

## ECOLOGIC MOSQUITO TRAP

Widespread across several ecological sites in the world, this economic and eco-friendly system to trap mosquitoes can be built in minutes by anyone. The technique and materials to be used, promoted by the Talcahuano Municipality of Chile, are introduced and explained in the [BioBioChile website](#).

In particular the necessary materials are: 1 gram of baking yeast; 4 teaspoons of sugar; 200 ml of water; a 2 Lt. empty plastic bottle; black paper; duct tape and a container suitable for heating.



Following is the construction method:

- Cut the plastic bottle, evenly and horizontally;
- Boil water and sugar for 10 minutes and pour into the bottom part of the plastic bottle;
- Add yeast when the water is cold, in order to produce the carbon dioxide necessary to attract mosquitoes;
- Place the top of the bottle upside down, like a funnel and bind the edges with the duct tape in order to release the produced CO<sub>2</sub> only from the middle of the container;
- Cover the container with black paper in order to darken its interior;
- Place the trap in a dark and damp place;
- After 15 days remove the trapped mosquitoes from the bottle and repeat the procedure.



Mosquitoes are still causing significant health problems in many countries and the solutions require complex interventions of environmental management, control of larvae of disease-bearing mosquitoes and health treatments. However, avoiding bites is an important goal everywhere and the use of traditional and ecological solutions which are chemical free and inexpensive is rightly recording a great success.



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