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Preface

The goal of this book is to provide a reference material for homeowners and pest control operators, among others, to understand the biology and nature economically important termite species in the Philippines. It is my hope that in understanding their biology that effective control measures can be undertaken. Discussions on properties of various pesticides and treatment techniques for subterranean and drywood termites are included to successfully treat and protect structural timber and other wood products. The economics of termite control will help homeowners in the decision process on who to hire and what to use to protect their homes from termites.

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