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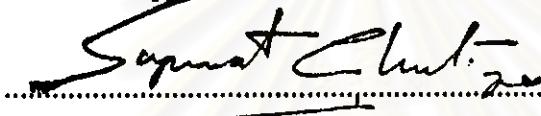
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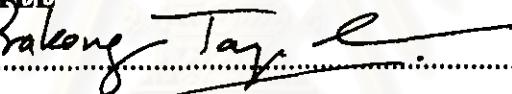
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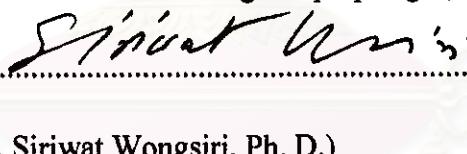
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The genetic results of aggregated colonies on a single support demonstrate that aggregated colonies were combination of related and unrelated colonies. However, related colonies were nested far away ( $>2.5$  m) whereas and unrelated colonies nested closer. The results suggest that related swarms preferentially migrated a short distance whereas the unrelated swarms preferentially nested closer in order to provide mutual defense and to enhance outbreeding.

The migratory observations indicate that *A. dorsata* seasonally altered their nest site. In winter (January) when the ambient temperature dropped below  $16^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *A. dorsata* started to migrate due to unable to maintain their optimum brood nest temperature ( $>35^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Wind speed ( $>29$  km/h) also induced colony migration by dislodging their nests. Similarly predators caused all colony migration whereas parasite pressure seems negligible.

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