

Alternative Control of Insect Pests Using Paper in Corn Plants

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ABSTRACT: Vegetables are a very important source of food for humans due to their nutritious content such as fibre, vitamins, and minerals. In meeting people's demand of vegetables, farmers have to deal with a number of obstacles, one of which is the problem caused by insect pests. A number of measures have been undertaken by farmers to control the insect pests. The aim of this research was to test the insect trapping devices made of coloured paper and lights. The colours tested were red, yellow, and green. This research was conducted from July to August 2016 in the experiment garden of SekolahMenengahKejuruan PembangunanPertanian (SMKPP), LembahSeulawahSub-district, Aceh Besar District, Aceh Province. The object of the research was corn plants. The method used wasRCBD with 3 treatments and 4 replicates. The observation variable was the insect population trapped in the coloured paper and lights. The finding of this research revealed that the yellow paper and light trapping devices captured the highest number of insects, followed by the paper and light traps of green and red colours.

Keywords: Alternative control, coloured traps, vegetables.

I. INTRODUCTION

Insects are a dominant group of animals which constitutes 80% of all animals existing on earth (Borror, 1987). It is for this reason insects can survive in various habitats, have a high reproductive capacity as well as an ability to utilize different types of food sources and to escape their predators (Kalshoven, 1981).

Insects live in an agricultural ecosystem continuously because it enables them to obtain sufficient, if not abundant, food. According to Andrewartha and Birch (1961), an ecosystem is a system formed by a dynamic interaction between abiotic and biotic components. Therefore, an ecosystem can be defined as a complex and interactive unit comprising all organisms living in a certain physical environment. Based on the above definition, it can be deduced that pest control requires an analysis of system interaction up to the level of ecosystem (Kasumbogo, 1984).

Using coloured paper and light as an alternative pest control is a natural way of physically attracting insects. Every type of insects has different adaptation abilities in order to protect themselves from predators. This research aimed to find alternatives in insect pest management and to reduce the use of chemical insecticides. Insects' interest in colours can be used as a control measure as previously mentioned in a number of literatures. There are many ways to get insects attracted to colours, one of which is by using colourful paper layered with adhesive. The use of coloured paper traps is one way to monitor the insects in the field. Therefore, identification can easily be performed. Colours used can be in the form of the reflection of the light as well as other attractants and colours (Sihombing *et al.*, 2013).

Insects as pests in plants have to be controlled in order to avoid damage which will result in reduced productivity (Abdullah and Rauf, 2011). A number of measures have been taken to cut down the level of damage to plants caused by insects such as mechanical and physical control, farming, as well as using biological agents (Debeach, 1979). The physical control consists of use of traps, either physical trap or hormonal trap as attractants (Braham, 2014). One of the alternative control measures tried out in this research was the use of coloured paper and lights as mechanical traps.

The use of mechanical traps made of paper will help farmers minimize the number of pests in vegetable crop. Based on the result of the research by Thamrin and Asikin (2003), using yellow plastic can effectively attract 24 leaf-boring flies per week on average. Coloured traps can be used in combination with sex pheromones to trap the yellow stem-boring pest *Tripodiza incertula* in rice crop (Hendarsih and Usyati, 1999).

This research will formulate an alternative pest control model by using coloured paper and lights to attract insects infesting vegetables. This research intends to put into practice the use of coloured trapping devices made of paper and lights as one of the options in vegetable insect pest control.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Coloured paper traps

The paper traps used in this research are of red, yellow, and green colours which have been added adhesive on the surface for daylight observation. This is in accordance with the results of a number of research conducted previously on the use of attractants on paper to attract insects (Marikunet *al.*, 2014), the use of coloured nets to prevent pest infestation in chilli (Utami *et al.*, 2014), the use of sticky coloured traps and spice aroma to control warehouse pest (Rahayuet *al.*, 2013), and the use of sticky coloured traps to monitor and evaluate the tobacco pest population (Sihombinget *al.*, 2013).

Coloured light traps

In order to observe the insects at night time, light traps of red, yellow, and green colours which were coated with glue on the surface were used. These types of traps will be beneficial to farmers in capturing and recording the pests for the purpose of further agricultural studies (Thangalakshmi and Ramanujan, 2015). The use of light traps has been considered a classical insect pest control (Reddy and Ammika, 2015). Insect control using light traps is the oldest method (Augulet *al.*, 2015). The use of solar power-based traps will effectively attract vegetable insect pests (SermisriandChonmapat, 2015).

Observation variables

The observation object of this research was the number of insect population trapped in the coloured paper and coloured lights. Next, all trapped population underwent an identification to determine the order, family, and species (Borror, 1987).

Research Method

This research utilized Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) consisting of 3 treatments and 4 replicates (Gomez and Gomez, 1995). Each treatment consisted of 3 types of coloured paper, namely red paper (R), yellow paper (Y), and green paper (G) as well as red light, yellow light, and green light. For each treatment, 4 replicates were performed.

This research was conducted in the experiment garden of Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan Pembangunan Pertanian (SMKPP) Saree, Lembah Seulawah Sub-district, Aceh Besar District, Aceh Province from July to August 2016. The data were analysed using analysis of variance (Anova) by comparing F_{value} to F_{table} on the scale of 0.05%. If the difference between the two is very significant, a further test of Least Significant Difference (LSD) should be carried out at the level of $\alpha = 0.05\%$.

III. RESULTS

The observation of the number and types of insects trapped in coloured paper indicated that the highest insect population was found in the yellow paper treatment (23.25), followed by green paper (7.50), and red paper (6.00) (Table 1). The result of the analysis of variance showed that the yellow paper treatment differed significantly from the yellow light treatment at the level of $\alpha = 0.05\%$ of the result of LSD test. The field observation was conducted from July to August 2016 (Figure 1; Figure 2; Table 2; Table 4).

Table 1. Average number of insects trapped in coloured paper

Treatment (colours of paper)	Replicate (r)				Number	Average
	I	II	III	IV		
Red paper (R)	6	6	4	8	24	6.00
Yellow paper (Y)	18	20	30	25	93	23.25
Green paper (G)	8	7	9	6	30	7.50
Total	32	33	43	39	147	36.75

Field observation data July-August 2016

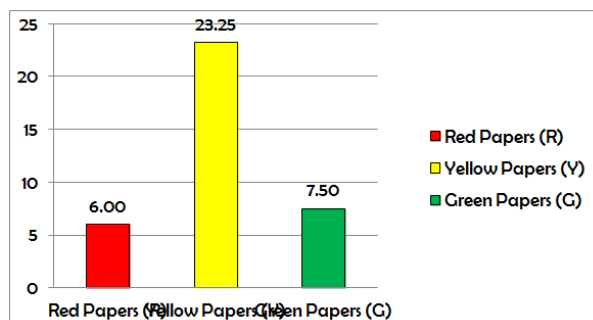


Figure 1. Insect population trapped in red, yellow, and green paper traps.

Based on the LSD test, the yellow paper treatment (Y) differed greatly from the red paper (R) and green paper treatment (G) at the level of 0.05 % in LSD test as shown in Table 2:

Table 2. The result of LSDtest for $\alpha=0.05$ in coloured paper treatment

Treatment	Treatment Average	+LSD	Notation
Red paper (R)	6.00	11.33	a
Yellow paper (Y)	23.25	28.58	b
Green paper (G)	7.50	12.83	a

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the level of 0.05 % LSD test.

Based on the result of the coloured paper treatment observation, the highest insect population was found on yellow paper treatment (23.25), followed by green paper treatment (7.50), and red paper treatment (6.00) (Table 2).

Table3. Average number of insects trapped in coloured lights

Treatment (colours of paper)	Replicate (R)				Number	Average
	I	II	III	IV		
Red (R)	21	20	19	17	77	19.25
Yellow (Y)	32	29	27	25	113	28.25
Green (G)	10	9	11	8	38	9.50
Total	63	58	57	50	228	56.75

Field observation data July-August 2016

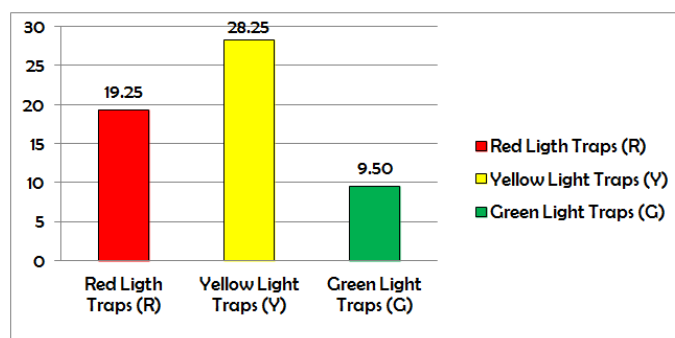


Figure2. Insect population trapped in red, yellow, and green light traps.

Based on the LSD test, the yellow light treatment (Y) differed markedly from the red light treatment (R) and the green light treatment (G) at the level of 0.05 % of LSD test, as shown on Table 4 below:

Table 4. Results of LSDTest for $\alpha=0.05$ in coloured light trap treatment

Treatment	Treatment Average	+LSD	Notation
Red light trap (R)	19.25	22.64	b
Yellow light trap (Y)	28.25	31.64	c
Green light trap (G)	9.50	12.89	a

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at the level of 0.05% LSD test.

Based on the result of the coloured light treatment observation, the highest insect population was found on yellow light treatment (28.25), followed by red light treatment (19.25), and green light treatment (9.50) (Table 4).

IV. DISCUSSION

The identification of the insects found on the coloured paper treatment resulted in the following species:

Table 5. Species of insects trapped in coloured paper traps in corn plant ecosystem from July to August 2016.

No	Order	Family	Species	Coloured paper traps		
				Red	Yellow	Green
1	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Ostrinia furnacalis	4	14	3
2	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Helicoverpa armigera Hubner	5	15	5
3	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Spodopteralitura	4	23	5
4	Diptera	Muscidae	Atherigona reversura	6	21	9
5	Homoptera	Delphacidae	Peregrinus maidis	5	20	8
Total population				24	93	30

Source: Field observation data July-August 2016.

Colours are attractive to insects because of their all-directional reflection. A large number of phytophagous insects respond positively to the light reflection pattern from host plants and the response can be very specific. Very often, substrates with a maximum reflectance of 500-580 nm produce the largest outcome e.g. response. But in some cases, the response may be associated with the specific stages of the host plants (flowering or fruiting stage) with a maximum reflectance on the other side of the spectrum (Prokopy and Owens, 1983 in Blackmer et al., 2008).

Braham (2014) mentioned the role of trap colours in attracting male *T. absoluta*. We hypothesise that the effectiveness of using colours in insect traps will increase when pheromones are given as feedback. Roubos and Liburd (2008) in Braham (2014) reported significant differences between the effects of using colours in traps and that of using synthetic sex pheromones on capturing male grape root-boring insects *Vitaceapolistiformis* (Harris) (*Lepidoptera: Sesiidae*). Yellow and green traps were effective in capturing the insects. There was no difference between male and female insects in choosing the colours of the traps.

Ostrinia furnacalis Guenee (*Lepidoptera: Crambidae*) is a corn stem-borer widely spread out in Asian regions. Its damaging capacity reaches up to 98% (Abdullah and Rauf, 2011). According to Lopez et al., (2014), *O. furnacalis* likes corn in the flowering phase in which female insects lay the eggs in corn silk.

The species of *Helicoverpa armigera* Hubner, 1809 (*Lepidoptera: Noctuidae*) are also widely distributed around the world such as *H. armigera* Hubner, *H. obsoleta* Fabricius, *H. conferta*, *H. fusca* Hardwick, and *H. uniformis*. Delattre and King (1994) elaborated that this insect has translucent eggs placed in groups, green coloured larvae, brown pupa placed underground, active stage in rainy season, and corn as host plants. According to Tuliabuet et al., (2015), corn cob-boring pest *Helicoverpa armigera* Hubner (*Lepidoptera: Noctuidae*) are widely scattered (25%) in Bone District, Gorontalo Province.

Spodopteralitura Fab. (*Lepidoptera: Noctuidae*) is a polyphagous pest striking many types of plants such as corn, soy, cotton, and tomato. It has reportedly 150 species spread out around the world (Kranthiet al., 2012). According to Singh et al., (2015), *S. litura* Fab. infects peanut, corn, ornamental plant, and mustard.

Bactrocera dorsalis (*Diptera: Tephritidae*) attacking plants are *B. dorsalis*, *B. umbrosus*, *B. albistrigatus*, *B. cucurbitae* (Marikun et al., 2014). Sunarno and Stefen (2013) listed *Bactrocera*. *B. carambolae*, *B. Musae*, *B. cucurbitae*, *B. curifera*, and *B. dorsalis*. The primary plants of *Bactrocera* spp among others are pomegranate, mango, orange, papaya, and tomato (Kuyama, 1989). According to Weems et al., (2015) *Bactrocera dorsalis* is native to Asia and attacks fruit plants.

Atherigonareversura (*Diptera: Muscidae*) is a planthopper in corn and other gramineae plants as identified by Ribeiro et al. (2016), which consists of *Atherigonanigritibiella* Fan & Liu, 1982., *A. orientalis* Schiner, 1868., *A. oryzae* Malloch, 1925., *A. reversura* Villeneuve, 1936., *A. seticauda* Malloch, 1926., and *A. theodori* Henning, 1826. *Atherigonasp* attacks plants in their generative phase which can decrease the production up to 80%. The attack starts when the plants are 2-5 days old which leads to their termination (Pabbage et al., 2015).

Peregrinus maidis (*Homoptera: Delphacidae*) is a planthopper targeting corn plants. In addition, according to Alviar et al., (2015), *P. maidis* is a vector for Maize Mosaic Virus (MMV) which is an important pathogen of corn plants. The potential transmission of MMV by *P. maidis* starts in the larval stage up to the adult stage.

Table 6. Insect species trapped in coloured light traps in corn plant ecosystem from July to August 2016.

No	Order	Family	Species	Coloured Light Traps		
				Red	Yellow	Green
1	Coleoptera	Curculionidae	<i>Cylasformicarius</i>	4	7	3
2	Coleoptera	Coccinellidae	<i>Monochilus sexmaculatus</i>	5	8	2
3	Diptera	Agromizidae	<i>Ophimiaphaceoli</i>	7	10	3
4	Diptera	Muscidae	<i>Atherigonareversura</i>	6	9	4
5	Diptera	Tephritidae	<i>Bactrocera dorsalis</i>	4	11	3
6	Hemiptera	Alydidae	<i>Leptocoriza acuta</i>	5	7	3
7	Hemiptera	Miridae	<i>Nezaravidula</i>	7	9	3
8	Homoptera	Delphacidae	<i>Peregrinus maidis</i>	8	9	4
9	Homoptera	Aphididae	<i>Aphis maidis</i>	3	7	2
10	Orthoptera	Acrididae	<i>Valanganigricornis</i>	7	8	3
11	Orthoptera	Acrididae	<i>Locustamigratoria</i>	5	9	1
12	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	<i>Gryllus mitratus</i>	6	7	2
13	Orthoptera	Gryllotalpidae	<i>Gryllotalpha africana</i>	3	4	1
14	Hymenoptera	Pamphilionidae	<i>Paphiliumparsicum</i>	7	8	4
Total population				77	113	38

Source: Field observation data July-August 2016.

From the observation of the coloured lights in the experiment garden, it was discovered that there were also a number of non-target insects in corn plants. This is due to the presence of mixed vegetation other than corn such as sweet potato, peanut, eggplant, chilli, and fruit.

The insect *Cylasformicarius* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) attacks potato, jicama, cassava, and sweet potato tubers. The life cycle of *C. formicarius* is 35-40 days. There are 3 larval instars each of which lasts for 21-35 days. The egg phase is between 7 to 10 days (Nonci, 2005). This insect has been reported (Kalshoven, 1981) as the main pest of sweet potato in storage (up to 30%) (Mauludiana *et al.*, 2015). Mansaray *et al.*, (2015) listed *Cylaspuncticollis* as another species of *Cylas* spp. infecting potato.

The beetle *Coccinellidae* of the order Coleoptera is the insect found in food crop such as vegetables and fruit. This *Coccinellid* beetle which is commonly known as 'helmet beetle' because of its helmet-like shape is present both as predator and pest. *Coccinellidae* mostly preys on aphids in plants. According to Wagiman (1987), one of the helmet beetle species *Menochilus sexmaculatus* effectively controls black flea in corn or string bean plants.

The insect *Ophiomyia phaseoli* (Diptera: Agromyzidae) or more commonly known as 'seed fly'. This insect infects plants during the cotyledon formation phase. Jorani *et al.*, (2016) stated that *Liriomyza trifolii* (Burgess, 1880) which is also from the order Diptera and family Agromyzidae is a globally distributed phytophagous insect and reportedly has 2,500 identified species, a wing span of 1 mm, maximum size of 6.5 mm, egg laying period of 2-5 days if the temperature is appropriate, larval period of 4-7 days, and life cycle of 18-24 days at 24 °C.

Another species of this seed fly is *Atherigona* sp. According to Pabage *et al.*, (2015), this pest lays egg one by one underneath the surface of the leaves at night time. There are three larval instars with the overall length of larval stadium of 6-18 days. The resting during the pupa stage takes place in the base of the stem underground for 5-12 days. The size of imago is 2.5-4.5 mm. The female imago lays up to 70 eggs 3-5 days after mating. The life cycle is 21-28 days.

There are reportedly 50 species of *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Diptera: Tephritidae) spread out across the Asian regions. *B. dorsalis* is mostly found in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines (Drew and Hancock, 1994). The host plants are mango (*Mangifera indica*), papaya (*Carica papaya*), and banana (*Musa paradisiaca*). Drew and Hancock (1994) added that the female insect places the eggs on the fruit peel which will hatch in 1-3 days. The active eating stage of the larvae is 9-35 days and its growth can take place at 13 °C. The pupal stage lasts for 1-2 weeks. *B. dorsalis* can survive at 7 °C but will die at 2 °C.

According to Weems *et al.*, (2015), *B. dorsalis* spread out across Asia in Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Taiwan, and Vietnam. An adult insect is 8.0 mm in length, has a wing span of 7.3 mm and various body colours. Those found in Indonesia have a yellow body and a two-joint-size protruding abdomen. The eggs are transparent measuring 1.17 x 0.21 mm. The maggot type is just like other flies' larvae in general. *B. dorsalis* attacks fruit and vegetable plants (Anonimus, 2014). In addition to being a pest, *B. dorsalis* is a vector for *Escherichia coli* which causes digestive diseases to humans (Sunarno and Stefan, 2013).

Leptocoriza acuta, *L. oratorius*, *L. varicornis*, and *L. chinensis* are the species of *Leptocoriza acuta* Thunb. (Hemiptera: Alydidae), the primary cause of rice crop damage in Asia (Jahnet *et al.*, 2004). Some of them can survive in the grass as their temporary shelter until the rice is grown. Dutta and Roy (2016) stated that the damage caused by *L. acuta* reaches 10-20% of the total cultivated plants. They also added that the life cycle of *L. acuta* begins from eggs, followed by larval instars 1-6, and eventually adult insect which can survive on plants other than the primary ones.

Nezara viridula (Hemiptera: Miridae) is a cosmopolitan sap-sucking insect attacking legumes. Due to its aggressive nature it can attack all plants; therefore, this pest is also found in corn. It belongs in the Phylum Arthropoda, class Insecta, order Heteroptera, family Pentatomidae, genus *Nezara viridula* Linnaeus 1758, and is commonly called green stink bug (Grozea, 2012). Further more, an adult green stink bug is morphologically green in colour, has brown legs and triangle-shaped scutellum typical of Hemiptera, and its larvae's abdomen is brown with white spots.

According to Dyer *et al.*, (2014), this insect is predominantly present in the regions of Asia, Africa, Europe, and Middle East. It lays its white eggs in groups of 30-130 and its life cycle is 65-70 days. The eggs will hatch after 5 hours. This type of insects can cause damage to a wide range of fruit and vegetable plants.

Peregrinus maidis (Homoptera: Delphacidae) is not only a pest in vegetable plants but also a vector for a virus. Corn stalk-sucking *P. maidis* (Ashmead) is a vector for *Maize Mosaic Rhabdovirus* (MMV), an important disease infecting corn and sorghum plants (Alvi *et al.*, 2016). Virus vectors in crops *P. maidis* and *Dalbulus maidis* can be controlled using entomopathogenic fungi such as *Beuveria bassiana*, *Matharhizium anisopliae*, *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, *B. pumilus*, and *B. subtilis* (Toledo *et al.*, 2015).

Aphis maidis (Hemiptera: Aphidae), also known as *Aphis glycines* (Matsumura) (Hemiptera: Aphididae), is a pod-boring insect in soybean, cucurbitae, gramineae, corn, rice, and sorghum (Behrens *et al.*,

2015). Control can be carried out by using sticky light and paper trapping devices. Rebenatto et al., (2015) asserted that the cereal plant pest *Aphids* (*Hemiptera: Aphididae*) is the most potential pest in crops. In addition to being a pest, aphids can also function as a vector for cereal yellow virus (CYDVs) and yellow dwarf disease (YDD) (Parizoto et al., 2013).

Locustamigratoria (*Orthoptera: Acrididae*) grasshopper is a grassland tropical insect widely spread in Asia (Indonesia, China, Bangladesh) which can causedamage of up to 20,000,000 hectares of grassland(Sun et al., 2015). Sun et al., (2015) added the types of grasshoppers largelyfound in vegetation and grassland such as those from the family *Acrididae*, sub family *Acridinae*, species *Acridacinerea* (Thunberg), *Acridaoxycephala* (Pallas), subfamily *Catantopinae*, species *Dericorysannulataroseipennis* (Redt.), *Calliptamus barbarous cephalotes* Costa, family *Tetrigidae*, subfamily *Tetriginae*, species *Tetrix japonica* (Bol.), and *Tetrixtartara* (Bol.). Arya et al., (2015) stated that the Himalayan region houses an abundance of species belonging to the order *Orthoptera* such as family *Acrididae*: species *Oedipoda Himalayan* (Uvarov), *Xenocatantopskarnyi* (Kibry), *Aulacobothruslueips* (Walk), *Gastrimargus transverses* (Thun), and family *Tettigonidae*: *Mecapodasp*, *Elimaeadasp*, *Himertulakinneari*(Uvarov).

The female grasshopper *Locustamigratoria* can lay up to 270 eggs which will hatch after 17 days. The nimpha undergoes 5 instars prior to transforming into an adult insect. The nimpha stadium lasts for 38 days and the life cycle 76 days. The insect can produce 4-5 generations in a year (Pabage et al., 2015). Based on the research by Siregaret et al., (2014), the diversity index value of insects in corn plants with H' value is 2.368 and with moderate diversity value.

Species *Valanganigricornis* (*Orthoptera: Acrididae*) also predominates the corn plant ecosystem in the observed area. The types found, among others, were *Phlaeoba antennata* (Brunner) and *Phlaeobainfumata* (Brunner). According to Tan and Kamaruddin (2014), insects of the order *Orthoptera* are widespread throughout Asia and predominating grassland, farmland and wilderness habitats. Several families which can exist in various ecosystems are *Tetrigidae*, *Acrididae*, *Ensifera*, *Tettigonidae*, and *Gryllidae*.

The other two species identified in the observation were *Gryllus mitratus* (*Orthoptera: Gryllidae*) and *Gryllotalphaaeficana* (*Orthoptera: Gryllotalpidae*). A research by Gupta (2016) identified the following insects from the family *Gryllidae*, subfamily *Gryllinae*, genus *Modicogryllus* (Chopard-1961), *M. confirmatus* (Walker-1859), family *Tettigonidae*, subfamily *Conocephalinae*, genus *Conocephalus* (Thunberg-1815), *Anisoptera* (Latreille-1829), *Conocephalus maculatus*, *Hexacentrusinicolor* (Serville-1831). Furthermore, Gupta (2016) listed family *Acrididae*, subfamily *Acridinae*, genus *Acrida* (Linneus-1758), *Acrida exaltata* (Walker-1859), *Truxalis exaltata* (Walker-1859), *Acrida gigata*, *Acrida turrita*, *Phlaeobainfumata* (Brunner-1893), *Phlaeobapantili* (Bolivar-1902), *Calliptamus panteli* (Bolivar-1902), *Calliptamus barbarous barbarous* (Costa-1836).

Paphiliumpersicum (*Hymenoptera: Pompilidae*) is a type of insect pest predators found in the paper and light traps. *P. persicum* effectively controls aphid infestations on corn plants. It is also known as spider wasp from the order *Hymenoptera*, family *Pompilidae*. Pitts and Joseph (2007) reported that there are 6 species found in Fiji, namely *Anoplius caerulescens* (Dalla Torre), *Dendropompilus vatiensis* (Williams), *Anoplius elatus* (Smith), *Anoplius vitiensis* (Williams), *Cyphononyx vitiensis* (Turner), and *Heterodontonyx guerini*. According to Russell (2014), almost 5000 species of Colombian spider wasps have been recorded such as family *Pompilidae*, subfamily *Pepsinae*, genus *Ageniella*, species *accepta* (Cresson), *blaisdelli* (Fox), *coronata* (Banks), *euphorbiae* (Viereck), *gresea* (Townes), genus *Alloporus*, species *pulchellus* (Banks), genus *Auplopus*, species *Auplopus architectus* (Say), *A. caerulescens* (Walsh), *A. nigrellus* (Banks), genus *Cadiadurgus*, species *C. hyalinatus* (Fabricius).

V. CONCLUSIONS

Highly influential paper usage and light yellow, green, and red against the presence of insects in maize. yellow highly favored insects. color paper suitable for insect monitoring Diurnal, for insect monitoring Nocturnal suitable light traps.

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