

# RVF: the disease epidemiology in animals and overview of its global spread



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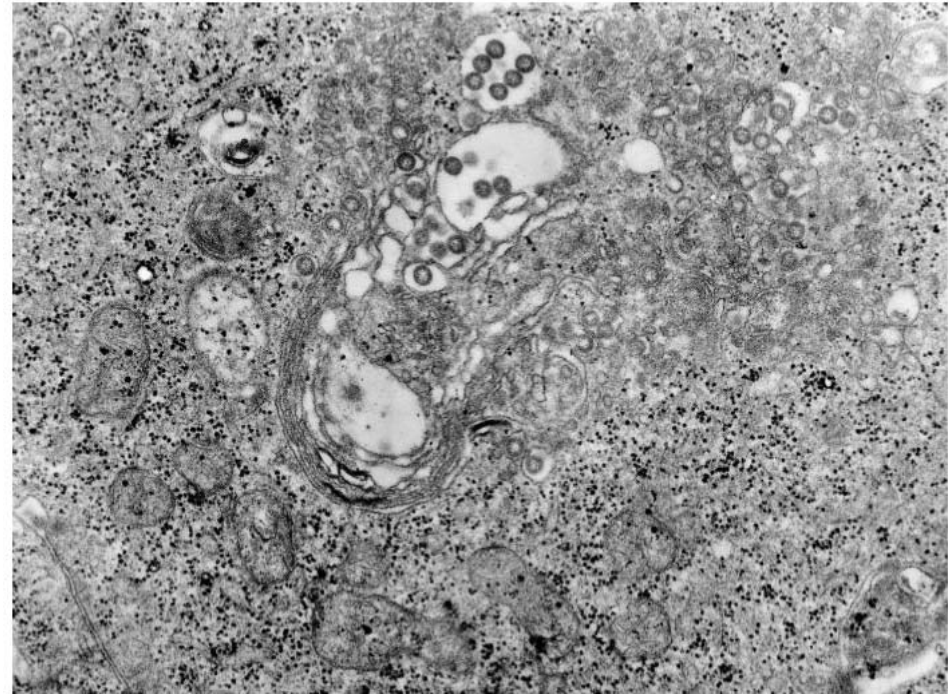
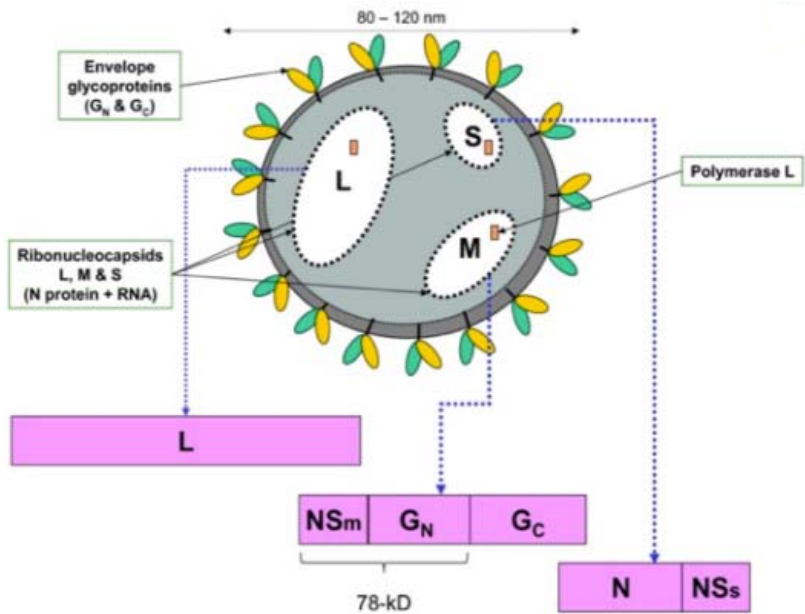
# Recap of the disease

- ▶ Vector borne disease with a very wide range of vectors
- ▶ Bunyavirus family, genus Phlebovirus (RNA)
- ▶ Zoonosis – infection either from mosquitos or contact with infected animal material
- ▶ High mortality in young animals; abortion in pregnant animals
- ▶ Outbreaks are usually associated with heavy rains (El Nino)



Characteristic L,M,S RNA segmented genom, in a separate nucleocapsid in the virion;

No significant antigenetic differences between isolates from many countries, but differences in pathogenicity, possibly due to minor nucleotid/aminoacid differences



This transmission electron micrograph (TEM) depicted a highly magnified view of a tissue that had been infected with Rift Valley fever virus. Source : Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)

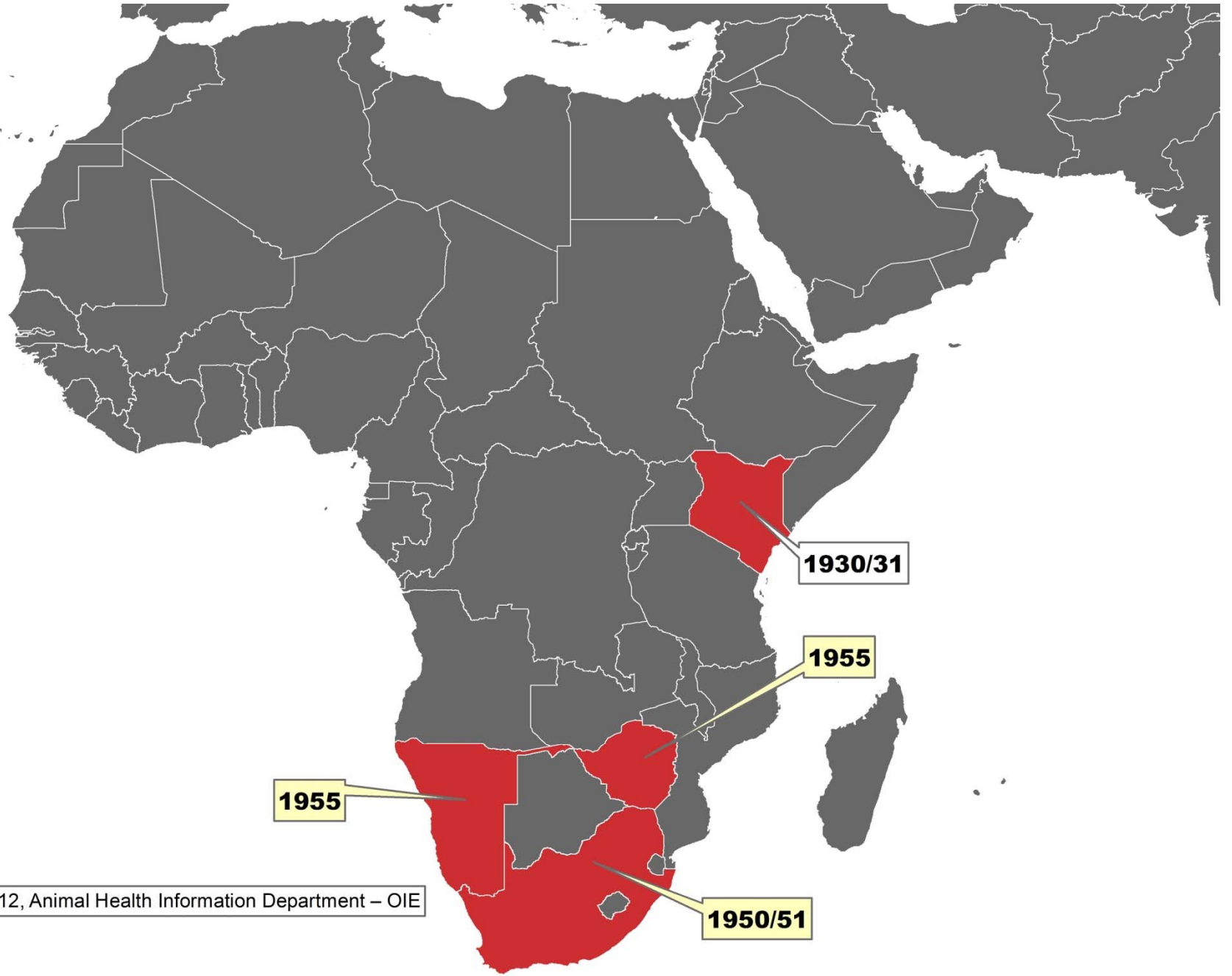
\* *PhleboV*: 68 serotypes, 8 linked to disease in humans: Alenquer virus, Candiru virus, Chagres virus, Naples virus, Punta Toro virus, Rift Valley fever, Sicilian virus, and Toscana virus. + Recently identified SFTS virus (2009, *Haemaphysalis*).





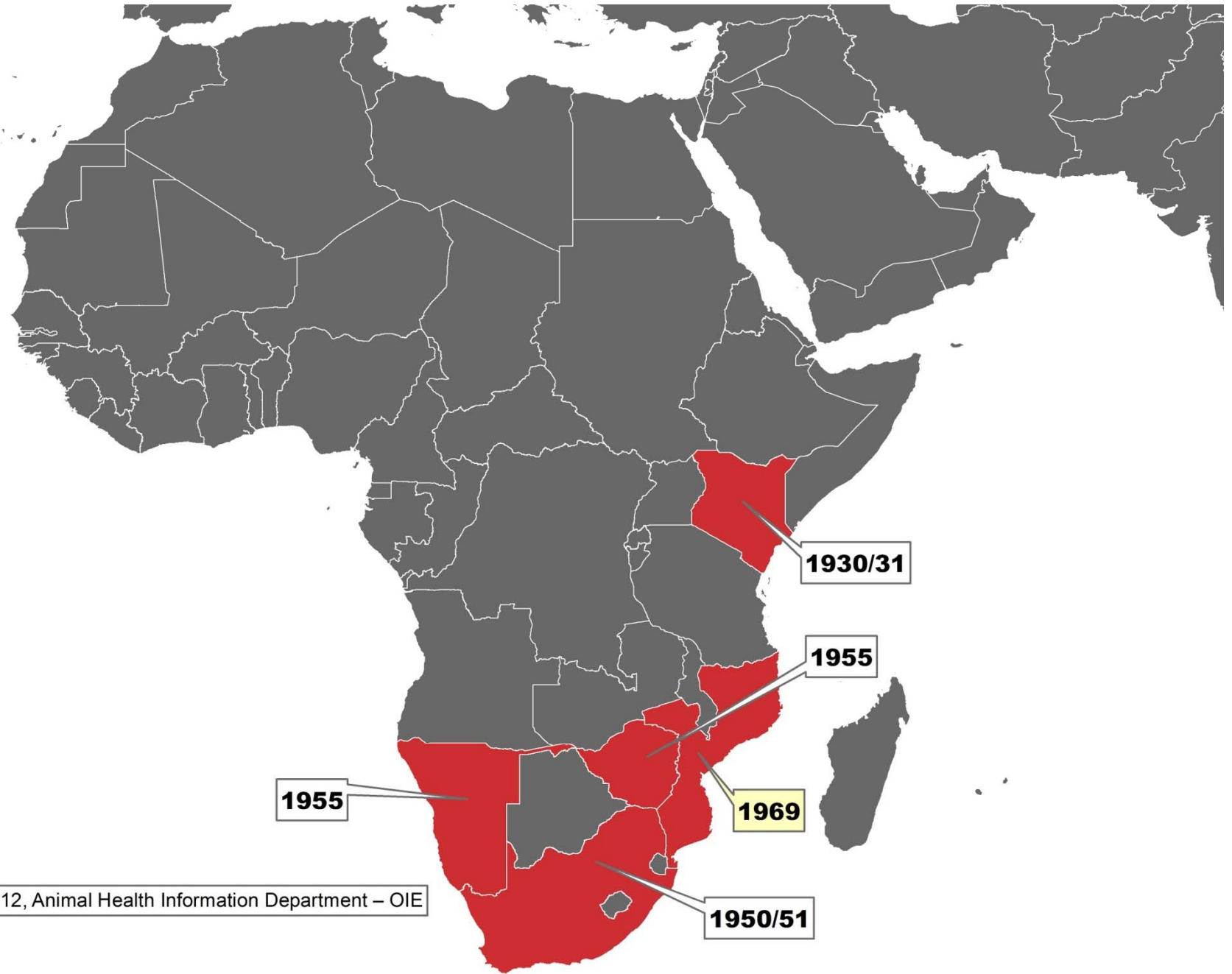
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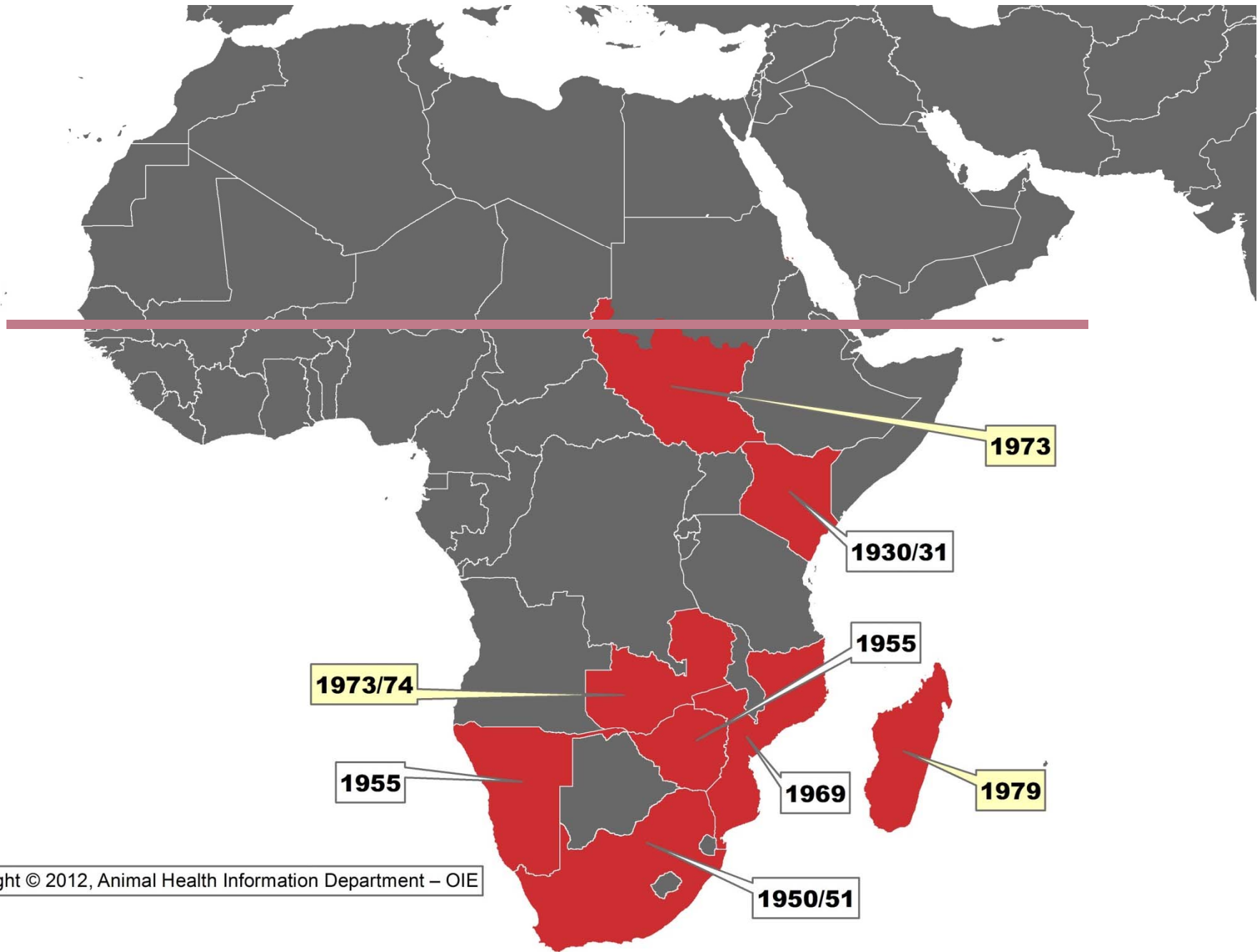
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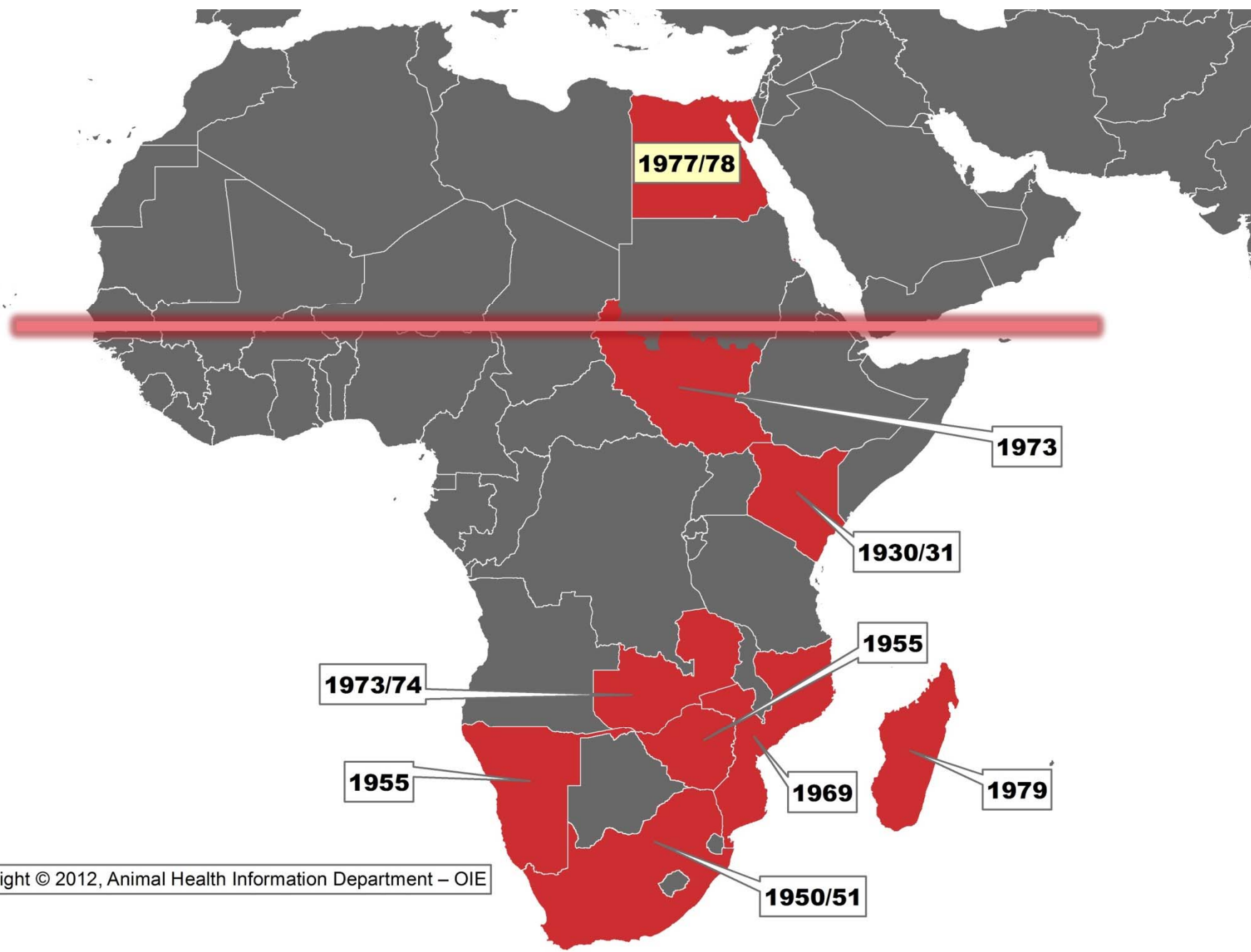


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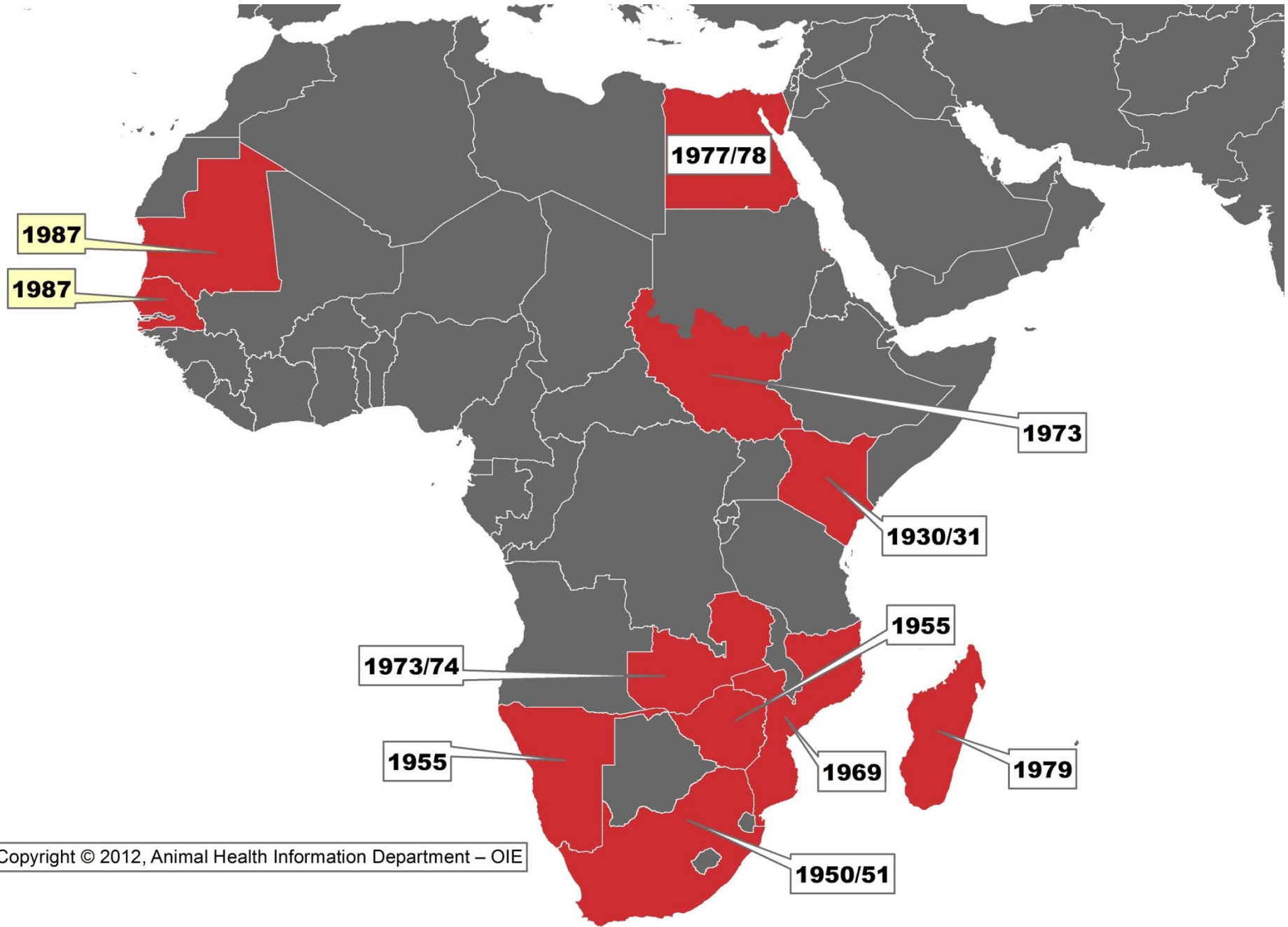
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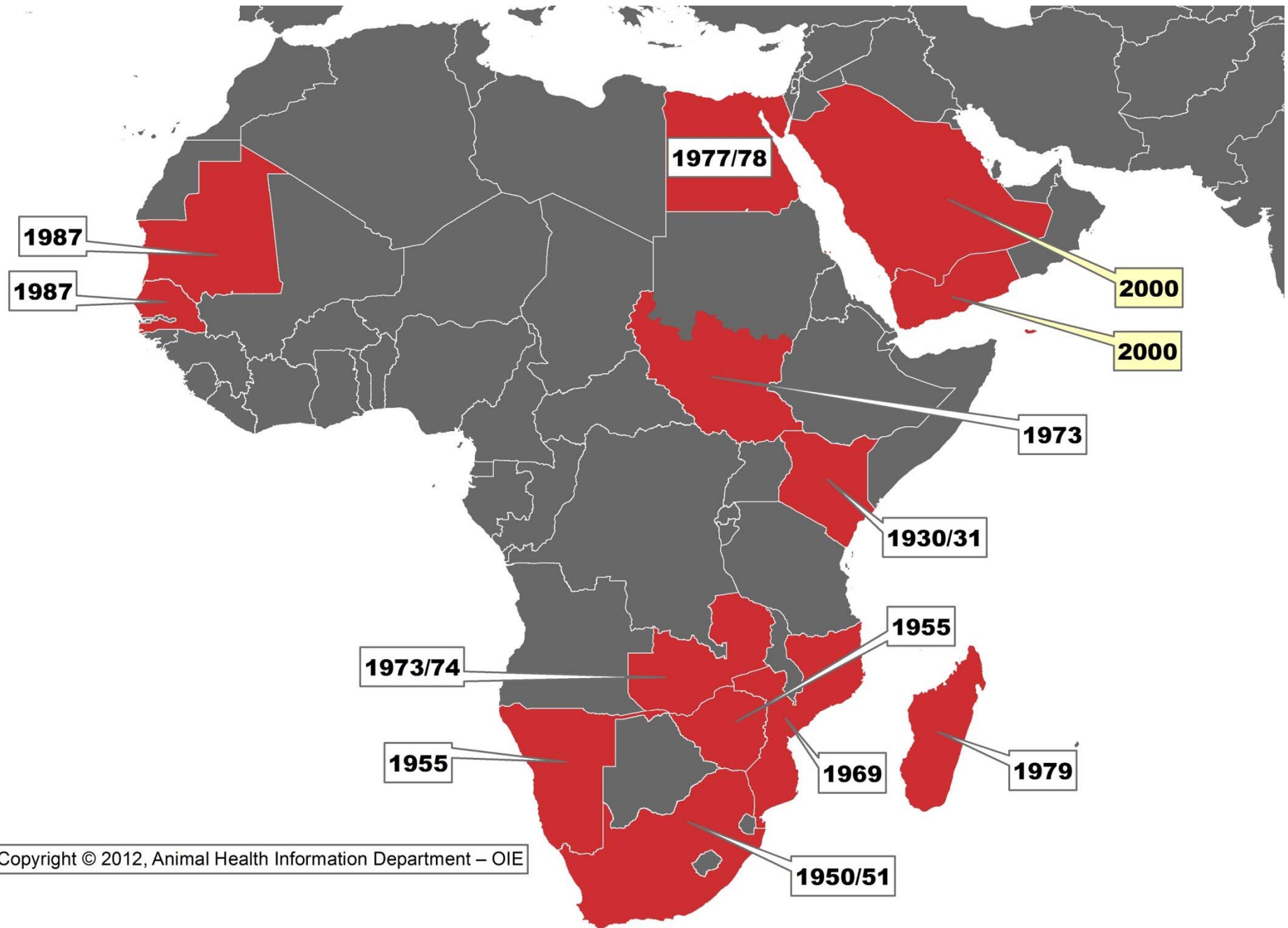






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# Rift Valley Fever



**Mauritania** 1987, 1998-99, 2002, 2010, 2012

**Senegal** 1999, 2002

**Gambia** 1999, 2002

**Zambia** 1973-74, 1978, 1985

**Zimbabwe** 1955, 1957, 1969-70, 1978

**Namibia** 1955, 1974-75, 2010

**Egypt** 1977-78, 1997-98, 2003

**Saudi Arabia** 2000

**Yemen** 2000

**Somalia** 1997-98, 2006-07

**Kenya** 1997-98, 2006-07

**Tanzania** 1997-98, 2007

**Mozambique** 1969

**Madagascar** 1979, 1990-91-2008-2009

**Comores, Mayotte** 2008

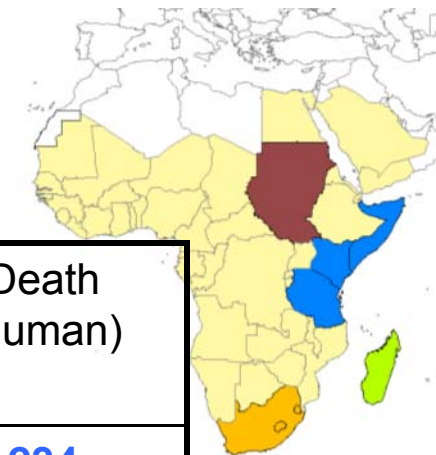
**Swaziland** 1979, 1990-91- 2008

**South Africa** 1950-53, 1974-75, 1999, 2008-11



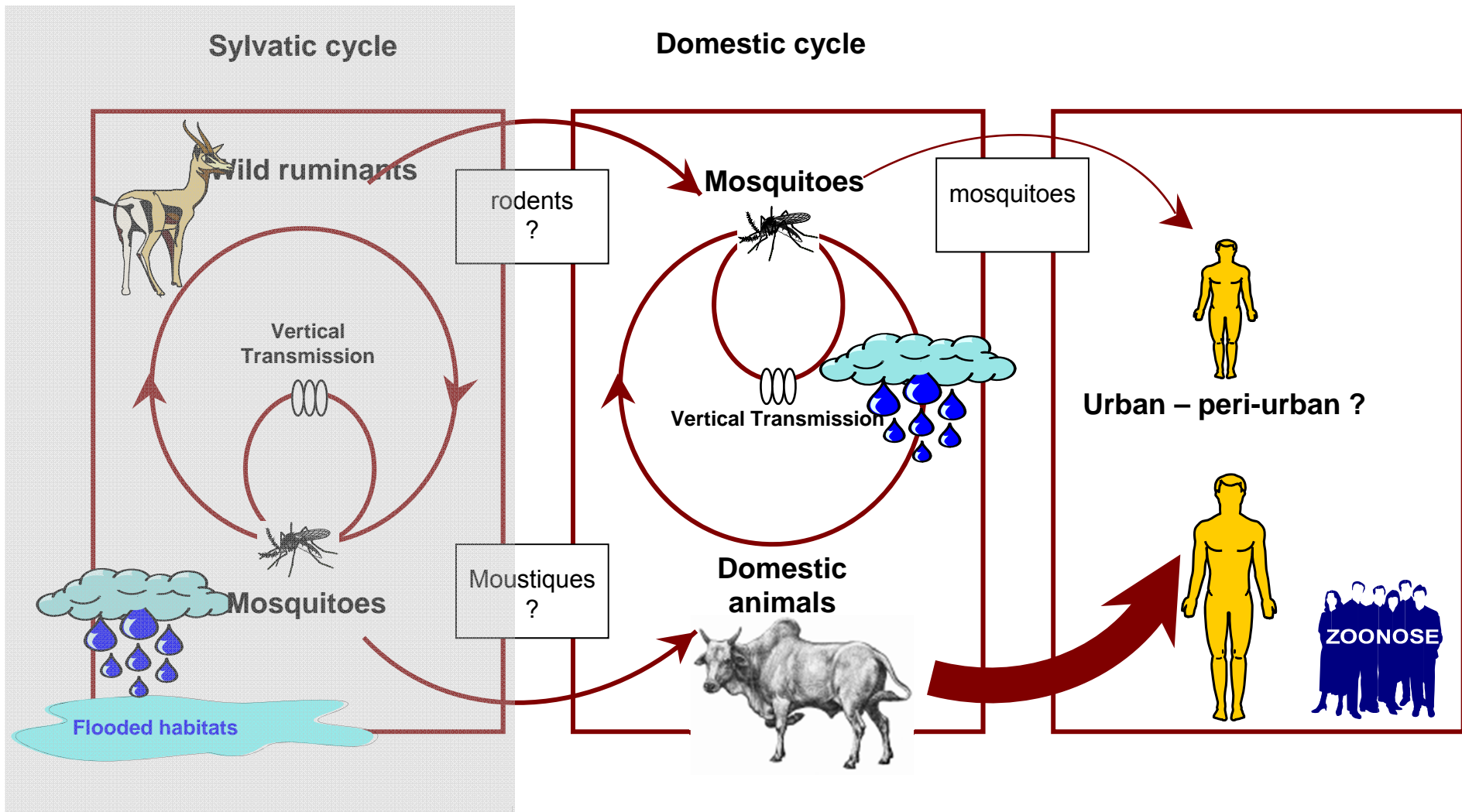
# Rift Valley fever in Africa

## The last outbreaks



Year	country	Estimated (human)	Reported (human)	Death (human)
2006-07	Kenya	75.000	684	234
2006-07	Somalia	30.000	114	51
2006-07	Tanzania	40.000	264	109
2007-08	Sudan	75.000	738	230
2007-08	Madagascar	10.000	418	17
2008-09	Madagascar	2.500	233	4
2007-09	South Africa	-	15	0
2010-11 /12	Mauritania	500	69	17





## Epidemiological cycle of RVF

Source: B.Mondet (IRD), in Gerring et al, 2003



8 different families of arthropods of which 6 are mosquitoes (Aedes, Culex, Mansonia, Anopheles, Coquillettia and Eretmapodites);

About 30 species of mosquitoes have been reported infected and some of them have been proven to have vector competence [EFSA, 2005].

Other arthropods include culicoides, phlébotomes, ticks..



*Aedes albopictus*

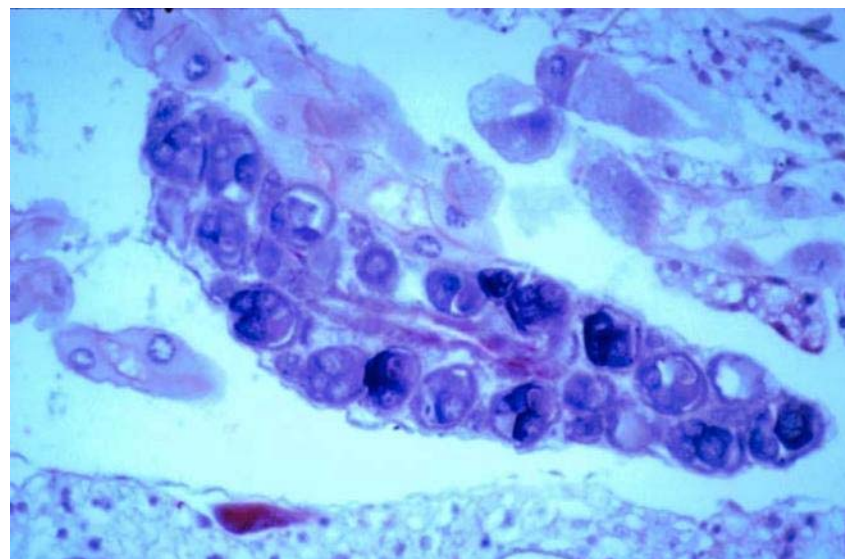
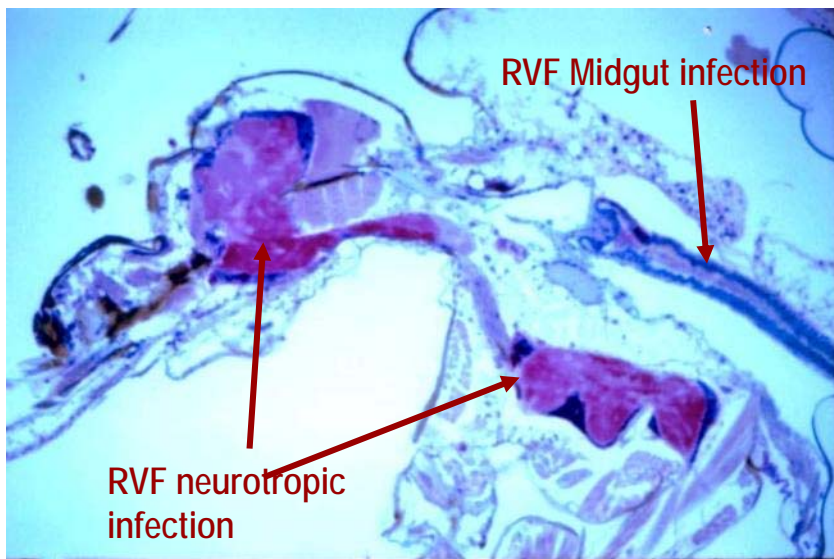
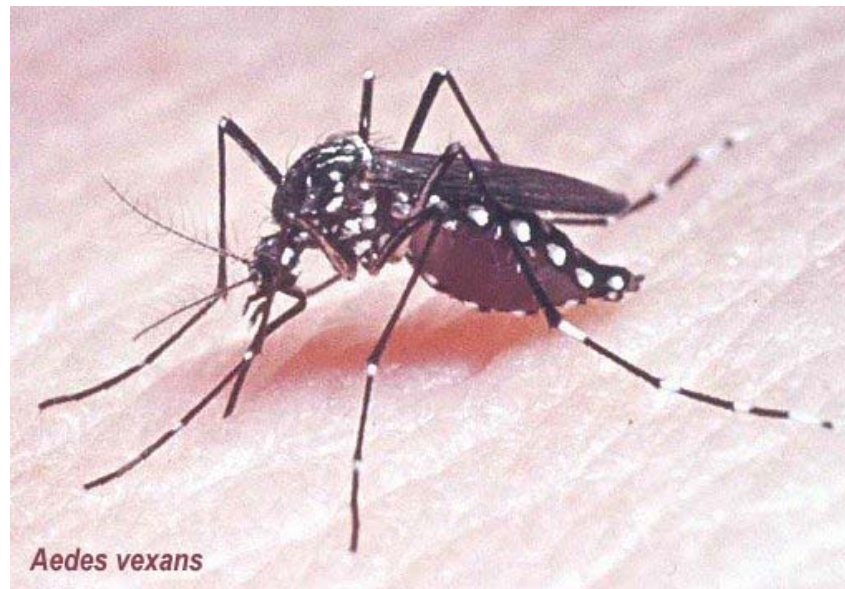
Genre	Espèce	Pays (année)
<i>Aedes (Aedimorphus)</i>	<i>cumminsi</i>	Kenya (1981-1984) Burkina Faso (1983)
	<i>dalzielii</i>	Sénégal (1974, 1983)
	<i>dentatus</i>	Zimbabwe (1969)
	<i>durbanensis</i>	Kenya (1937)
	<i>ochraceus</i>	Sénégal (1993)
	<i>tarsalis</i>	Ouganda (1944)
	<i>vexans arabiensis</i>	Sénégal (1993) Arabie Séoudite (2000)
<i>Aedes (Neomelanimonon)</i>	<i>circumluteolus</i>	Ouganda (1955) Afrique du Sud (1955, 1981)
	<i>mcintoshi</i>	Zimbabwe (1969) Afrique du Sud (1974-1975) Kenya (1981-1984) RCA (1969)
<i>Ochlerotatus (Ochlerotatus)</i>	<i>palpalis</i>	Afrique du Sud (1953)
	<i>caballus</i>	Suspecté, Egypte (1993)
	<i>caspius</i>	Afrique du Sud (1974-1975)
<i>Aedes (Stegomyia)</i>	<i>juppi</i>	Ouganda (1956)
	<i>africanus</i>	Ouganda (1944)
<i>Aedes (Diceromyia)</i>	<i>furcifer group</i>	Burkina Faso (1983)
<i>Anopheles (Anopheles)</i>	<i>costanti</i>	Zimbabwe (1969) Madagascar (1979)
	<i>fuscicolor</i>	Madagascar (1979)
<i>Anopheles (Cellia)</i>	<i>chrysi</i>	Kenya (1981-1984)
	<i>cinereus</i>	Afrique du Sud (1974-1975)
	<i>pauliani</i>	Madagascar (1979)
	<i>pharoensis</i>	Kenya (1981-1984)
<i>Culex (Culex)</i>	<i>spp.</i>	Madagascar (1979)
	<i>antennatus</i>	Nigeria (1967-1970) Kenya (1981-1984)
	<i>neavi</i>	Afrique du Sud (1981)
	<i>pipiens</i>	Egypte (1977)
	<i>poecilipes</i>	Sénégal (1998)
	<i>theileri</i>	Afrique du Sud (1970) Zimbabwe (1969)
	<i>tritaeniorhynchus</i>	Arabie Séoudite (2000)
	<i>vansomereni</i>	Kenya (1981-1984)
	<i>zombaensis</i>	Afrique du Sud (1981) Kenya (1981-1984, 1989)
	<i>rubinotus</i>	Kenya (1981-1984)
	<i>Culex (Eumelanomyia)</i>	<i>chrysogaster</i>
<i>quinquevittatus</i>		Afrique du Sud (1971) Kenya (1981-1984)
<i>Coquillettia</i>	<i>fuscopennata</i>	Ouganda (1959)
	<i>grandidieri</i>	Madagascar (1979)
<i>Mansonia (Mansoniodes)</i>	<i>africana</i>	Ouganda (1959, 1968) RCA (1969) Kenya (1989)
	<i>uniformis</i>	Ouganda (1959) Madagascar (1979)
<i>Autres diptères</i>	<i>Culicoides spp.</i>	Nigeria (1967)



*Culex pipiens*



*Aedes macintoshi & vexans*



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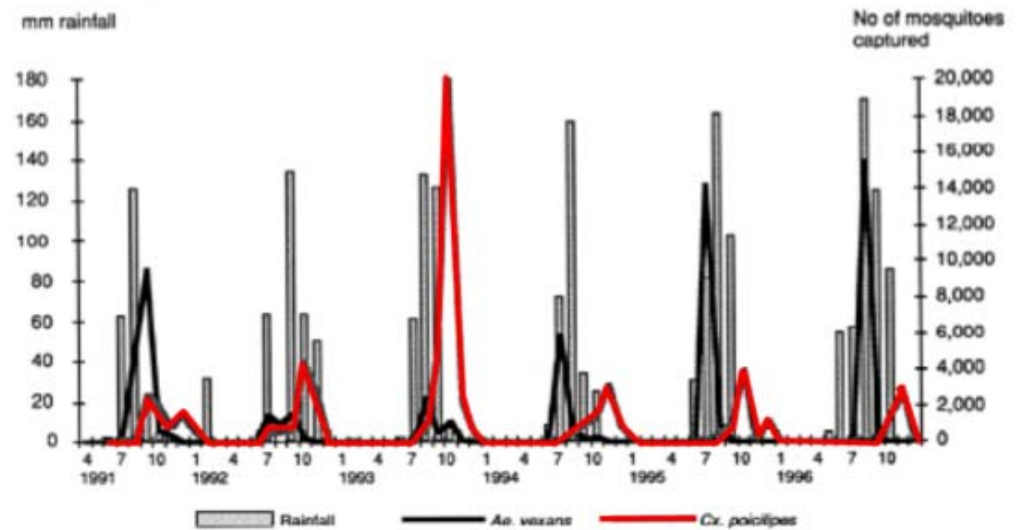
- Eggs of certain *Aedes* species can remain in dried mud for several years; hatch with the rain
- Even if it rains, not all hatch ( 60%) (survival strategy!)
- Transovarial transmission in *Aedes* (not in *Culex*!)
- Regular low-level transmission to livestock
- Transmission efficacy influenced by **temperature** and **doses of virus**
- Infection increases mosquito's biting rate!
- During epidemics, virus levels in animals is so high that mechanical transmission is also possible





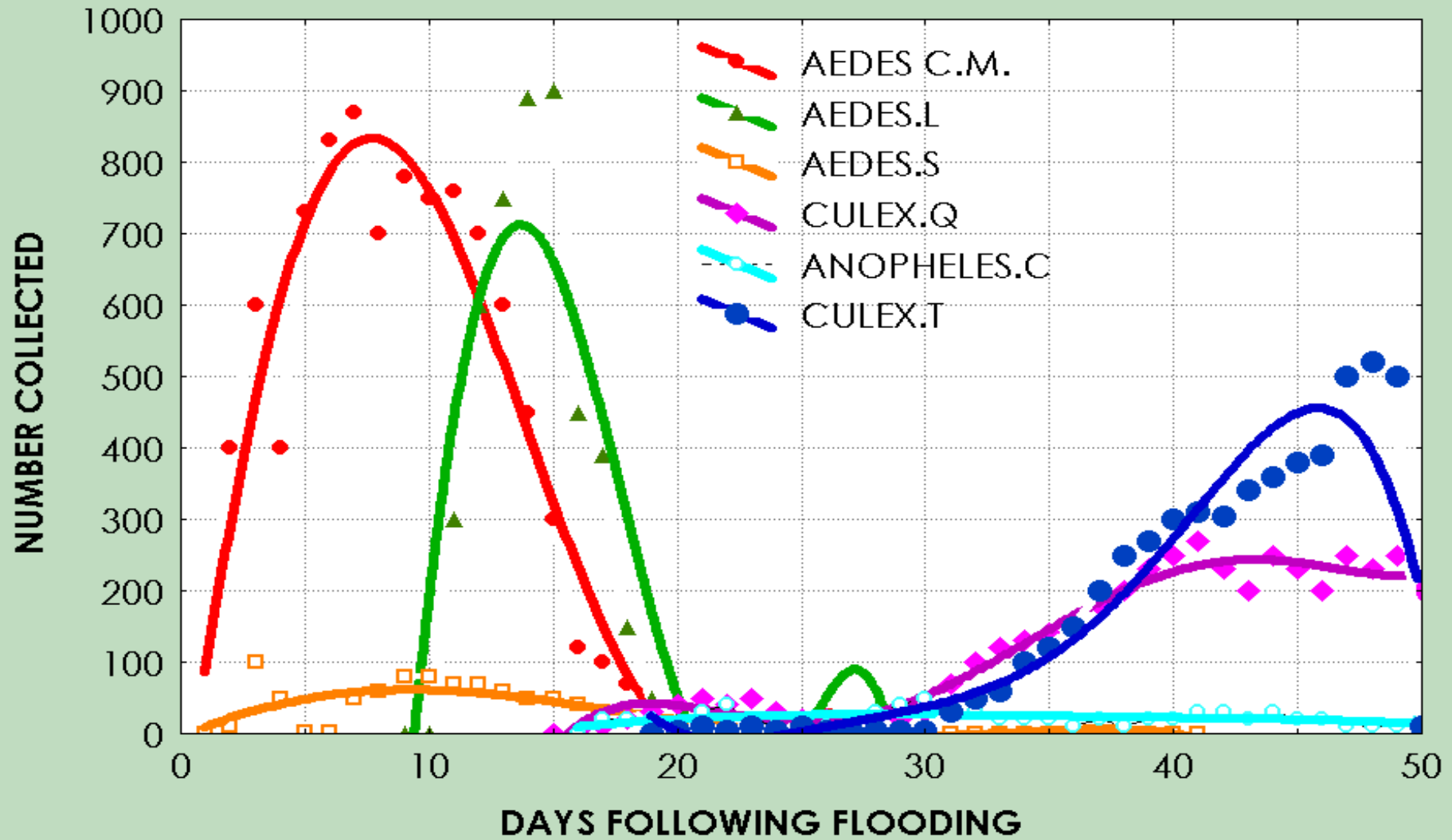


**Small water points** in West Africa – every year virus activity with low level sero-conversion in cattle (Thiongane)



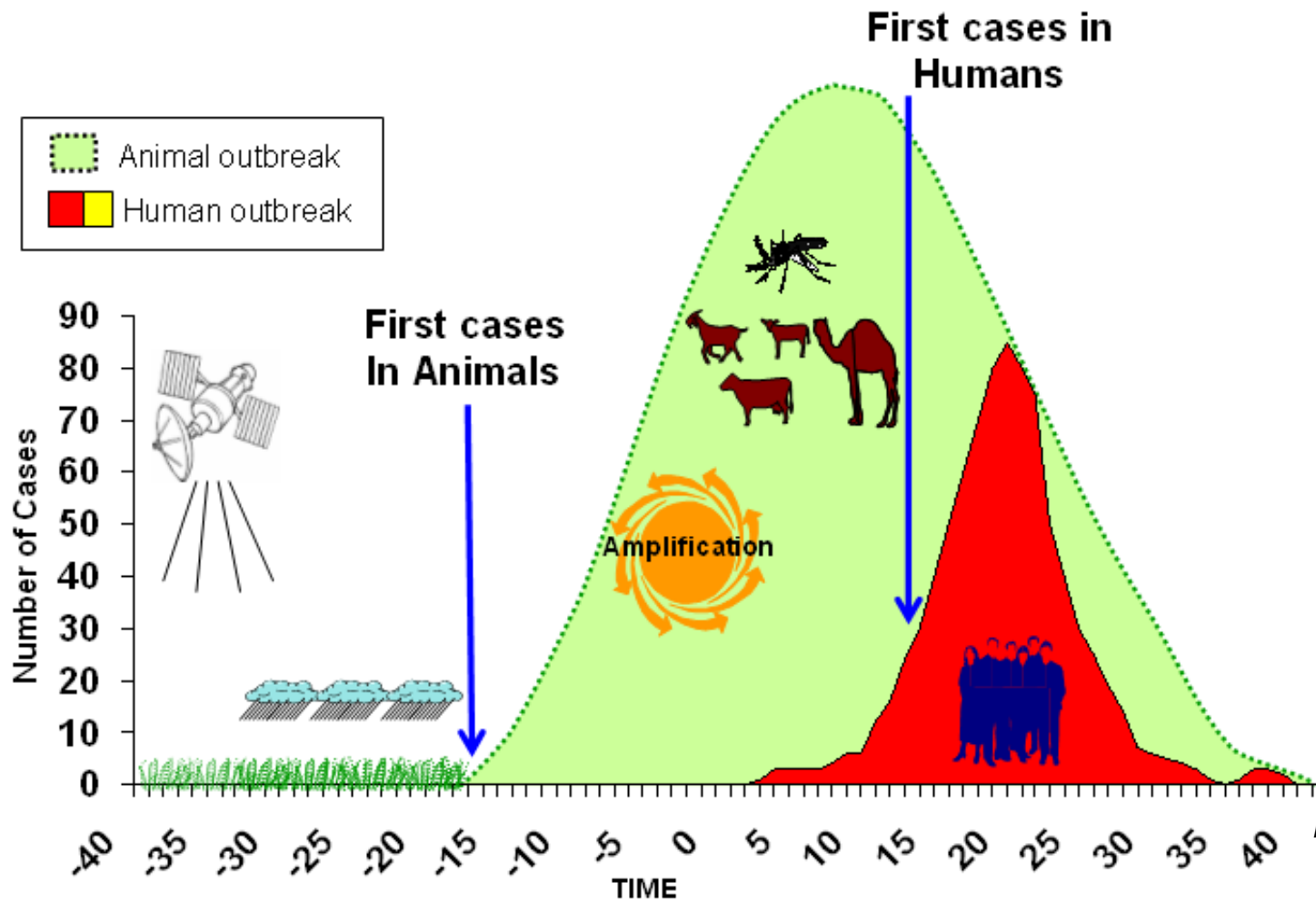
Emergence of populations of *Aedes* vs *Culex* after flooding  
 Source: Fontenille et al, 1998

## Evolution of Mosquito Populations after a Flood Event



*K. Linthicum et al, 1983*

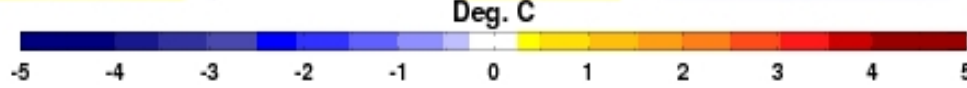
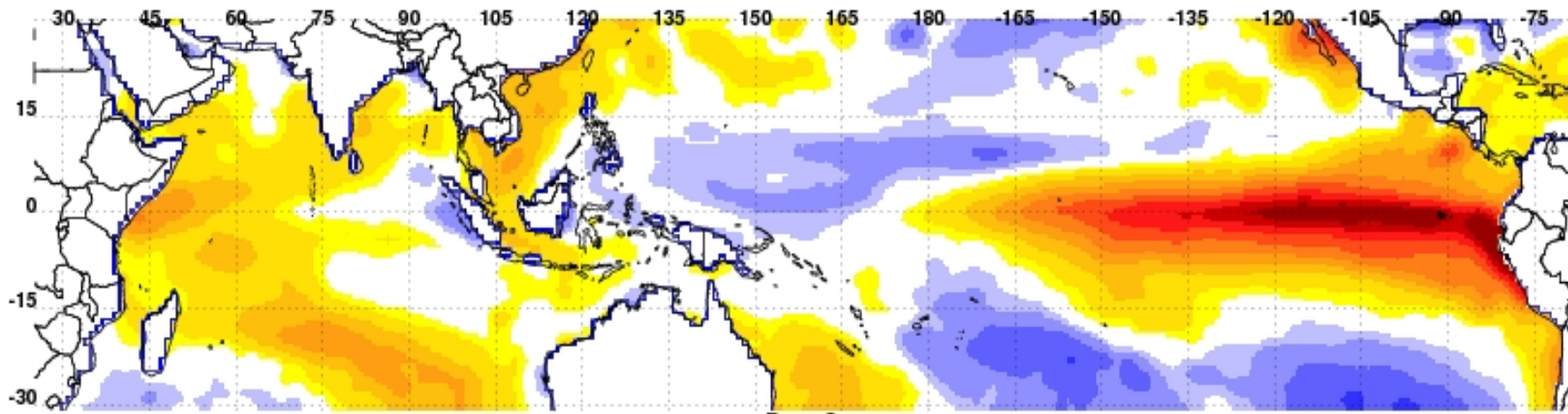
# Dynamic of a RVF outbreak



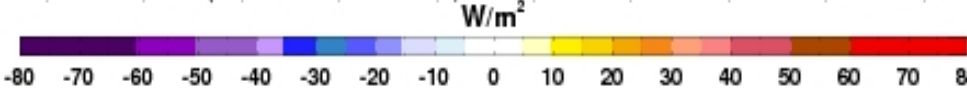
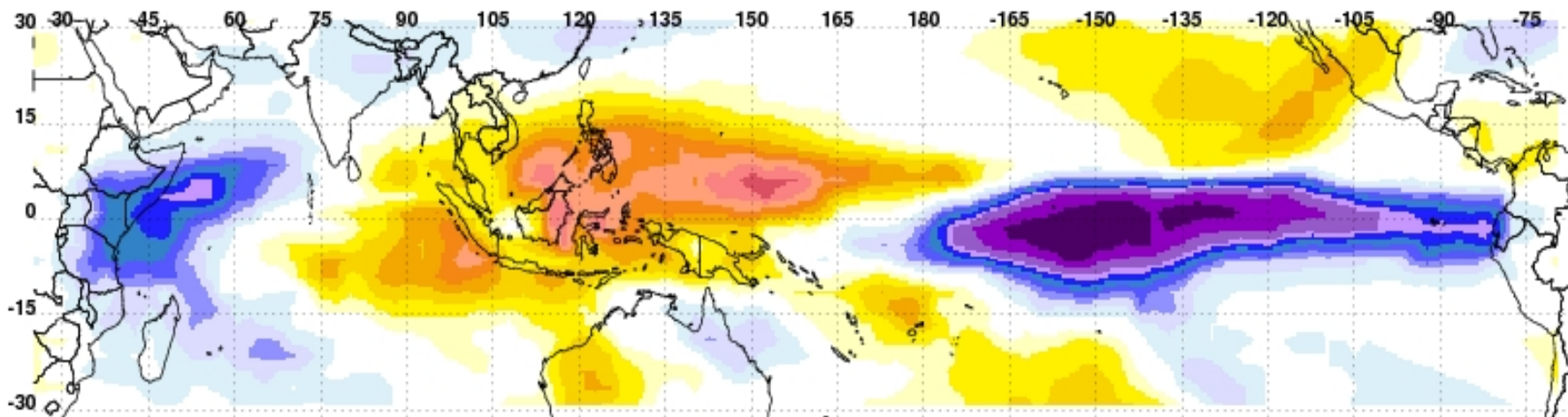
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### Seasonal SST Anomaly, Dec 1997 - Feb 1998



### Seasonal OLR Anomaly, Dec 1997 - Feb 1998



*A. Anyamba et al, 2009*

## Floods in Horn of Africa, October-November 2006

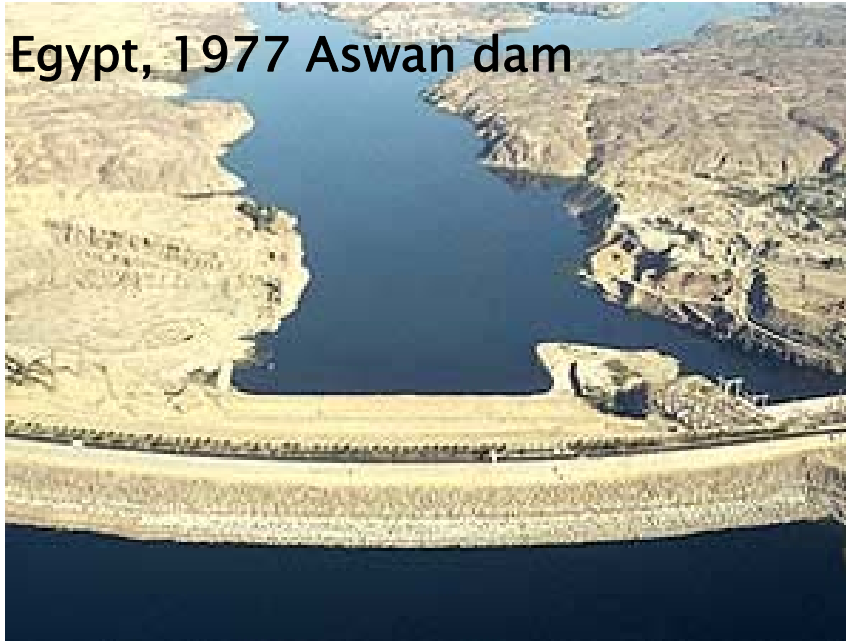


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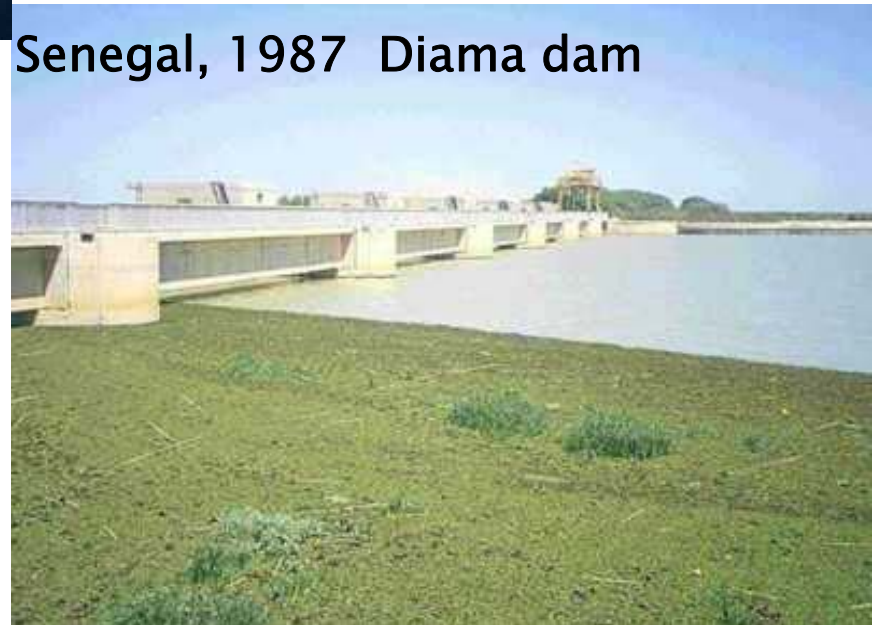


## The role of man made dams

Egypt, 1977 Aswan dam



Senegal, 1987 Diama dam

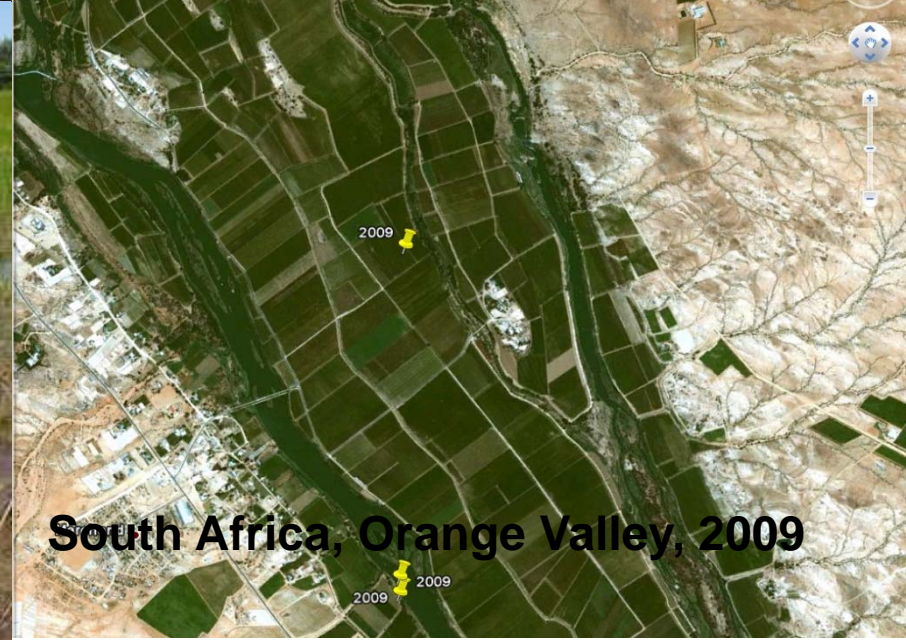


# Irrigation and riverine habitats

Egypt, irrigation 1977



Tanzania, Ifakara irrigation 2007



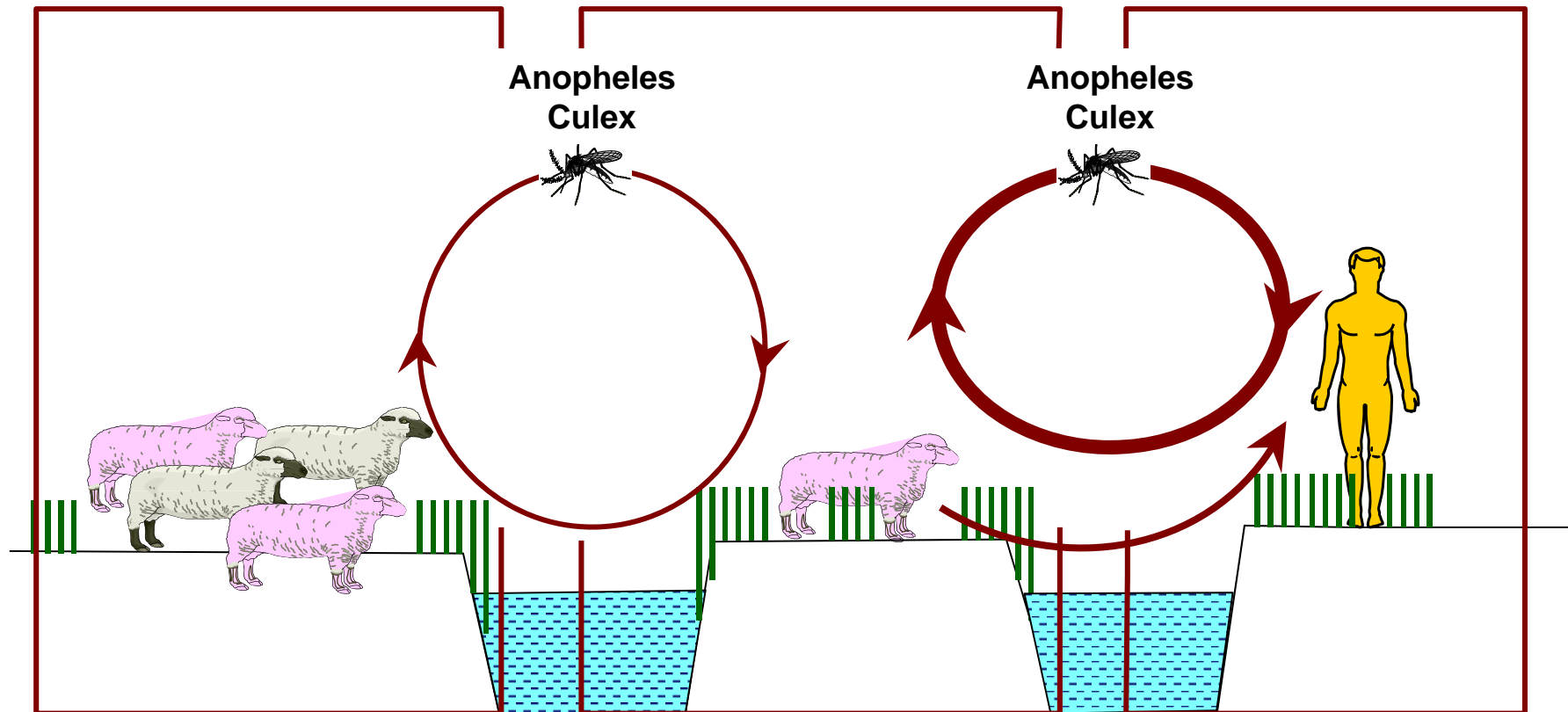
South Africa, Orange Valley, 2009

# The irrigated areas system

Domestics Animals  
Traveling from affected zones

Domestics  
Animals

Human

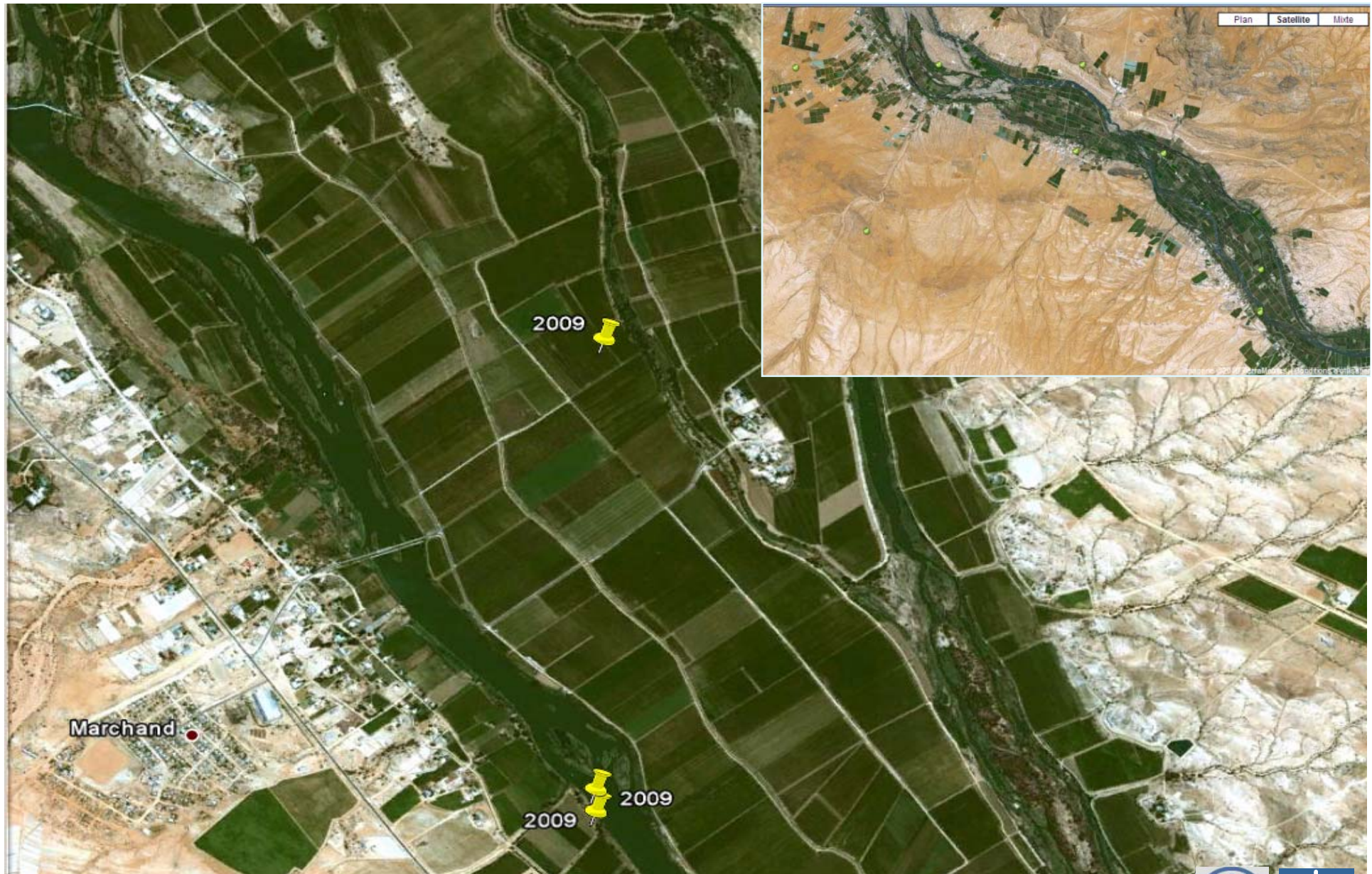


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# South Africa, Orange Valley, Nov 2009



# Sudan, Ghesira, Nov 2007: 28 confirmed human cases



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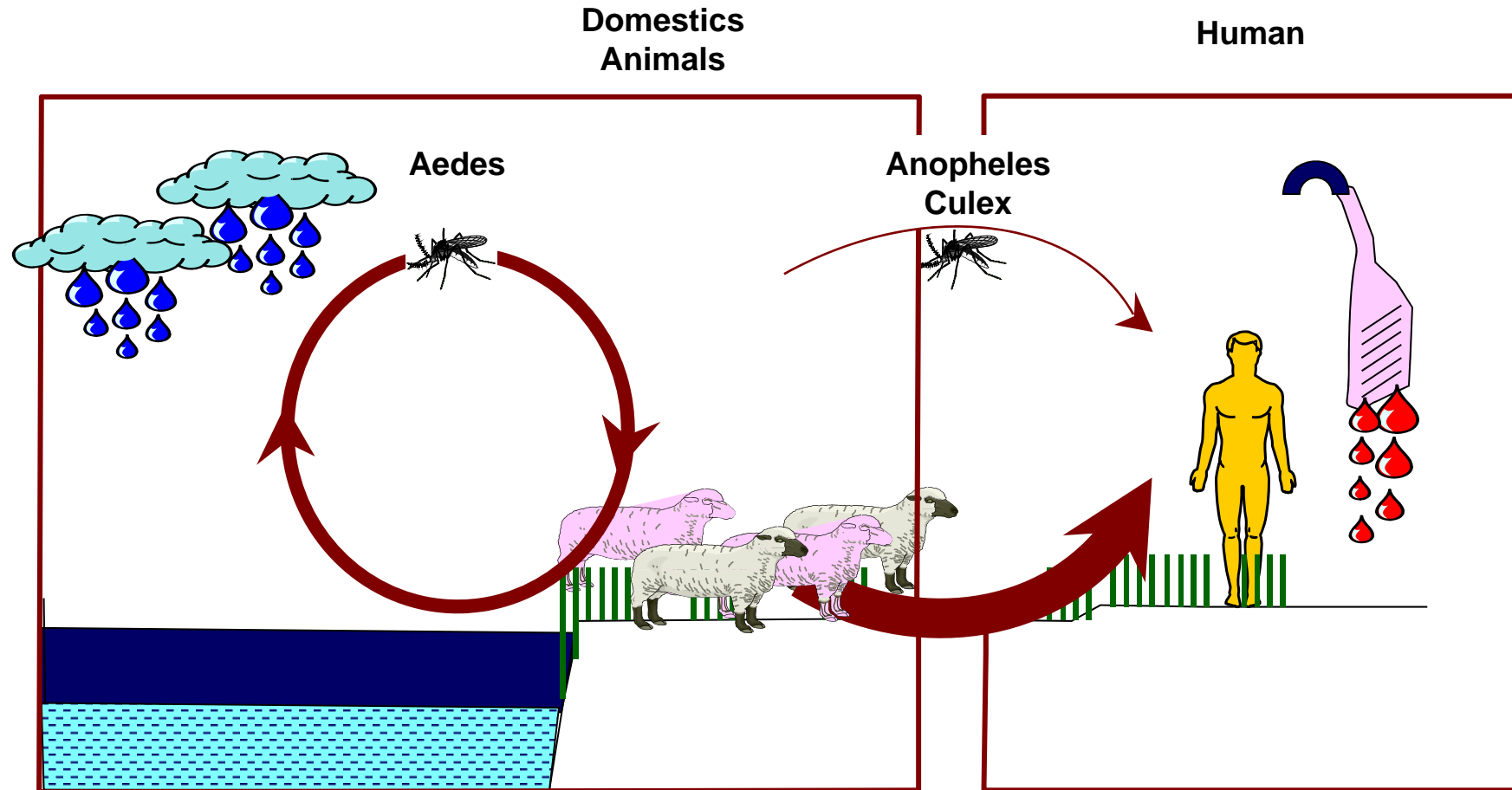
# The Dambo system



Sudan, White Nile, November 2007



# The dambo system



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# Sudan White Nile, Nov 2007 : 17 confirmed human cases



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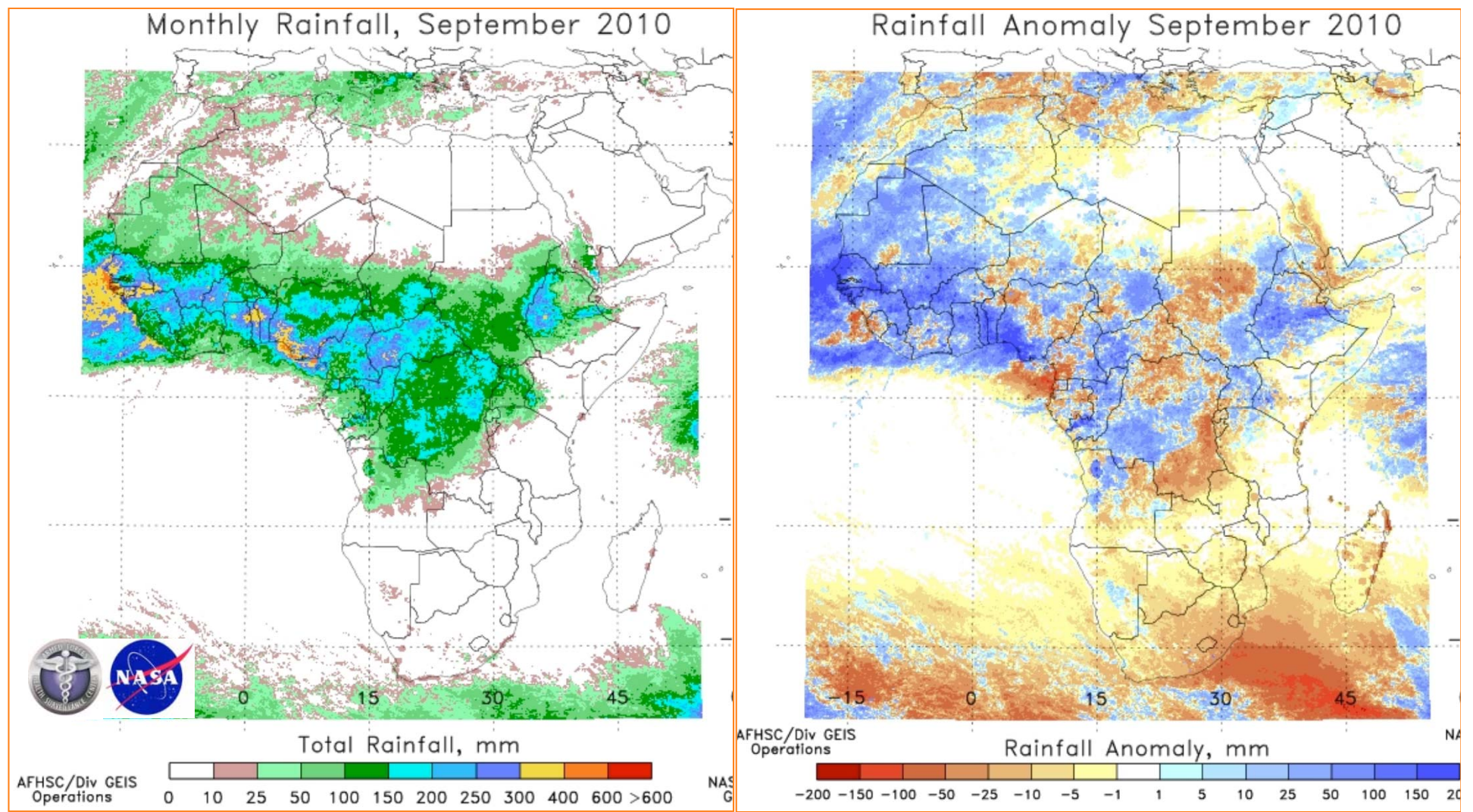


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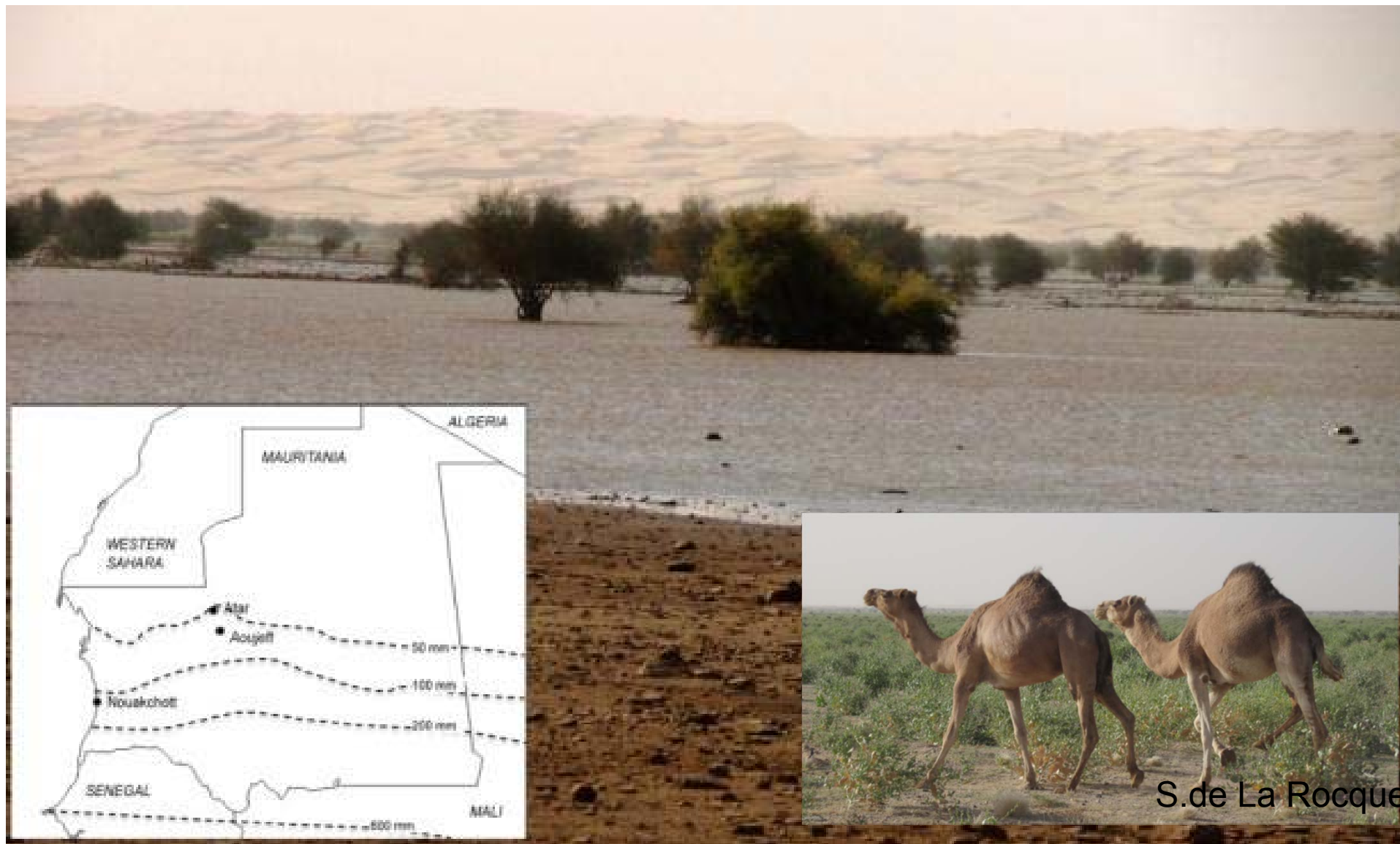
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# The story of Mauretania





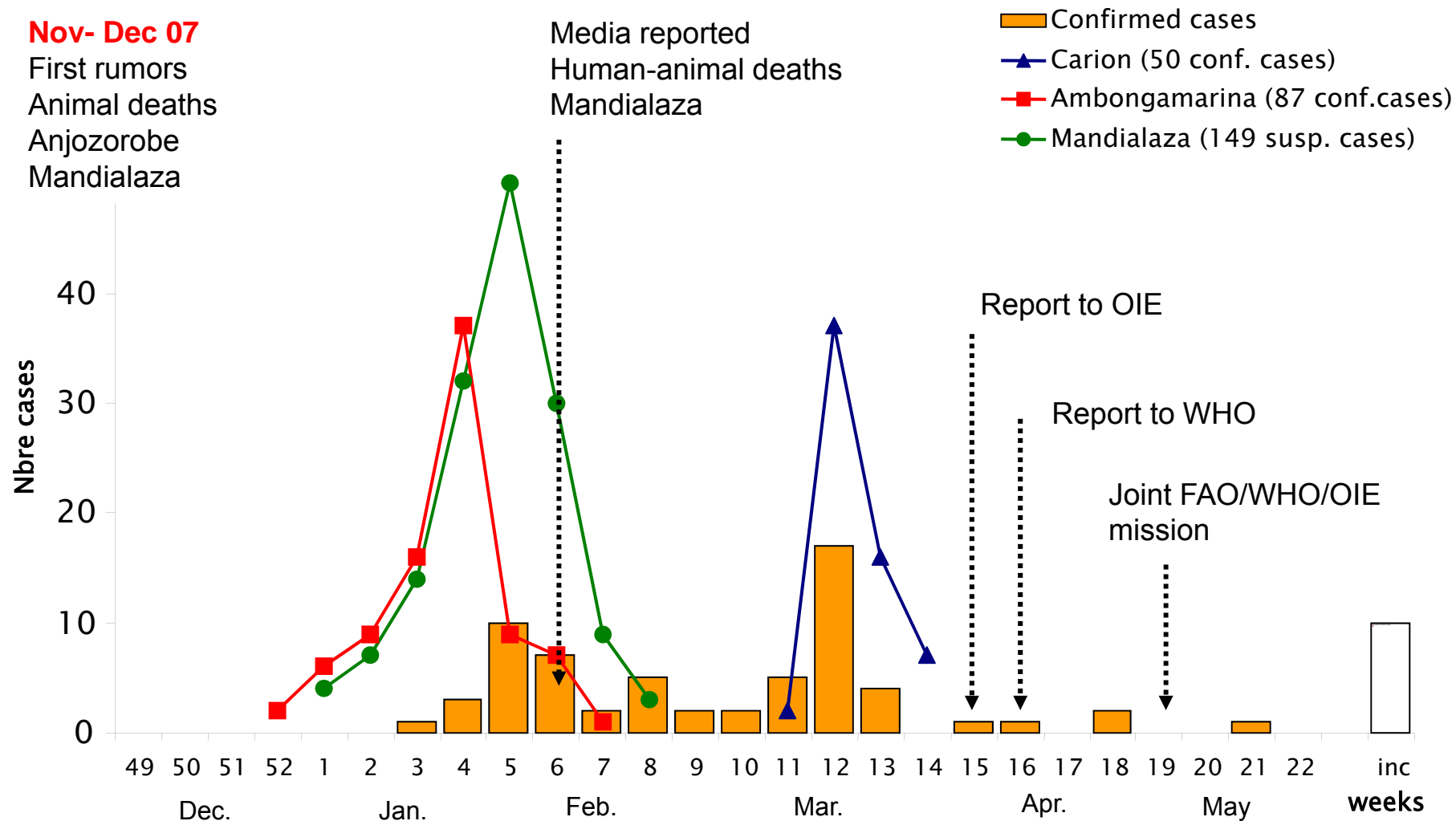
# Mauritania, Graret Lefrass, December 2010: 18 human deaths



# Epidemics and (non) reporting..



# The story of Madagascar Jan. 2008 – May 2008 (n = 72 cases)



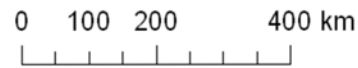
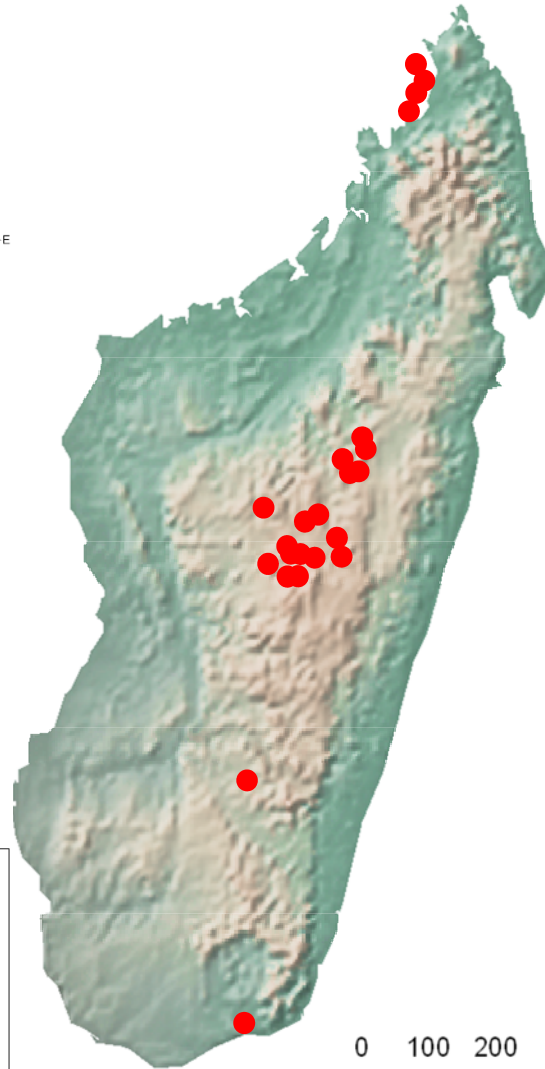
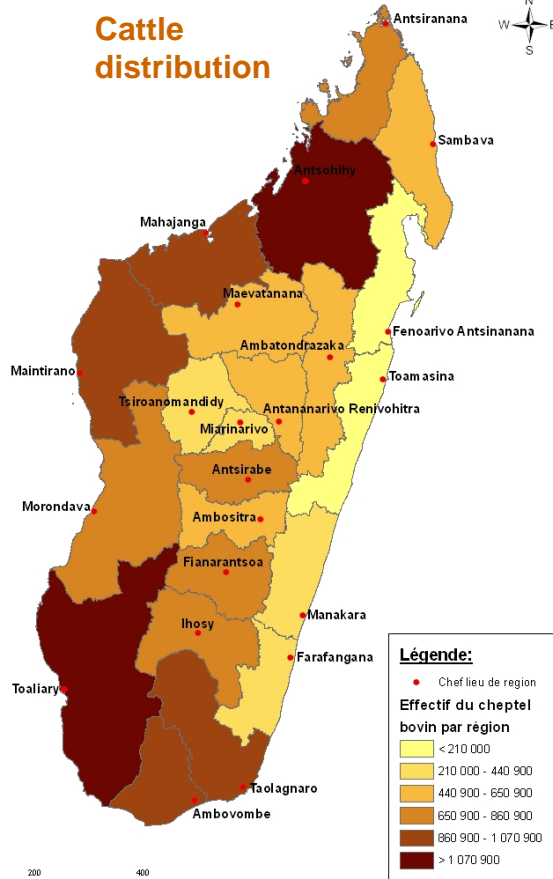
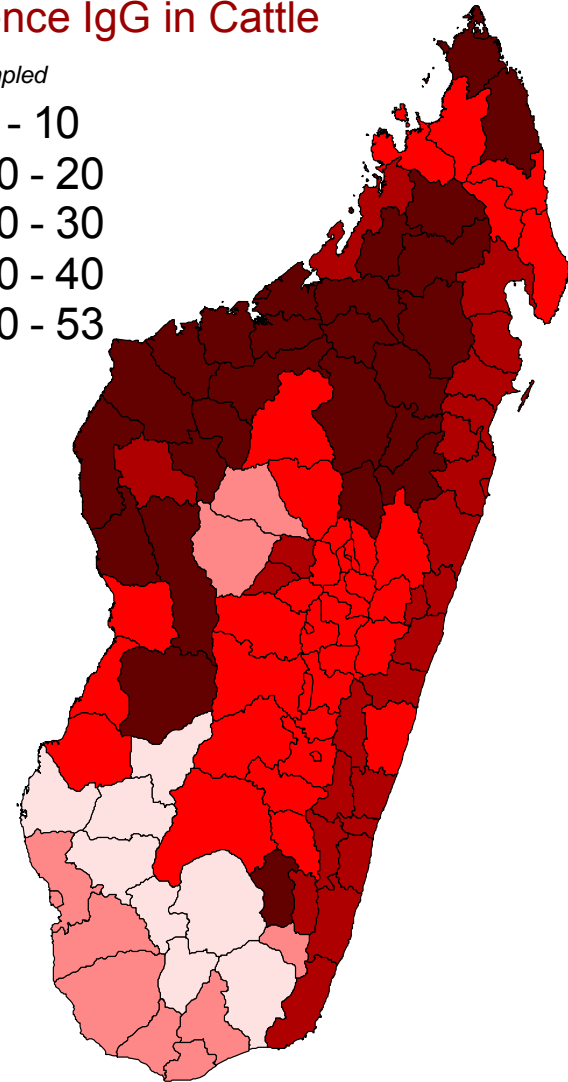
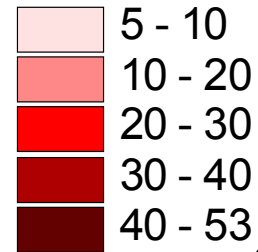


# Madagascar, Rift Valley Fever

Apr. 2008

## Prevalence IgG in Cattle

4500 ani sampled

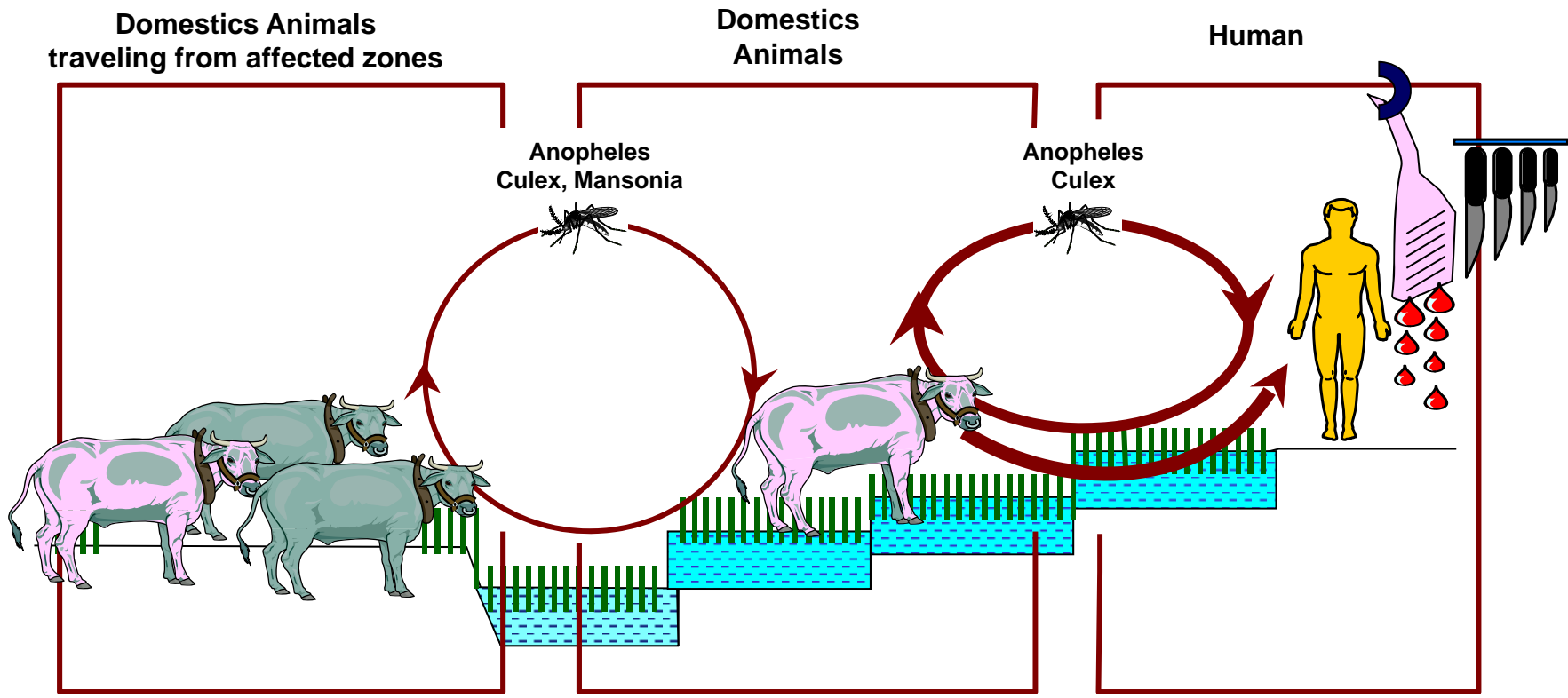


## The story of Carion

March 2008: 50 confirmed human cases, all affected from a single Zebu



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# Thank You

For the work done on RVF

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Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture Somalia  
Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture Senegal  
Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture South Africa  
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