

**TEACHING PROPOSAL ABOUT SCHISTOSOMIASIS MANSONIS
IN CRAVOLÂNDIA- BA**

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Schistosomiasis mansoni is a parasitic disease endemic to the state of Bahia, where it causes several health problems and death. This paper aims to present a proposal for teaching about schistosomiasis mansoni in an endemic area. Students of the Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences (LCB) of the Instituto Federal Baiano Campus Santa Inês, with the help of an illustrative poster and a playful activity on the subject, visited elementary schools in the city of Cravolândia-Bahia, located in the Jiquiriça Valley, southwest of Bahia. This is an endemic area for schistosomiasis mansoni. The activity was carried out in public municipal schools, for children in Elementary School I and adults in the Education for Young People and Adults (EJA) in Elementary School II. The posters and playful activities were the same, adjusting the language of the LCB students, so that each audience could understand. The lack of knowledge of some basic scientific concepts about the form of infection, symptoms and preventive measures of the disease was evident. Children, in Elementary School I, were very curious and interacted with the exhibitors. As for the adults (EJA students), in Elementary School II, it was noticed that there was popular knowledge and they reported some myths, which were duly clarified. This teaching proposal, called "PARASITOLOGICAL SHOW: Promoting Education and Health", favors the training of future Biology teachers (LCB students), while disseminating correct knowledge to students of different ages and teaching modalities, popularizing Parasitology.

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