

Pertumbuhan dan perkembangan kumbang buas *Chilocorus politus* pada kutu *Coccus viridis*

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Abstrak

The growth and development of predatory beetle *Chilocorus politus* Mulsant (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) feeding on scale insect *Coccus viridis* Green (Homoptera: Coccidae) was studied in the Biological Control Laboratory, Faculty of Agriculture, Gadjah Mada University, from August 2004 until March 2005. Eggs of *C. politus* were collected from the predator generation that formerly feeding on coconut-palm scale-insect (*Aspidiotus destructor* Signoret (Homoptera: Diaspididae)). Upon hatching, the newly first instars of the predator were then cultured on alive *C. viridis* that were collected from shoots and leaves of coffee. The larvae were allowed to grow and develop into adults