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ABSRACT

Effect of Some Botanical and Chemical preservatives against Termite Macrotermes bellicosus (Smeath.) in Preserving Some Sudanese Timbers

Neem Seed Kernel Oil (NSKO), Neem Seed Kernel Powder (NSKP) and boric acid (BA) were examined to test their effects on preserving wood of some valuable species against dry wood termites. Three locations representing different ecological zones of the Sudan were selected for the Study. These are; Berber (Northern Sudan), Shambat (Central Sudan), and Sinja (South-central Sudan). Two trials were carried out. First, field trial. In this experiment wood blocks from *A. seyal*, *E. microthica*, and *C. africana* of 5x5x30cm dimensions treated with NSKO, NSKP and BA and controlled untreated blocks were laid in a grave yard. Wood loss was determined at intervals for one year. Second experiment was laboratory test. The aim of this experiment is to investigate termite behavior while attacking the wood. A number of treated and untreated blocks of 5X5X5 cm dimensions were kept on glass gars size 15X15X20 cm. These gars were filled with termites nest individuals, and then put on a dark and conditioned room (28~32 C, and 80~90% MC).

In the field experiment results showed that chemical and botanical preservatives significantly reduced termite attack and weight loss. Botanicals used at this experiment keep treated blocks free from termites attack. The weight loss recorded at site No.1 (0.5 g) to *C.africana* treated with NSKO,(1 g) to *A.seyal* samples treated with NSKO,(1.1 g) to *A.seyal* samples treated with NSKP, and (1.3 g) to *C.africana* samples treated with NSKP, as a minimum weight loss reduction. at site No.2 weight loss recorded (0.8 g) to *A.seyal* samples treated with NSKP, (0.9 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated

with NSKO, (3.2 g) to *C.africana* samples treated with NSKO, (4.3 g) to *C.africana* samples treated with NSKO, (5.3 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with NSKO, and (5.5 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with NSKO, as a minimum weight loss reduction. And at site No-3 weight loss recorded (6.4 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with NSKP as a minimum weight loss reduction.

On the other hand Chemical preservative used in these experiments was also control the termite's damage at the three graveyard areas. At site No-1 weight loss recorded (1.9 g) to *C.africana* treated with BA, (2.9 g) to *C.africana* treated with BA, and (5.3 g) to *A.seyal* samples treated with BA as a minimum weight loss reduction. At site No-2 weight loss recorded (.9 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with BA, (1.4 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with BA, (1.46 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with BA, (2.4 g) to *A.seyal* samples treated with BA, and (2.8 g) to *C.africana* samples treated with BA, as a minimum weight loss reduction. And at the site No-3 weight loss recorded (6.7 g) to *E.microthica* samples treated with BA, as a minimum weight loss reduction.

For the behavior experiment results showed that the treated samples of (NSKO, and NSKP) was either sufficiently toxic and/or repellent to prevent termites feeding, termites mortality reached 100% in the third week to glass gars filled with samples treated with NSKO,95% to NSKP,85% to BA.

Termites attack was increased at the period from August - November during the rainy season There were no significant differences between the concentration used at (BA), and (NSKP), but concentration of 10% of (NSKO) at Shambat and Singa site is more effective.

The length of protection time is yet to be ascertained from record of service life time according to Findlay 1985 classified the three species used in this study *A.seyal* was moderately durable with no expected life of the test stakes in field, *E.microthica* was durable with 5-10 years as an expected on test stakes in field, and *C.africana* was durable with 5-10 years as an expected on test stakes in field.

M.bellicosus (smeath) was common in the south and west, but reaches further north along the banks of the Nile. It was distributed commonly at the east bank of the Blue Nile increased at Eljazair and Abujaily forest mainly.

موجز الدراسة

ثر بعض حافظات الخشب الطبيعية والكيميائية علي بعض الأخشاب السودانية ضد الارضه Macrotermes bellicosus (Smeath.)

زيت بدرة النيم, وبدرة بذرة النيم و وحمض البوريك حافظات أخشاب تم استخدامها لمعرفة تأثيرها علي الارضه آكلة الخشب الجاف وذلك في حفظ ثلاث أنواع من أنواع الأشجار ذات القيمة الاقتصادية بالسودان (الطلح والبان والقمبيل). تم اختيار ثلاث مواقع للدراسة لتغطي ثلاث أقاليم مناجيه مختلفة وهي شمال السودان (مدينة بربر), أواسط السودان (ضاحية شمبات), وجنوب .(أواسط السودان (غابة الجزائر شرق سنجه

تم تصميم نوعين من الاختبارات إحداهما في أراض مفتوحة مصابة بالا رضه، والأخرى في المعمل. استمرت التجربة الأولى سنة كاملة من ديسمبر 2004 – ديسمبر 2005م ،تم دفن عينات بتراكيز NSKO بتراكيز NSKO بتراكيز 2.5% و 5%، زيت بذرة النيم BA تمت معاملتها بحمض البوريك بتراكيز 1% و 2% من أشجار الطلح، البان ، والقمبيل NSKP 5% و 10%، وبدرة بذرة النيم سم في الأرض مباشرة لعمق 20سم في ثلاث مناطق تمثل أقاليم مناخيه مختلفه x5x30 بأبعاد 5 (Harris 1968). تتوزع على أساسها أجناس الارضه في السودان

في التجربة الثانيه التي أجريت بمعامل المركز القومي للبذور —سوبا حيث وضعت عينات خشبية وتم إضافة عينات 15x15 سم في آنيه زجاجيه بأبعاد 20x5x5 من الأشجار أعلاه بأبعاد 5 خشبية صغيره لتكون كغذاء بديل للارضه ,وذلك في غرفه مظلمة بدرجة حرارة ورطوبة ثابتتين (22-32 درجه مئوية، 80-90% رطوبة نسبيه على التوالى

سجلت العينات التي عوملت باستخدام حافظات أخشاب طبيعية درجات حمايه جيده في مكافحة الارضه في مواقع الدراسة الثلاث، حيث بلغ اقل فقد للوزن في الموقع الأول في المناطق الشمالية و NSKP و 1.1 جم لعينات الطلح المعاملة ب NSKO للبلاد 5. جم لعينات القمبيل المعاملة ب اما في الموقع الثاني للدراسه بضاحية شمبات سجل . NSKP 2.7 جم لعينات البان المعامله ب جم، وعينات السان المعامله ب NSKP 8.0 اقل نقص في الوزن بعد نهاية التجربه لعينات الطلح التي عوملت ب جم، بينما كان النقص NSKO 5.5 جم، وعينات البان المعامله ب NSKO 3.2 القمبيل المعامله ب في الوزن للعينات في الموقع الثالث بغابة الجزائر جنوب شرق سنجه اكبر مقارنة بالموقعين في الوزن للعينات اليامله ب NSKO 6.4 السابقين حيث سجلت عينات البان التي عوملت ب NSKO جم، ثم الطلح المعامله ب NSKO السابقين حيث سجلت عينات البان التي عوملت ب عينات الوزن مناسب مقارنة AB (معاملتها بحافظ الاخشاب الكيميائي (حمض البوريك

بالحفاظات الطبيعيه المستعمله في هذه الدراسه حيث سجل اقل فقد في الوزن للعينات الثلاث المستخدمه في هذه الدراسه بالموقع الأول بالمنطقه الشماليه 1.9 جم لعينات القمبيل، 5.3 جم لعينات الطلح، و 5.9 جم لعينات البان، اما في الموقع الثاني للدراسه 1.4 جم للبان، 1.5 للقمبيل، و 2.4 جم للطلح، بينما كان اقل فقد في الوزن للعينات في الموقع الثالث علي النحو التالي 6.7 جم للبان، 12.2 جم للقمبيل، و 51.5 جم للطلح

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وجد ان اصابة الارضه تتركز في فصل الخريف حيث ترتفع درجات الرطوبه الجويه في الفتره من اغسطس- نوفمبر، كما لم تسجل اي فروقات معنويه واضحه لاستخدام تراكيز مختلفه عدا تلك ... حيث سجلت تراكيز 10% نتيجه افضل من تراكيز 5 NSKO المستخدمه في

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هو احد اكثر الانواع Macrotermes bellicosus وجد من خلال هذه الدراسه ان نوع الارضه . انتشاراً من الارضه ساكنة القناطير والتي تنتشر بصورةٍ كبيرةٍ بمناطق غابات سنجه شرق النيل

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