# PARASITE DETECTION ON VARIOUS LIZARDS FOUND IN A PRIVATE LAND AREA AT CABANGAAN, SILANG, CAVITE

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## ABSTRACT

Parasites are organisms that live in a host and compete for the host's nutrients. Some studies on lizard parasites have shown that the rates of parasitism or some parameter of the parasite communities may vary between host species/populations living in closed habitats and those that live in open habitats. In our study, we collected 13 samples of different lizard species under 9 genera which were obtained through hand-grabbing in a private land area in Cabangaan, Silang, Cavite. The collected samples were preserved in 10 percent formalin and were viewed under the microscope for detection of ectoparasites. The parasite Crab Lice was found on the lizard species *Hemidactylus brookii*. Endoparasites such as Trichostrongyloid, Heterakid, Pinworm, and Nematode were found on species of *Sphenomorphus jagori*, *Sphenomorphus decipiens*, *Hemidactylus brookii*, *Brachymeles talinis*, and *Lamprolepis smaragdina*. The process of identifying the endoparasites was by Lactophenol staining. This was to enhance the image of the parasites being viewed for better identification. Amongst the 13 species, only five were positive for parasitic infection. According to the IUCN, the lizards collected were of least importance.

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