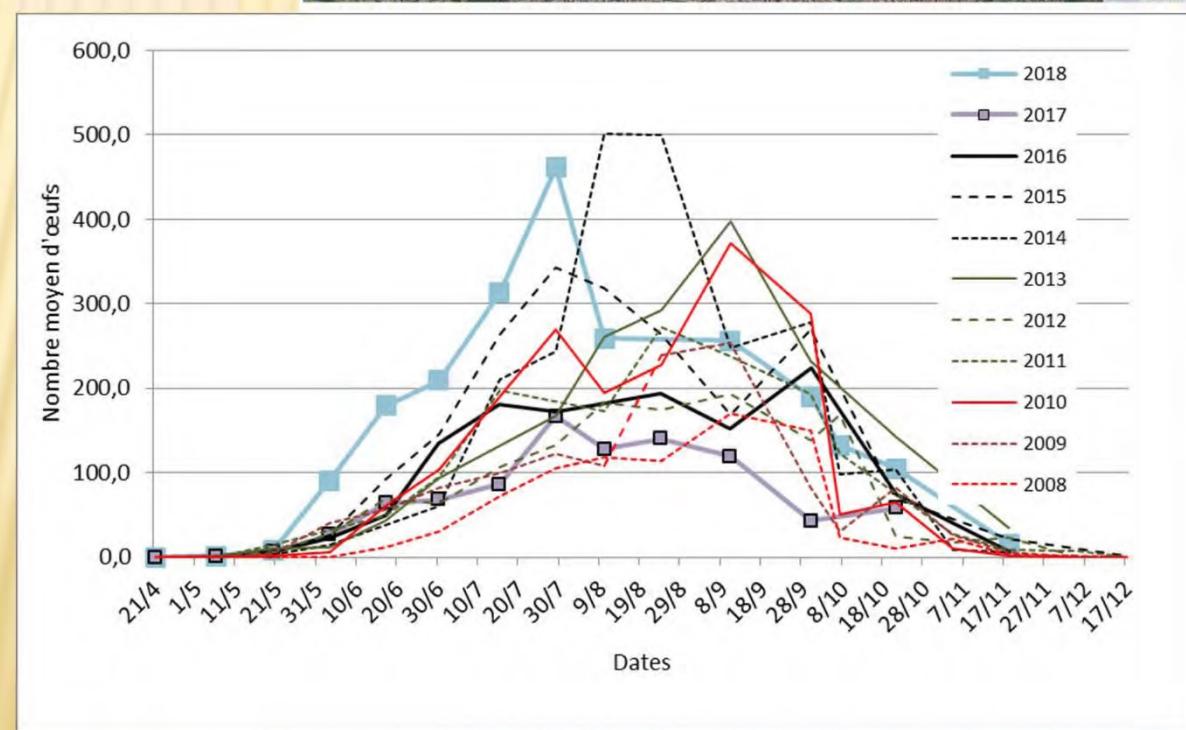
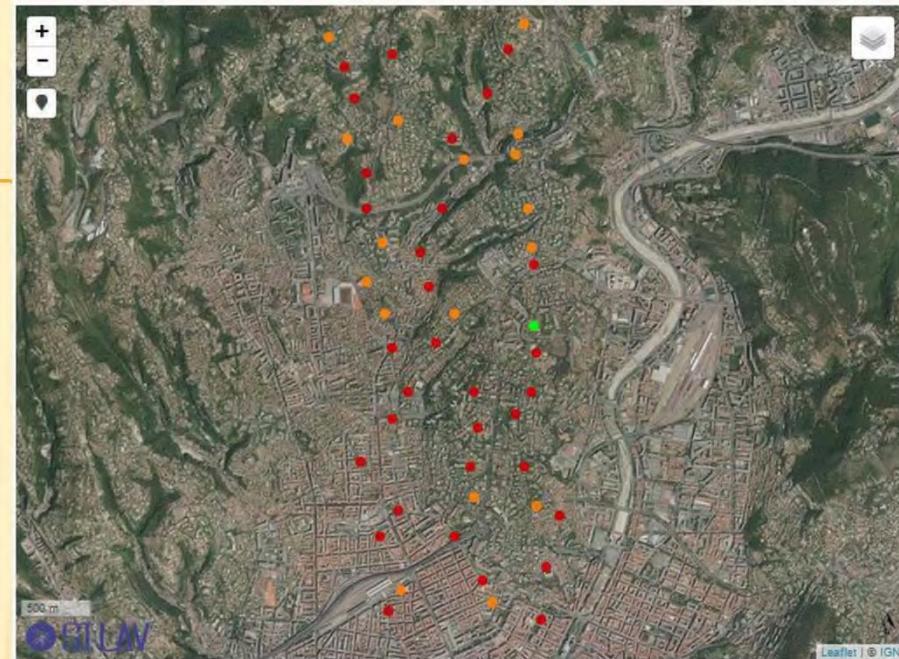
TIPS & EXAMPLES

Longitudinal survey:

- ✓ Established population
- ✓ 50 ovitraps
- ✓ Nice (French Riviera)

Mean number of eggs
per trap per 15 days,
2008-2018

Source: EID LM 2018



SAMPLE CONSERVATION

- ✖ Oviposition supports can be stored in a closed plastic bag, at room temperature or in a fridge (5-15 °C)
- ✖ The bag should not contain free water, but should still be humid (around 55% RH)
- ✖ For genetic identification (PCR, DNA sequencing), the eggs can be put in 70-80% ethanol
- ✖ For MALDI-TOF the eggs are best kept on the oviposition support (but they should not dry out) and transferred to microtubes (dry) before sending for analysis.

CHECKLIST FOR THE FIELD STUDY

- Smartphone or field data reporting system (e.g. VECMAP™ app)
 - Ovitraps: black plastic bowls (d 12 cm, h 13 cm, vol 1.0 l, with label)
 - Piece (5x5x2.5 cm) of extruded polystyrene (for floor insulation), labelled (number or place and date)
 - Water infusion from hay and/or dead oak leaves
 - Zipper locking plastic bags (10x15 cm) for storing oviposition support (to label with end date)
 - Permanent marker
 - Tissue paper
 - Outline map
 - Pencil
 - Field magnifying glass
 - Vials (should ovipositing females be caught red-handed or larvae be found in the traps)
- Should the eggs need to be transferred to alcohol for genetic analyses right on the spot:
- Entomological forceps
 - Ethanol (70-80%)
 - Labels

EGG SORTING AND COUNTING

Example of positive oviposition support

