Research in Support of the Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project



Minibucket Escape Test

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None of 48 beetles escaped from this trap.

1 Methods

A small paint bucket was placed in a cutout in the top of a plastic garbage can (Fig. 1). The top of the bucket contained four one-inch diameter holes. A UVLED was fitted through a hole at the center of the lid. An oryctalure was hung from the bottom of the UVLED inside the bucket. The larger garbage can was empty.

The experiment was performed in a large field cage. Forty-eight beetles were placed in the trap at 6:00 PM on January 17, 2014. Beetles remaining in the trap were counted th following morning.

2 Results and Discussion

All 48 beetles remained in the trap.

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Figure 1: Experimental setup.