

Emerging Infections and the Ecotone



Cover: Emerging Zoonoses and Pathogens of Public Health Concern



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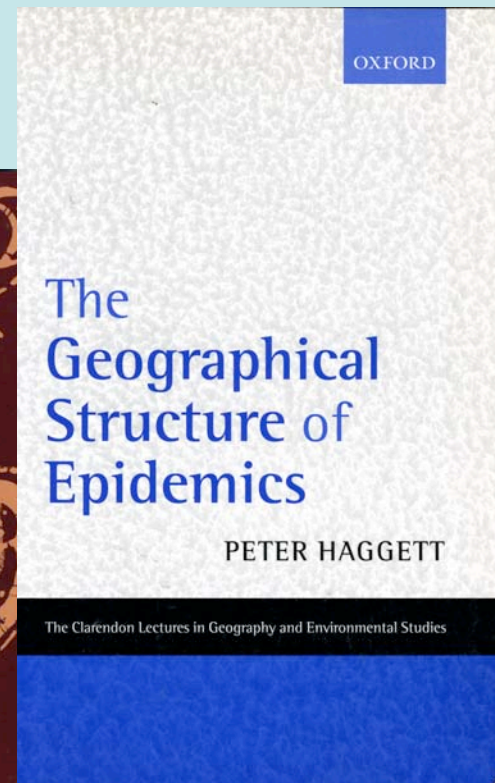
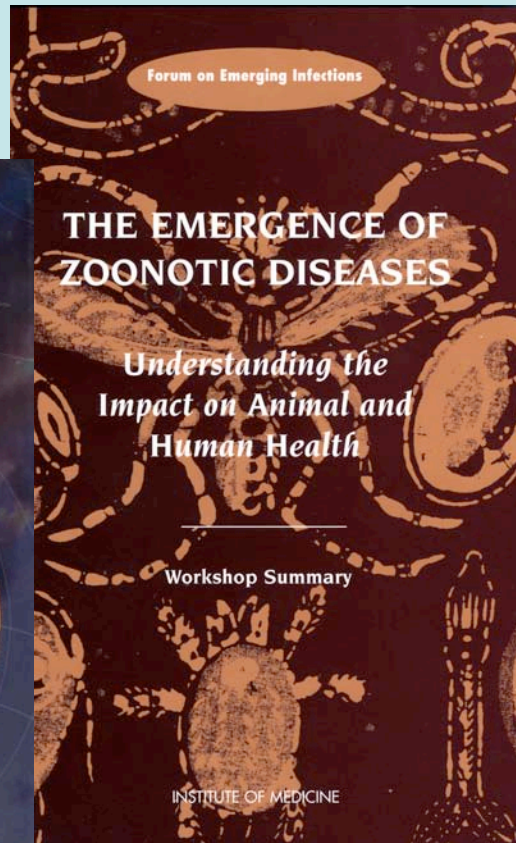
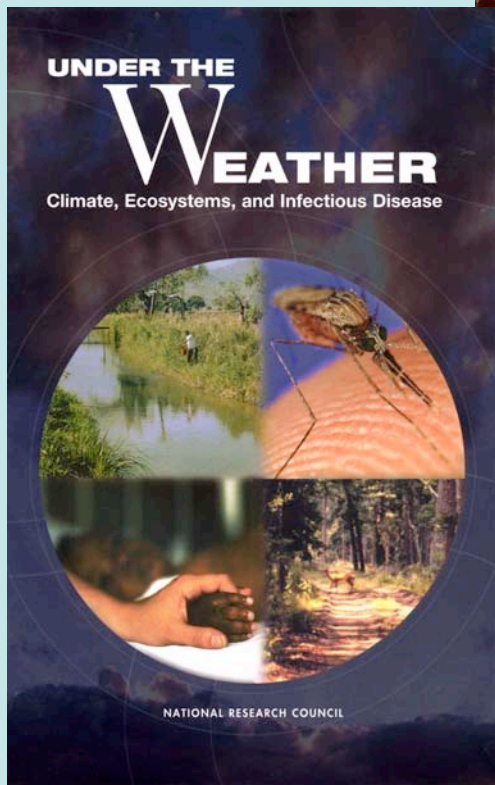
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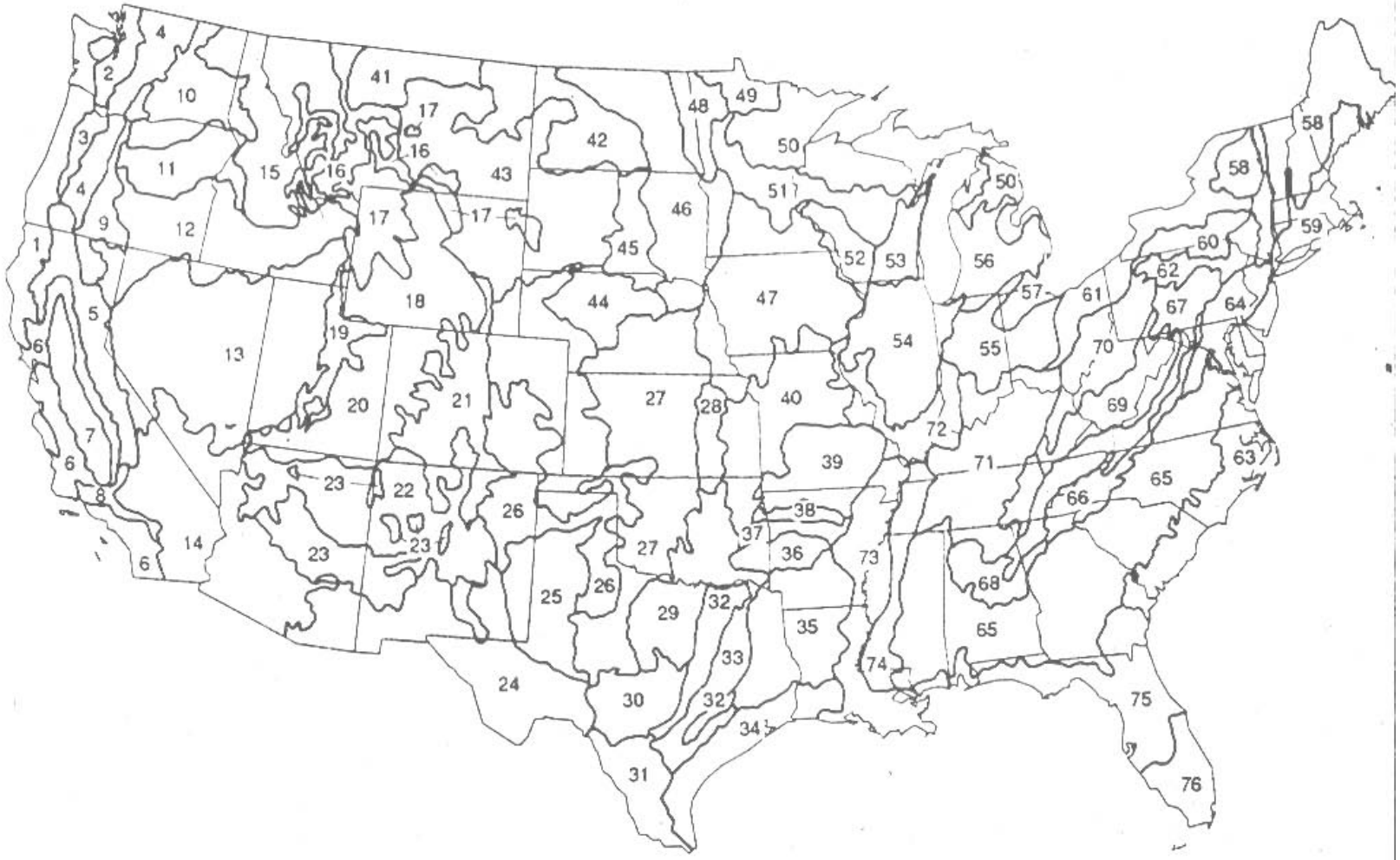


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An ecotone is a narrow transition zone between one ecosystem and another.

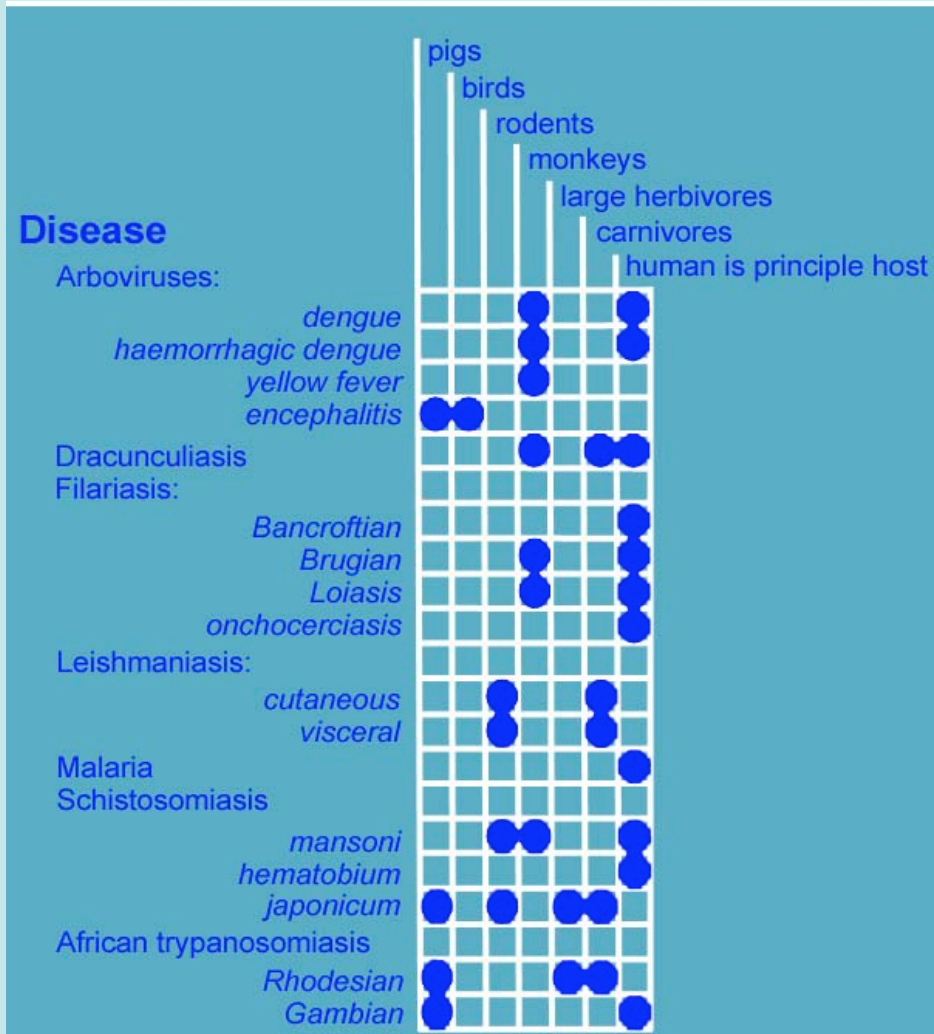


Characteristics reportedly elevated in <u>Ecotones</u>	Ecological process effected	Host-Parasite (pathogen) Consequence
<u>species richness & density</u>	High frequency of novel species contact	<u>increased</u> opportunity for pathogen host-switch, species jumping
<u>genetic diversity</u>	Intense, diversifying selection pressure	<u>increased</u> opportunity for genetic exchange, genetic novelty
<u>productivity</u>	High population density	<u>opportunity</u> for pathogen persistence
Cross - and along boundary flows of energy, materials, and organisms.	High dispersal and regulation of movement and flows of species, water, and materials	<u>increased</u> opportunity for pathogen spread via host or environmental media (water, air, soil/sediment)
Environmental variability and gradients; habitat heterogeneity	Spatial and temporal environmental variation in biotic and <u>abiotic factors</u>	<u>more rapid</u> microbial, parasite or pathogen adaptation

CDC Master List of Emerging Infectious Diseases					
	Infectious Agents	Natural Reservoir	Source	Ecotone involvement	
1	Cholera	copopods/water	fecal contam	terres-aquatic	Transmission leading to endemic or epidemic disease from shellfish or marine or estuarine water
1	hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	vertebrates	rodents	settlement-nat. ecosys.	Transmission mainly from wild rodents encroaching into homes and farm buildings
1	hendra virus infection	vertebrates	bats	ag-nat. ecosys.	Spillover from Pteros bats to horses (MacKenzie et al 2001)
1	Influenza	vertebrates	birds	terres-aquatic	Spillover from migratory waterfowl, domestic fowl, to pigs; migratory waterfowl
1	Lyme disease	vertebrates	tick	settlement-nat. ecosys.	hosts and vectors proliferate in forest edges
1	Nipah virus infection	vertebrates	bats	ag-nat. ecosys.	Spillover from Pteros bats to pigs
1	rabies	vertebrates	mammals	settlement-nat. ecosys.	Spillover to dogs or direct transmission from wild mammals
1	yellow fever	vertebrates	mammals	settlement-nat. ecosys.	Transmission leading to endemic or epidemic disease from mosquitoes at forest edges
2	African trypanosomiasis	vertebrate	mammals	settlement-nat. ecosys.	Spillover from wild ungulates to pigs
2	Campylobacteriosis	vertebrates/water	Vibrio or fecal contaminated water	terres-aquatic	Spreads via ground and surface water; facilitated by human alteration of natural drainage systems
2	Chagas disease	vertebrates	Reduviid bug	settlement-nat. ecosys.	Transmission involves both sylvatic and domestic cycles (Tiexera et al 2001, Beard et al 2003)
					Spreads via ground and surface water; facilitated by human

From: Despommier & Wilcox. 2005 Ecohealth (accepted for publication)

The main animal hosts of vector-borne diseases



Associations between vectors, diseases and water

Disease

Arboviruses:

dengue
haemorrhagic dengue
yellow fever
encephalitis

Dracunculiasis

Filariasis:

Bancroftian
Brugian
Loiasis
onchocerciasis

Leishmaniasis:

cutaneous
visceral

Malaria

Schistosomiasis

African trypanosomiasis

The vector's relationship with water

Breeds in water

Breeds in wet ground

Breeds in damp ground

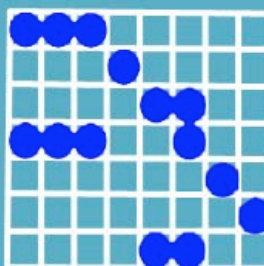
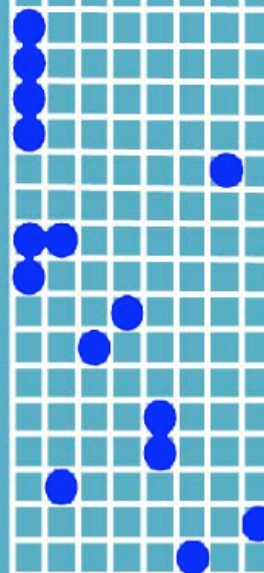
Lives near water

Found in drinking water

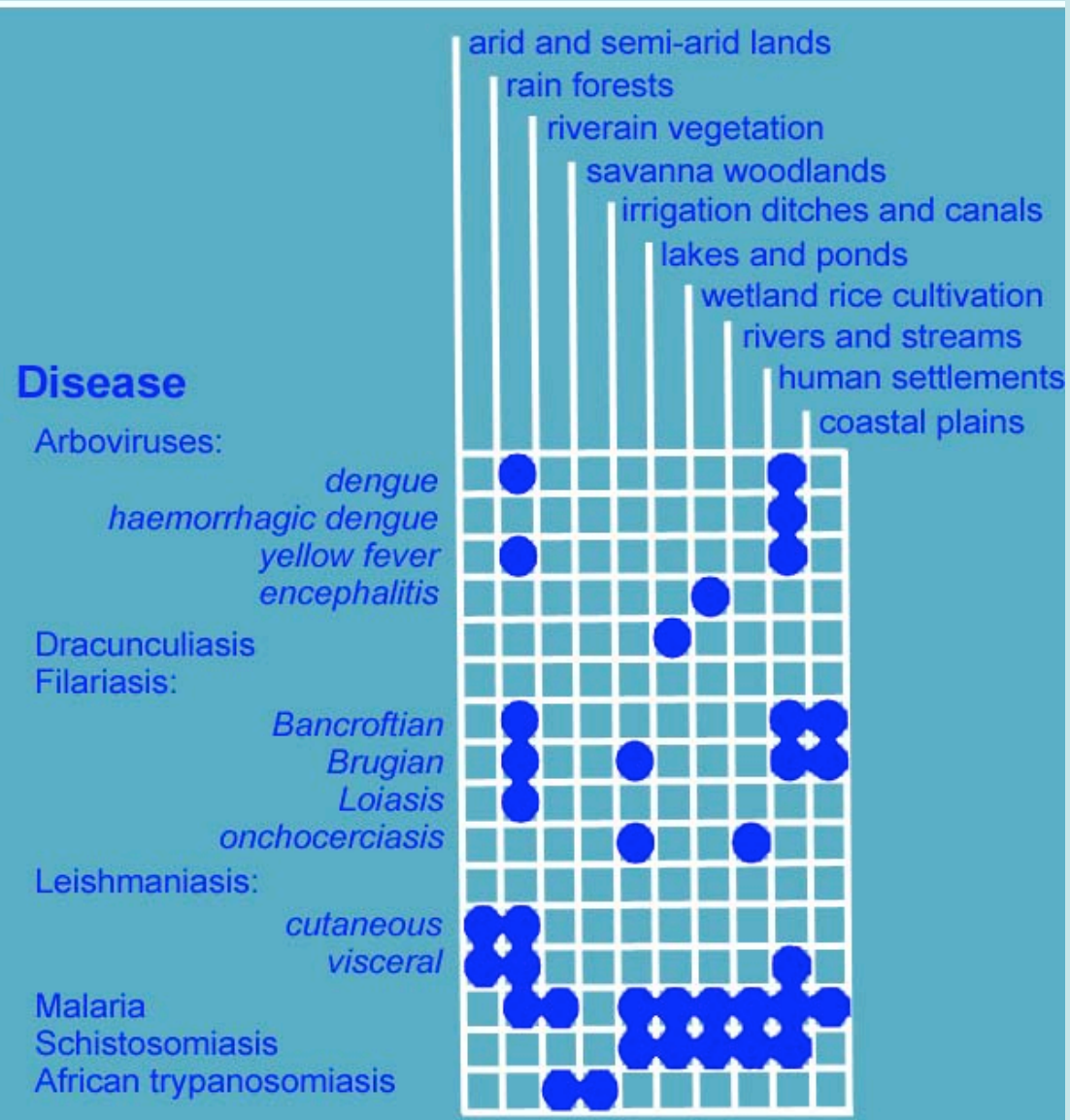
Entire life cycle in water

Lives elsewhere

culicine mosquito
anopheline mosquito
simuliid blackfly
tabanid horsefly
phlebotomine sandfly
tsetse fly
cyclops
water snail



The principle diseases in relation to the principle habitats of the vectors



*Environmental disturbance leads to emergence
or establishment of infectious agents*

Urbanization: (encroachment into natural systems)

Cholera

Rabies

Lyme Disease

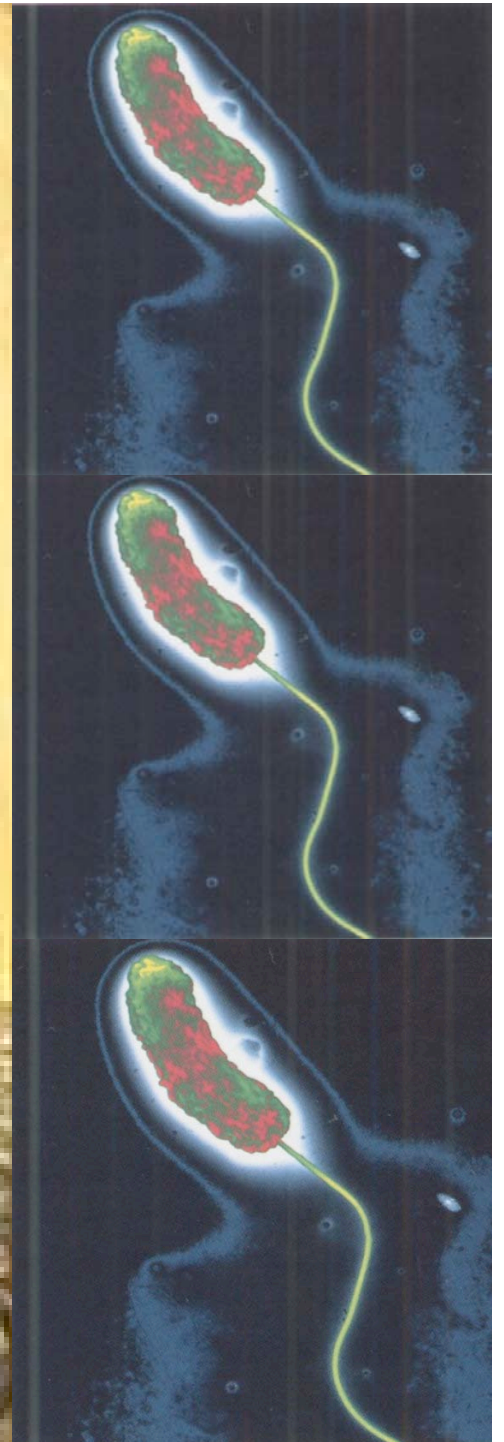
Arboviruses - Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever

Ebola, Lassa, Hanta

Plague

African Sleeping Sickness

Cholera



Cholera

Then and Now

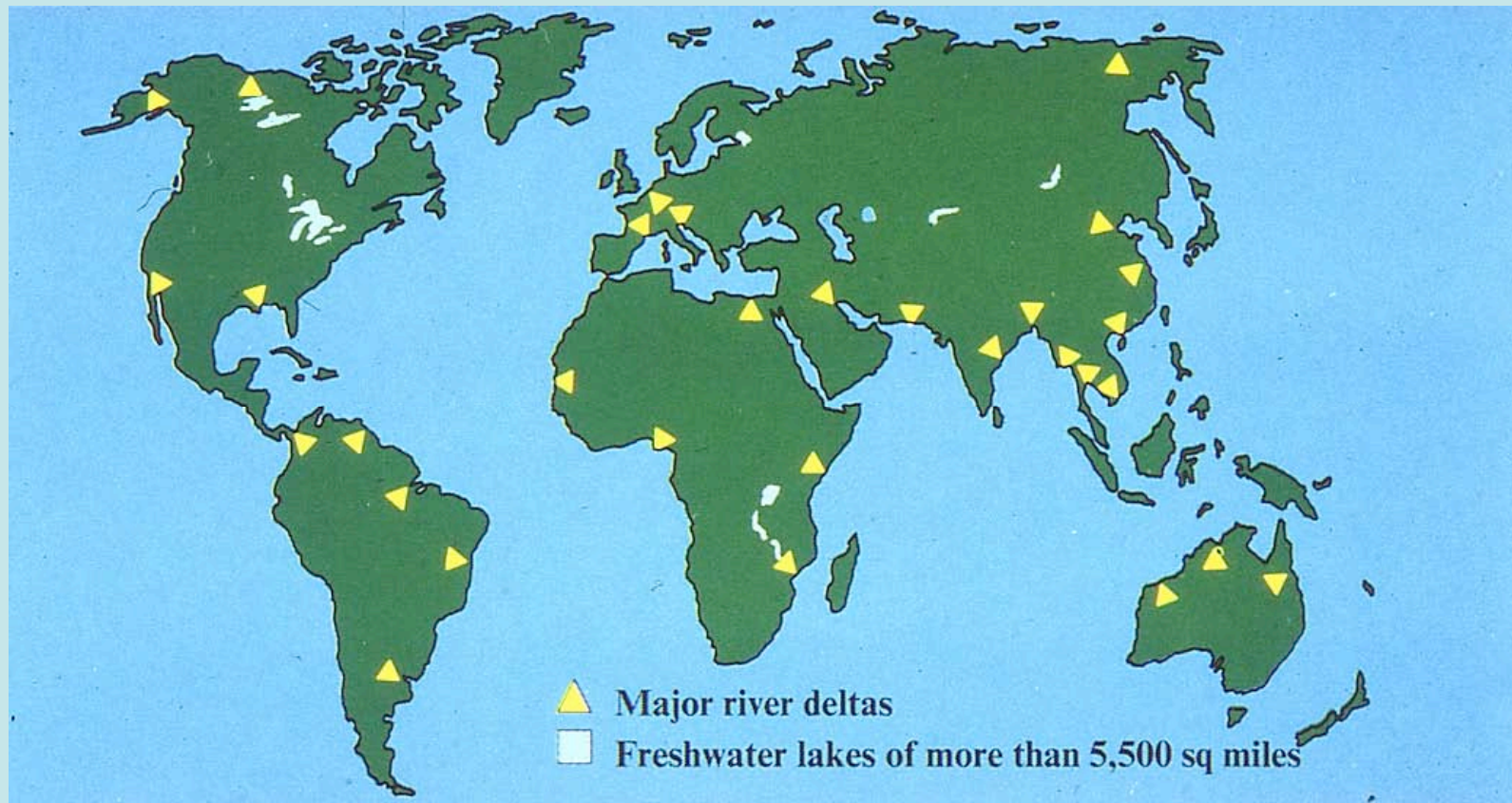


John Snow



Rita Colwell

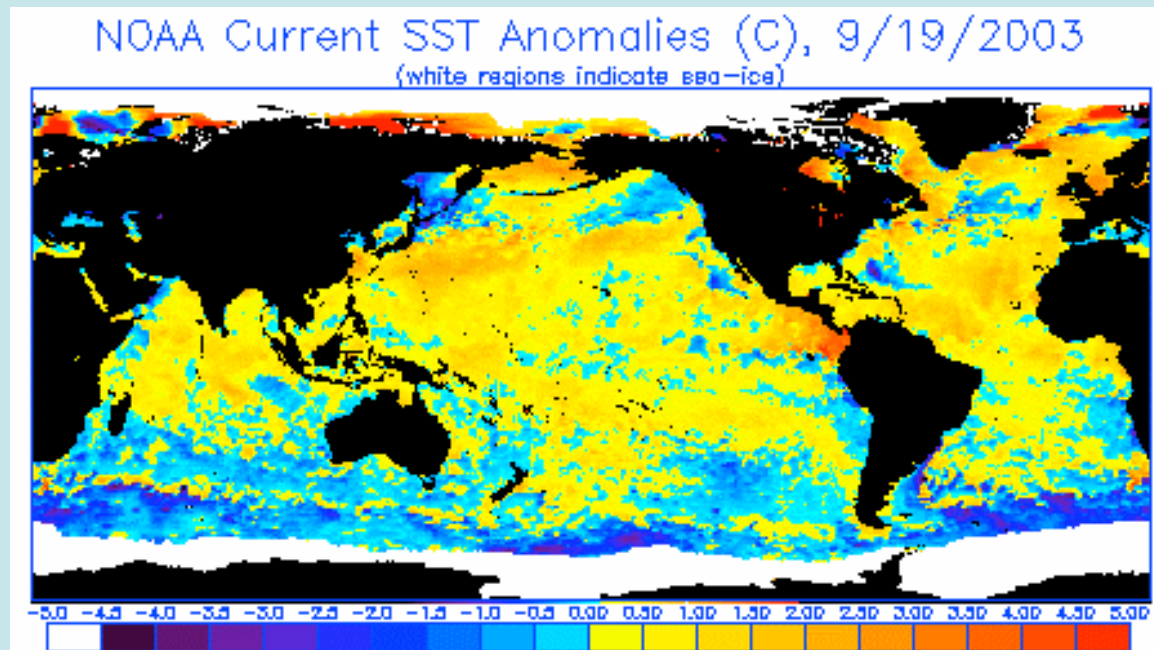
Distribution Of Estuaries



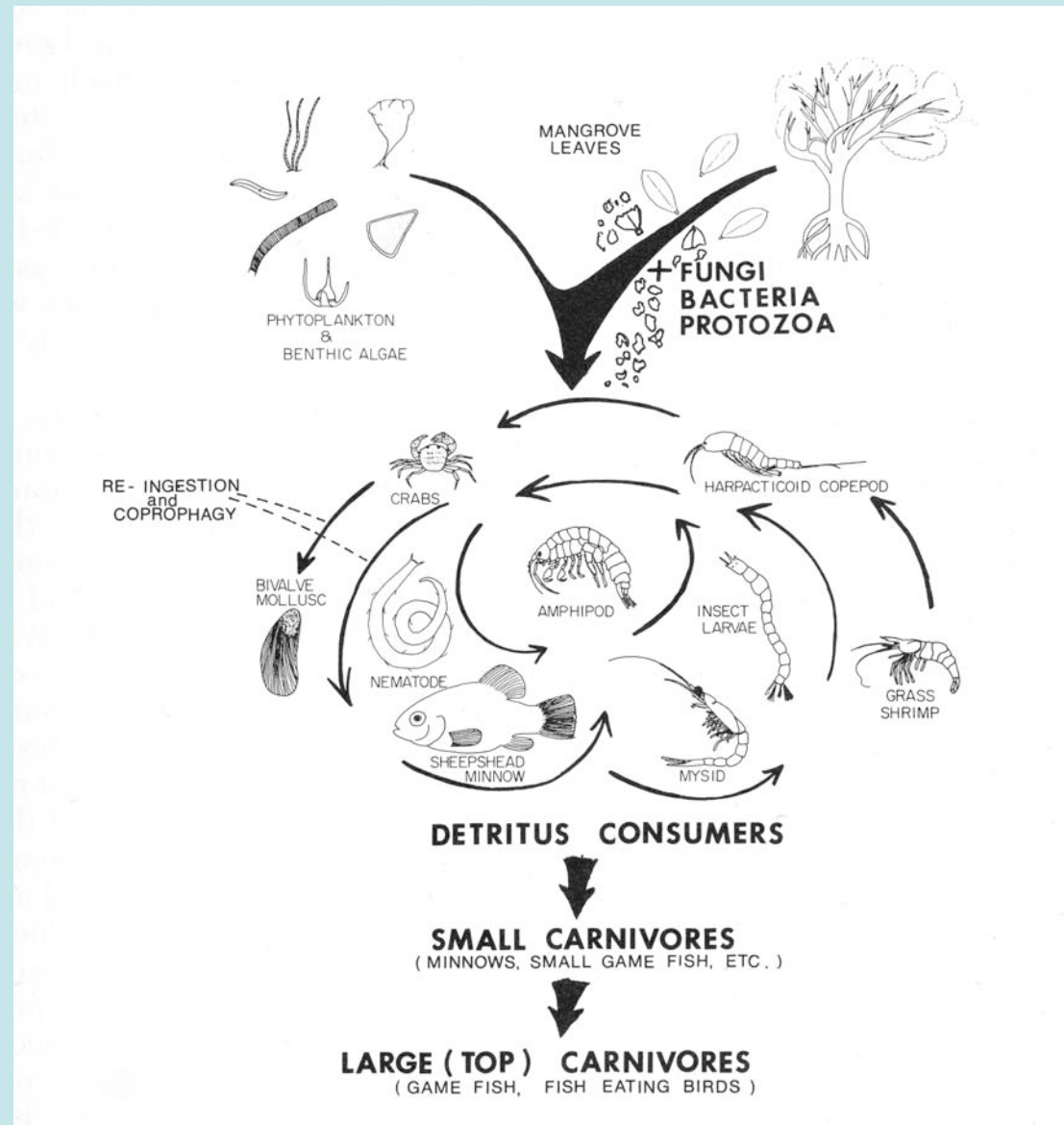
February 3, 2000

El Niño Increases Diarrheal Disease Incidence by 200 Percent

The El Niño phenomenon--the warming of the equatorial Pacific ocean that occurs every two to seven years--has been linked to outbreaks of dengue, malaria, and cholera. Now, researchers from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, A.B. Prisma, and the Instituto Nacional de Salud in Lima, Peru, have found that the 1997-1998 El Niño season increased hospitalizations for diarrheal disease by 200 percent, according to a study published in the February 5th issue of *The Lancet*. The results are cause for concern, said the researchers, since diarrhea already causes one billion episodes and three million deaths annually in children under five worldwide.



Trophic Relationships Of The Mangrove Estuary



From: E. Odum *Fundamentals Of Ecology*

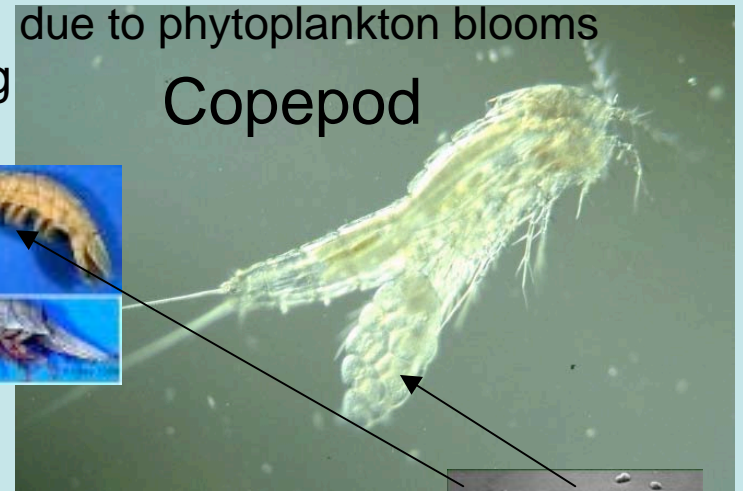
Ecology of Cholera

Epidemics

Numbers increase during monsoons
due to phytoplankton blooms

Copepod

Filter-feeding
crustacea



Throw net fishing for
crustacea after the
monsoons in
Bay of Bengal



Fecal contamination of freshwater and human activities

Vibrio cholerae and its relatives
are marine microbes, fully integrated into
their respective food webs.

*Environmental conditions
favoring growth of vibrio:*

1. *Low salt*
2. *High Nutrient Load*
3. *20°C*
4. *Triggers phytoplankton bloom*
5. *Followed by zooplankton bloom*
6. *Followed by a cholera outbreak*

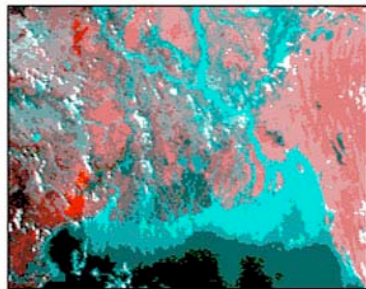
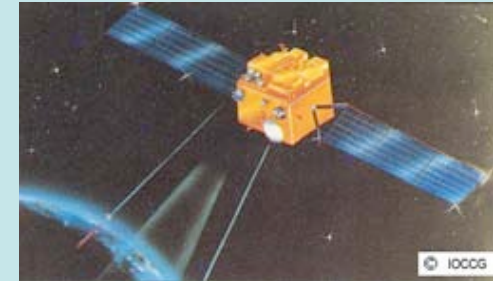
Phytoplankton Bloom



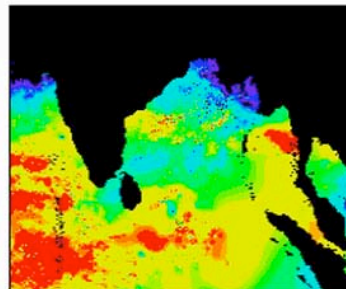
Marine copepod with
Vibrio cholerae
attached to egg cases.

Monsoons

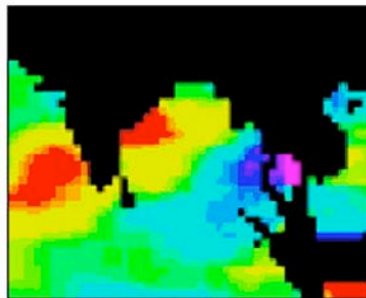
1. lower the salinity of the estuary
2. bring nutrients to the estuary
3. raise the ambient water temperature of the estuary



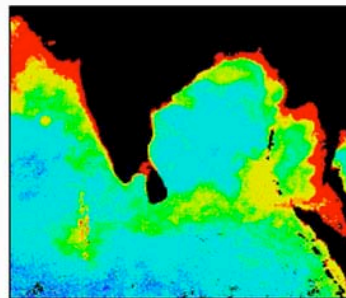
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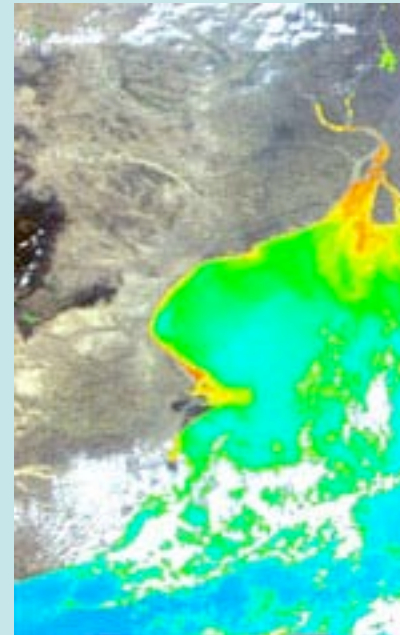
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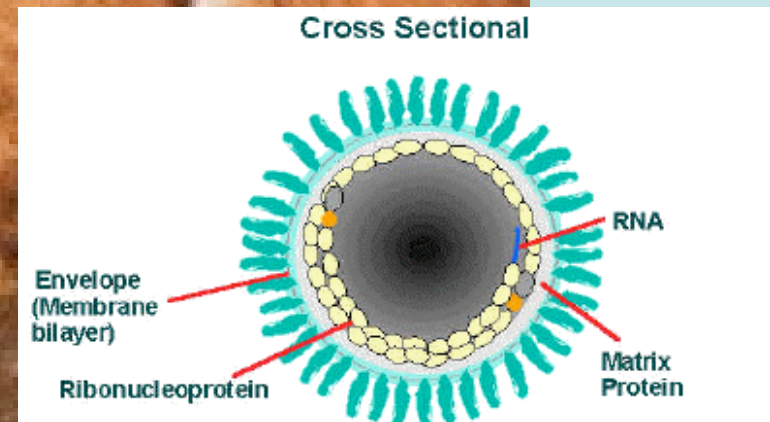
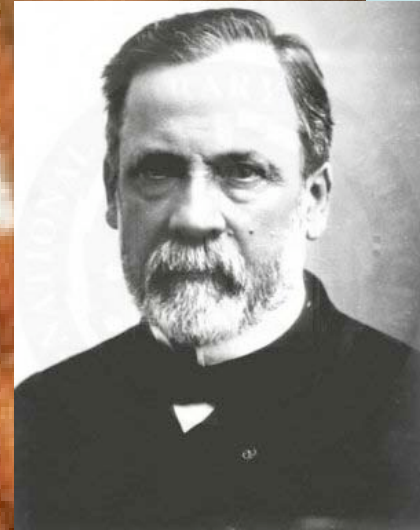
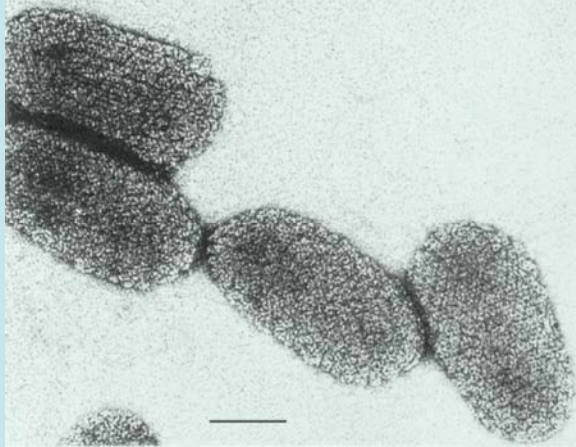
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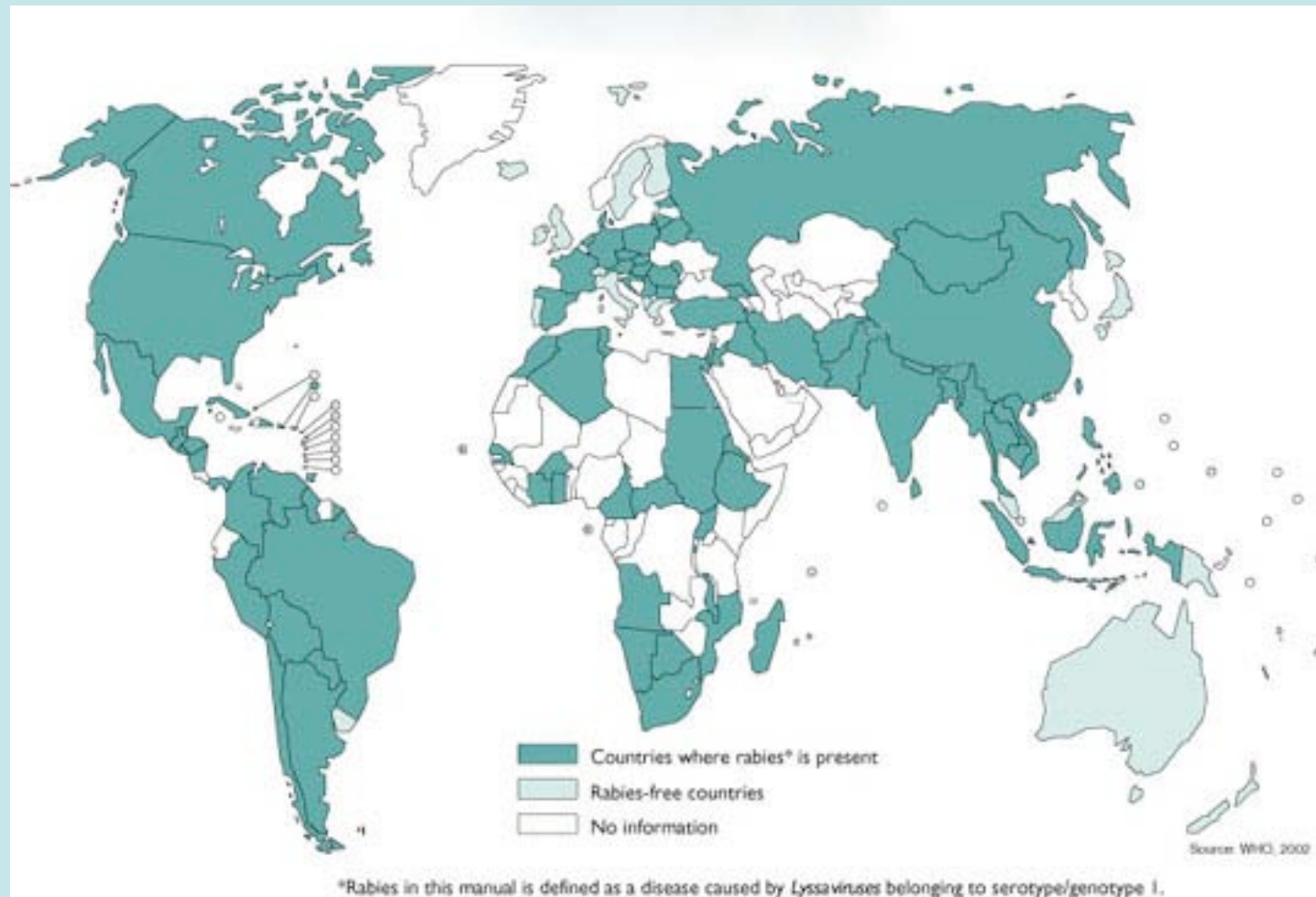
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Rabies



World Distribution of Rabies



Rabies vectors and carriers





Fruit Bats



*Bela Lugosi:
Patron Saint of
all bat species*

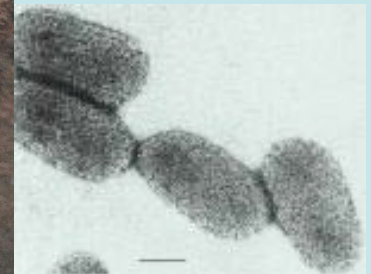


Nipah virus

Did you know?
30% of all mammalian species are bats



Vampire Bat



rabies virus

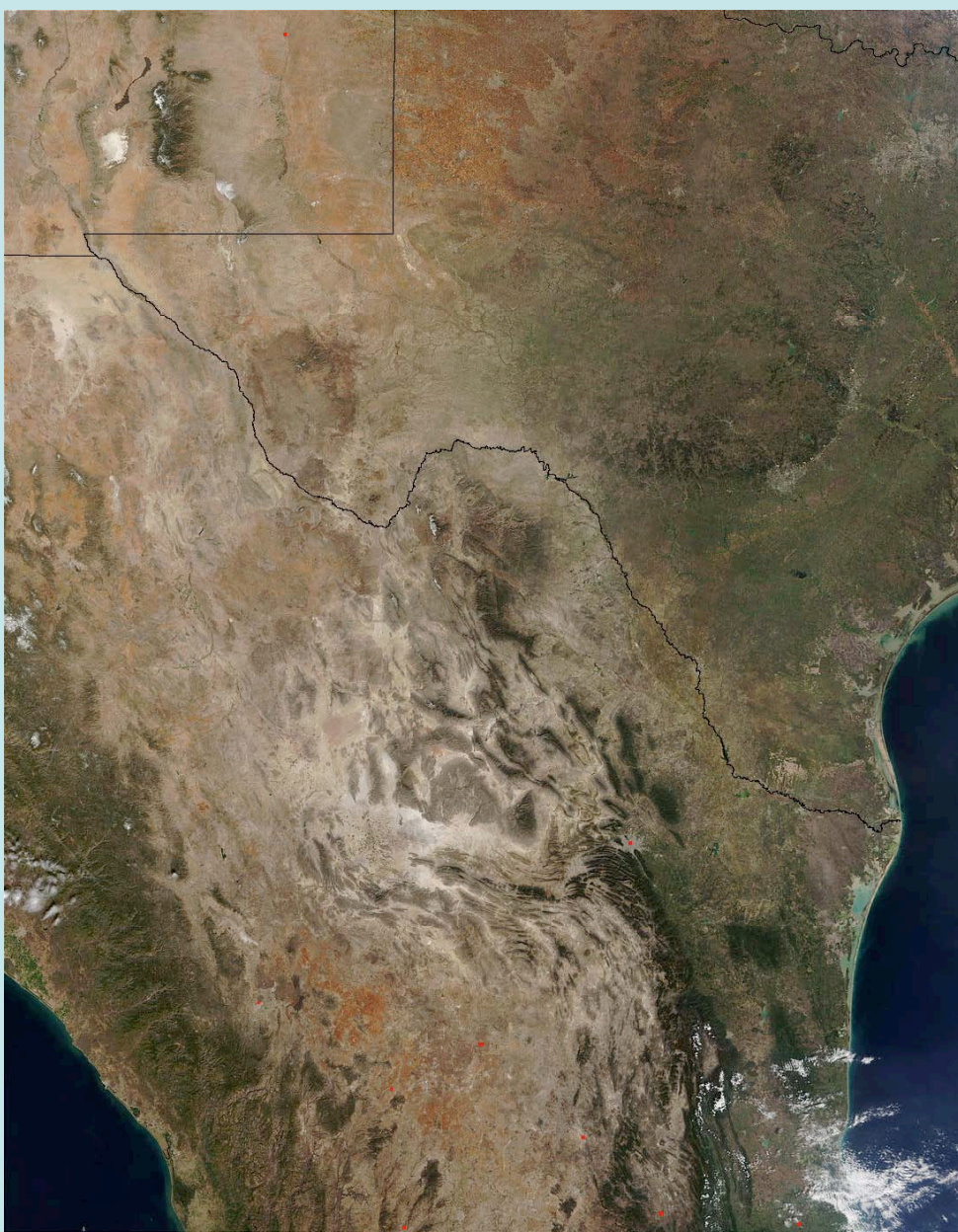
ProMed: Oct 27th, 2005

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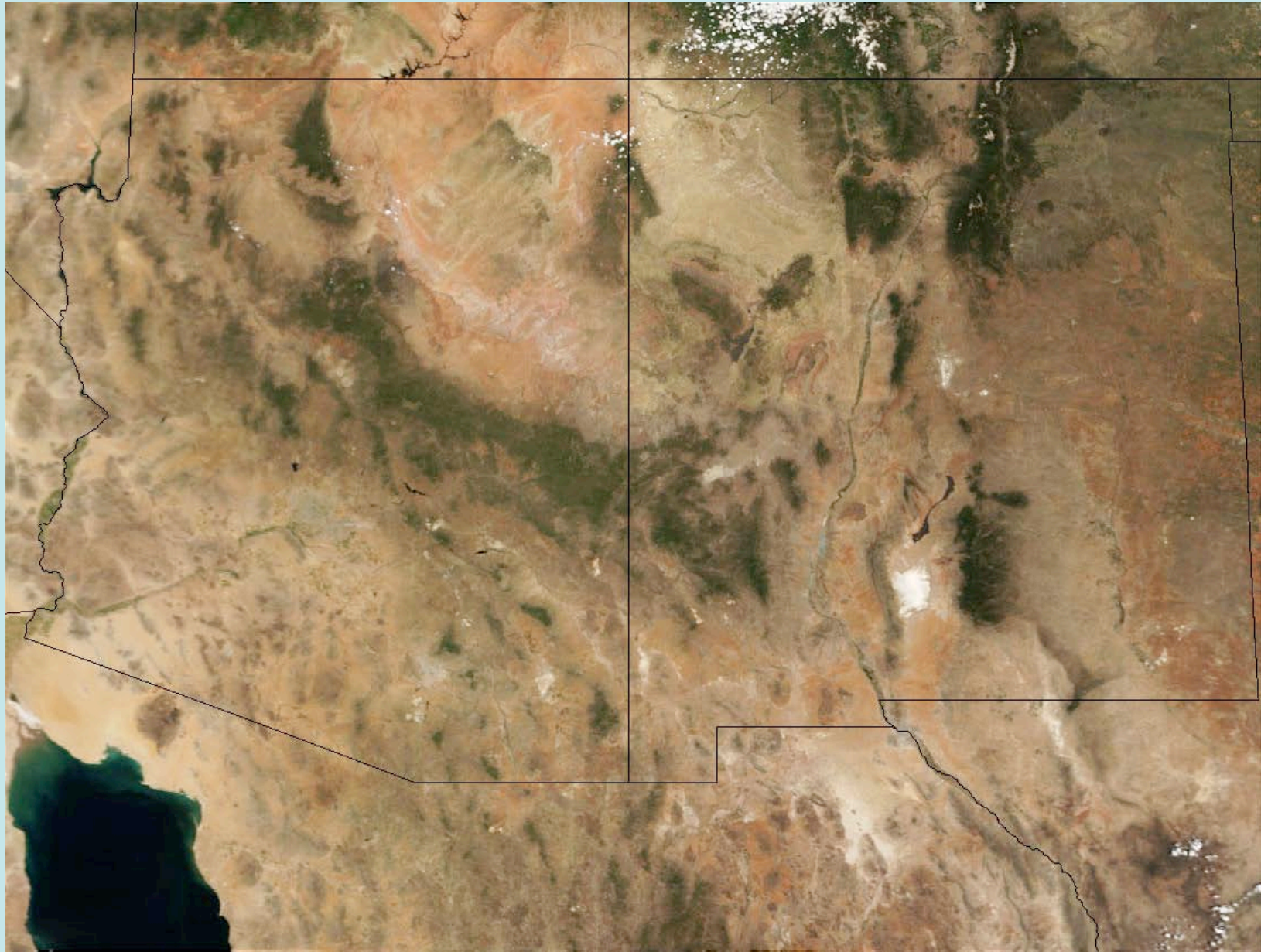
Hematophagous (vampire) bats are proliferating because of forest devastation in the state of Maranhao, northeastern Brazil. 20 cases of fatal rabies have been clinically documented. The population in the area is protecting their houses with wire nets to prevent bat bites.

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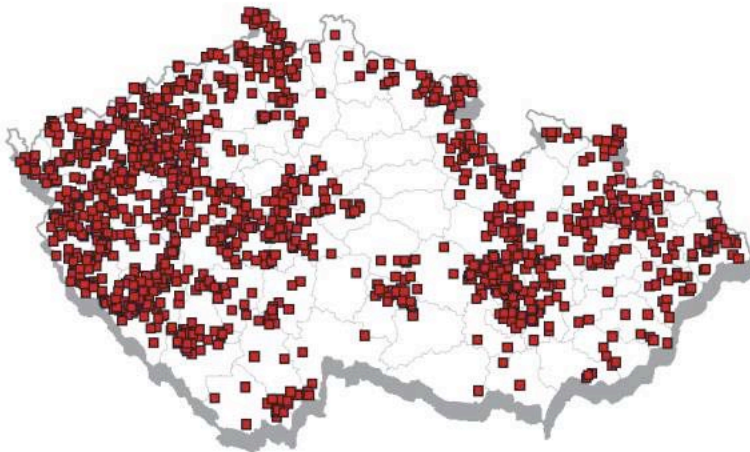








Rabies Cases in the Czech Republic in 1989



Rabies Cases in the Czech Republic in 2002



Control of rabies by oral bait-vaccine

3.1 Rabies Situation and Rabies Control in the Czech Republic 2000 – 2002

by O. Matouch¹ and J. Vitásek²

¹State Veterinary Institute, Liberec 30, CZ

²State Veterinary Administration, Prague, CZ

1. Oral vaccination of foxes

The field trial of oral immunization of foxes was started in the Czech Republic in spring 1989. The first application of the oral rabies vaccine (SAD B19-Tübingen) was carried out in the districts Klatovy, Domazlice, Tachov adjacent to the German border in spring 1989. During the course of the next campaigns the treated area was extended covering 44 districts in autumn 1992. In the autumn 1993 the whole territory of the Czech Republic, with exception of rabies free districts bordering Germany, was included. Since 1992 only the Czech made vaccine LYSVULPEN manufactured by BIOVETA Ivanovice with the SAD Bern vaccine virus strain has been used in the Czech Republic.

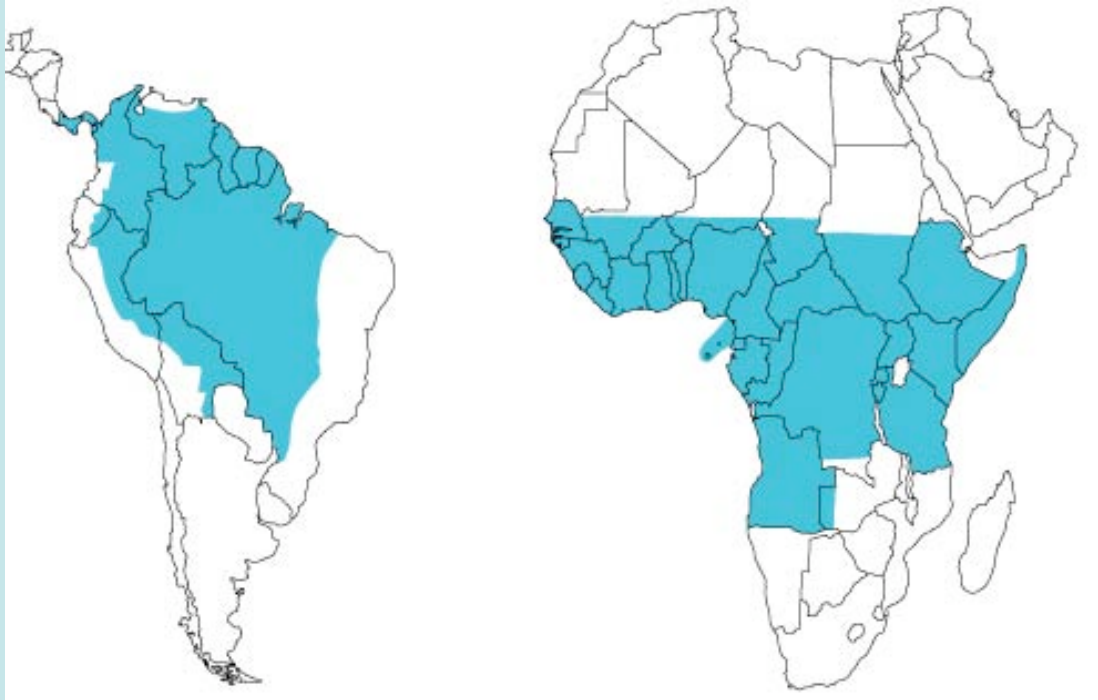
The "Bavarian model" was applied during all vaccination campaigns. Voluntary hunters distributed the vaccine baits by hand in their hunting preserves. The strategy of two vaccination campaigns per year, one in spring and one in autumn, was applied. From 1996 aerial distribution of the vaccine baits was selectively used on a restricted territory (4 - 6 districts). In the last years, the aerial vaccination was extended to 50% of the treated territory (29 districts) in 2002 (See Map). More than nineteen million of vaccine baits were used from 1989 till the autumn 2002.



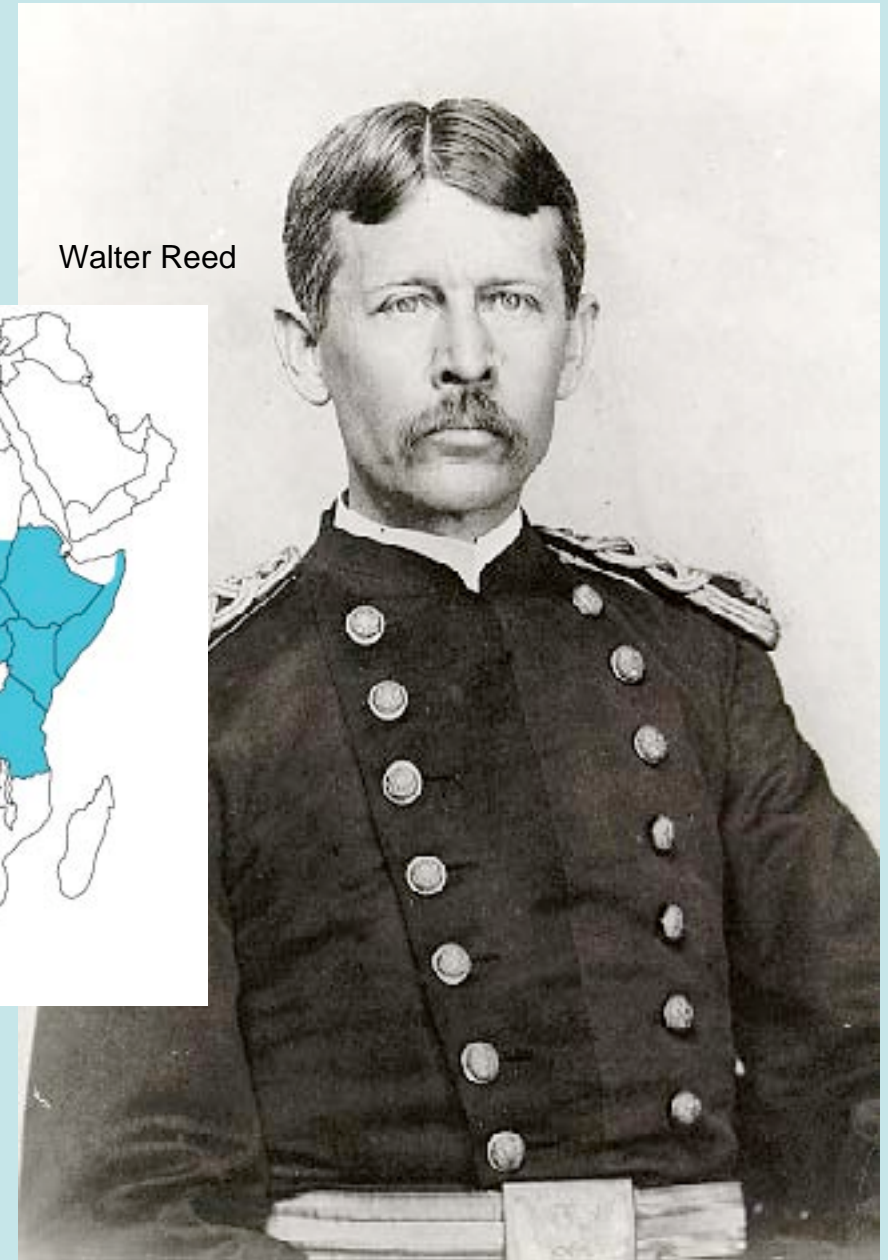
Thanks, Louie!

Yellow Fever

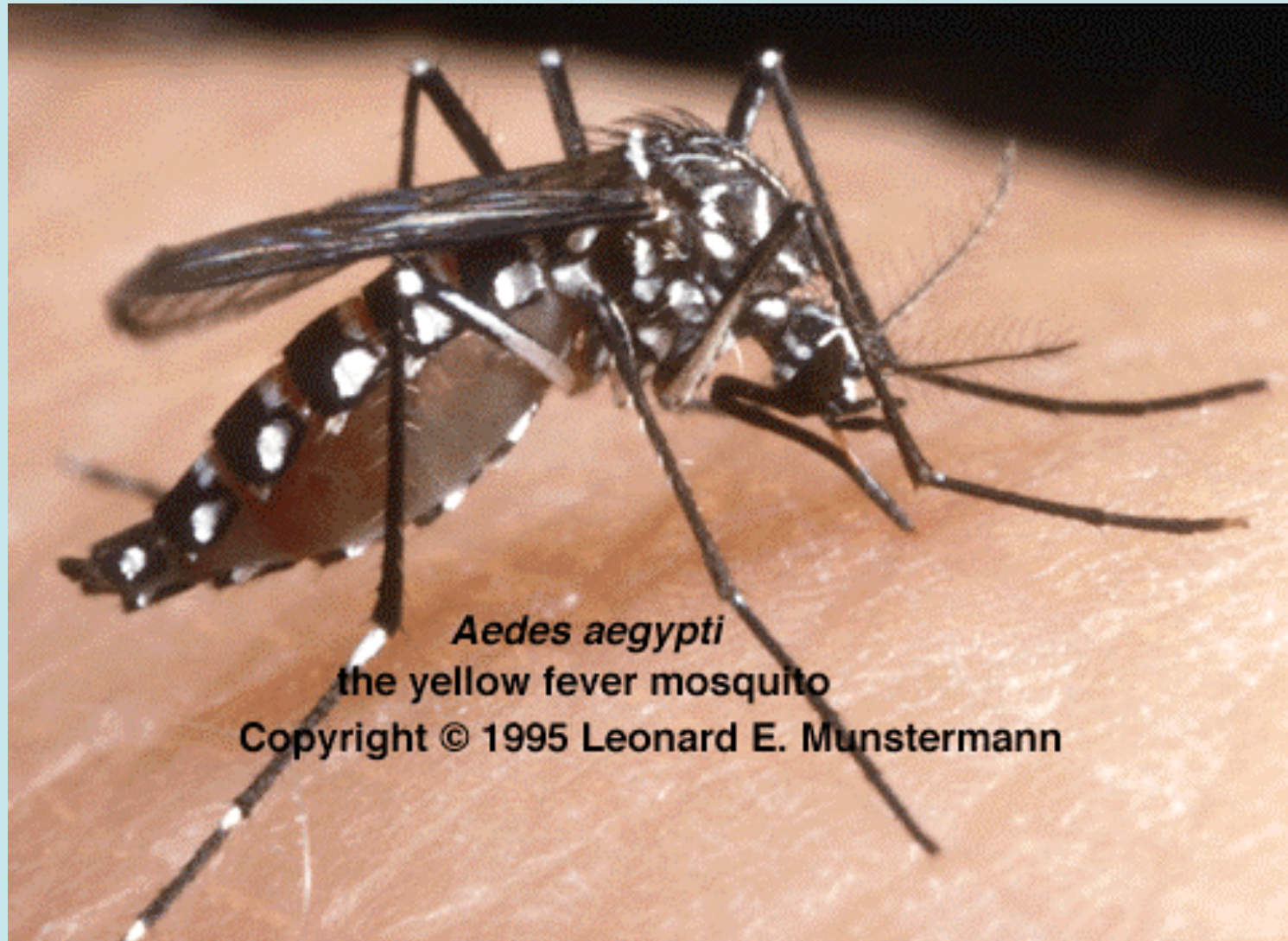
Distribution of Yellow Fever



Walter Reed



“A man, a plan, a canal. Panama”



Aedes aegypti
the yellow fever mosquito
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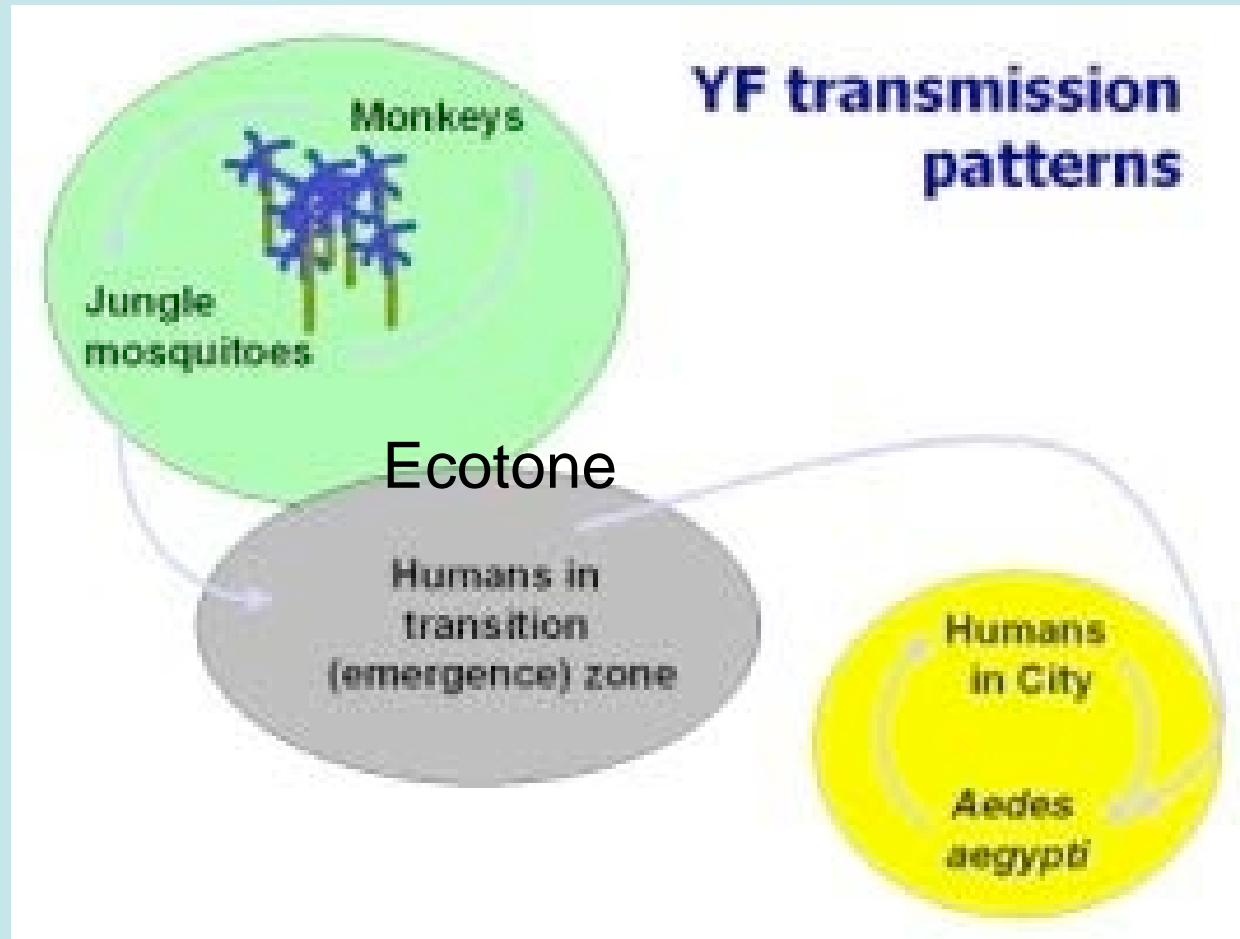
Panama Canal: The Early days



Canopy Transmission
By *Haemogogus* sp.



Ecology of Transmission Of Yellow Fever



Occupations at High Risk



Rubber



Sugar cane



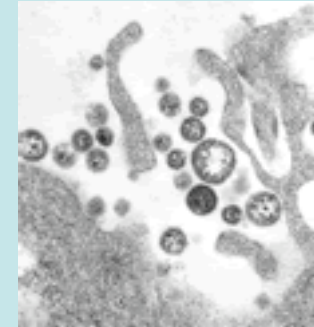
Coffee



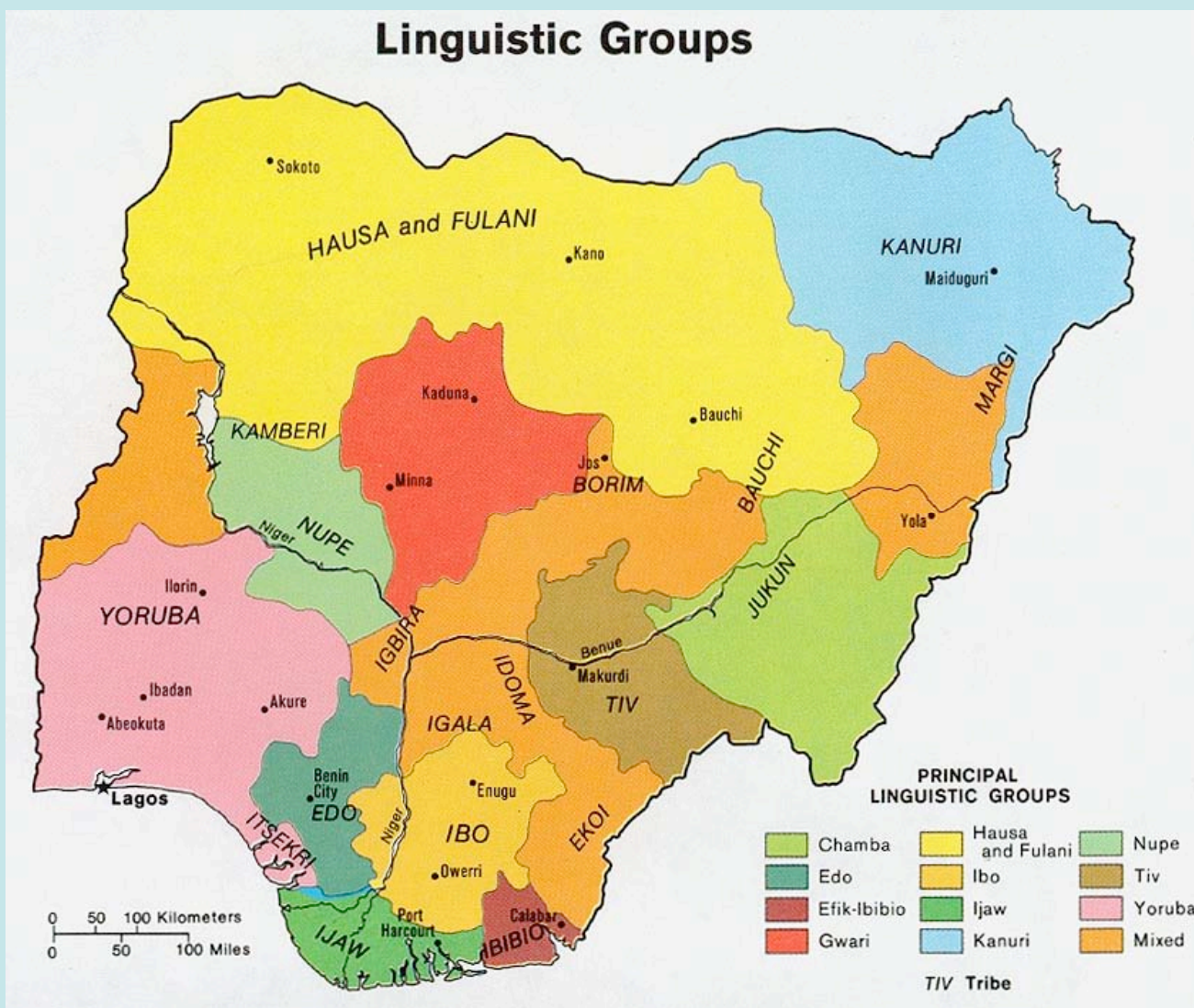
Insurgent

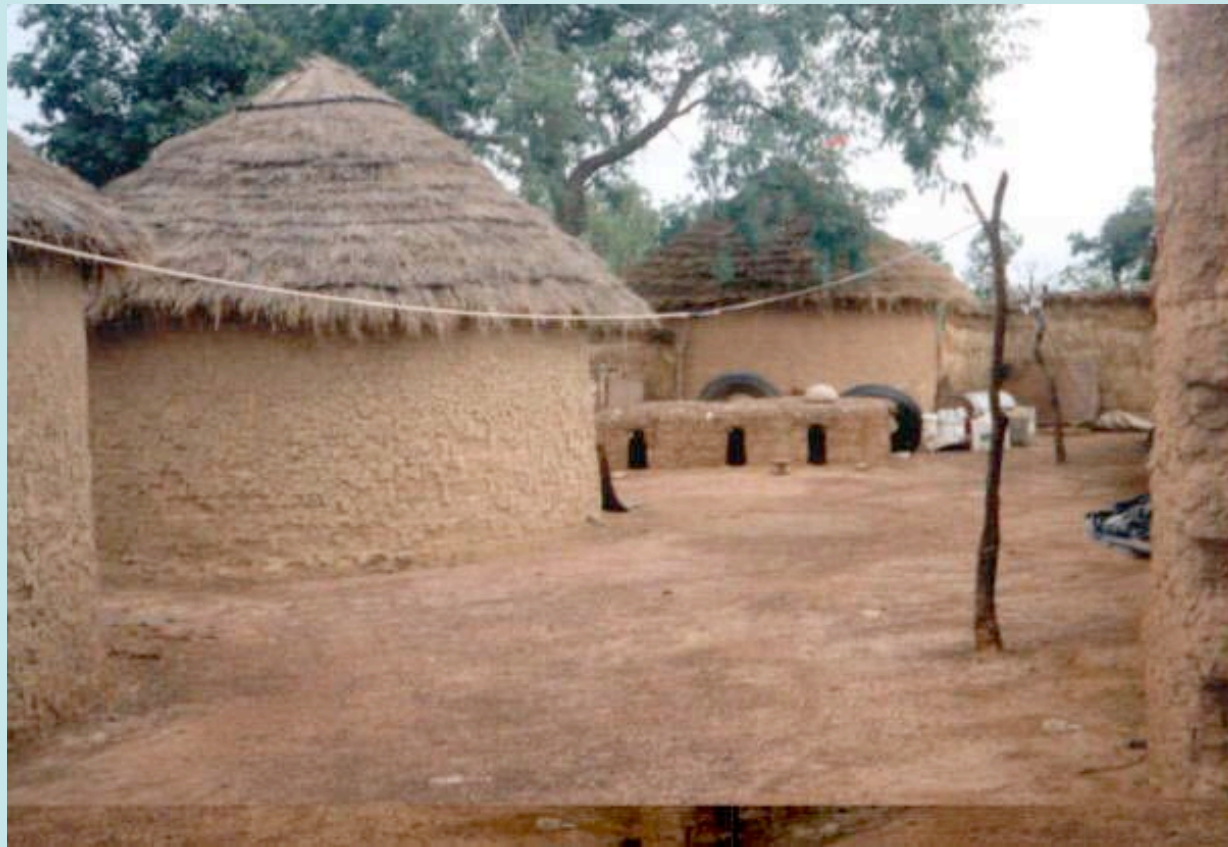


Lassa fever

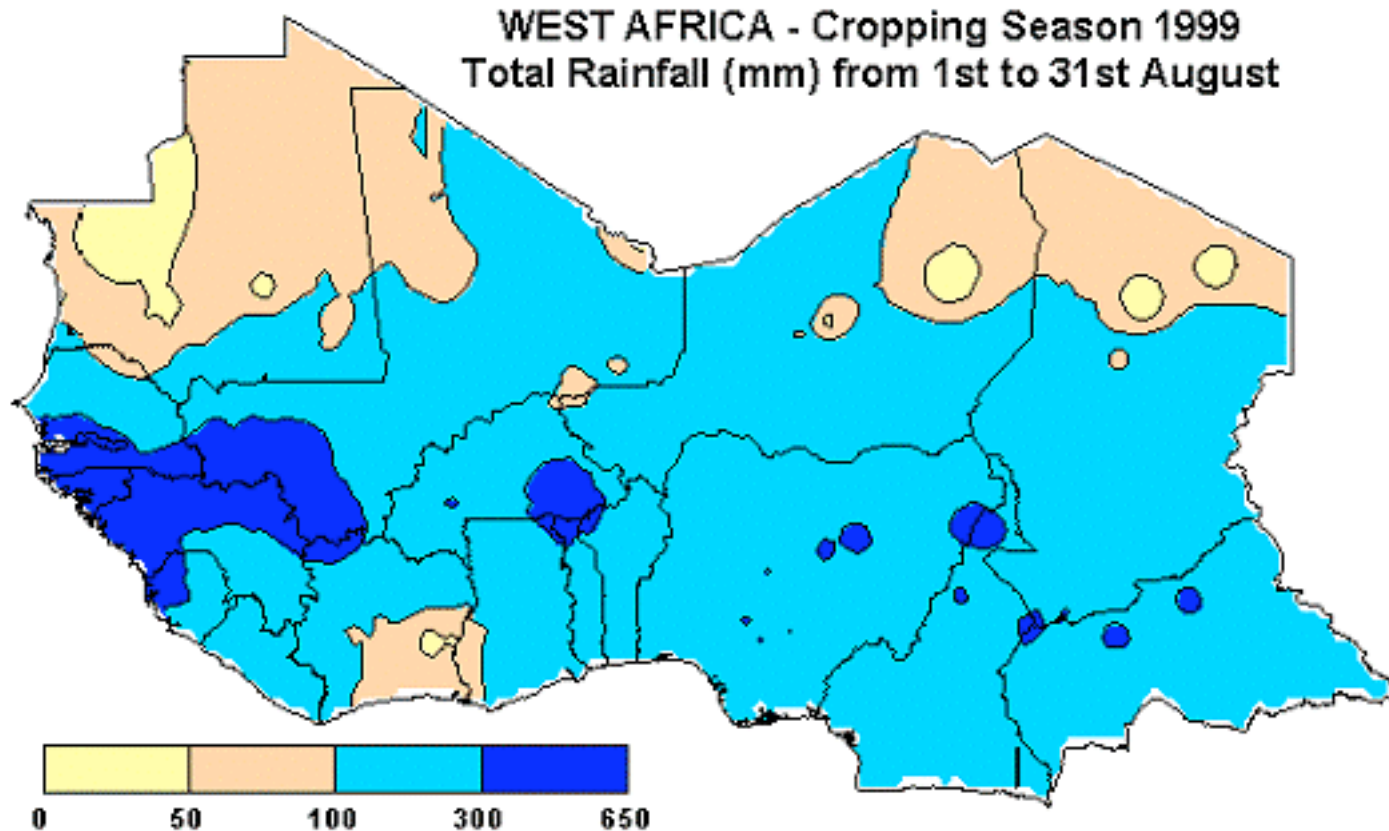


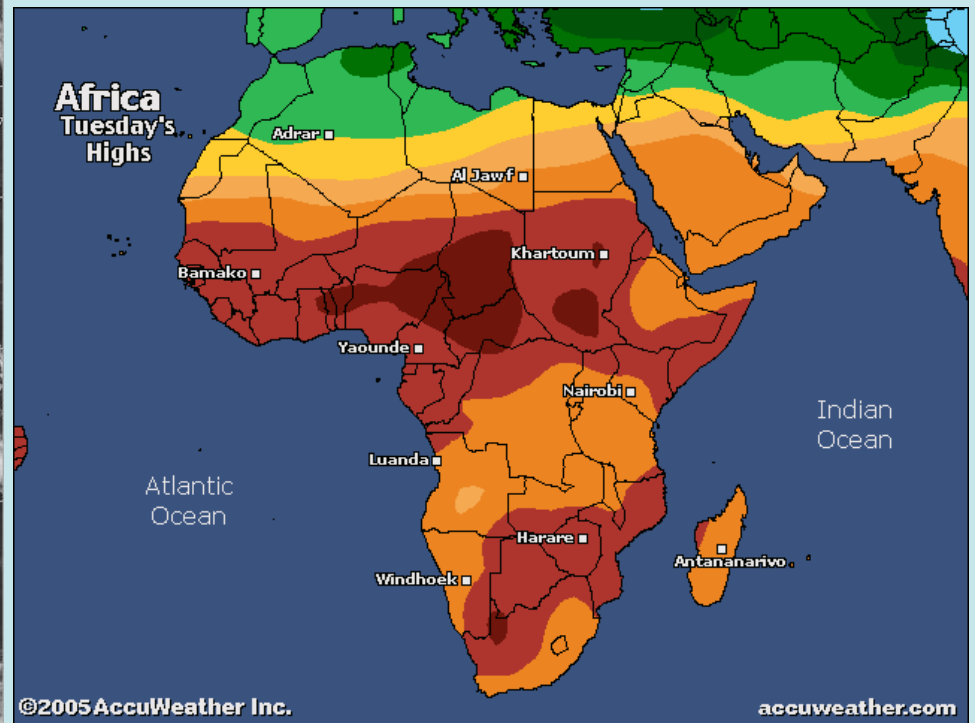
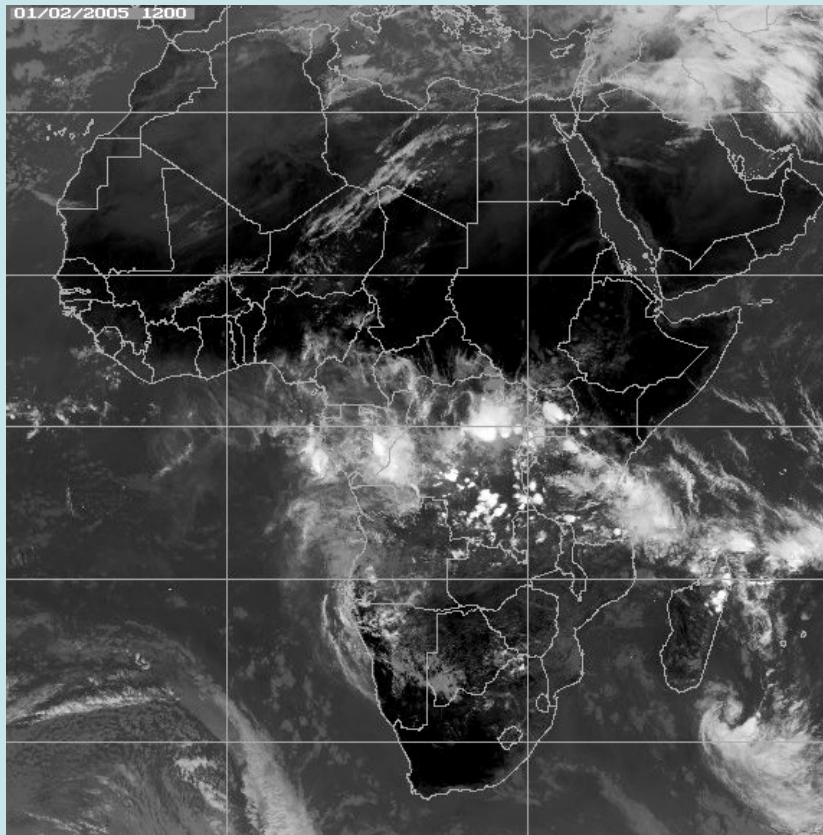
Linguistic Groups





WEST AFRICA - Cropping Season 1999
Total Rainfall (mm) from 1st to 31st August

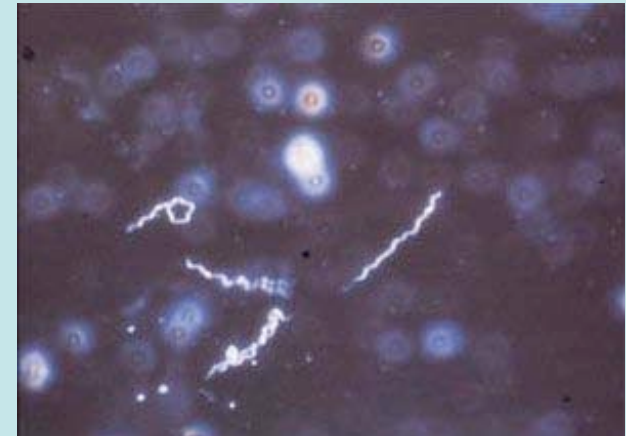
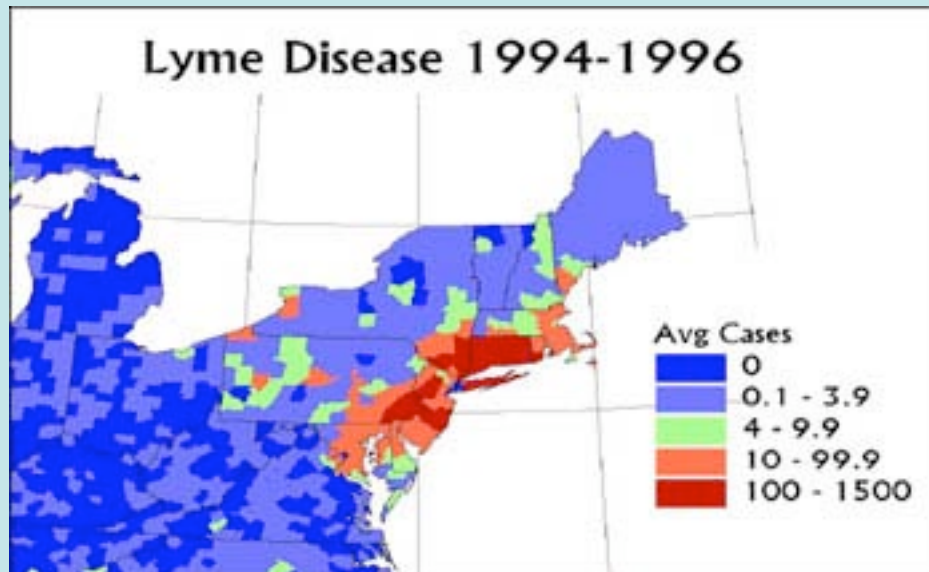




Lyme Disease



Ixodes scapularis

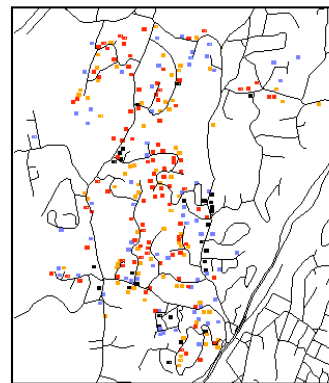
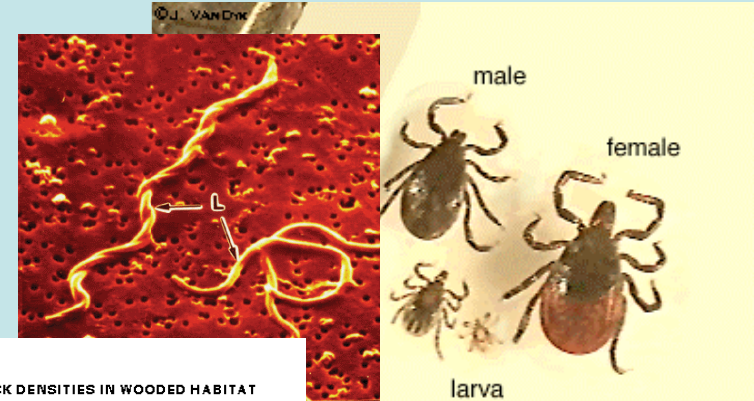


Borrelia burgdorferi

Lyme Disease Maintenance: Urbanization and De-forestation



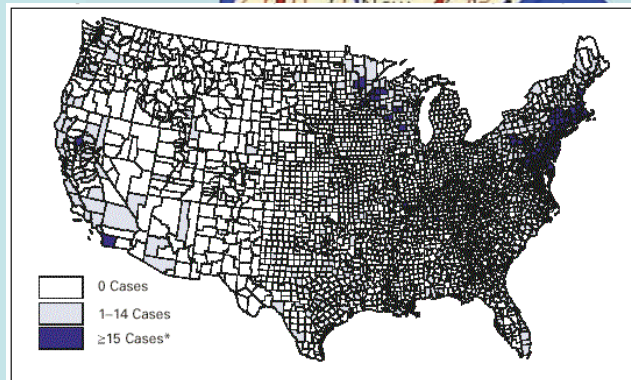
Westchester County, NY



TICK DENSITIES IN WOODED HABITAT
ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES (N = 274)
IN CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK

- HIGH (>5 TICKS/50M2)
- LOW (>0, <= 5 TICKS/50M2)
- NO TICKS
- NO WOODS

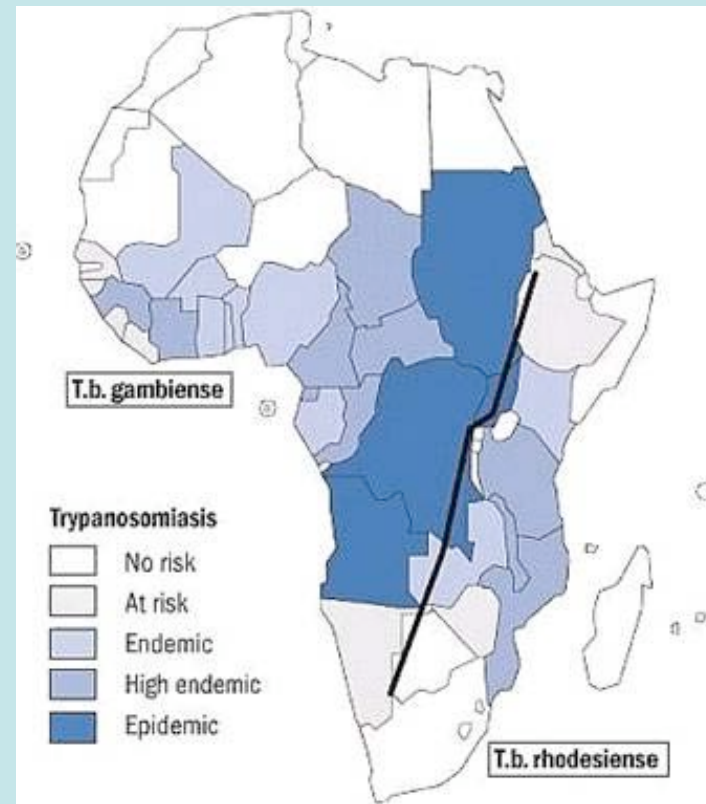
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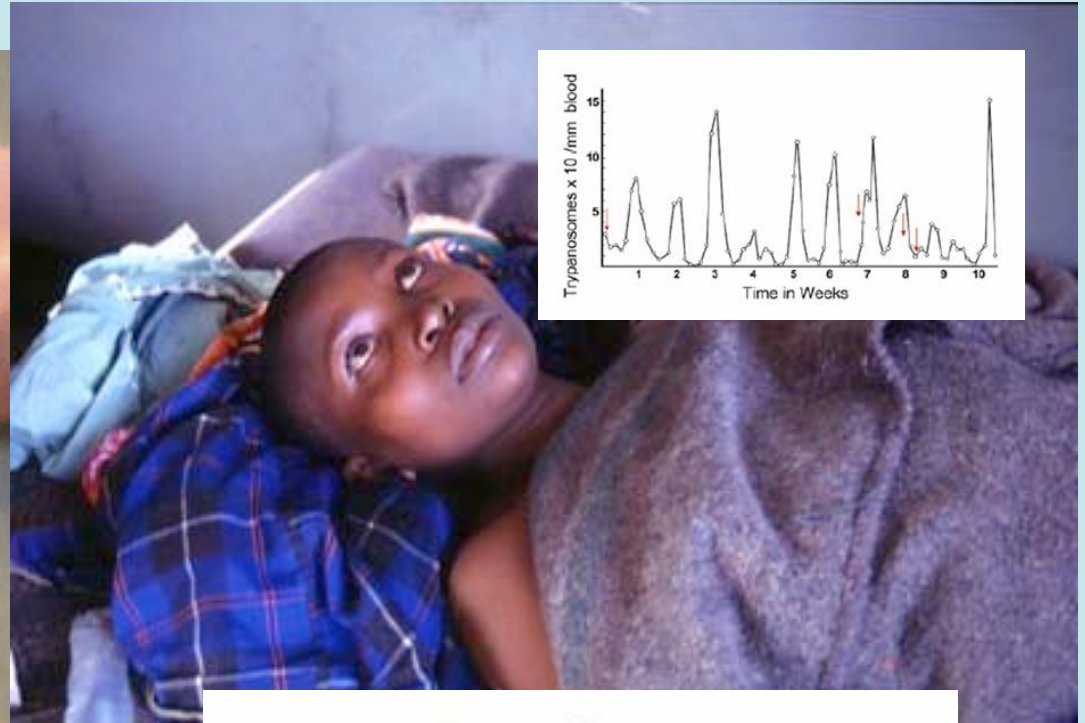


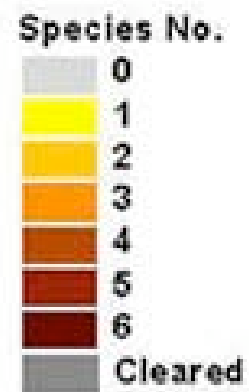
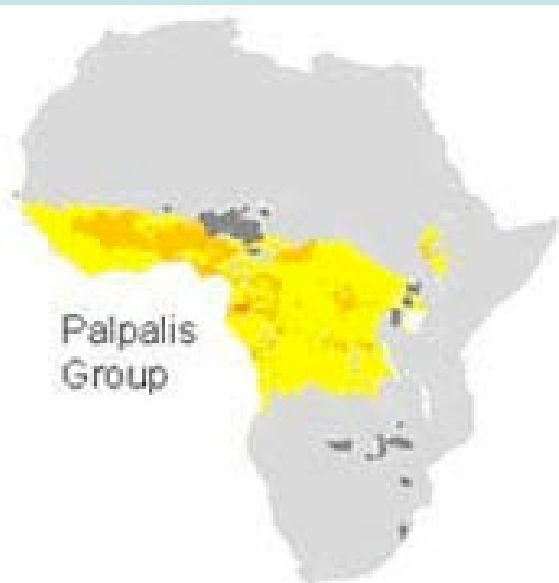
*Total number of cases from these counties represented 90% of all cases reported in 1999.



African Trypanosomiasis







East African Savanna



West African River

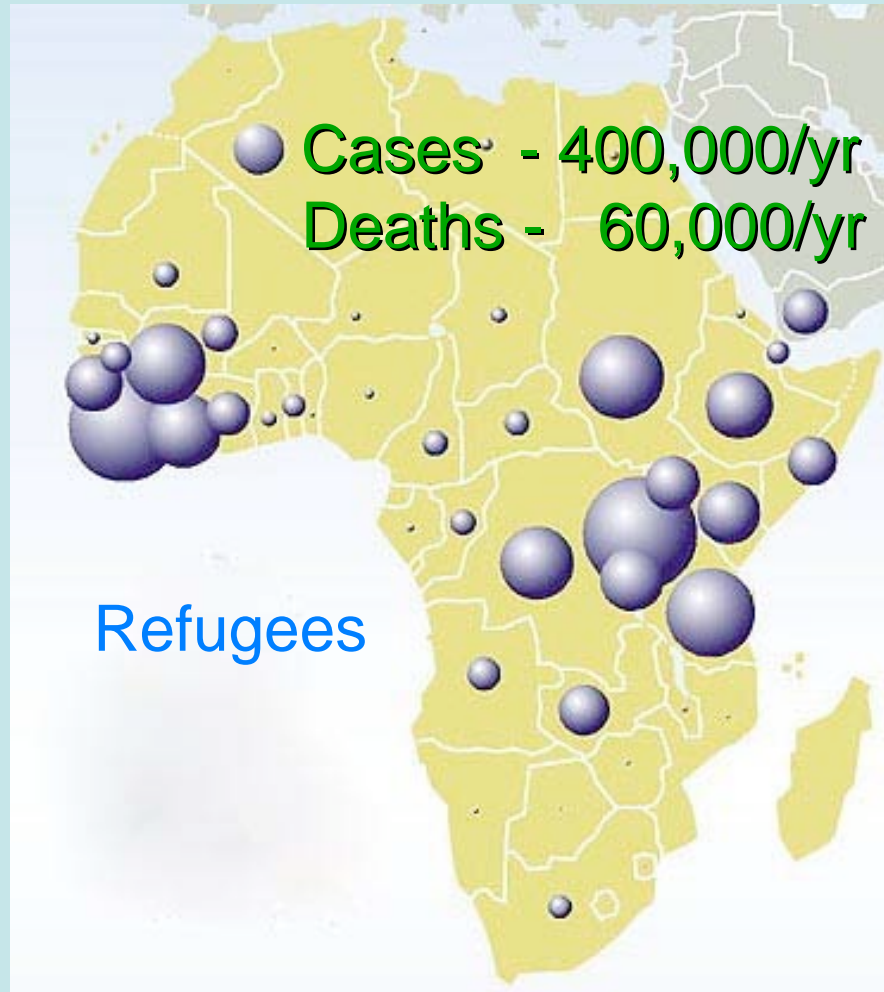


Riverine Tsetse and agriculture



Civil Unrest and War - 2005

Liberia
Côte-d'Ivoire
Sudan
Ethiopia
Nigeria
Sierra Leone
Guinea
Ghana
Burundi
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Gambia
Rwanda
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Zambia
Central African Republic
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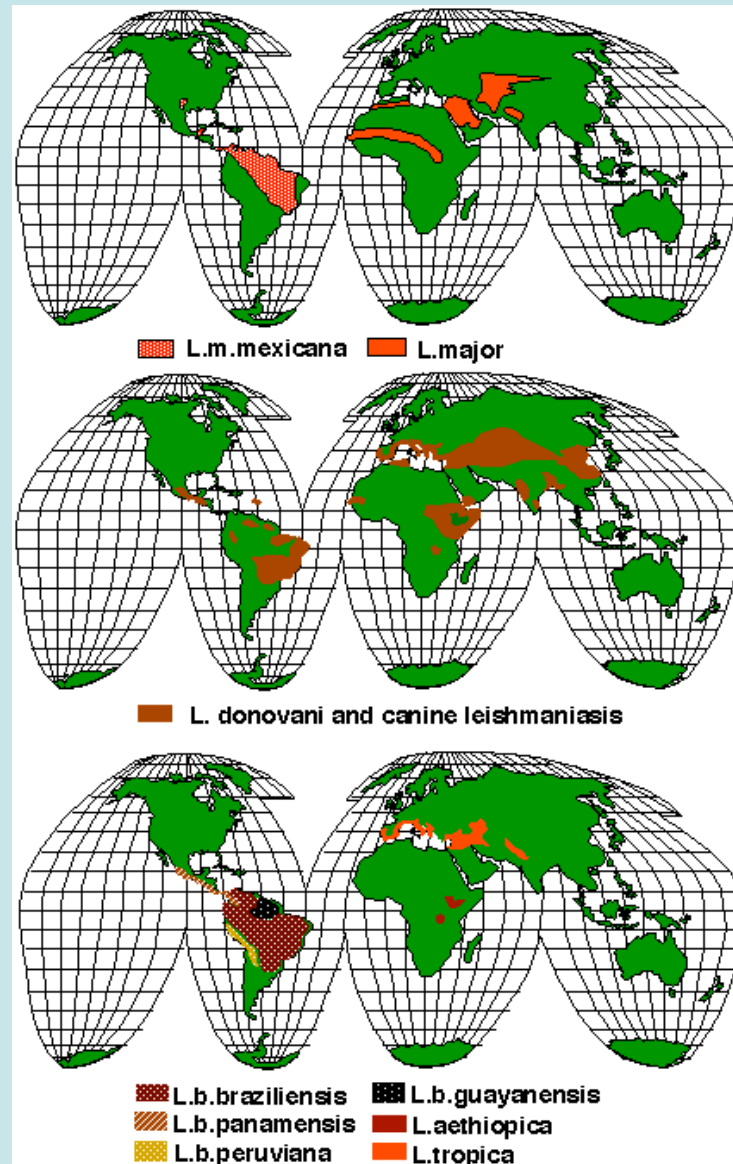
Leishmaniasis



12 million people infected
350 million people at risk

Visceral

Cutaneous / Mucocutaneous



The principle diseases in relation to the principle habitats of the vectors

Disease

Arboviruses:

dengue
haemorrhagic dengue
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encephalitis

Dracunculiasis

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Leishmaniasis:

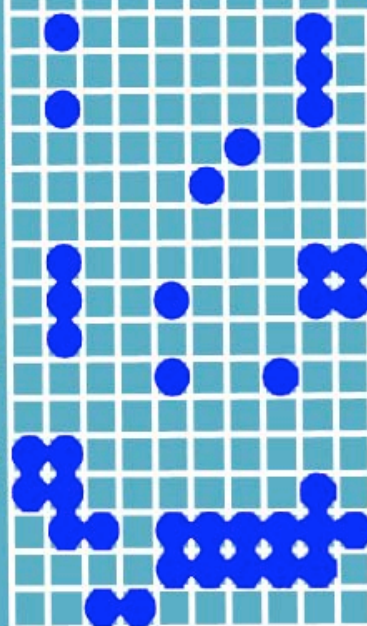
cutaneous
visceral

Malaria

Schistosomiasis

African trypanosomiasis

arid and semi-arid lands
rain forests
riverain vegetation
savanna woodlands
irrigation ditches and canals
lakes and ponds
wetland rice cultivation
rivers and streams
human settlements
coastal plains



Rodent Holes and Sandfly Habitat



Reservoir Hosts



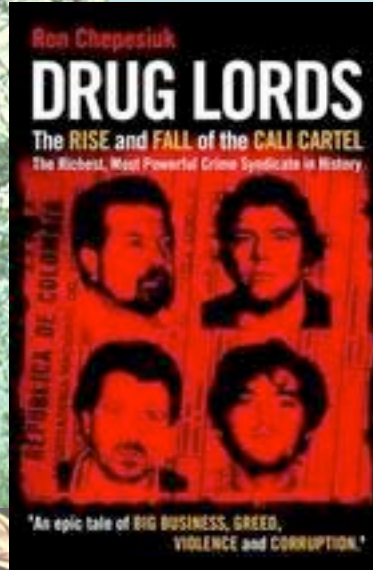
Encroachment and Vector-borne Diseases



Occupations at Risk



Rubber



Sugar cane



Coffee



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Malaria



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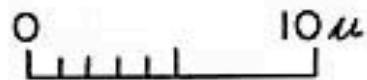
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PLASMODIUM FALCIPARUM

G. H. Nicholson



Some Important Vectors



Anopheles gambia



Anopheles dirus



Anopheles balabacensis

Oasis habitat



Marsh habitat



Irrigation Canal Habitat





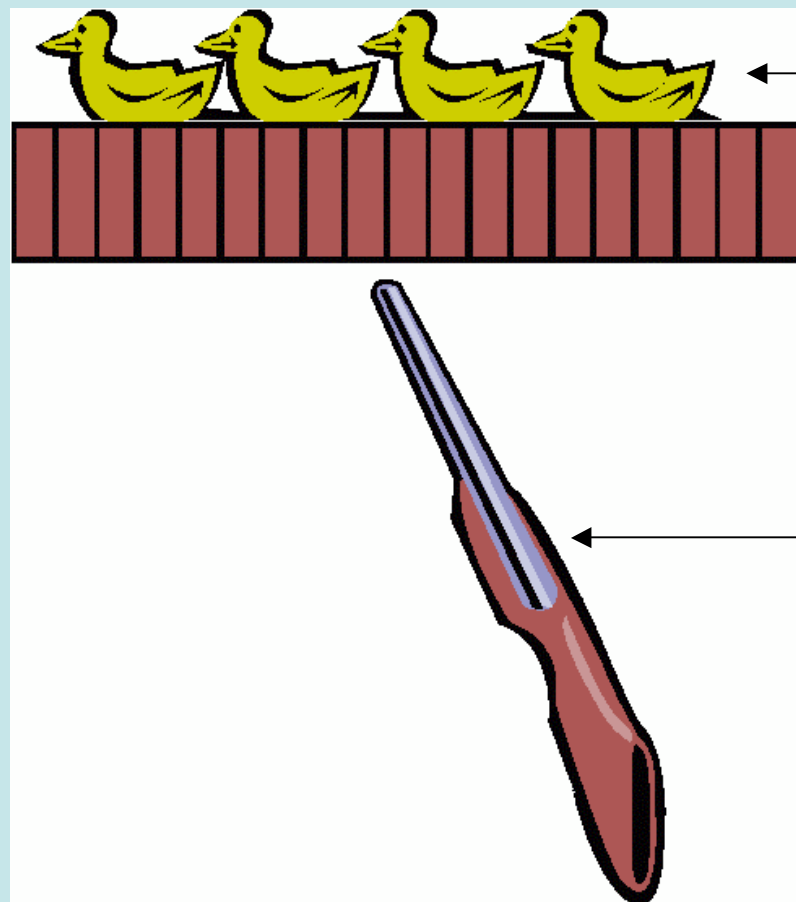
Swampland Habitat

Rice Paddy Habitat



What's Next?

Without an ecological perspective
on infectious disease transmission,
it's anyone's guess!



Us

Infectious
diseases

