

## Challenging fear campaign against GMO mosquitoes

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As suspicions continue about the planned release of millions of genetically modified mosquitoes in a pilot project aimed at eradicating the invasive, disease-spreading *Aedes aegypti*, the MRCU and their partners in the project, the UK-based bio-technology firm Oxitec, have insisted the release is safe and that the recent adverts taken out by those opposing the project in the press are misleading the public.

“Suppressing or even eradicating the non-native species *Aedes aegypti* will not have a harmful impact on the Cayman Islands ecosystem,” they wrote in the release responding to the claims of the anti-GM bug group. “In Cayman, assessments were conducted by the Departments of Agriculture and Environment. Since the implementation of the National Conservation Law it has been further reviewed by the National Conservation Council.”

Those opposing the release have implied that the US Food and Drug Administration have rescinded the approval for the use of such GM mosquitoes but Oxitec said this is not true.

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