

Tiger Mosquito Surveillance Program in the Region of Murcia: Population Dynamics in Municipalities

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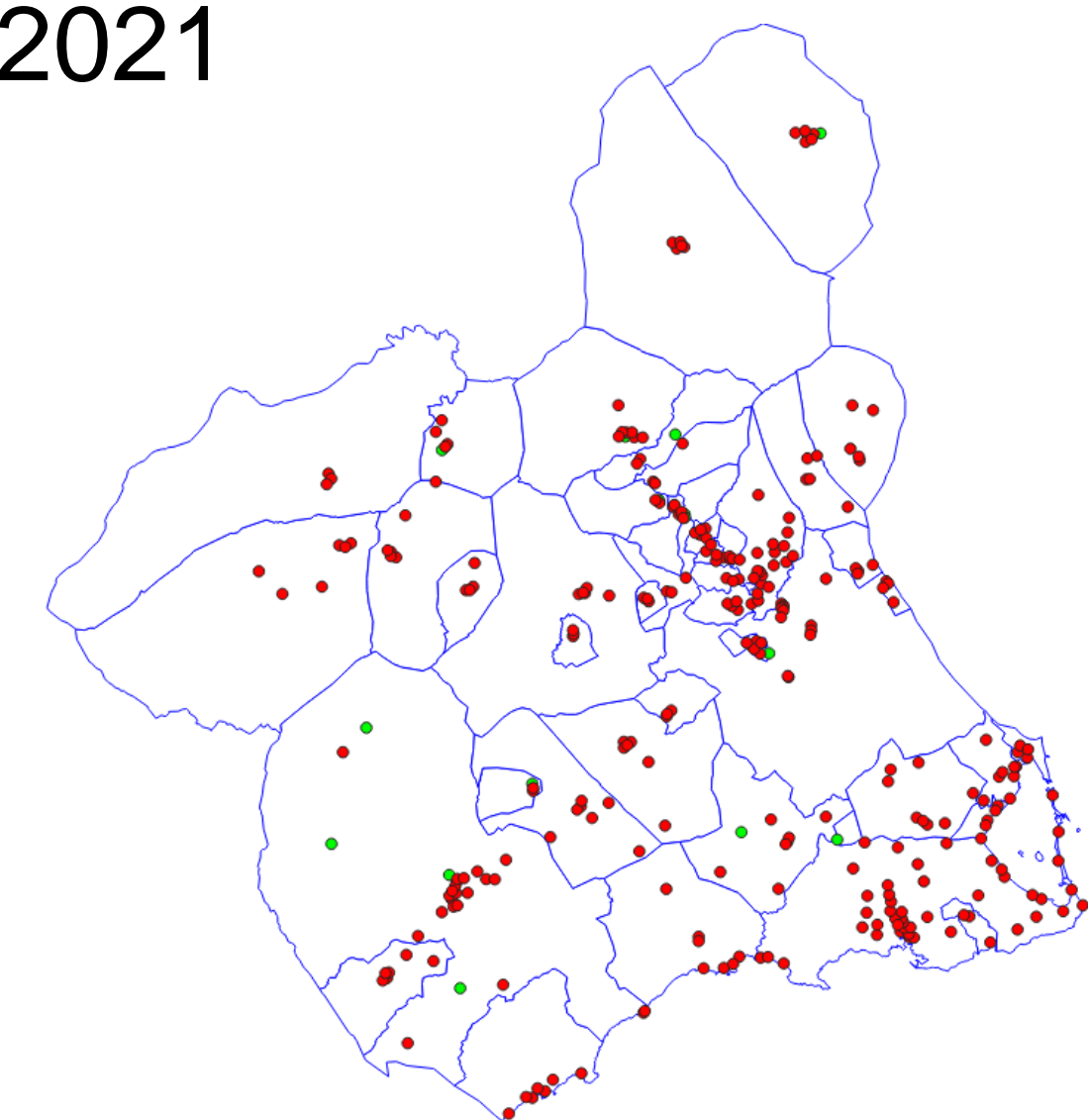
Introduction

Aedes albopictus was recorded in 2011 at first time in the Region the Murcia. From 2011-2017, only municipal or local studies were carried about. In 2018, the regional Public Health Service started a surveillance program which became standard in 2019.

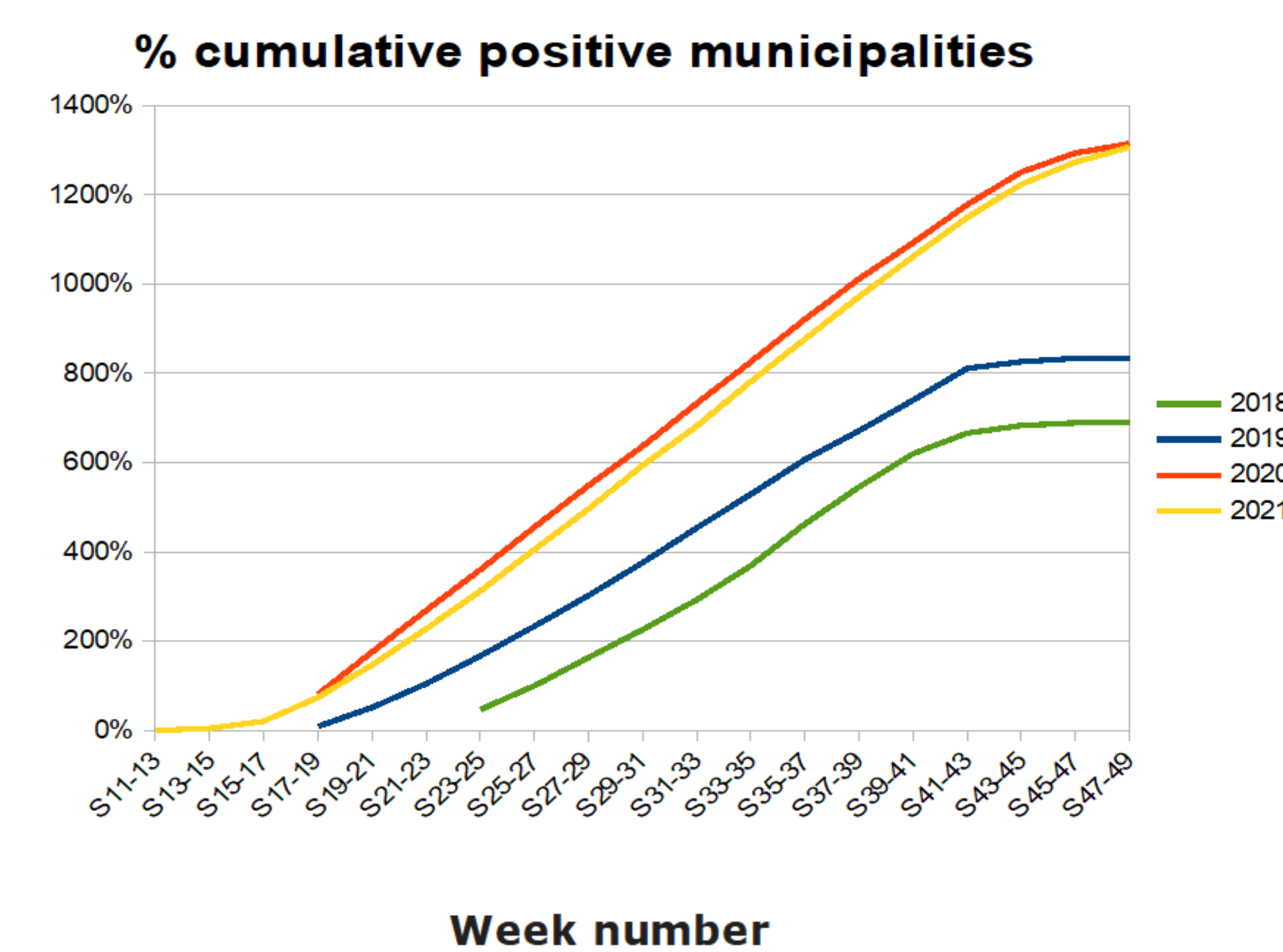
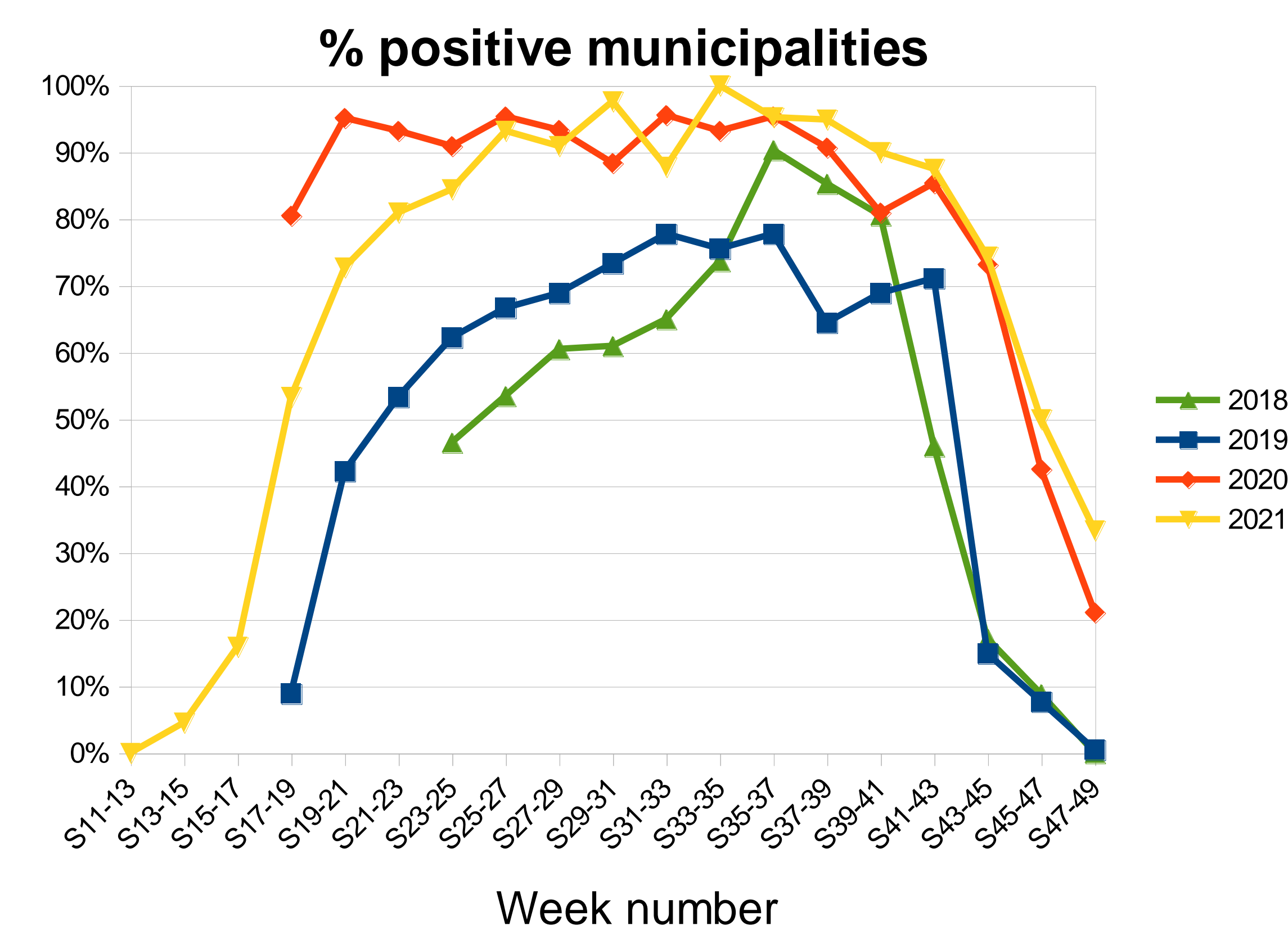
In this work, the annual population dynamics of the period 2019-2021 in the municipalities are studied and compared

Materials & Methods

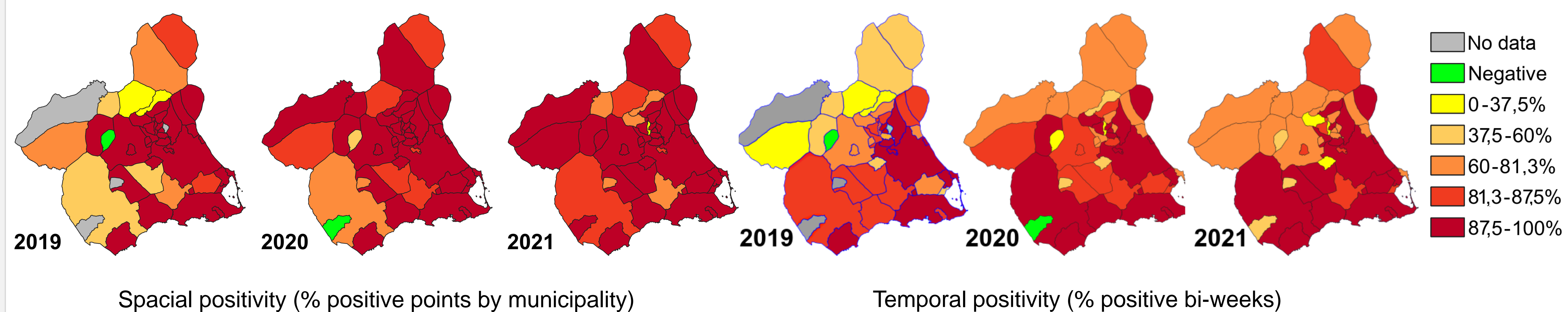
Data was obtained from the standardized sampling with duplicates ovitraps in each point, collected every two weeks, in all municipalities of the region, with 266 points in 2019, 297 in 2020 and 301 in 2021



Results



The phenology is similar in general, but the slope of the increasing and the max values differ among municipalities



Both types of positivity have changed over time, in general as increase. Both types of positivity show different intensity of infestation among municipalities

Conclusions

- Although all municipalities of the Region of Murcia are already colonized by the tiger mosquito, each one shows different degree of occupation and intensity.
- Although the management of the pest falls on each municipality, the information on the whole must be taken into account given the natural and artificial dispersion of the insect.

Further Research

- Typification of local habitats favourable for tiger mosquito breeding and development.
- Strategies for citizen cooperation in the control of breeding sites.

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