

Socio-Ecological Approaches to Mosquito Control: Framing Mosquitoes Within a Broader Public Health Context – Dr. Paul Leisnham

- a) Website - www.enst.umd.edu
- b) Mosquitoes are a signature socio-ecological system
 - i) Require understanding of biophysical and social dynamics
 - ii) Managing container mosquitoes in urban landscapes
- c) What is a socio-ecological system?
 - i) Processes
 - ii) Services
 - (1) Provisioning
 - (2) Servicing
 - (3) Regulating
 - iii) Effects
- d) Resident-based mosquito management (Study 1)
 - i) Dowling et al 2003. EcoHealth 10: 37-47
 - ii) Study questions
 - (1) Can resident source reduction reduce mosquito infestations
 - (2) Effect of demographics
 - (3) Source reduction and knowledge, attitudes, and practices
 - iii) Various studies on mosquito KAP found mixed results on the effect of education on container source reduction
 - iv) Conceptual diagram
 - (1) Household demographics
 - (2) Knowledge
 - (3) Practices
 - (4) Attitude
 - v) Mosquito - number of containers
 - vi) Bite tolerance??
 - vii) Procedures
 - (1) 240 KAP questionnaires
 - (a) Different socio-economic neighborhoods
 - (b) Questions to fit the conceptual diagram
 - (2) Entomological survey
 - viii) Background
 - (1) Mosquitoes were a problem
 - (2) Situation was residential
 - ix) Take home messages
 - (1) Knowledge was related to effective practices
 - (2) Practices were related to mosquito reduction
 - (3) Related to income
- e) Study 2
 - i) Evaluating the effectiveness of educational materials
 - (1) Passive outreach
 - (a) Flyer
 - (b) Notepad

- (c) Magnet
 - (d) Calendar
 - (2) Packets handed out to households from study 1
 - ii) Households resurveyed
 - (1) KAP - 2010
 - (2) 2011
 - (a) Deployed materials (May)
 - (b) Questionnaire and survey
 - (3) 2012
 - (a) Deployed materials
 - (b) Survey
 - (c) KAP
 - iii) Linking education intervention with changes in KAP
 - (1) Education intervention
 - (2) Attitude change
 - (3) Knowledge improvement
 - (4) Practice change
 - iv) Measurements
 - (1) Knowledge improvement = intervention +income+age+baseline knowledge
 - (a) Higher in those with higher baseline knowledge
 - (b) No evidence of improvement
 - (2) Concern = intervention+income+gender+baseline knowledge
 - (a) Higher in houses not receiving info
 - (b) No evidence of improvement
 - (3) Responsibility
 - (4) Source reduction adoption - education intervention was effective
 - v) At household level
 - (1) Questions
 - (a) Is education intervention related to changes in water-holding containers?
 - (b) Does this decrease mosquito abundance?
 - (2) Results -
 - (a) Appears to be true for larval abundance
 - (b) Does not hold true for pupal abundance
 - vi) Types of containers
 - (1) Dowling et al 2013. J Med Ent 50: 764-772
 - (2) Socio-economic status has an effect on container type
- f) Future studies
- i) Urban disamentities and pests
 - (1) Urban decay leads to greater mosquito exposure
 - (2) Mosquito problems lead to reduced use, valuation, and care of outdoor environments
 - ii) Site - Baltimore City, MD