



Microcerotermes diversus (Silvestri)

(Insecta: Isoptera)

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**THE EFFECT OF INFESTATION OF TERMITE
Microceritermes diversus (SILVESTRI) (INSECTA:ISOPTERA)
ON THE PRODUCTIVITY OF SOME DATE PALMS
CULTIVARS IN IRAQ**

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Abstract

This study was conducted to evaluate the effect of the termite *Microcerotermes diversus* (Silvestri) on the productivity of some date palm cultivars in 5 governorates of Iraq: Babylon, Waset, Kerbela, Qadesyia and Basrah. It was found that the percentages of infestation in general for the following cultivars: 32.6% for Hellawy, for Zehdy was 29.5% and then infestation decreased gradually within cultivars and lowest percentage was 6.1% for Berhy, The percentages of infestation for governorates level were the highest in Waset for Zehdy was 45.5% and lowest for Berhy, was 6.1% in Basrah. This confirms that Zehdy was more susceptible than other cultivars for infestation by termite *M. diversus*, many factors are interference to increase the percentage of infestation, like shortage of agricultural practices also never performance protection control and controlling when the infestation happen and carelessness to orchard by owners or by renters that affect on average the production of date palm tree then on general production of orchard and lead to death numerous of date palm trees.

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