Degradation of ^{14}C ring labeled pesticides in selected soils of Sri Lanka

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Degradation rates of ^{14}C ring labeled carbofuran and diazinon in selected Sri Lankan soils were studied using 0.1 μCi/10 g soil in Nuwara Eliya (red yellow podzolic), Pugoda (alluvials) Kalpitiya and Negombo (regosols) soils by incubating at 28 °C of temperature for 13 hours light and 11 hours dark conditions and measuring the activity of liberated CO_2 using liquid scintillation counter after 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 14, 28, 36, 42 and 58 days. During the total period the carbofuran mineralization was about 23% in Kalpitiya soils and less than 20% in other three soils and diazinon mineralization was about 25% in Negombo soil and very low in other soils.

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