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ESCAPING THE ERA OF PANDEMICS

Lessons not learned?

The power of communication and the
need for a transformative change

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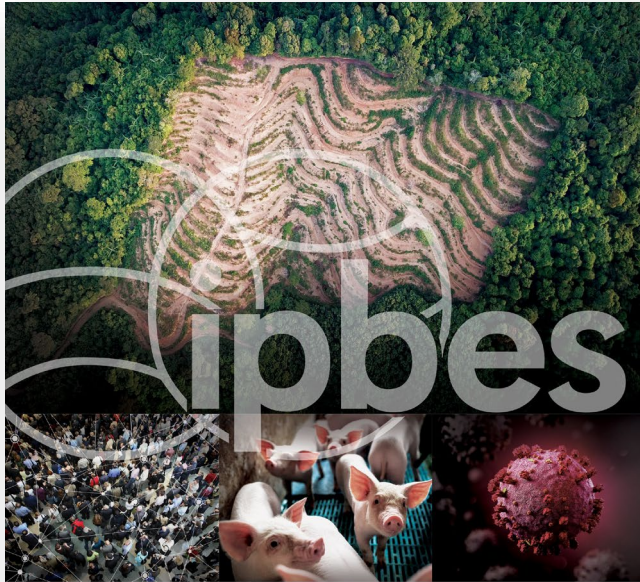
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Escaping the

‘Era of Pandemics’:

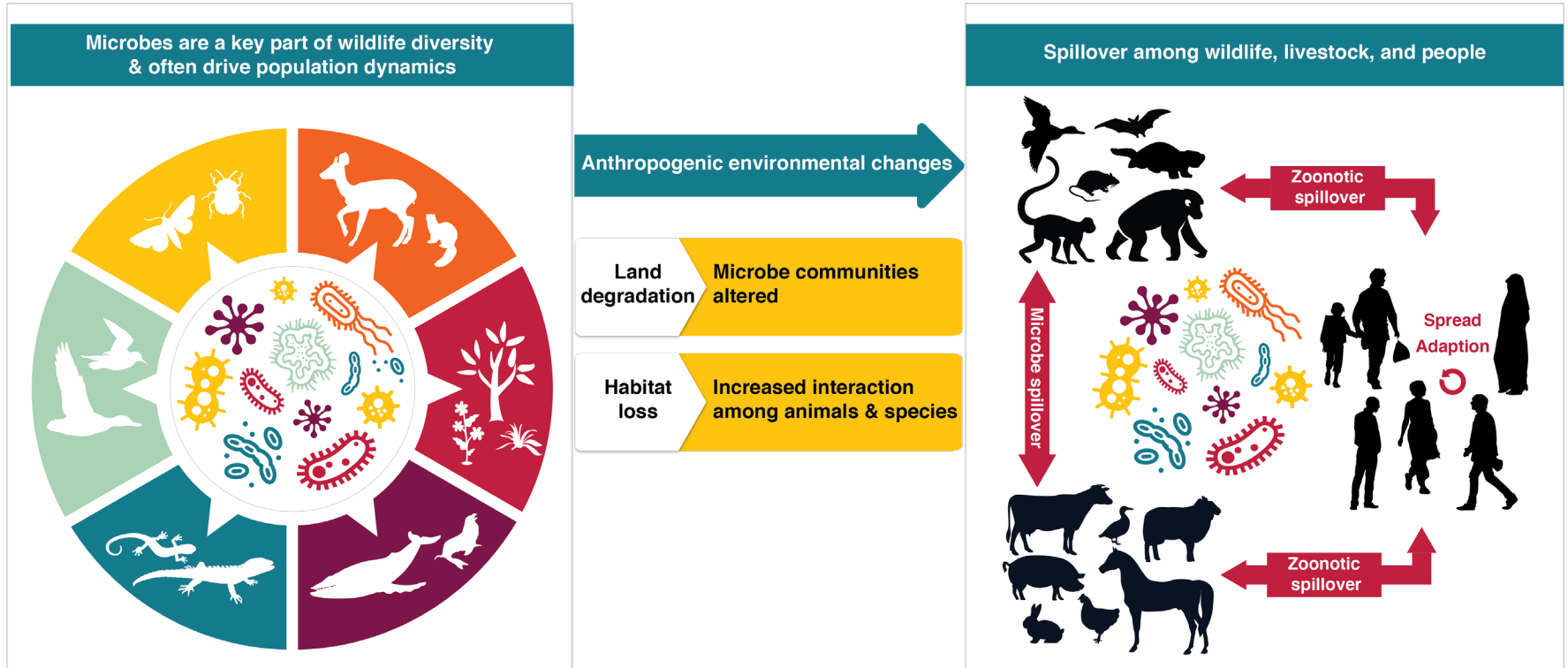
Experts Warn Worse Crises to Come

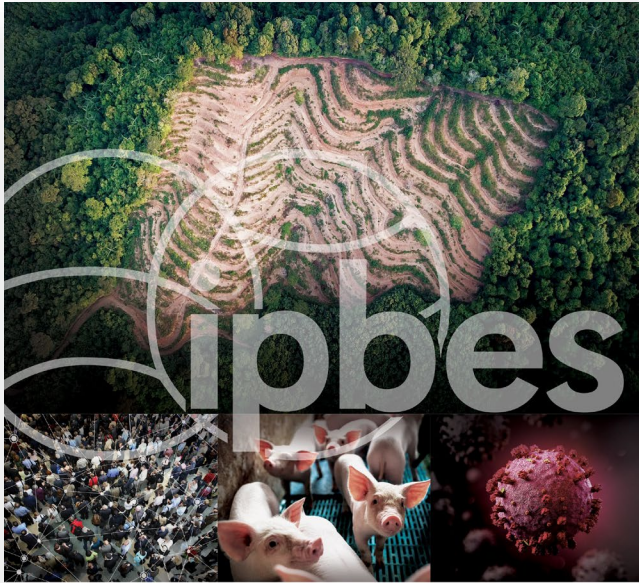
“The same **human** activities that drive **climate** change & **biodiversity** loss also drive **pandemic risk** through impacts on our environment”



“FUTURE PANDEMICS WILL EMERGE MORE OFTEN, SPREAD MORE RAPIDLY, DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AND KILL MORE PEOPLE THAN COVID-19 UNLESS THERE IS A TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN THE GLOBAL APPROACH TO DEALING WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES” – IPBES REPORT ON PANDEMICS AND BIODIVERSITY

So...**who** is changing **what**?





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The overwhelming scientific evidence points to a very positive conclusion.

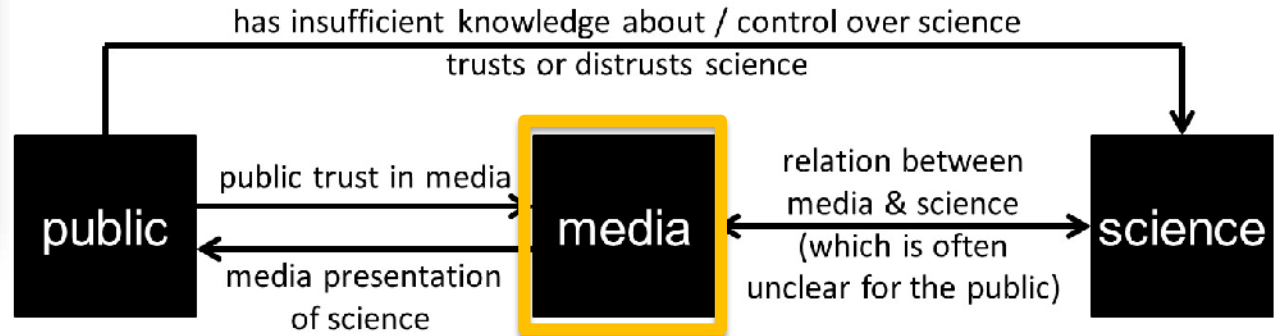
We can escape the pandemic era, but this requires a much greater focus on prevention rather than just reaction.



Dr. Peter Daszak

Chair, Biodiversity & Pandemics Workshop

“Trust means deferring with comfort and confidence to others, about something beyond our knowledge or power, in ways that can potentially hurt us. In order to establish and maintain trust in science, such comfort and confidence relies on **communication by trustworthy and trusted mediators.**”

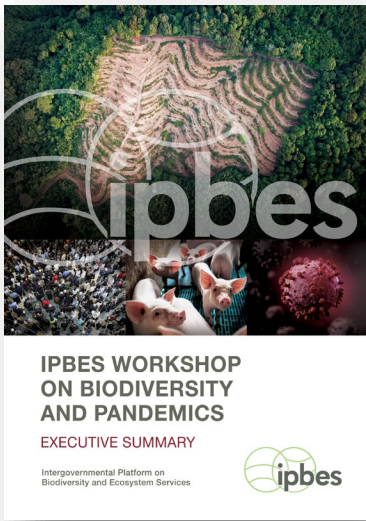


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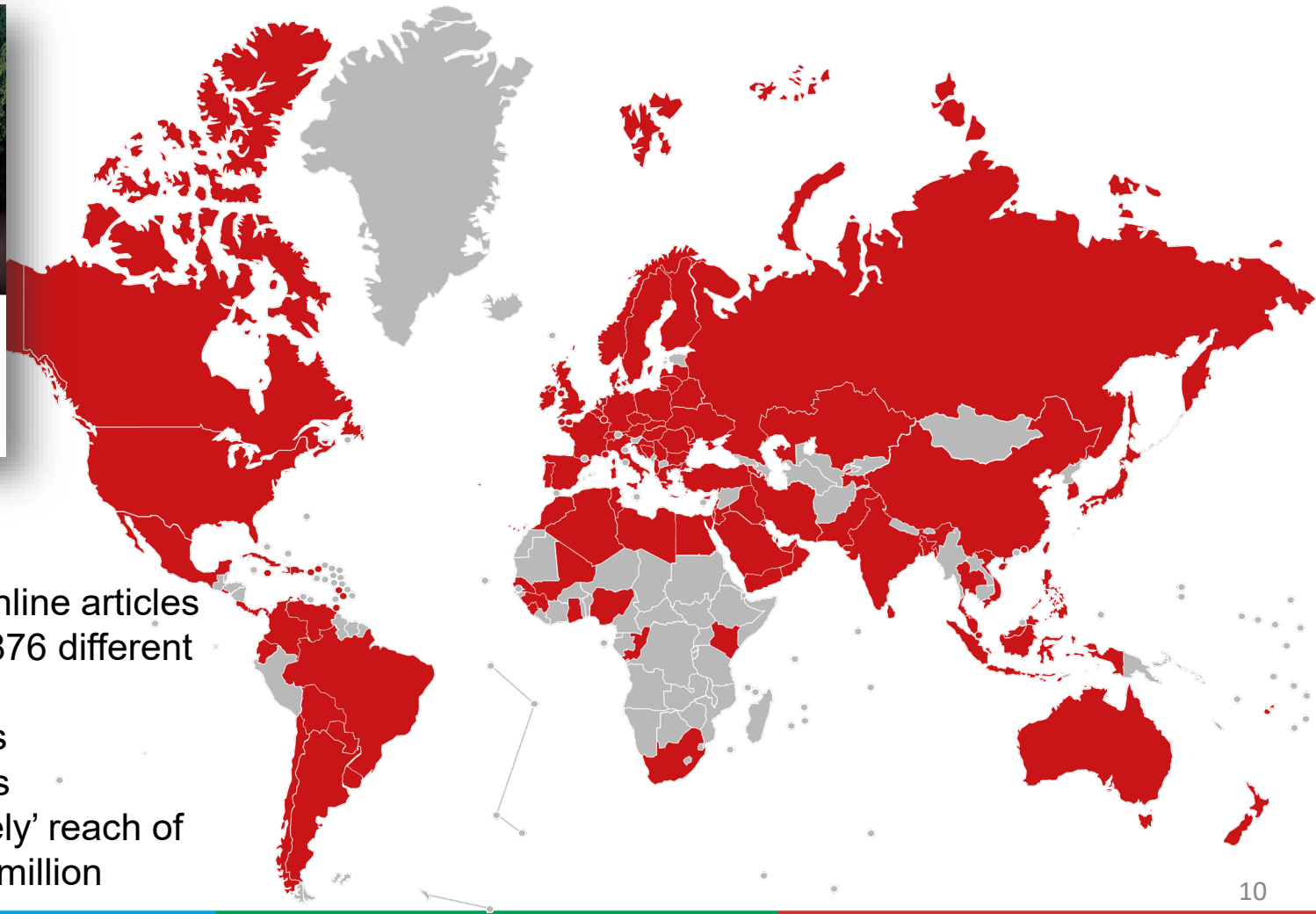
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- Appearing in 1876 different media outlets
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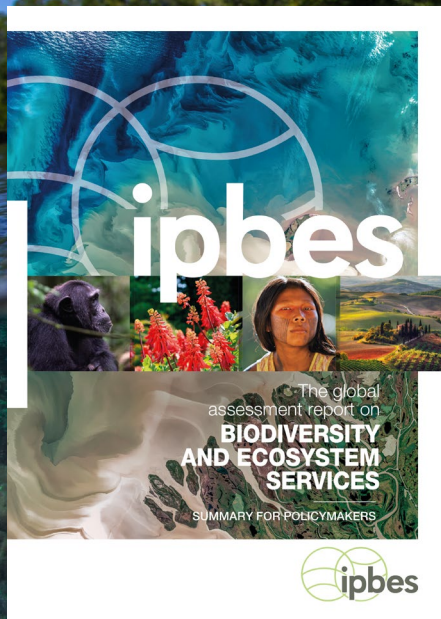
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What
are the links
between biodiversity
and pandemics?



BIODIVERSITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO HUMAN LIFE ON EARTH, AND IT IS BEING DESTROYED BY US AT A RATE UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY.

“Many of nature’s contributions to people are essential for human health and their decline thus threatens a good quality of life”



	Nature's contribution to people	50-year global trend	Directional trend across regions	Selected indicator
REGULATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESSES	1 Habitat creation and maintenance	↓	○	• Extent of suitable habitat • Biodiversity intactness
	2 Pollination and dispersal of seeds and other propagules	↓	○	• Pollinator diversity • Extent of natural habitat in agricultural areas
	3 Regulation of air quality	↘	↕	• Retention and prevented emissions of air pollutants by ecosystems
	4 Regulation of climate	↘	↕	• Prevented emissions and uptake of greenhouse gases by ecosystems
	5 Regulation of ocean acidification	↘	↕	• Capacity to sequester carbon by marine and terrestrial environments
	6 Regulation of freshwater quantity, location and timing	↘	↕	• Ecosystem impact on air-surface-ground water partitioning
	7 Regulation of freshwater and coastal water quality	↘	○	• Extent of ecosystems that filter or add constituent components to water
	8 Formation, protection and decontamination of soils and sediments	↘	↕	• Soil organic carbon
	9 Regulation of hazards and extreme events	↘	↕	• Ability of ecosystems to absorb and buffer hazards
	10 Regulation of detrimental organisms and biological processes	↓	○	• Extent of natural habitat in agricultural areas • Diversity of competent hosts of vector-borne diseases
NON-MATERIAL MATERIALS AND ASSISTANCE	11 Energy	↘	↗	• Extent of agricultural land—potential land for bioenergy production • Extent of forested land
	12 Food and feed	↓	↗	• Extent of agricultural land—potential land for food and feed production • Abundance of marine fish stocks
	13 Materials and assistance	↘	↗	• Extent of agricultural land—potential land for material production • Extent of forested land
	14 Medicinal, biochemical and genetic resources	↓	○	• Fraction of species locally known and used medicinally • Phylogenetic diversity
	15 Learning and inspiration	↓	○	• Number of people in close proximity to nature • Diversity of life from which to learn
	16 Physical and psychological experiences	↘	○	• Area of natural and traditional landscapes and seascapes
	17 Supporting identities	↘	○	• Stability of land use and land cover
	18 Maintenance of options	↓	○	• Species' survival probability • Phylogenetic diversity

DIRECTIONAL TREND

Global trends: ↓ ↘ ↗ ↠ ↡

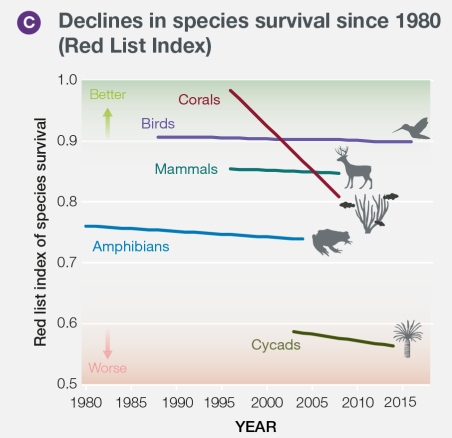
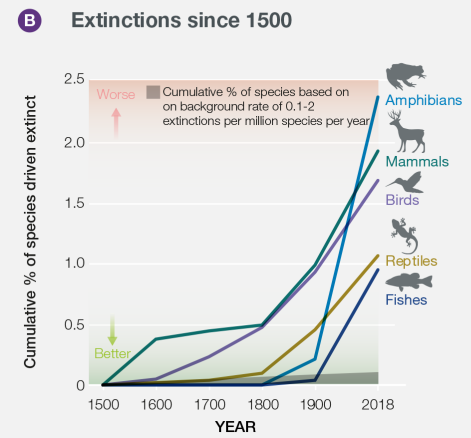
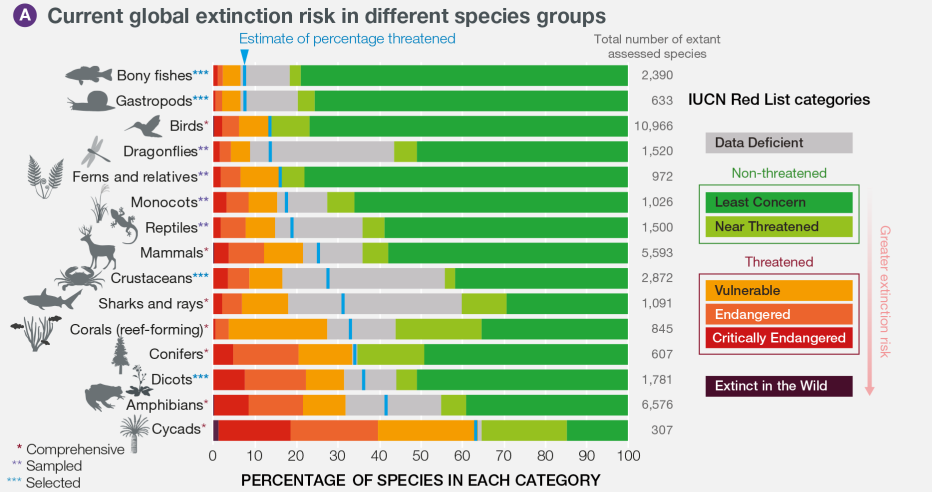
Across regions: ○ ↕

Decrease ← → Increase

LEVELS OF CERTAINTY

- Well established
- Established but incomplete
- Unresolved

“THE NUMBER OF LOCAL VARIETIES AND BREEDS OF DOMESTICATED PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND THEIR WILD RELATIVES HAS BEEN REDUCED SHARPLY AS A RESULT OF LAND USE CHANGE, KNOWLEDGE LOSS, MARKET PREFERENCES AND LARGE-SCALE TRADE”
 IPBES GLOBAL ASSESSMENT





Land-use change,
agricultural expansion,
& urbanization
cause more than

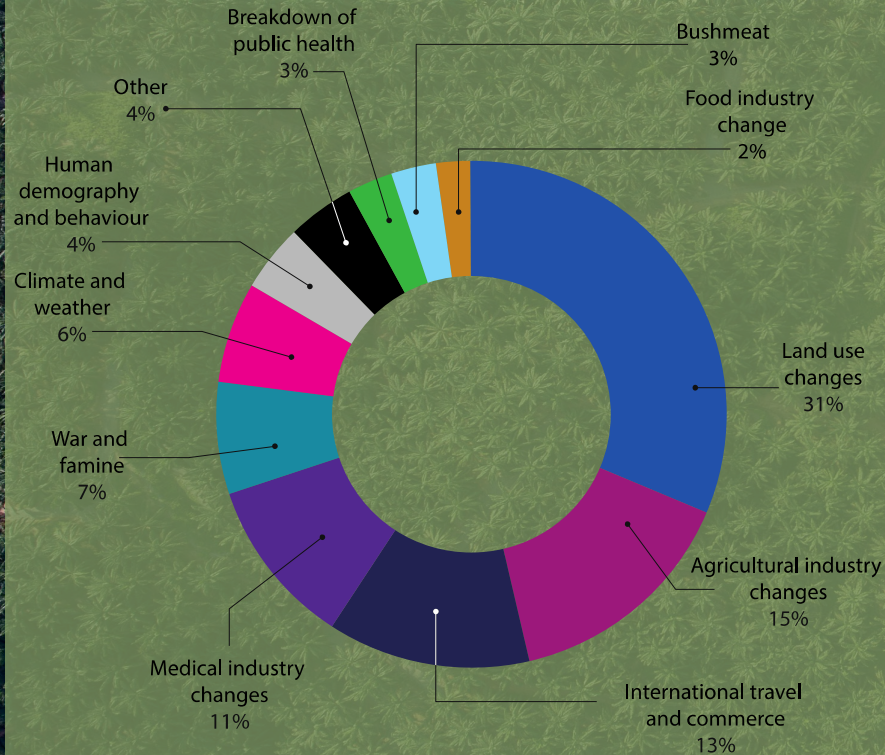
of emerging
disease events

30%

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Land Use Change Drives Disease Emergence

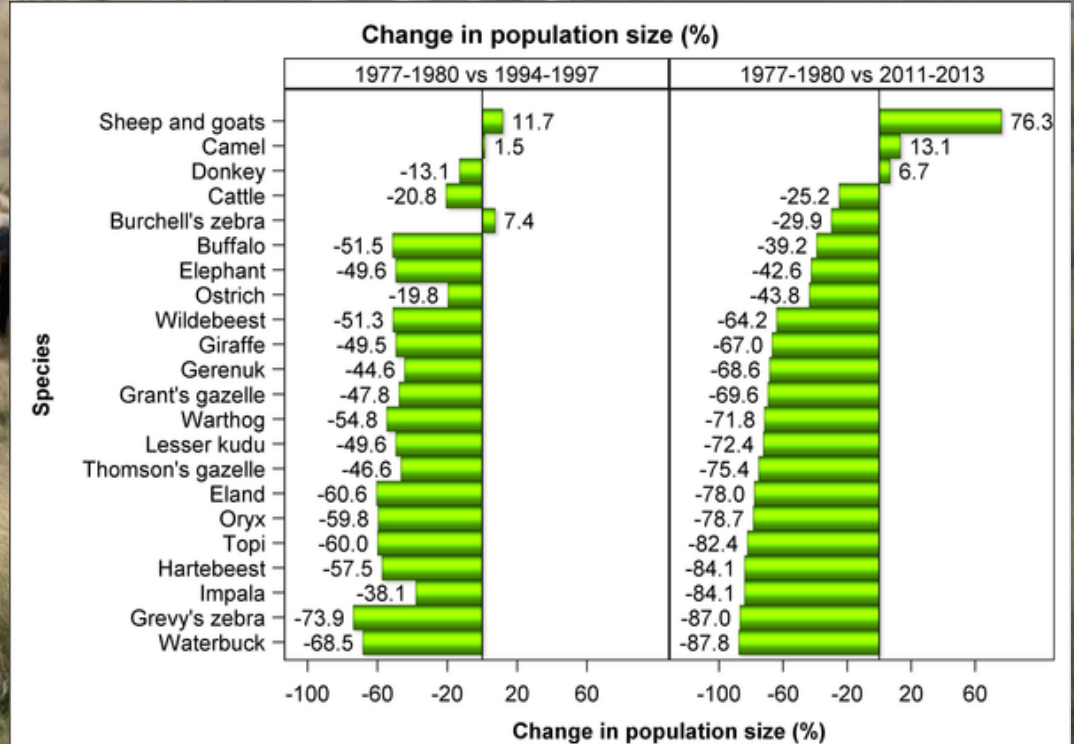


Land use change could lead to disease emergence by:

- 1) Increasing opportunities for wildlife-human-domestic animal contacts → pathogen spillover from wildlife (to humans or domestic animals) (**pathogen pool hypothesis**)
- 2) Altering host-pathogen ecological dynamics → cross-species transmission (**perturbation hypothesis**)



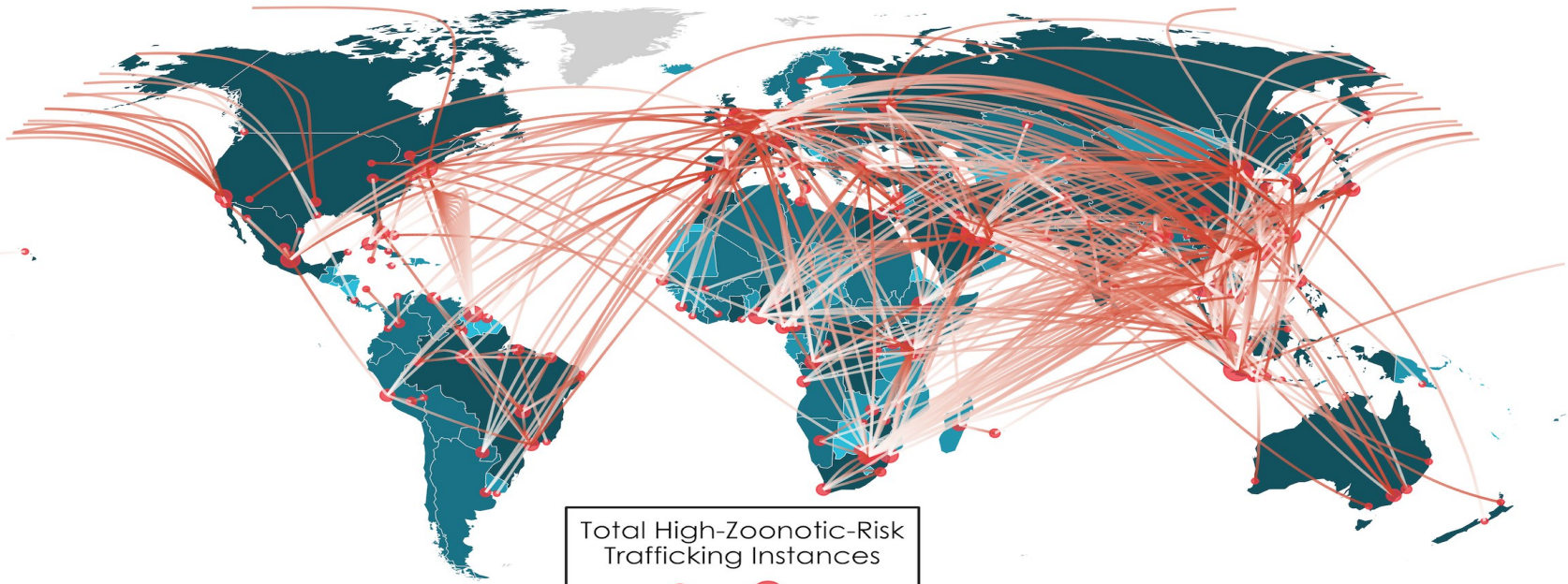
EXTREME DECLINES IN WILDLIFE AND CONTEMPORANEOUS INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK HAS ALSO AN IMPACT ON EXCHANGE OF PATHOGENS AND ENHANCED RISK FOR EIDS



Ogutu JO, Piepho HP, Said MY, Ojwang GO, Njino LW, et al. (2016) Extreme Wildlife Declines and Concurrent Increase in Livestock Numbers in Kenya: What Are the Causes?. PLOS ONE 11(9): e0163249. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0163249>

THE WAY WE USE AND RELATE TO WILDLIFE POSES AN ADDITIONAL **HIGH** RISK FOR DISEASE TRANSMISSION AND THE **EMERGENCE** OF NEW INFECTIOUS DISEASES

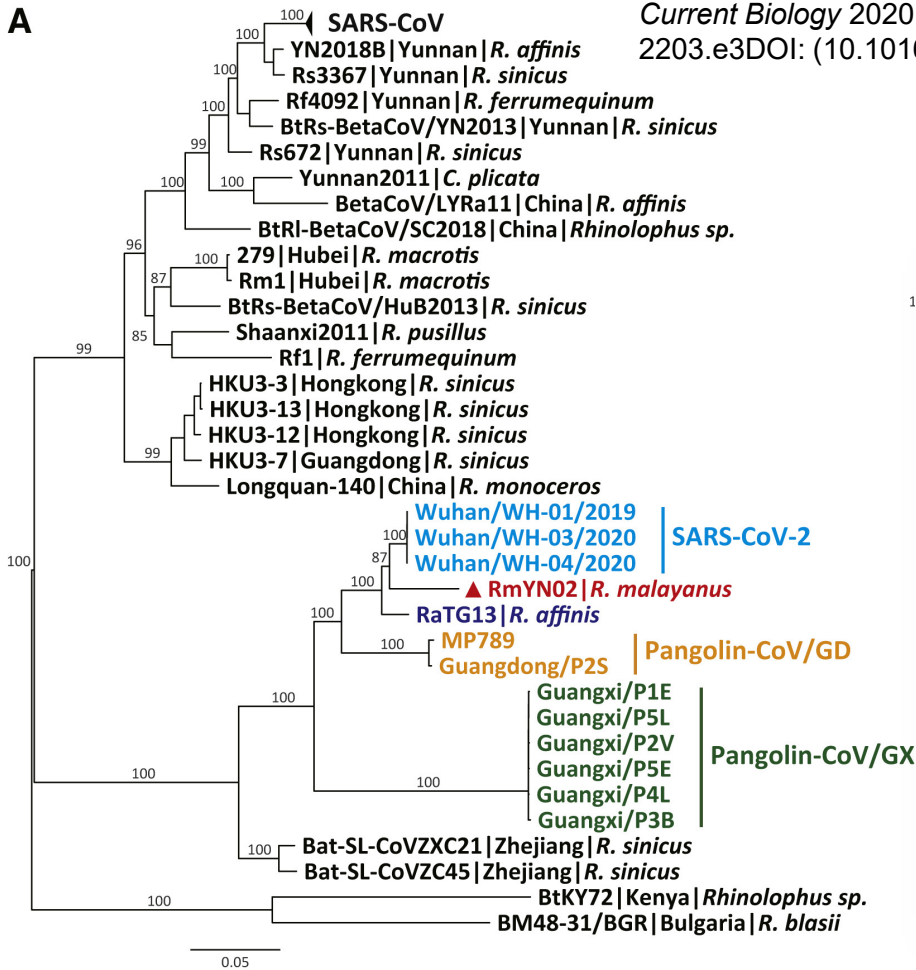




THE PERCEIVED AND DIRECT IMPACTS OF WILDLIFE, FROM BEING A RESERVOIR OF CERTAIN HUMAN AND LIVESTOCK PATHOGENS AND AS A RISK TO HEALTH, ARE FREQUENTLY OVERSTATED WHEN COMPARED TO THE GLOBAL BURDEN OF DISEASE STATISTICS AVAILABLE FROM WHO, OIE AND FAO. KOCK, R., 2014, ONDERSTEPSPOORT JOURNAL OF VETERINARY RESEARCH 81(2),



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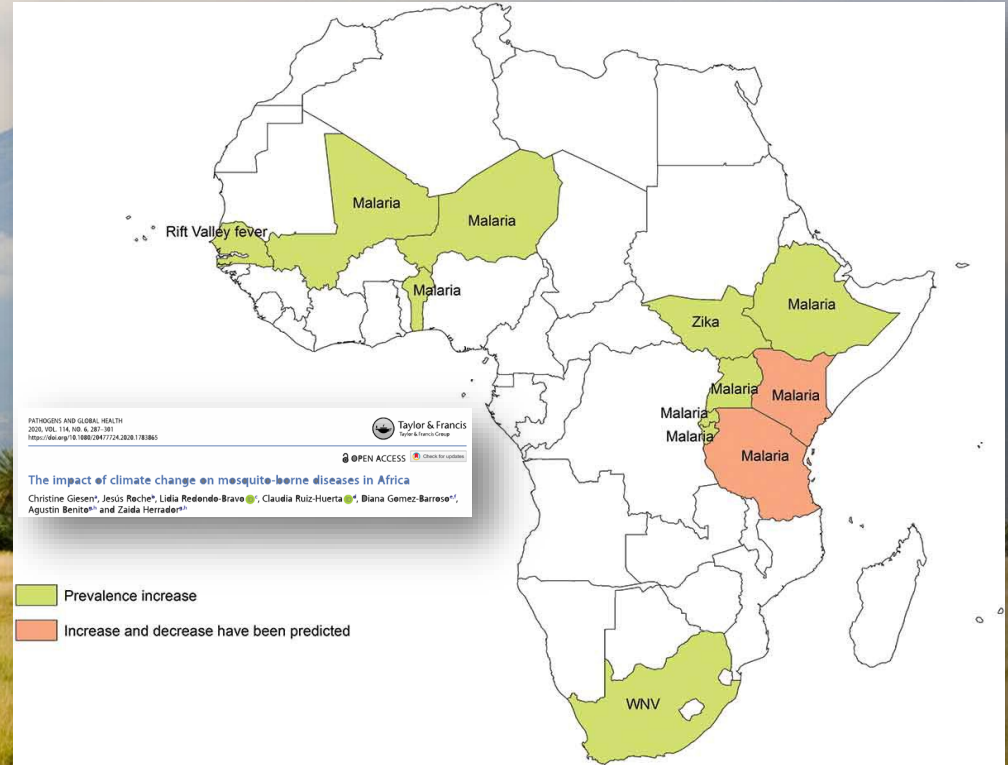
Seizures of Trafficked Pangolins on the Rise



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CLIMATE CHANGE COULD DRIVE MORE THAN **50%** OF AFRICAN BIRD & MAMMAL SPECIES TO EXTINCTION BY 2100. FURTHERMORE IT ENABLES THE SPREAD OF DISEASES TO NEW SPECIES AND INCREASES RISK FOR HUMANS

- Yellow fever
- Malaria
- Zika
- Dengue
- RVF
- Chikungunya
- WNV
- Anthrax





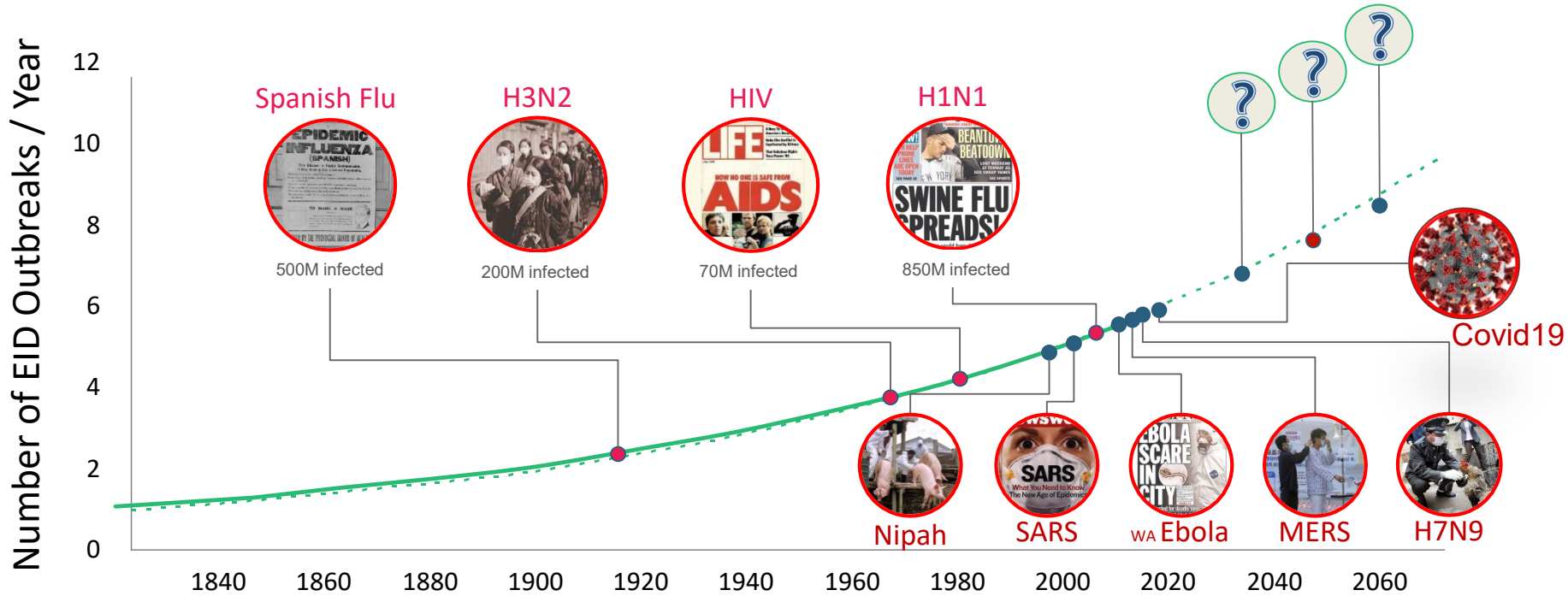
BREAKING NEWS

PATHOGEN X

Pandemic emerging diseases are a growing threat

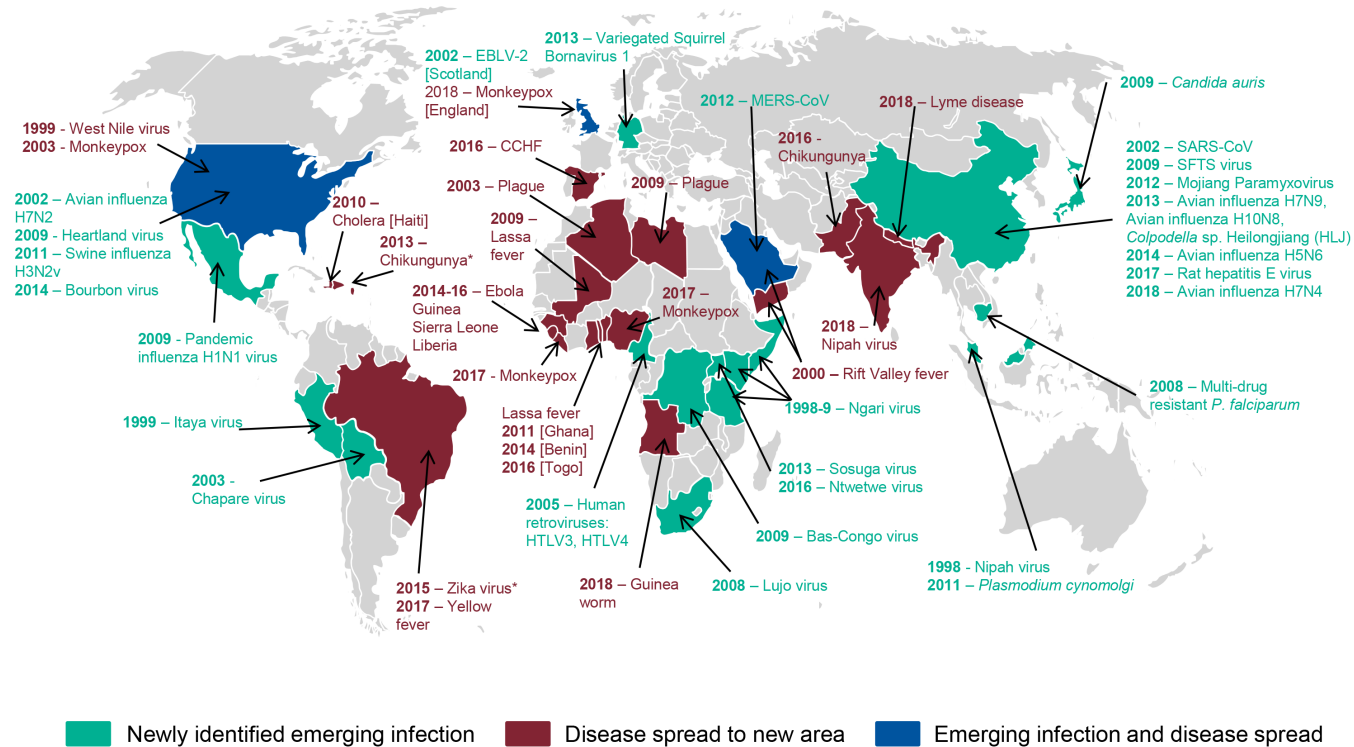
Pandemic emerging diseases are a growing threat

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Allen et al. (2017) Nature Communications

Global map of significant and new emerging infections in humans: spread to new areas since 1998



*Incursion followed by regional spread

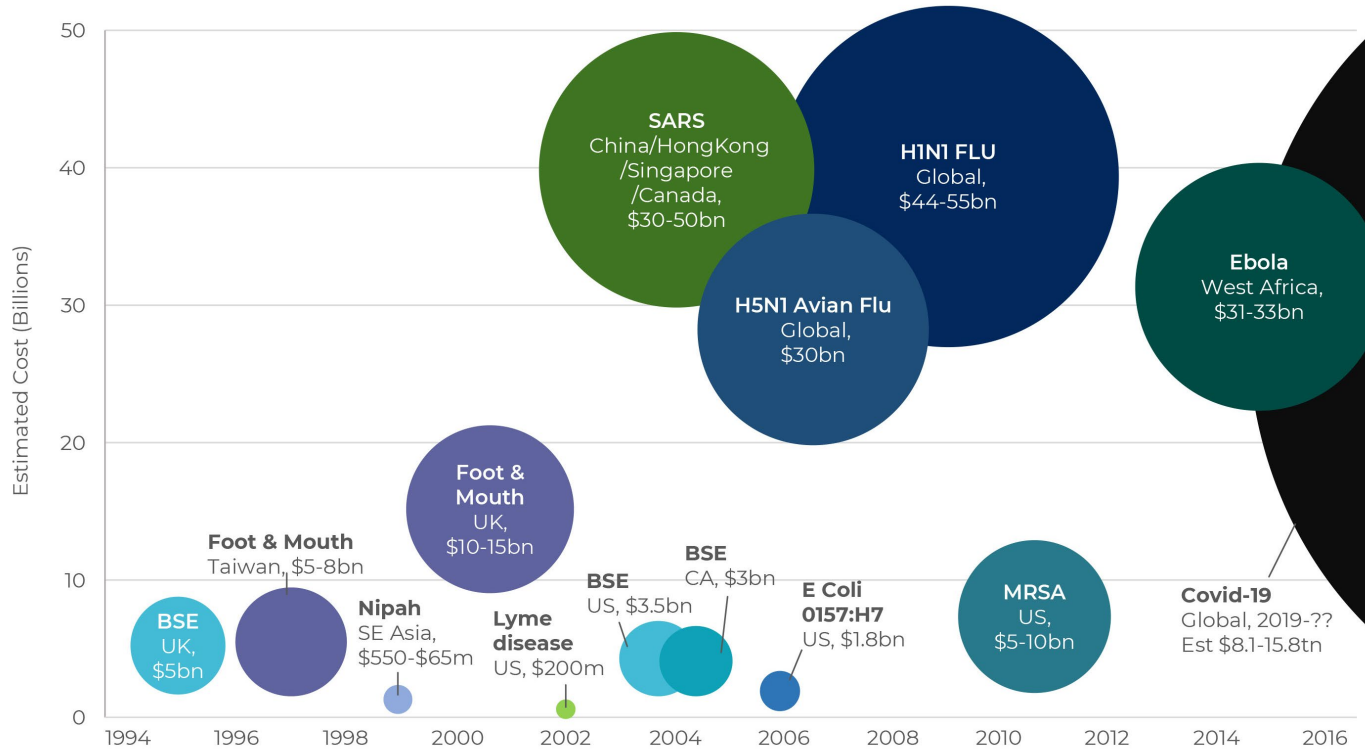


Pandemics and other emerging zoonoses cause widespread human suffering, and likely more than a trillion dollars in economic damages annually



- **Global strategies to prevent pandemics ~ \$22 – 31.2 billion annually – two orders of magnitude less than the damages pandemics produce**

Costs of Pandemics



Costs of Pandemics

POLICY FORUM

ECOLOGY AND ECONOMICS: COVID-19

Ecology and economics for pandemic prevention

Investments to prevent tropical deforestation and to limit wildlife trade will protect against future zoonosis outbreaks

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For a century, two new viruses per year have spilled from their natural hosts into humans (1). The MERS, SARS, and 2009 H1N1 epidemics, and the HIV and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemics, testify to their damage. Zoonotic viruses infect people directly most often when they handle live primates, bats, and other wildlife (or their meat) or indirectly from farm animals such as chickens and pigs. The risks are higher than ever (2, 3) as increasingly intimate associations between humans and wildlife disease reservoirs accelerate the potential for viruses to spread globally. Here, we assess the cost of monitoring and preventing disease spillover driven by the unprecedented loss and fragmentation of tropical forests and by the burgeoning wildlife trade. Currently, we invest relatively little toward preventing deforestation and regulating wildlife trade, despite well-researched plans that demonstrate a high return on their investment in limiting zoonoses and conferring many other benefits. As public funding in response to COVID-19 continues to rise, our analysis suggests that the associated costs of these preventive efforts would be substantially less than the economic and mortality costs of responding to these pathogens once they have emerged.

REDUCING DEFORESTATION

Tropical forest edges are a major launchpad for novel human viruses. Edges arise as humans build roads or clear forests for timber production and agriculture. Humans and their livestock are more likely

to contact wildlife when more than 25% of the original forest cover is lost (4), and such contacts determine the risk of disease transmission. Pathogen transmission depends on the contact rate, the abundance of susceptible humans and livestock, and the abundance of infected wild hosts. Contact rates vary with the perimeter (the length of the forest edge) between forest and nonforest. Deforestation tends to create checkerboards, whereupon we see a maximum perimeter at a 50% level of forest conversion. Thereafter, the abundance of domestic animals and humans rapidly exceeds that of wild animals, so although we expect transmission to decline, the magnitude of any resultant outbreak is higher (5). Habitat fragmentation complicates this because it increases the length of the perimeter. Roadbuilding, mining and logging camps, expansion of urban centers and settlements, migration and war, and livestock and crop monocultures have led to increasing virus spillovers. Hunting, transport, farming, and trade of wildlife for food, pets, and traditional medicine compound these routes of transmission and closely track deforestation. For example, bats are the probable reservoirs of Ebola, Nipah, SARS, and the virus behind COVID-19. Fruit bats (Pteropodidae in the Old World, the genus *Artibeus* in the New World) are more likely to feed near human settlements when their forest habitats are disturbed; this has been a key factor in viral emergence in West Africa, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Australia (5–7).

The clear link between deforestation and virus emergence suggests that a major effort to retain intact forest cover would have a large return on investment even if its only benefit was to reduce virus emergence events. The largest-scale example of directed deforestation reduction comes from Brazil between 2005 and 2012. Deforestation in the Amazon dropped by 70%, yet production of the region's dominant soy crop still increased (8). International contributions, complemented by an Amazon Fund, of

about \$1 billion supported land-use zoning, market and credit restrictions, and state-of-the-science satellite monitoring. Brazil's program reduced forest fragmentation and edge at a lower cost than could have been achieved by carbon-pricing approaches (9).

Several estimates of the effectiveness and cost of strategies to reduce tropical deforestation are available (6, 9). At an annual cost of \$9.6 billion, direct forest-protection payments to outcompete deforestation economically could achieve a 40% reduction in areas at highest risk for virus spillover (see supplementary materials (SM)). Multiple payment-for-ecosystem-services programs demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach. At the low end, widespread adoption of the earlier Brazil policy model could achieve the same reduction for only \$1.5 billion annually by removing subsidies that favor deforestation, restricting private land clearing, and supporting territorial rights of indigenous peoples. All require national motivation and political will. Strong public support for similar deforestation-prevention policies may emerge in other countries recovering from COVID-19's devastation.

WILDLIFE TRADE SPILLOVER

Global demand for wildlife causes people to enter forests to collect wildlife for sale in markets in urban and rural areas. In cities where people have diverse options to show status, bushmeat is a luxury bought for protein status, and occasionally for cultural reasons. COVID-19 is the huge price tag now pays for such encounters with wild species.

Wildlife markets and the legal and illegal wildlife trade bring live and dead wild animals into contact with hunters, traders, consumers, and all those involved in this commerce. Trade follows global consumer demand. The United States is one of the biggest global importers of wildlife, including for the massive exotic pet industry (10). The transit conditions, lack of health screening at import, and warehouses that store animals before and after import are similar to live animal markets, all conducive to spreading diseases.

Some countries have wildlife farming industries intended to prevent overhunting of wild species while meeting market demands for protein and appealing to cultural traditions. In China, wildlife farming is a \$420 billion industry employing some 15 million people (11). With the February 2020 announcement by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of a ban on wildlife consumption for food and related trade in China, there are ongoing discussions on phasing out this industry. The justification is that it creates risks for disease emergence and

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Summary of prevention costs, benefits, and break-even probability change

ITEM	VALUES (2020 \$)
Expenditures on preventive measures	
Annual funding for monitoring wildlife trade (CITES+)	\$250–\$750 M
Annual cost of programs to reduce spillovers	\$120–\$340 M
Annual cost of programs for early detection and control	\$217–\$279 M
Annual cost of programs to reduce spillover via livestock	\$476–\$852 M
Annual cost of reducing deforestation by half	\$1.53–\$9.59 B
Annual cost of ending wild meat trade in China	\$19.4 B
TOTAL GROSS PREVENTION COSTS (C)	\$22.0–\$31.2 B

Ancillary benefit of prevention

Social cost of carbon	\$36.5/tonne
Annual CO ₂ emissions reduced from 50% less deforestation	118 Mt
Ancillary benefits from reduction in CO ₂ emissions	\$4.31 B
TOTAL PREVENTION COSTS NET OF CARBON BENEFITS (C)	\$17–\$26.9 B

Damages from COVID-19

Lost GDP in world from COVID-19	\$5.6 T
Value of a statistical life (V) adjusted for COVID-19 mortality structure	\$5.34 M or \$10.0 M
Total COVID-19 world mortality (Q ₀) forecast by 28 July 2020, 50th percentile with 95% error bounds	590,643 [473,209, 1,019,078]
Value of deaths in world from COVID-19 = Q ₀ × V	
Lowest (\$5.34 M × 2.5th percentile mortality forecast)	\$2.5 T
Middle (\$10 M × 50th percentile mortality forecast)	\$5.9 T
Highest (\$10 M × 97.5th percentile mortality forecast)	\$10.2 T

TOTAL DISEASE DAMAGES (D):

Lowest (\$5.34 M × 2.5th percentile mortality forecast)	\$8.1 T
Middle (\$10 M × 50th percentile mortality forecast)	\$11.5 T
Highest (\$10 M × 97.5th percentile mortality forecast)	\$15.8 T

The break-even change in annual probability of pandemic satisfies $C = \Delta P \times D$, where P_0 = benchmark probability of pandemic; P_1 = probability of pandemic with prevention efforts in place; $\Delta P = P_0 - P_1$; and $\% \Delta P = (\Delta P / P_0) \times 100$.

If $P_0 = 0.01$, $C = \$30.7 B$, and $D = \$11.5 T$ (most likely scenario, ignoring ancillary benefits of CO₂ reductions), prevention results in net benefits if it decreases P by 26.7% to $P_1 = 0.00733$. Using other values of C, D , and P results in $\% \Delta P$ ranging from 11.8% to 75.7%; only one scenario has a $\% \Delta P$ exceeding 50%. See supplementary materials.



Investments to prevent deforestation and to limit wildlife trade will protect against future zoonosis outbreaks

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“When animals go crazy, run away from the sea and go to the highlands” *advises a song sung by Indonesian children for centuries.*

Caught on radar: Thousands of birds took flight minutes before Oklahoma earthquake



PREDICT

Birds take flight near the Pentagon, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster) (Carolyn Kaster/AP)



*Plan topographique de la ville de Lisbonne avant
le tremblement de terre du 1er novembre 1755
d'après les cartes de l'Etat-Major.*

PREVENT

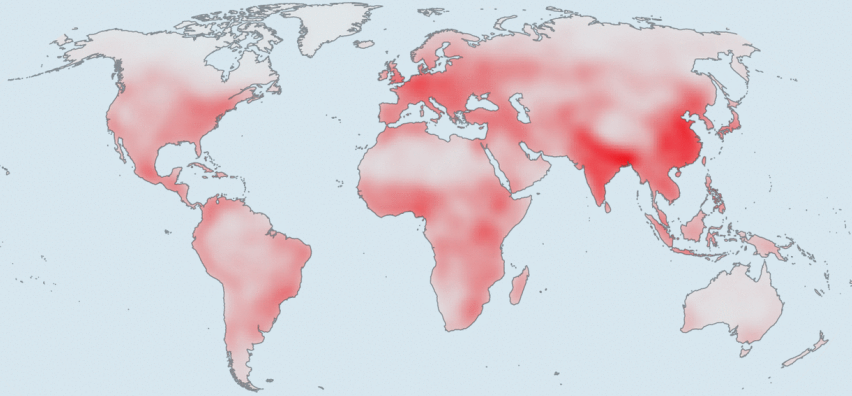


THE EARTHQUAKE AT LISBON IN 1755.

Disease Y

Predicted emerging-disease hotspots

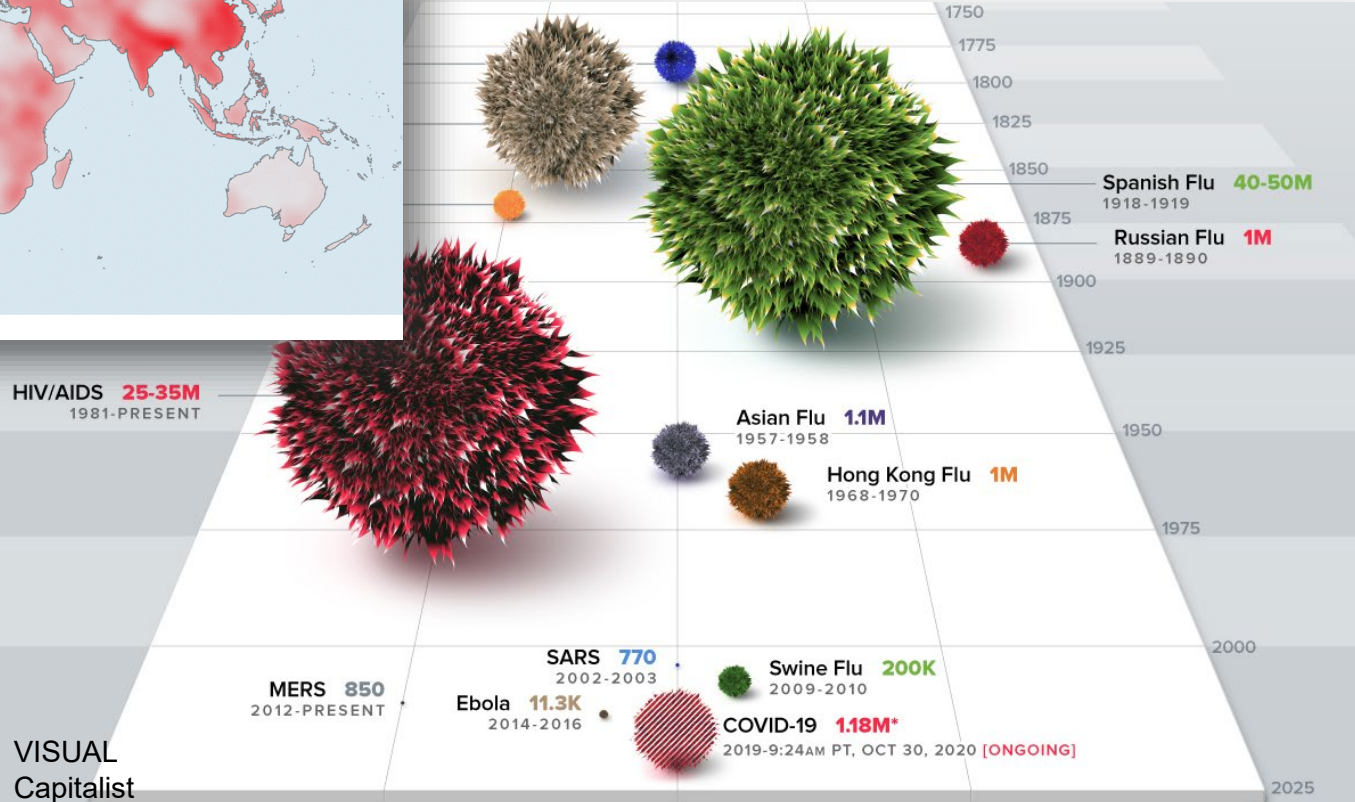
Risk of disease emerging Lower Higher



Source: EcoHealth Alliance

The Economist

PREDICT ???



PREVENT???

VISUAL
Capitalist

- “that those who come from infested areas shall not enter until after a period of isolation for the purpose of disinfection.”
- “those sick shall hold themselves inside their houses and are not to leave under any circumstances”
- “circulation is to be restricted and regulated”



Lest we forget ??

Interest over time 

Internet search term «**pandemic**» – Google trends TM



RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Effects of Media Reports on Disease Spread and Important Public Health Measurements

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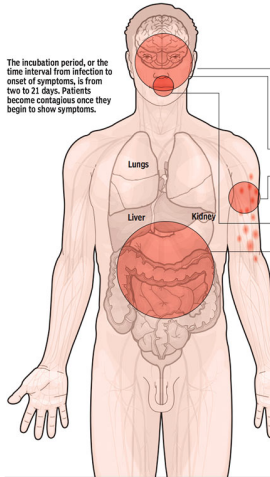
How the Media Places Responsibility for the COVID-19 Pandemic—An Australian Media Analysis

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EBOLA

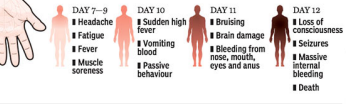
THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC

The incubation period, or the time interval from infection to onset of symptoms, is from two to 21 days. Patients become contagious once they begin to show symptoms.



SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS

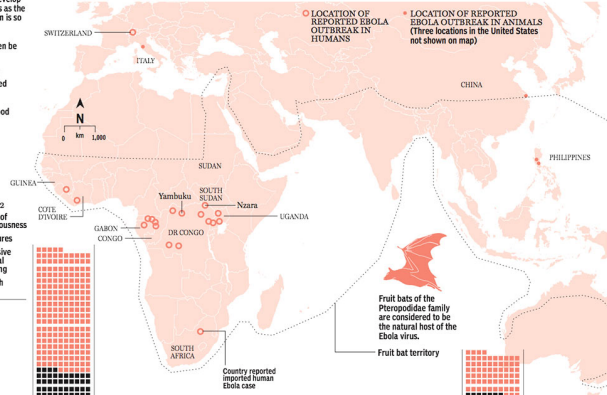
- At the development stage of ebola virus disease (EVD), patients have inflammation of the throat and mucous membranes of the eyes (conjunctivitis), abdominal pains and vomiting.
- When the infection attacks, it causes severe damage to the skin. Small white blisters develop along with red spots, referred to as maculopapular rash. These spots develop into bruises as the skin becomes pusy in texture. Rips randomly appear, allowing blood to pour out. The skin is so weak it easily tears with any movement of the patient.
- The surface of the tongue becomes a brilliant red and eventually sloughs off. It may even be spat out or swallowed.
- The virus is known to be systemic, which means the infection attacks every tissue and organ of the body, except the skeletal muscles and bones. The virus is also characterized by hemorrhaging and blood clotting.
- It also causes blood clots in the bloodstream. These clots tend to get stuck in the blood vessels, which in turn causes the red spots on the skin. The clots also slow down the blood supply to most organs of the body, such as the lungs, brain, liver, intestines, kidneys, testicles and breasts. All these organs become severely damaged and eventually stop functioning.



One of the world's deadliest diseases, the ebola virus is currently sweeping the African continent, which is experiencing its worst outbreak ever. Symptoms can be horrific, and it has a case fatality rate of up to 90%, making it a nightmare for health officials.

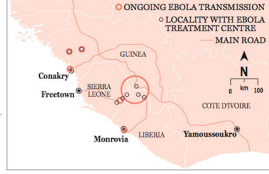
DISTRIBUTION OF PREVIOUS OUTBREAKS

Ebola first appeared in 1976 in two simultaneous outbreaks, in Nzara, Sudan, and Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. The latter was in a village situated near the Ebola River, from which the disease takes its name.

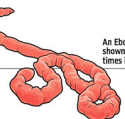


RECENT OUTBREAKS IN WEST AFRICA JAN - JULY 2014

Guinea: 412 cases (395 deaths)
Liberia: 115 cases (75 deaths)
Sierra Leone: 252 cases (141 deaths)



An Ebola virus particle, shown 1.55 million times its actual size



TRANSMISSION

Ebola is introduced into the human population through close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals. In Africa, infection has occurred through the handling of infected chimpanzees, gorillas, fruit bats, monkeys, forest antelope and porcupines found ill or dead or in the rainforest. Once a person comes into contact with an animal that has Ebola, it can spread within the community from human to human. Infection occurs from direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the blood, or other bodily fluids or secretions (stool, urine, saliva, sweat) of infected people.

DEADLY EBOLA SPECIES

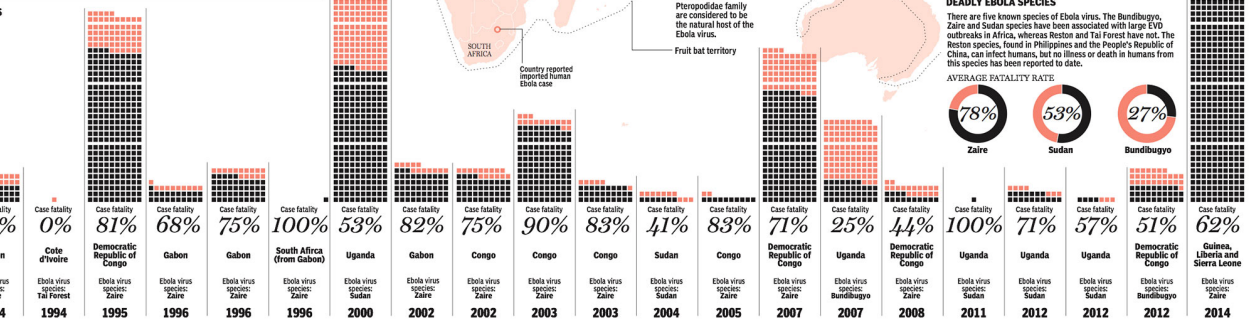
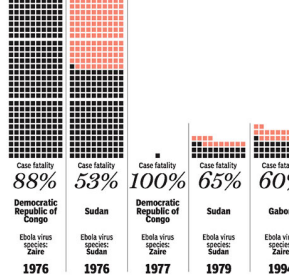
There are five known species of Ebola virus. The Bundibugyo, Zaire and Sudan species have been associated with large EVD outbreaks in Africa, whereas Reston and Tai Forest have not. The Reston species, found in Philippines and the People's Republic of China, can infect humans, but no illness or death in humans from this species has been reported to date.

AVERAGE FATALITY RATE



CHRONOLOGY EBOLA OUTBREAKS

NUMBER OF CASES, 1976 - 2014

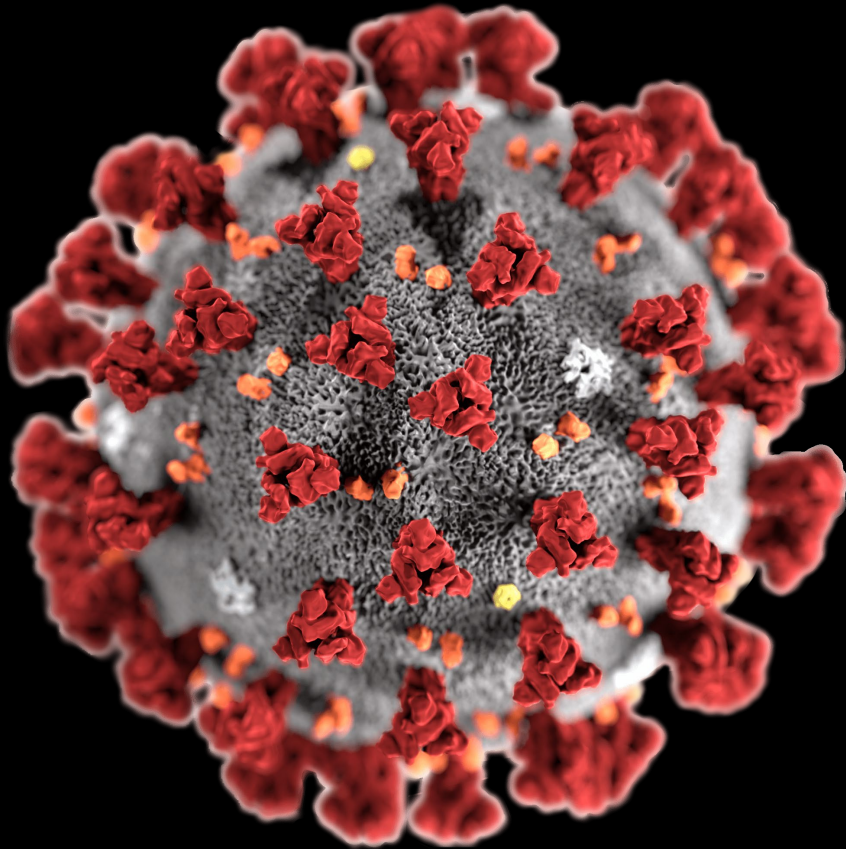


These figures are current estimates for EBV cases in these countries.

IN AFRICA HUMAN EBOLA
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AND PROCESSING MEAT
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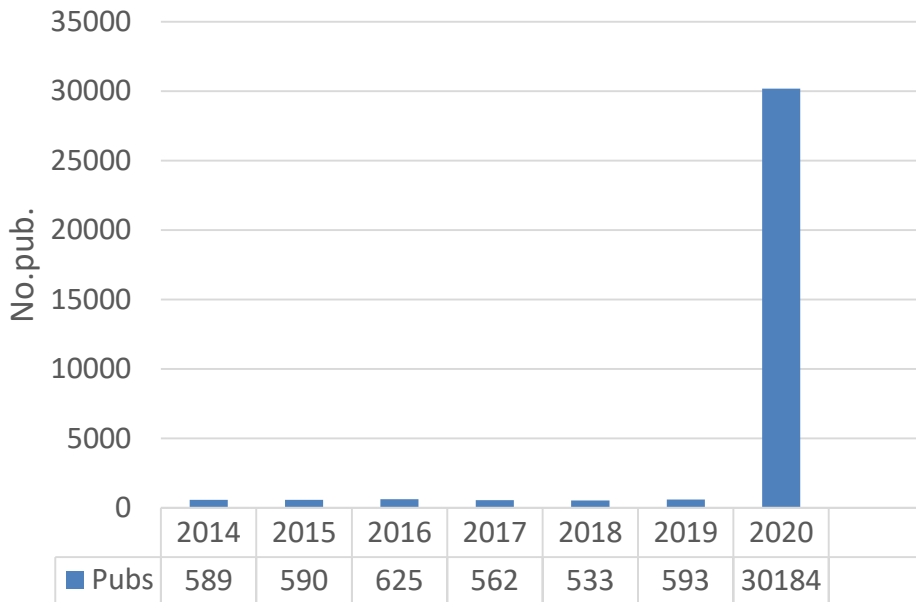






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BRIEF REPORT

A Novel Coronavirus from Patients with Pneumonia in China, 2019

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SUMMARY

In December 2019, a cluster of patients with pneumonia of unknown cause was linked to a seafood wholesale market in Wuhan, China. A previously unknown betacoronavirus was discovered through the use of unbiased sequencing in samples from patients with pneumonia. Human airway epithelial cells were used to isolate a novel coronavirus, named 2019-nCoV, which formed a clade within the subgenus sarbecovirus, Orthocoronavirinae subfamily. Different from both MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, 2019-nCoV is the seventh member of the family of coronaviruses that infect humans. Enhanced surveillance and further investigation are ongoing. (Funded by the National Key Research and Development Program of China and the National Major Project for Control and Prevention of Infectious Disease in China.)

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EMERGING AND REEMERGING PATHOGENS ARE GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOR public health.¹ Coronaviruses are enveloped RNA viruses that are distributed broadly among humans, other mammals, and birds and that cause respiratory, enteric, hepatic, and neurologic diseases.^{2,3} Six coronavirus species are known to cause human disease.⁴ Four viruses — 229E, OC43, NL63, and HKU1 — are prevalent and typically cause common cold symptoms in immunocompetent individuals.⁴ The two other strains — severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) — are zoonotic in origin and have been linked to sometimes fatal illness.⁵ SARS-CoV was the causal agent of the severe acute respiratory syndrome outbreaks in 2002 and 2003 in Guangdong Province, China.⁶⁻⁸ MERS-CoV was the pathogen responsible for severe respiratory disease outbreaks in 2012 in the Middle East.⁹ Given the high prevalence and wide distribution of coronaviruses, the large genetic diversity and frequent recombination of their genomes, and increasing human-animal interface activities, novel coronaviruses are likely to emerge periodically in humans owing to frequent cross-species infections and occasional spillover events.^{5,10}

In late December 2019, several local health facilities reported clusters of patients with pneumonia of unknown cause that were epidemiologically linked to a seafood and wet animal wholesale market in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.¹¹ On December 31, 2019, the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) dispatched a rapid response team to accompany Hubei provincial and Wuhan city health authorities and to conduct an epidemiologic and etiologic investigation. We report the results of this investigation, identifying the source of the pneumonia



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**Prediction and
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What can governments do to prevent future pandemics?



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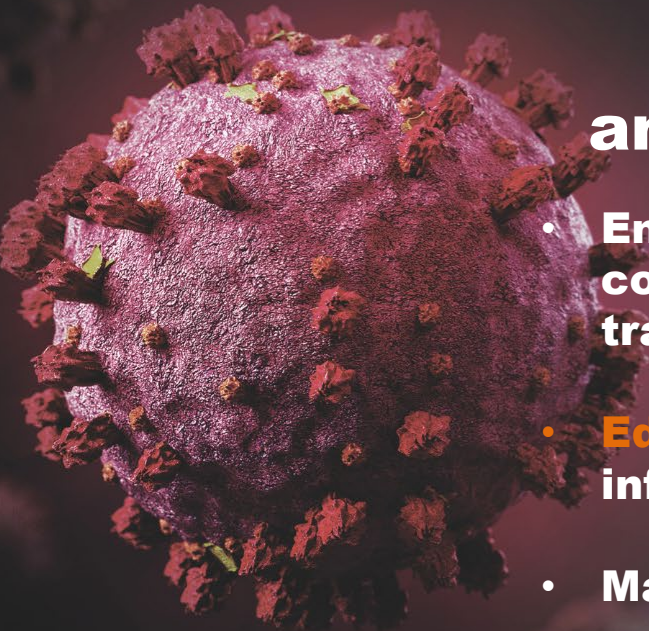


Governments could establish an intergovernmental council on pandemic prevention to help escape the 'era of pandemics'

- **Building a new intergovernmental health and trade partnership to reduce zoonotic disease risks in the international wildlife trade, building on collaborations among international organisations.**
- **Institutionalizing the 'One Health' approach in national governments to build pandemic preparedness, enhance pandemic prevention programs, and to investigate and control outbreaks across sectors.**

Prediction and Prevention is **better** than cure and it starts with... me and you!

- Enabling **transformative change** to reduce the types of consumption, globalized agricultural expansion and trade that have led to pandemics
- **Educating** communities from all sectors in emerging infectious diseases hotspots
- Making better use of **indigenous** knowledge
- Incorporate **pandemic risk** into planning
- Supporting **One Health** scientific research to design and test better strategies to prevent pandemics



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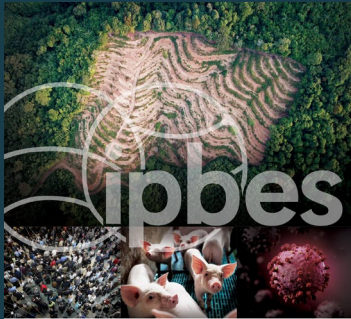
**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



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A close-up photograph of a squirrel sitting on a wooden ledge. The squirrel has brown and grey fur with a white belly. It is holding a nut in its mouth and gesturing with its front paws as if speaking. The background is a blurred tree trunk.

**Business-as-usual
approach does not
work. The time to
change is ... NOW.**



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