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This Trap Mimics Humans to Lure Biting Bugs

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - Forget the fly swatter, a new trap was launched in Singapore on Wednesday that lures biting insects to their doom by fooling them into thinking they are heading for a juicy human.

On the surface, the Mega-Catch trap -- jointly developed by local exterminator PestBusters and New Zealand-based EnviroSafe Technologies -- looks like a harmless, black plastic birdcage.

“It basically replicates a human target to a mosquito,” Ken Child, EnviroSafe's managing director, told a news conference.

“It's got color that mosquitoes find most attractive. It's got a heat source that's set to the human skin temperature. It breathes out carbon dioxide gas -- proven scientifically as the main attractor to mosquitoes.”

The trap also gives off several frequencies of non-visible light which different species of mosquitoes can't resist.

Child said the trap was the first of its kind to mimic multiple facets of the human body to suck in blood-thirsty bugs. It's also tailored for hot, humid climates and common mosquito species which cause malaria or dengue fever.

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