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TERMITES INFESTATION IN DIFFERENT *EUCALYPTUS* SPECIES IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF SOUTH INDIA

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ABSTRACT : Surveys were conducted to assess the species composition of termites and their extent of infestation in eucalypt plantations in selected locations of south India. The study revealed that termite infestation was more in young trees compared to mature trees, and more in humid climate than in dry climate. Among the species, *E. globules* and *E. grandis* were highly vulnerable to termite attack where as *E. citridora* was less susceptible. Termites belonging to the genus *Odontotermes* Holmgren were found to cause maximum infestation to eucalyptus plantations.

Key words: *Eucalyptus* plantations, *Odontotermes*, termites.