YEAR 2020 Surveillance of Aedes albopictus mosquitoes vectors of ZIKA in urban area

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ABSTRACT

Aedes albopictus strongly present in urban areas at Madagascar are incriminated to be potential vectors of virus ZIKA. Thus, even if Madagascar is safe of ZIKA, the country is vulnerable, and surveillance is necessary to supervise mosquitoes pullulation and prevent outbreaks. Using data GLOBE offers tools to carry out a monitoring of Aedes albopictus in order to assess the size and the dynamism of its populations in urban area, and to predict a risk of transmission of arboviruses. That was the aim of our project submitted to ZIKA GLOBE on July 2019. Before, during and after the rainy season, studies must be conducted in the university campus and its immediate surroundings, by capturing adults, collecting eggs from ovitraps and prospecting breeding sites. The rainy season started on December still up to now (March 2020). Productives breeding sites were identified, observed and photos shared Larvae, pupae were counted, taken in photos, identified and shared. Positive containers are eliminated. Emergent adults were seen ,collected and identified. Precipitations are shared. The preliminary results during this season, highlight that: a rise in precipitation precede an adult outbreak. Our team also, was granted for actively took cloud and sky observations during the NASA GLOBE 2019 Fall Cloud Challenge and we always do this motivated task. We had workshop sharing ZIKA Project to GLOBE Community in Madagascar.

Keywords: Aedes albopictus, entomological surveillance, urban area, Madagascar

REVIEW OF LITTERATURE

CLASSIFICATION of Aedes albopictus (source Fontenille D.)

Règne : Animal

Sous règne : Métazoaires

Embranchement : Arthropodes

Sous embranchement : Antennates

Classe : Insectes

Sous classe : Ptérygotes

Section : Néoptères

Super Ordre : Mécoptéroïdes

Ordre : Diptères

Sous ordre : Nématocères

Infra Ordre : Culicimorpha

Famille : Culicidae

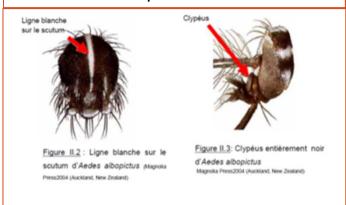
Sous Famille : Culicinae

Tribu : Aedini

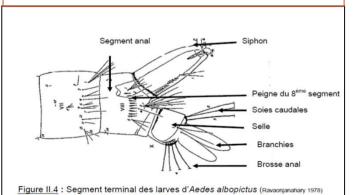


Photo II.1: Adulte d'Aedes albopictus

Female Adult of Aedes albopictus



Identification larvae L4 of A. albopictus



REVUE OF LITTERATURE

ZIKA virus is an isolated African virus in 1947 in Uganda (1) It belongs to the family Flaviviridae and genus Flavivirus

The clinical syndrome is known as ZIKA fever (2) and shows febrile illness, sometimes weak or absent, may be associated with an eruption maculopapular, beginning on the face extending to the rest of the body 'accompanying, headache, conjunctivitis, arthralgia. (3)

The ZIKA virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito, which itself infects during a blood meal on an infected vertebrate subject (2)

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- **3. POULAIN V. 2008** Évaluation de la possibilité d'adaptation d'un modèle de risque climatique de transmission de la dengue à la transmission du virus Chikungunya par *Aedes albopictus* dans le nord de l'Italie, 6p

Our research problem, questions and objectives stay the same proposed on 2019

RESEARCH PROBLEM

ZIKA virus has not yet been detected in the Indian Ocean region although vectors are present.

Surveillance of Aedes albopictus major vector of the virus ZIKA urban area is an imperative strategy to trigger an alert and to prevent possible epidemics that will affect everyone.

Such action should be carried out at several levels, and GLOBE schools are one of the observation platforms for these vectors. Surveillance must be combined with environmental control and community education to success the goal to prevent outbreak of ZIKA

A basic and primary approach to control can be conducted by GLOBE schools through monitoring of eggs and larvae and pupae. Entomological index are emplemented by undergraduates and high schools GLOBE.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The main research objective of the project is to carry out monitoring of Aedes albopictus, potential vector of ZIKA in order to assess the size and the dynamism of its populations in an urban area using data GLOBE and predict a risk of transmission of this arbovirus

Specific objectives are to develop:

-easy Protocoll of studing Aedes albopictus for scientific awakening GLOBE elementary schools and others levels -surveillance entomological observins eggs, larvae and pupae protocolls to predict a risk of transmission of arboviruses -contribute to the fight against vector using ovitraps protocoll

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The research questions for the project are:

Does the use of GLOBE data make it possible to understand that the urban area is vulnerable to the transmission of ZIKA through the observations of the mosquito vector dynamic?

What vector control strategy is reachable to GLOBE schools and to the community?

Answers to these research questions are important and have real scientific interests. Scientists can use shared data and apply them in multiple areas of vector control and public health issues

These observations concern aspect of Earth's environment in particular environmental safety through community education, students formation and schools GLOBE.

RESEARCH METHODS

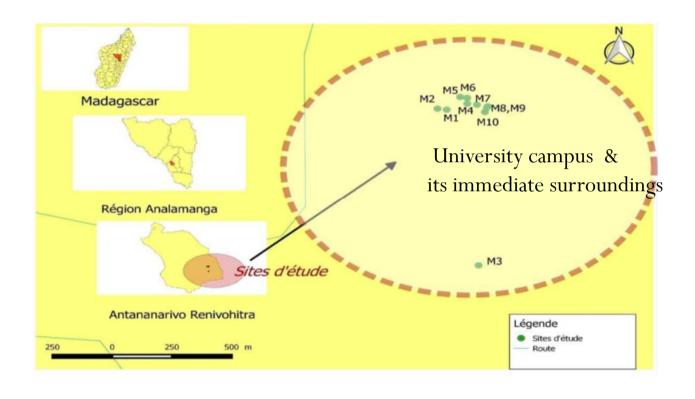
During the research, the students were trained on GLOBE OBSERVER

- GLOBE HYDROLOGY PROTOCOL on measuring pH using pH meter on measuring temperature
- GLOBE ATMOSPHERE PROTOCOL on measuring temperature & rainfalls
- MOSQUITO PROTOCOL for Aedes albopictus

So,

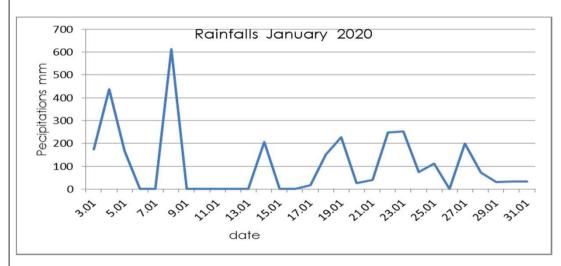
- o pH, temperature of larvae breedings are weekly collected
- Aereal temperature and rain falls were collected daily
- Larvaes containers and ovitraps are collected weekly in urban earea (gardens, yards)
- Study sites: data are collected in the university campus and its immediate surroundings because the university campus gather students from all parts of the island and the population living near this university city is vulnerable.

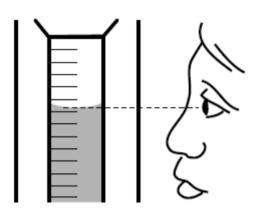
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RESEARCH RESULTS

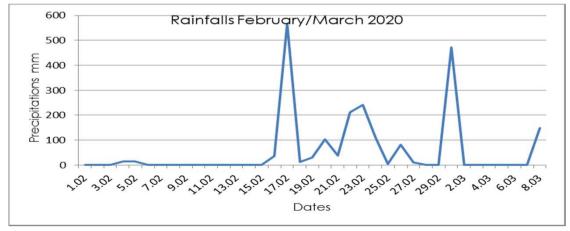
DATA GLOBE RAINFALLS Latitude -18.9248 Longitude 47.5549





Using a rain gauge to measure the daily amount of precipitation

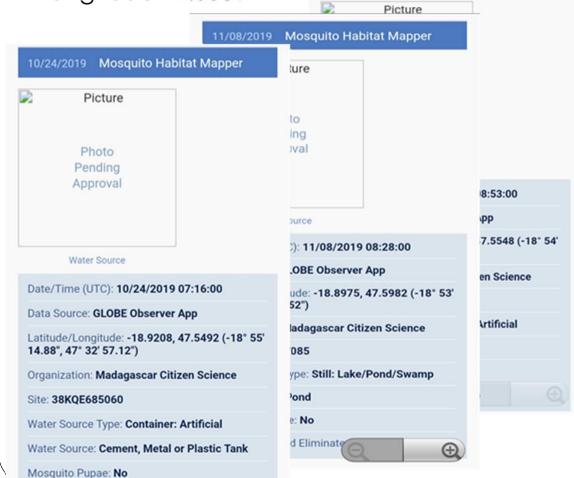
After important rainfalls, there are many containers colonized by mosquitoes

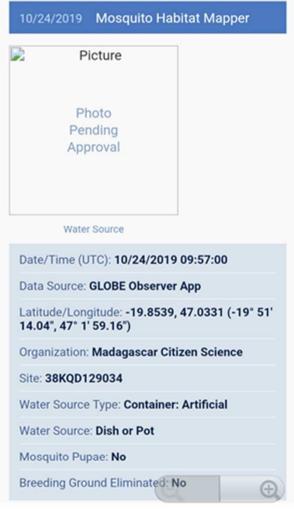


DATA GLOBE OBSERVER MOSQUITO HABITAT

10/26/2019 Mosquito Habitat Mapper

Latitude -19.8539 Longitude 47.0331





During dry season, no Aedes recensed in our collects. Some larvae of Culex quinquefasciatus are identified in this area

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Some photos of Mosquitoes habitats shared /GLOBE Observer







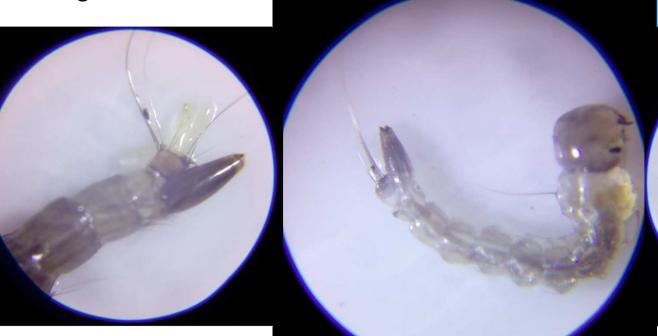
DATA GLOBE OBSERVER MOSQUTO HABITAT

Latitude -18.9235

Longitude 47.5524

During rainy season and after important rainfalls,

Larvae ,pupae and adults are collected



Larvae of Aedes albopictus

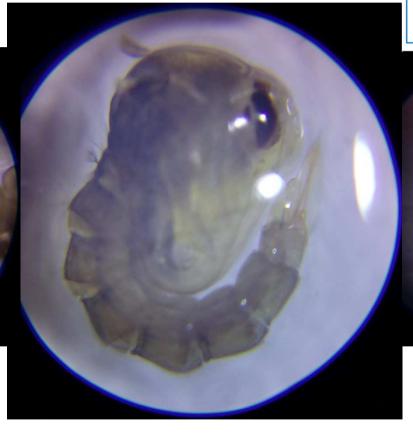
On 08th March 2020, 32 larvae are collected from artificial container: 27 are *Anopheles sp* and 5 *Aedes albopictus*

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On 08th March 2020, 5 pupae of Aedes albopictus are collected from artificial container

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Adult of Aedes albopictus

On 08th March 2020, 5 emergent Adults of Aedes albopictus are collected from artificial container

DATA GLOBE OBSERVER CLOUDS Latitude –19.8535 Longitude 47.0336

Date/Time (UTC): 10/24/2019 09:47:00

Data Source: GLOBE Observer App

Latitude/Longitude: -19.8535, 47.0336 (-19° 51'

12.6", 47° 2' 0.96")

Organization: Madagascar Citizen Science

Site Name: 38KQD129034

MUC Code: 91

MUC Description: Urban, Residential Property

Surface Conditions: Snow/Ice: No; Standing Water: No; Muddy: No; Dry Ground: Yes; Leaves on Trees: No; Raining/Snowing: No

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East Classifications: 50% MUC 43 [Herbaceous/Grassland, Short Grass]; 60% MUC 91 [Urban, Residential Property]; 30% MUC 93 [Urban, Roads and Parking]; 20% MUC 81 (2) [Cultivated, Orchards]

South Classifications: 20% MUC 43 [Herbaceous/Grassland, Short Grass]; 80% MUC 91 [Urban, Residential Property]; 50% MUC 93 [Urban, Roads and Parking]

West Classifications: 40% MUC 43
[Herbaceous/Grassland, Short Grass]; 30% MUC

Date/Time (UTC): 10/21/2019 08:57:00

Data Source: GLOBE Observer App

Latitude/Longitude: -18.9039, 47.5271 (-18° 54'

14.04", 47° 31' 37.56")

Organization: Madagascar Citizen Science

Site: 38KQE662079

Total Sky

Cloud Cover: Scattered (25-50%)

Sky Color: Blue

Sky Clarity: Somewhat Hazy

High Level Clouds (not observed)

Mid Level Clouds

Cloud Types: Altocumulus

Cloud Cover: Scattered (25-50%)

Low Level Clouds

Cloud Types: Stratus

Cloud Cover: Scattered (25-50%)

Opacity: Opaque

Surface Conditions: Leaves on Trees

Examples of results shared /GLOBE O Clouds

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Show on Map

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(Valery Riantsoa 's efforts)



ZIKA GLOBE FORMATION MADAGASCAR on 2019







Thanks to GLOBE

DISCUSSION

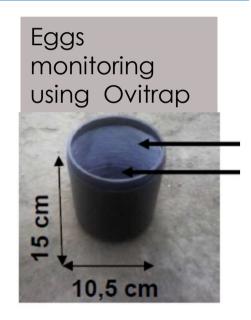
The entomological surveillance of Aedes pemits to follow the evolution of the density of A. albopictus and to issue an epidemiological alert

This system includes: adult supervision, eggs monitoring and surveillance of larvae and pupae

Preliminary results of Surveillance of larvae and pupae are reported here during rainy season 2020 and the team still continued the task.

Adult supervision is initiated.

Eggs monitoring has to be shared to GLOBE schools at Madagascar soonly.



Using android device for GLOBE OBSERVER and Pocket microscope had permited those some results
We don't find application for sharing rainfalls data.

CONCLUSION

These some results show that a rise in temperature and precipitation precede an adult outbreak.

The breeding sites are very productive

The entomological indices allowed predicting a risk of transmission of arboviruses in this sector.

Continuation:

Monitoring protocol of Aedes Albopictus developed for GLOBE schools:

- -surveillance of eggs
- surveillance of larvae and pupae
- surveillance of adults

Protocols larvae, pupal and eegs can be usable by all levels of Schools GLOBE

Surveillance of adults is for UG and high school levels. These efforts promote research in A.albopictus studies