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## Information Flow – Zoonotic Disease Surveillance in Wildlife

*Farm Foundation: Zoonoses: Understanding the Animal  
Agriculture and Human Health Connection*

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**Local conservation.  
Global health.**

## Most EIDs are Zoonotic

~ 50% of known human  
pathogens are zoonotic

**73% of *emerging* human  
pathogens are zoonotic,  
most originate in  
wildlife.**

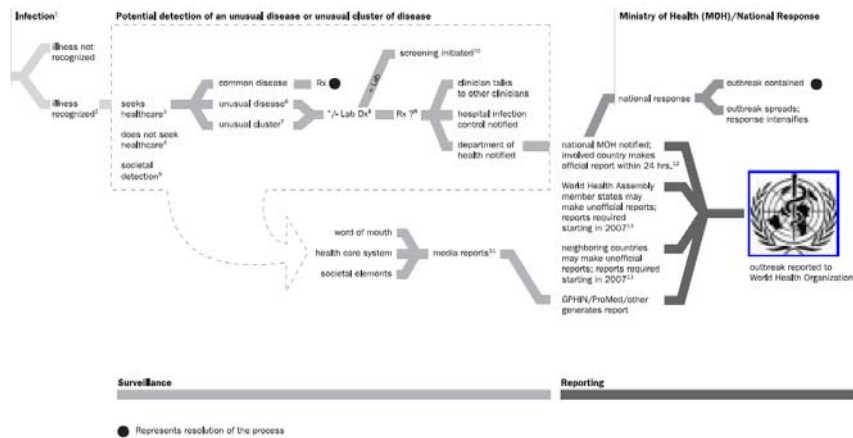
Rate of disease emergence is  
increasing (not just detection)

Complex process!



Taylor & Woolhouse, ICEID 2000, Jones et al *Nature* 2008

## Current Surveillance Systems focus on human or livestock outbreaks



Hitchcock, et al.  
 Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice, and Science  
 Volume 5, Number 3, 2007 © Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.

## Global Challenges to Wildlife Surveillance and Response to Emerging Zoonoses

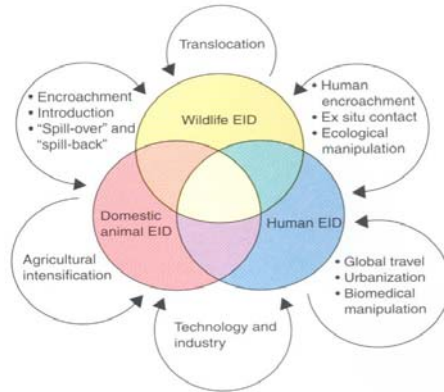
There is no agency responsible for global wildlife disease surveillance

Laboratories in developing countries are unable to detect/diagnose wildlife disease or known zoonoses

Developing countries often lack expertise in wildlife health/disease

Inter-ministerial cooperation/communication (Health, Agriculture, and Environment (wildlife)) is lacking

## Anthropogenic Drivers of Zoonotic Disease Emergence



- Agriculture – H5N1, Nipah virus
- Bushmeat hunting – HIV, Ebola
- Travel – SARS, WNV
- Trade – Monkeypox, SARS
- Urbanization – Rabies, Lyme, others...?





## Zoonotic pathogens often don't cause disease in natural hosts

Hantavirus in mice  
Nipah virus in bats  
Herpes B in macaques  
Marburg virus in bats

These pathogens cause severe  
disease in humans and other  
animal hosts

**Surveillance of "healthy" animals  
is important for identifying  
known or potential zoonotic  
agents**



*mouse photo: John Good*

## Viruses can cause disease in non-reservoir animal species

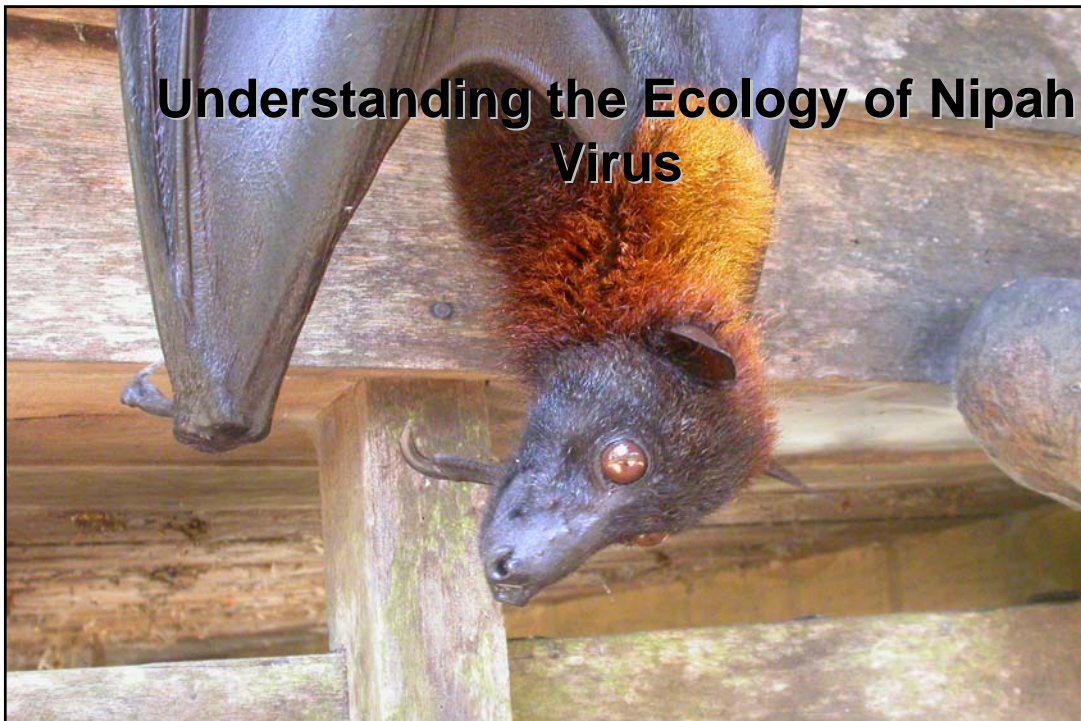
Ebola virus  
Bats are putative  
reservoir  
Hemorrhagic  
disease in  
gorillas

95% mortality

Gorilla die-offs  
preceded human  
outbreaks in  
Congo



Photos: Fox news; Discover magazine

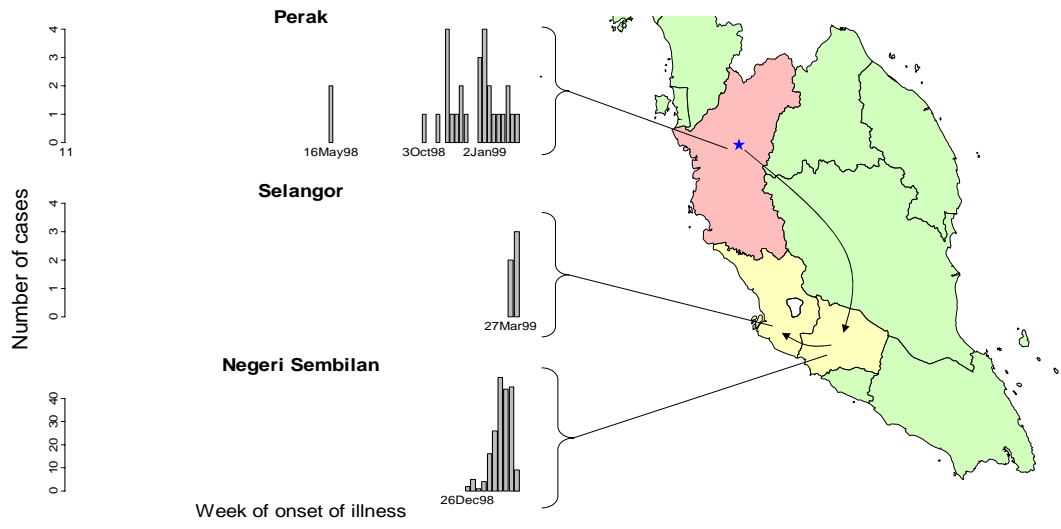


# Disease in Swine

- High morbidity, low mortality
- Abortions
- Respiratory disease – loud barking cough
- Paralysis, ataxia, fever
- Virus mainly in respiratory epithelium and meninges



## Nipah virus in Malaysia, 1998-1999 Human encephalitic cases



## Nipah virus in Malaysia, 1998-1999

- Most human cases worked on infected pig farms
- > 1 million pigs culled
- 800 pig-farms demolished
- 36,000 jobs lost
- > \$300 (US) million exports lost



## Two hypotheses for emergence:

- Climatic factors (1997 ENSO) and wildfires brought infected bats to Ipoh (Chua et al, 2002)
- Nipah virus is enzootic and widely distributed in *Pteropus* spp., and agricultural Intensification (large-scale pig farming) drove emergence





## **Agricultural Intensification**

**Index farm:  
30,000+ pigs  
adjacent to primary  
forest, fruit bat habitat**

**Network of other large  
farms close by**









## **Nipah Virus Emergence in Malaysia**

**Complex!**

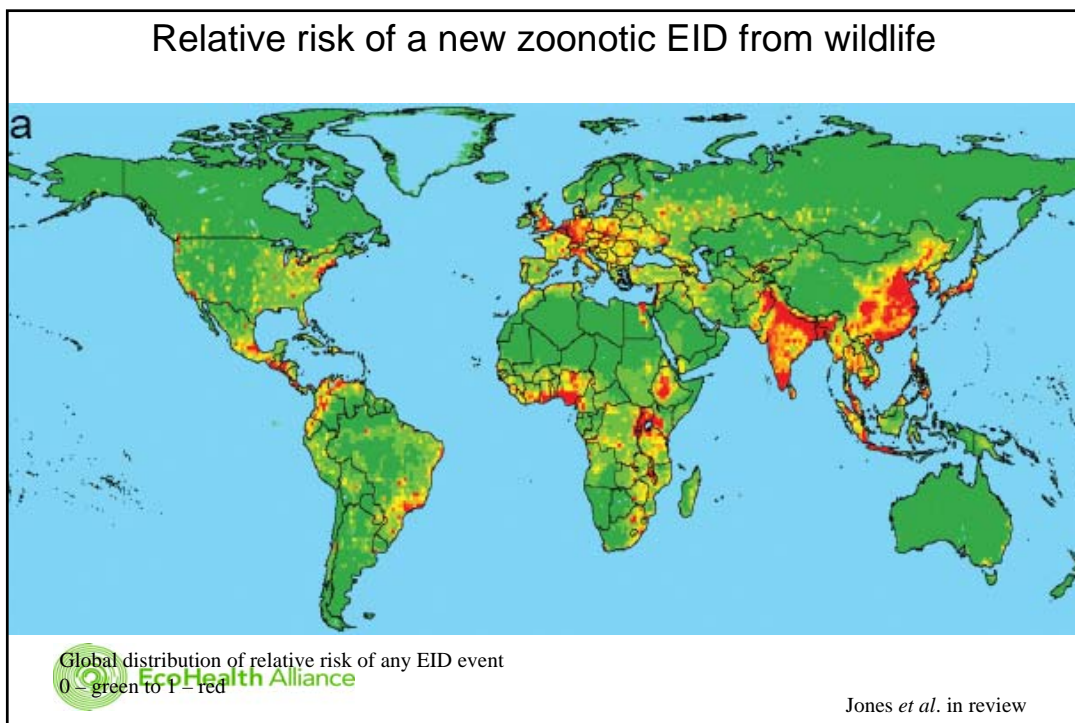
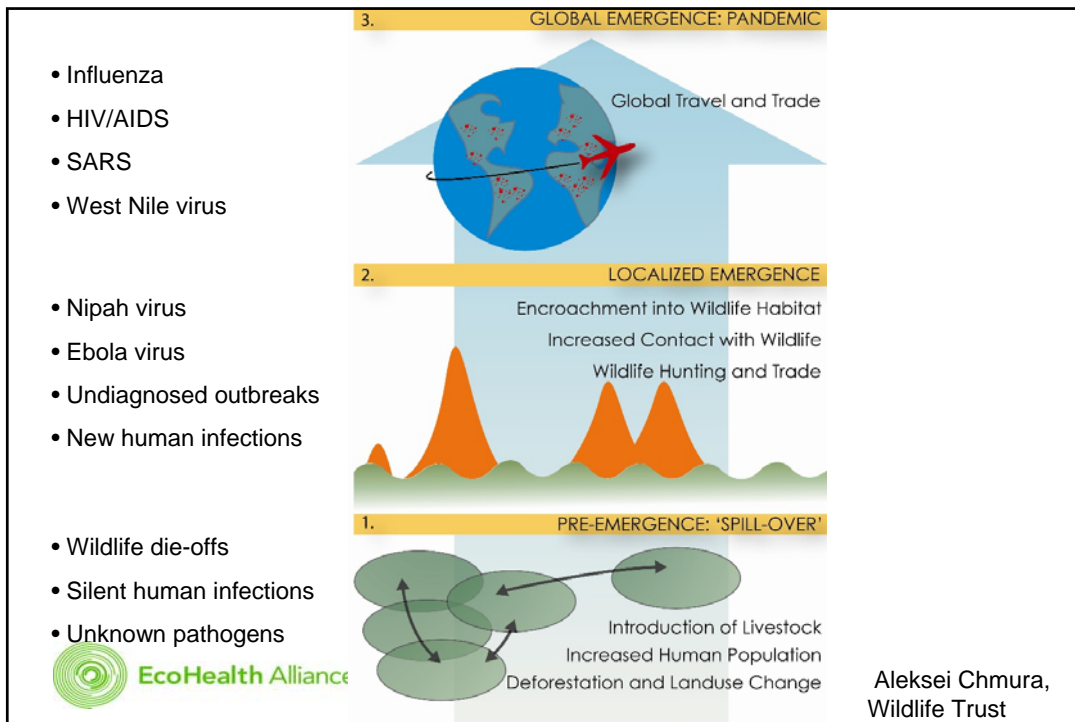
**Driven by pig farm expansion /  
intensification**

**Availability of cultivated fruit on farms**

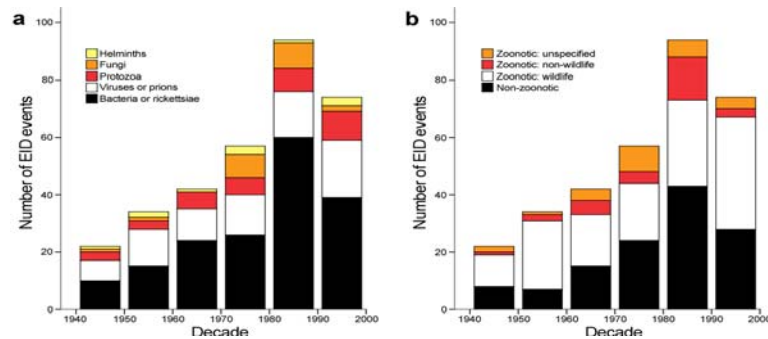
**Size and structure of pig farm was  
critical to emergence**

**Simple solution – remove fruit trees  
from pig farms  
(no new outbreaks)**





# Temporal patterns in EID events



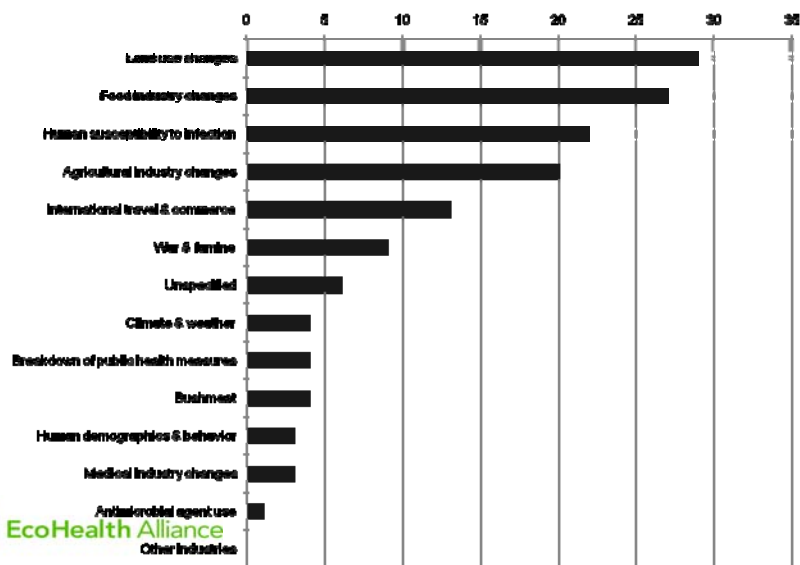
- Significant increase since 1940 (controlling for reporting effort), reaching a peak in 1980s – AIDS/HIV?
- Zoonotics from wildlife are causing the majority of events in recent decade and are significantly increasing

Jones et al. 2008 Nature

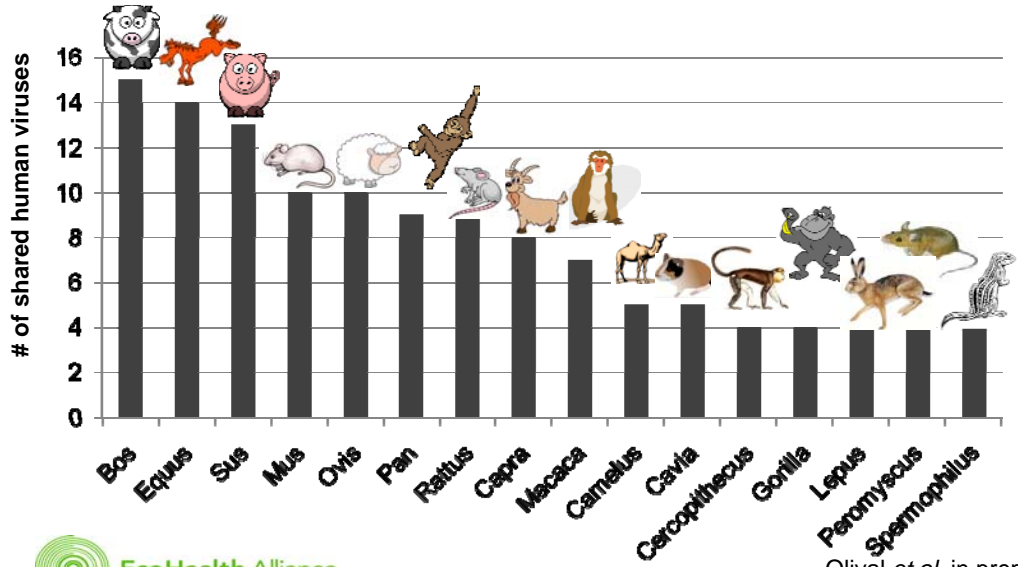


# Drivers of EIDs

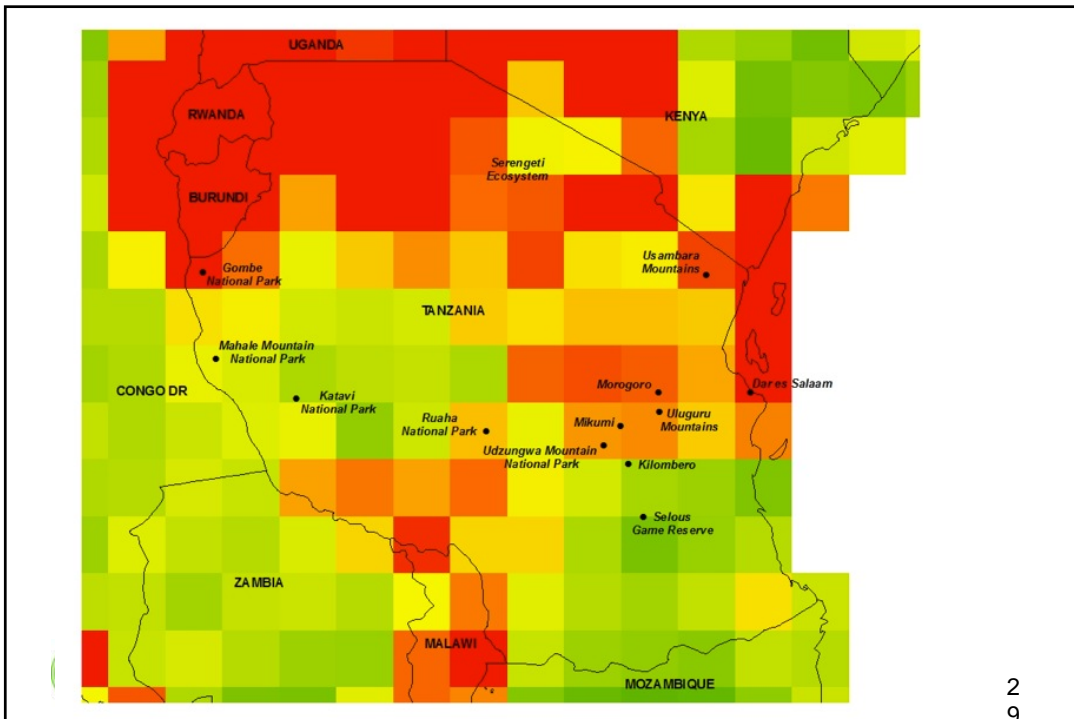
## Driver of Wildlife Zoonotic Diseases



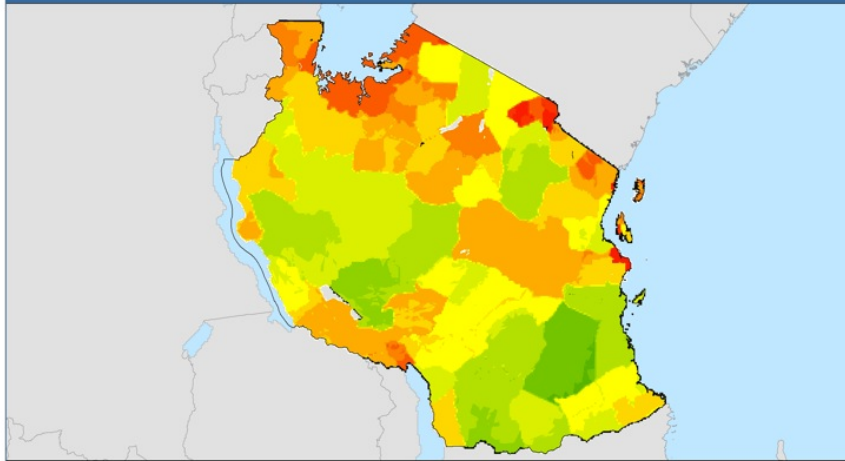
## Top 16 mammal Genera, # of viruses shared with humans



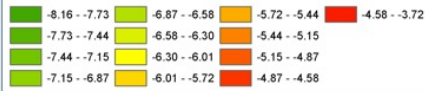
Olival et al. in prep



Hotspot Risk Map of Wildlife EID: Tanzania



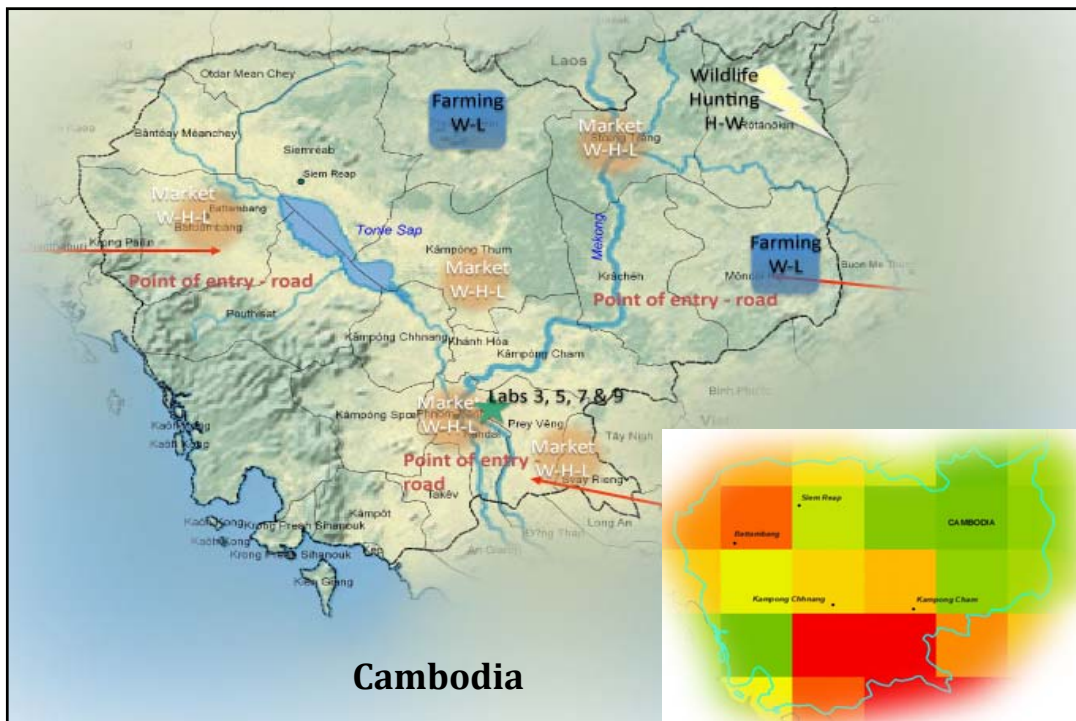
1/2 Standard deviation

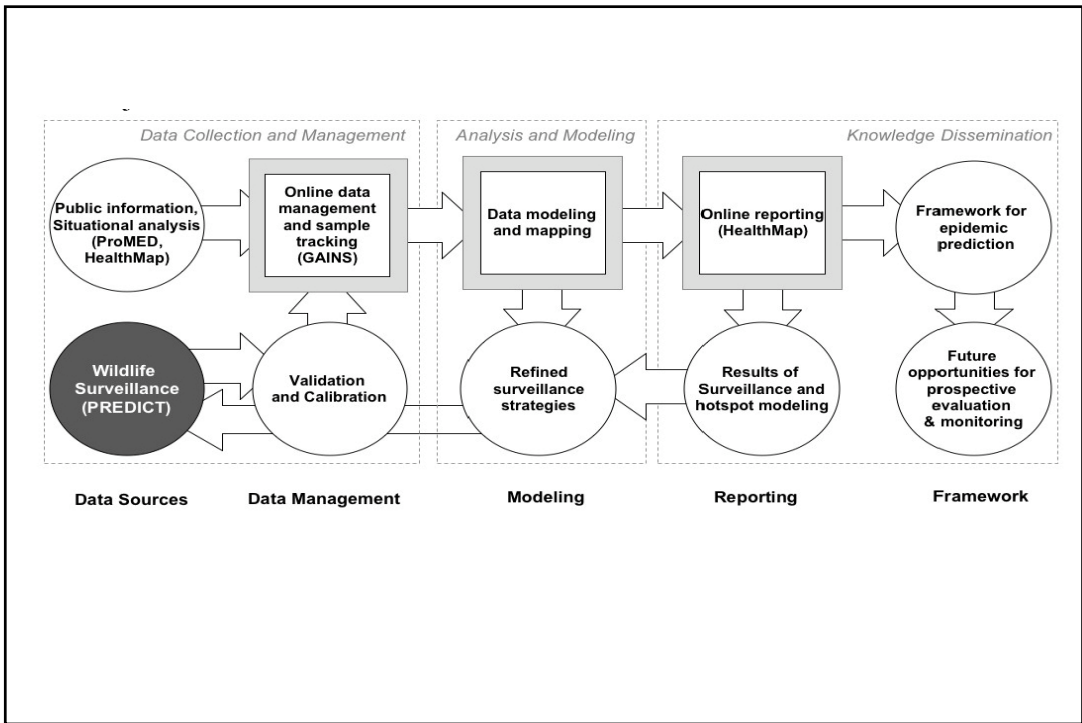
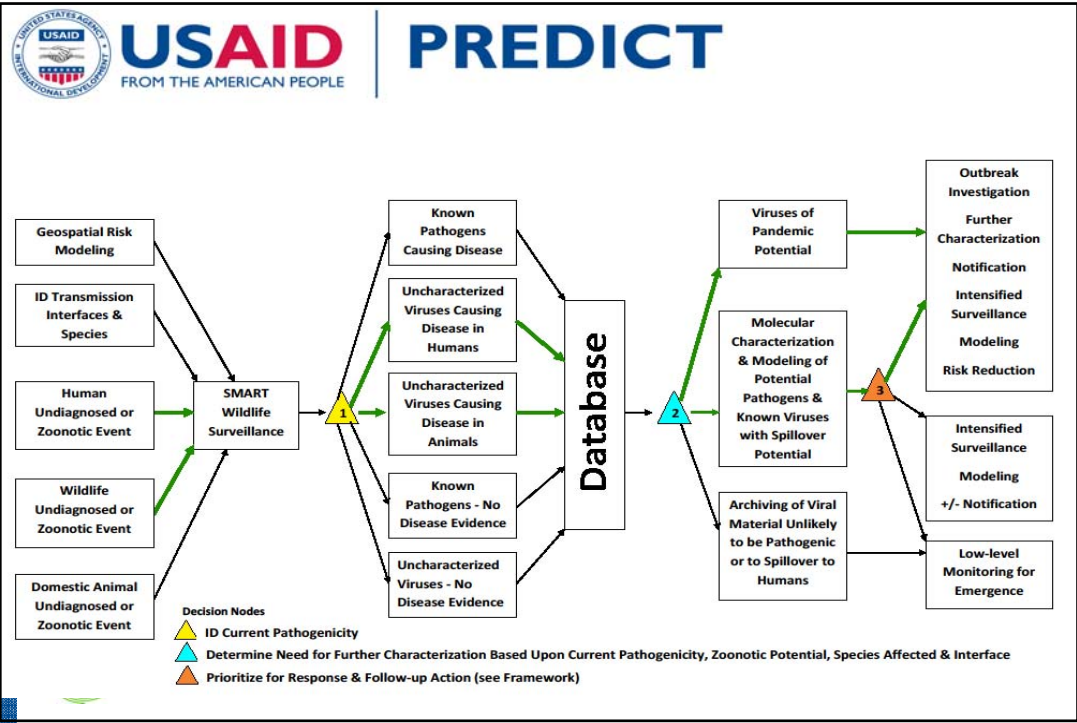


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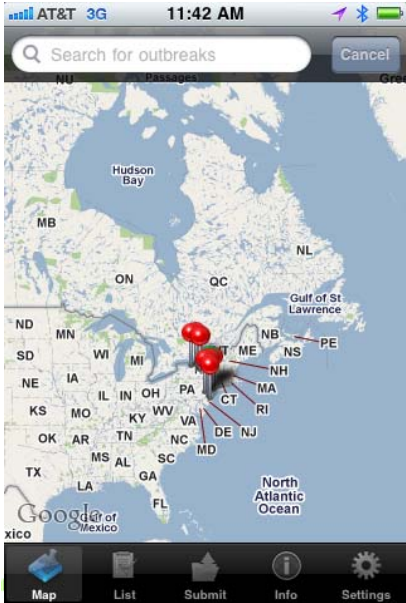

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