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Extracts of *Pinus merkusii* Jungh & de Vriese from the leaf and stem parts were tested against the larva of *Aedes aegypti*, *Culex quinquefasciatus* and *Anopheles maculatus*. Extracts were prepared in distilled water or 95% ethanol at 24 hours maceration.

The observed mortality data of these tests were analyzed for median lethal concentration at 95% confidence limit. The leaf water extract  $LC_{50}$  values were 5067.56, 4537.84 and 582.65 mg/l for Ae. aegypti, Cx. quinquefasciatus and An. maculatus, respectively. The leaf ethanol extract showed the  $LC_{50}$  values of 606.12, 134.77 and 351.97 mg/l against Ae. aegypti, Cx. quinquefasciatus and An. maculatus, respectively.

The LC<sub>50</sub> values for stem water extract were 581.18 for Ae. aegypti, >100000 for Cx. quinquefasciatus and 741.80 mg/l for An. maculatus. The stem ethanol extract exhibited the LC<sub>50</sub> values of 209.96, 274.21 and 144.40 mg/l for Ae. aegypti, Cx. quinquefasciatus and An. maculatus, respectively.

Based on the overall results, stem ethanol extract yielded the best result and seemed to be suitable to use in natural breeding places of *Cx. quinquefasciatus*. Moreover, *Pinus merkusii* caused abnormality in mosquitoes which died during the course of adult emergence. The adults appeared to be normal but failed to free themselves from the pupal exuvium. Sometimes the adults could free the head and thorax but not the abdomen. These insects escaped almost completely, but the tarsi of the hind pair of legs remained stuck to the pupal exuviae. According to the immense lethal effect obtained, it is suggested that *Pinus merkusii* exhibited the Juvenile hormone type activity. In addition, the delayed development of about 2-3 days was observed in mosquitoes exposed to all types of solvent extracts from either leaf or stem.