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Hello Mort,

Hope all is well with you. I apologize for not reverting sooner but I have been very busy with my work and also attending my lands in the south Sparta region to inspect my olive trees as we are approaching the new harvest season beginning in the end of October.

I have a very interesting observation to provide you with which I have been noticing for the last 5 days. Apart from my other traps for the Dakus, Med flies etc, I had placed your lures not only between my olive trees but also in many of my citrus trees mainly orange trees.

What I have noticed is very strange and have never seen this happening before. The Med fly season is slowly and steadily coming along but for the first time I noticed pockets of Med flies in between olive and citrus trees swirling around and around non stop going nowhere. By this time other years I had some oranges affected. This year only one or two or none per each citrus tree. It seems like to me that the Med flies are absolutely confused and disoriented and new Med fly arrivals fall into that same pocket pouch swirling that leads them nowhere. Every day from the morning until the night they fly around swirling non stop. I am telling you Mort I have never seen this phenomenon before and most importantly although they are swirling next to the citrus or even the olive trees they do not afflict my oranges like in other years. In other words from the 200 orange trees I have only noticed 20 oranges been afflicted meaning nothing zero damage.

I suppose that in the end these flies get tired and die falling on the ground. May be this is how the increase of the ant holes are explained this year. For some reason once the Med flies are caught in this swirling formation they do not attempt to escape or even try to go to the citrus trees which are only a few centimeters next to them. Very strange happenings and there are many fly swirling formations between all my trees this year and there is only one explanation for this due to your lures. Whatever you have in your lures in a combination with the way I prepared them have completely confused the Med flies but not catching them BUT for me what matters is that they do not afflict my citrus trees like in other years.

Your lures so far have caught the Dakus fly very successfully and the crickets. However there is one more observation I have to say. I don't know if it's a coincidence or if it's a bad year for mosquitoes in Greece but since I placed your lures in my land I noticed a large increase of mosquitoes. That I don't know what to say considering that we don't really get mosquitoes in my area. Now, I don't know if they smelled something in your lures that attracts them or if it's a coincidence, may be you can explain that.

As for the Med fly lures save them for now. As is my trees are not getting afflicted because of the strange happenings I explained to you. Lets see how this will continue but already is a HUGE success. I hope you are registering my observations in your archives as I do for future reference and advice to other cultivators.

I wish well and I remain always at your avail.

Best regards,

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