

# Can we control a deadly infectious amphibian disease before it is too late?

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# Extinction in Our Times

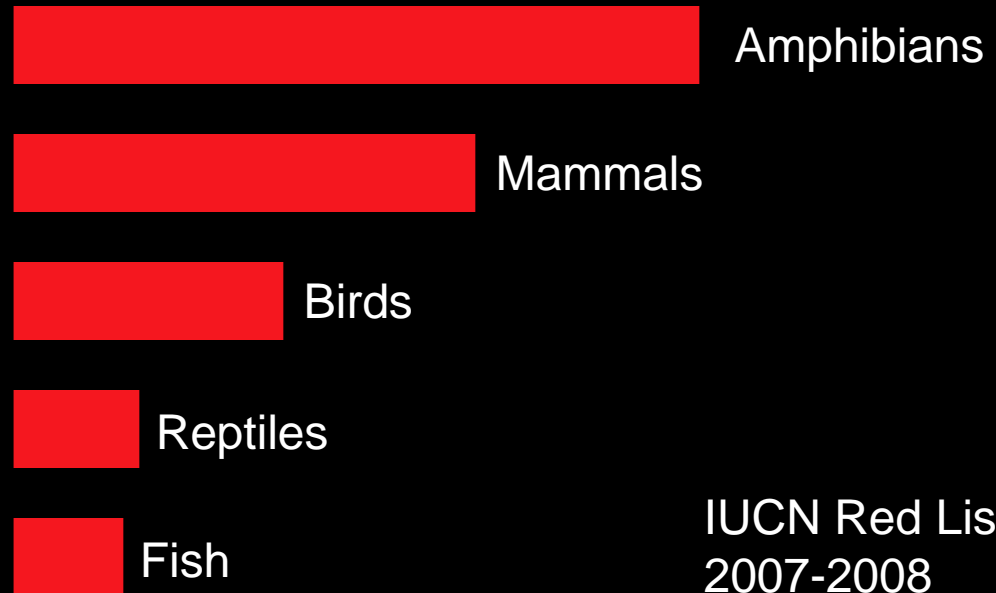
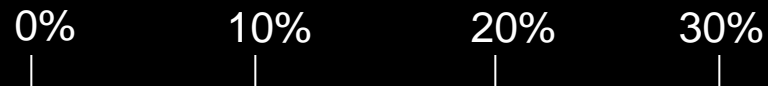
GLOBAL AMPHIBIAN DECLINE



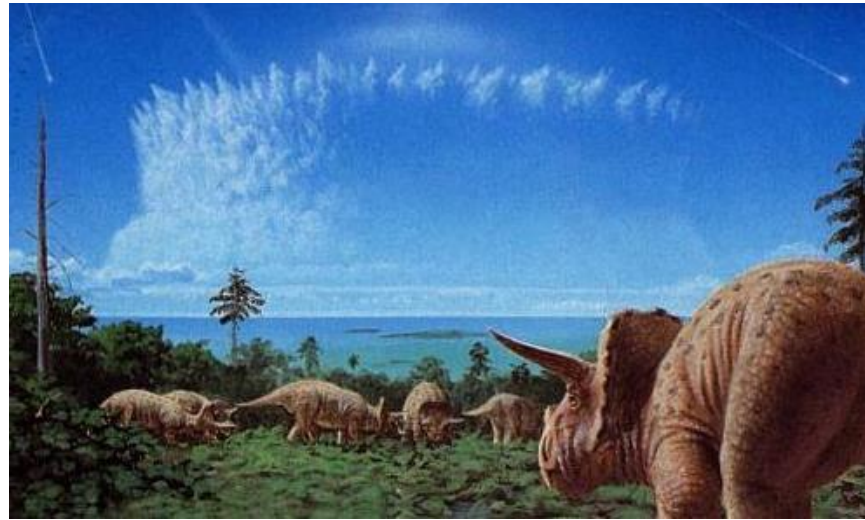
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## 7,121 described Amphibian Species

- 41% declining
- 30% threatened with extinction



# ~5 mass extinction events in earth's history



Amphibians have survived the last 4

## Are we in the midst of the sixth mass extinction? A view from the world of amphibians

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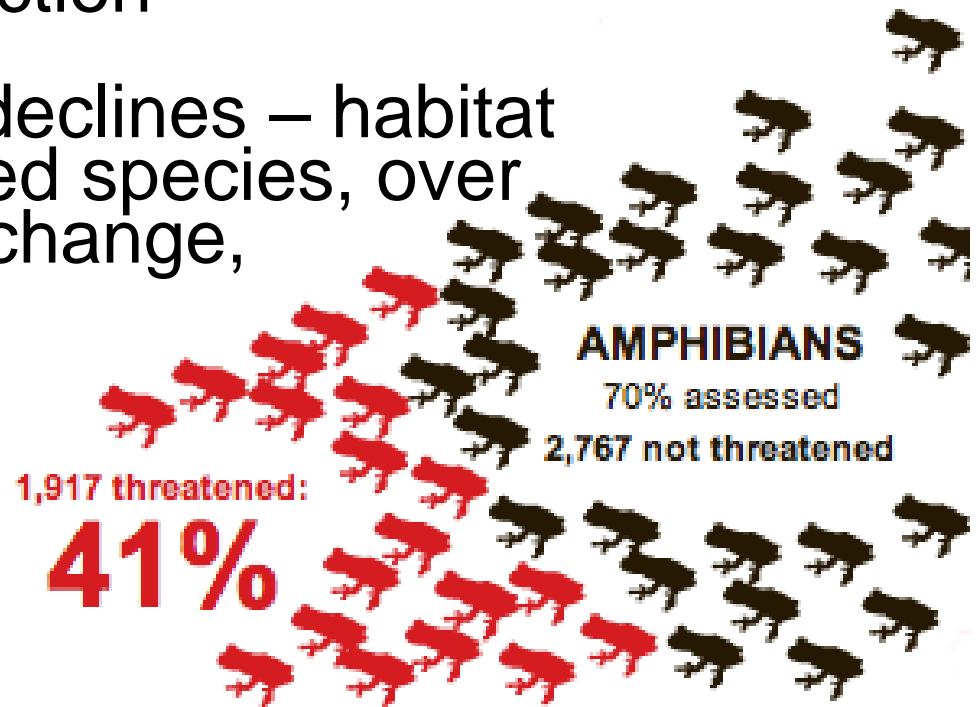
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Many scientists argue that we are either entering or in the midst of the sixth great mass extinction. Intense human pressure, both direct and indirect, is having profound effects on natural environ-

families and nearly 60% of the genera of marine organisms were lost (1, 2). Contributing factors were great fluctuations in sea level, which resulted from extensive glaciations, followed by a

# Global Amphibian Declines

- Most threatened group of vertebrates on the planet
- Over 1/3 (41%) of amphibians are now threatened with extinction
- Several reasons for declines – habitat destruction, introduced species, over exploitation, climate change, environmental toxins



# Sierra Nevada California



# Possible Causes Amphibian Declines

**Habitat destruction**

**Over exploitation**

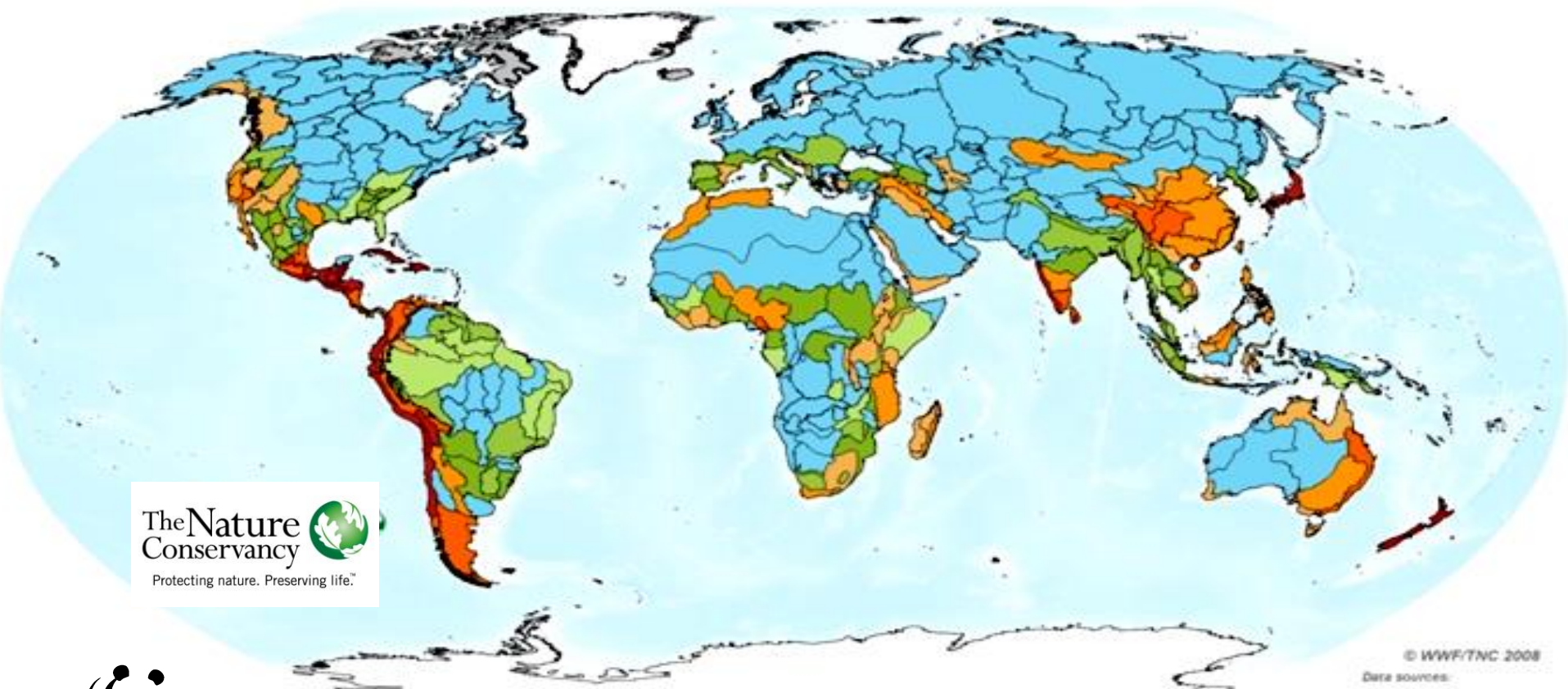
**Invasive species**

**UV-B radiation**

**Climate change**

**Infectious disease**

# Global Amphibian Declines



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Percentage of red-listed amphibian species  
Percentage of red-listed freshwater amphibian species



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Data sources:  
Global Amphibian Assessment  
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# Costa Rican Golden Toad



Last seen 1989

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## MASS MORTALITY OF *RANA MUSCOSA*

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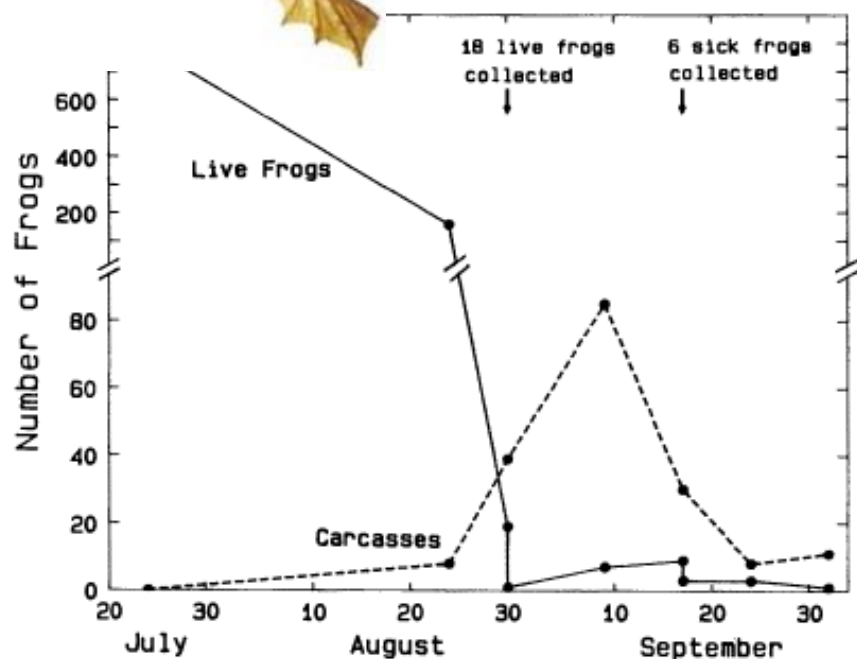


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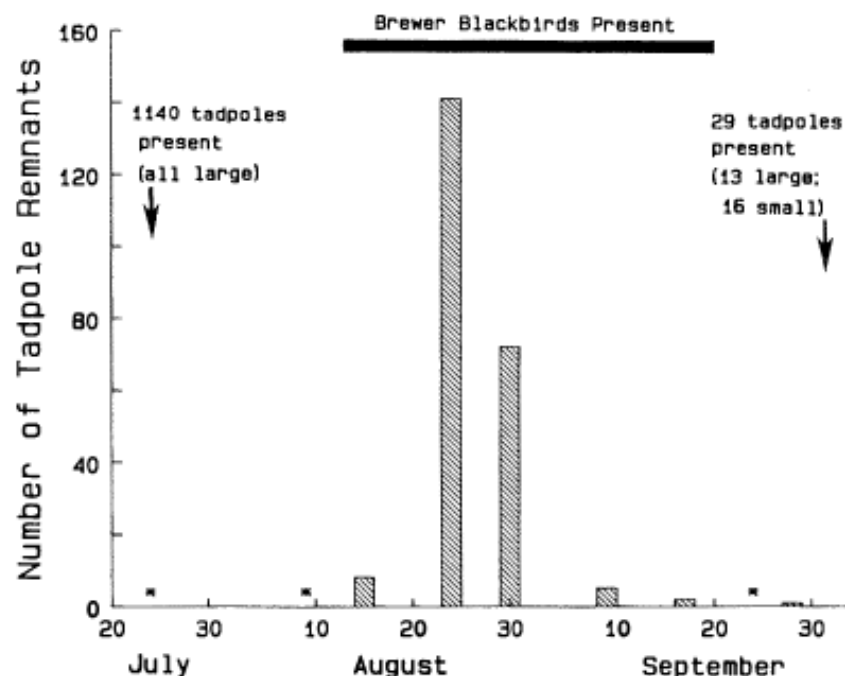


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# Sierra Nevada: a protected area



# Nearly 100 years of Biodiversity Research

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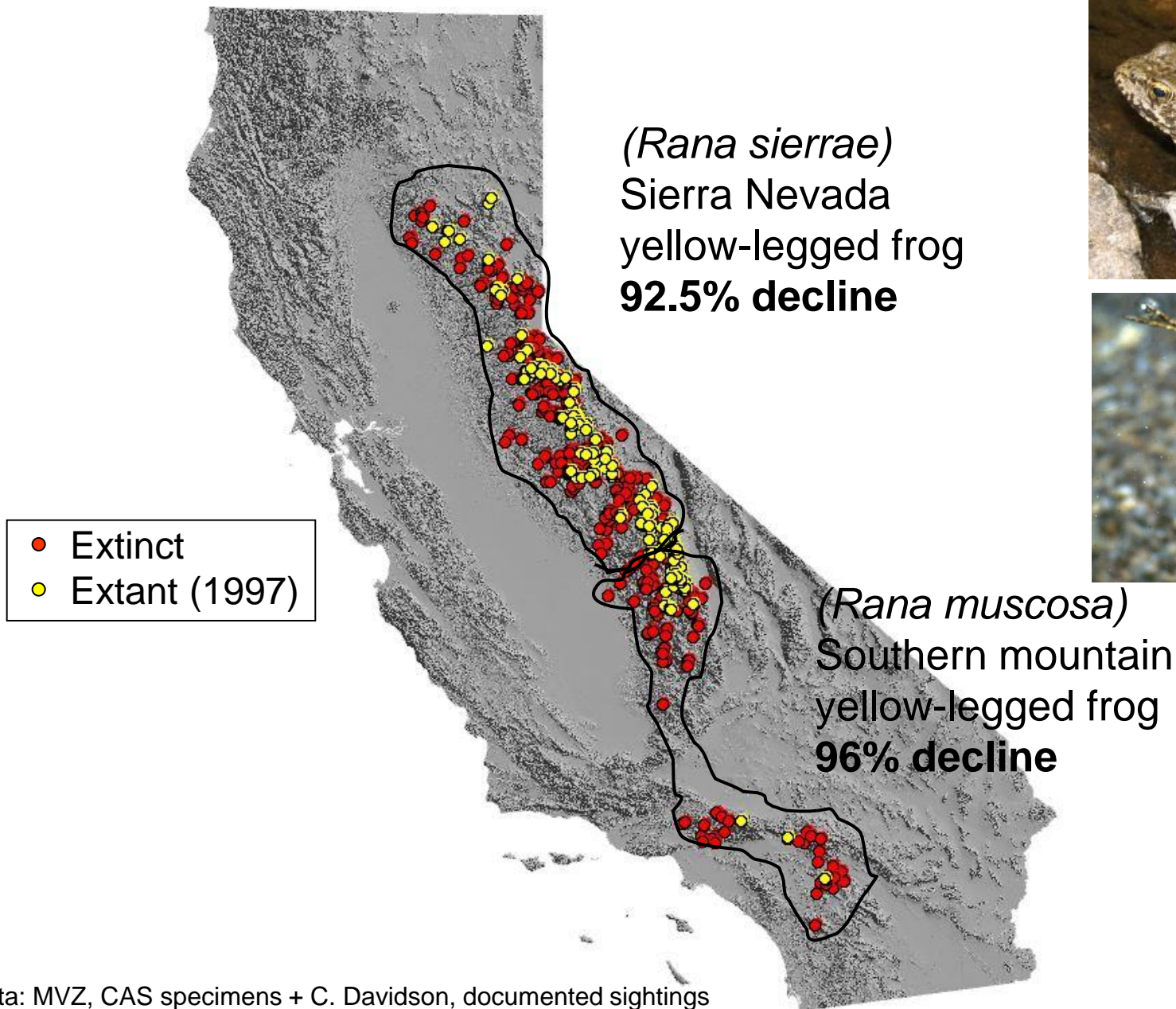


Yosemite National Park



(Grinnell and Storer 1915)

# Major declines despite protected habitat



Data: MVZ, CAS specimens + C. Davidson, documented sightings

Data: Vredenburg, Knapp, Briggs et al., CAS, CDFG, USFS, USGS recent surveys

(Vredenburg et al 2007; J Zool)

# Defining Conservation Units



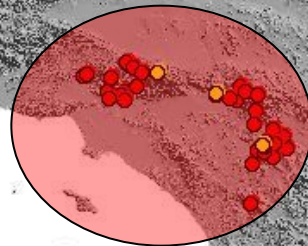
● Extinctions

94% decline

Major declines began ~1980

Endangered (ESA)

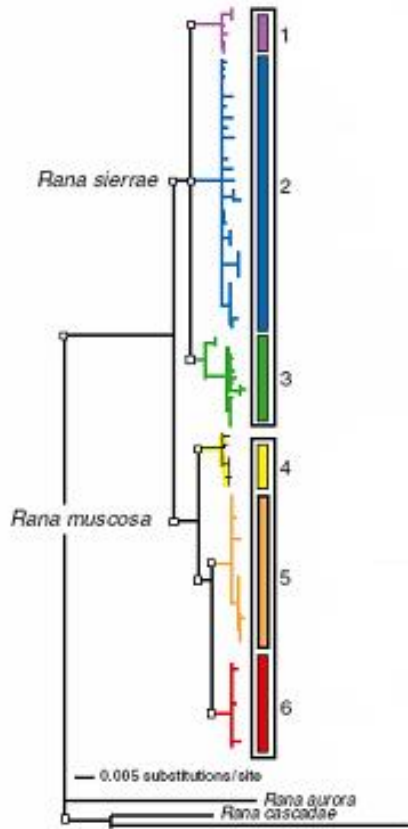
99% decline



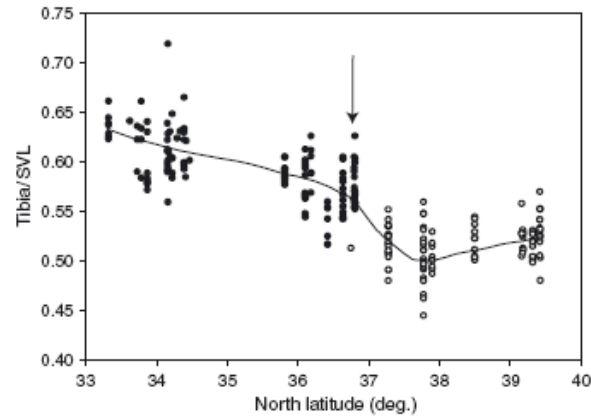
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# Defining conservation units: Comparison of different types of data collected throughout entire range of the frog

## mtDNA

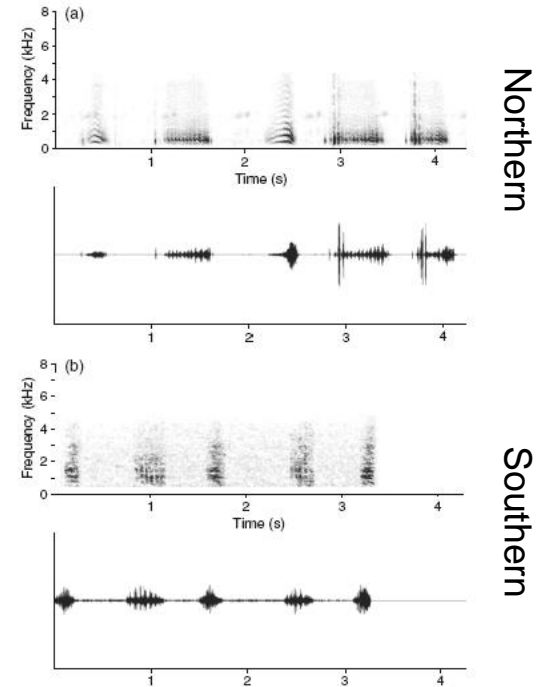


## Morphology

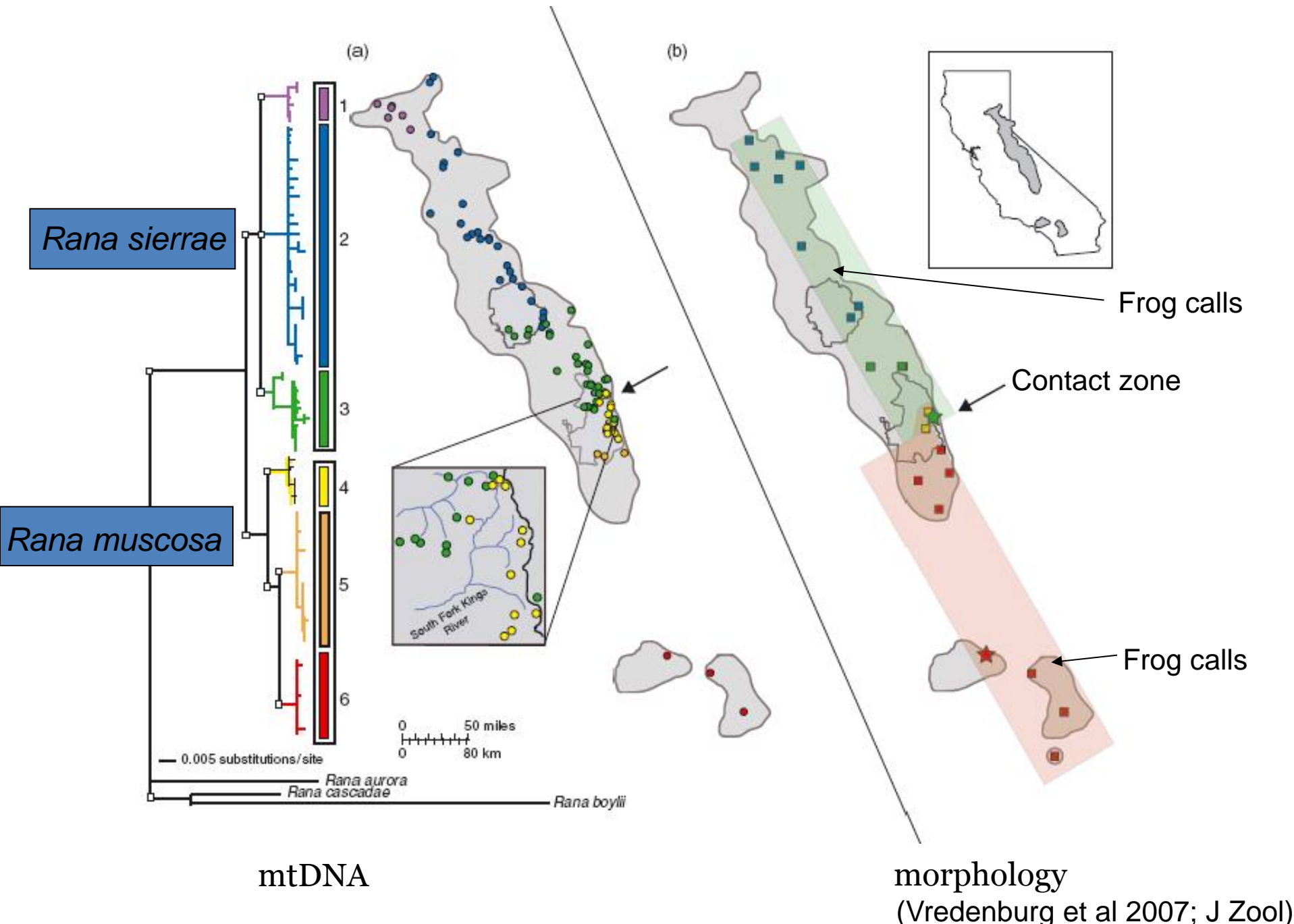


Lake adapted ↔ Stream adapted

## Frog vocalizations

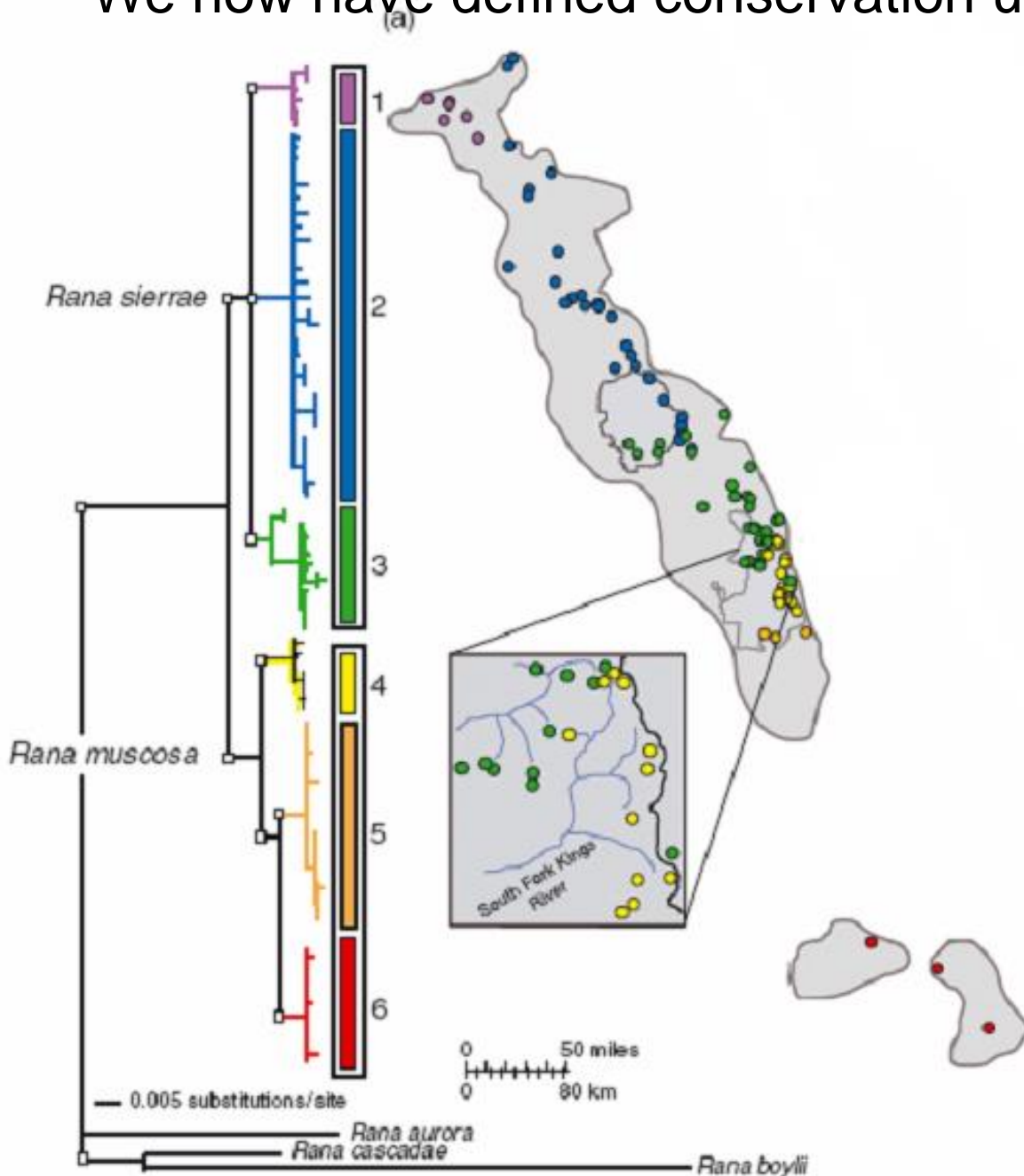


# Concordant data delineate new taxonomy— two species





# We now have defined conservation units: Now what?



Conclusion:

2 species  
-6 ESU's

ESU	% extinction
1	93
2	92
3	95
4	96
5	93
6	98

(Vredenburg et al 2007; J Zool)

# Introduced species: No native fishes above 1,500 m

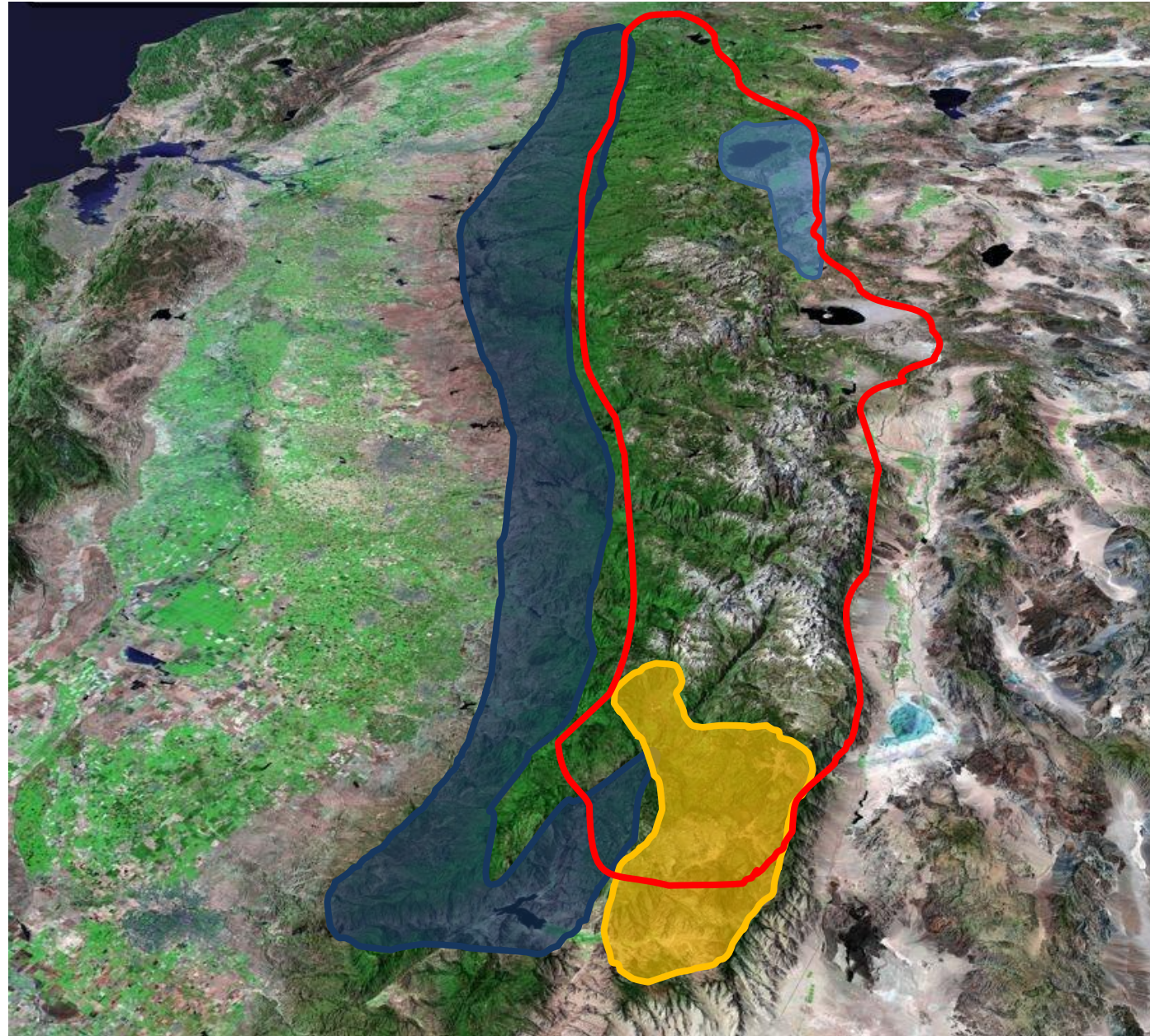


(reviewed in: Vredenburg et al 2005)

# THREATS – Introduced Fish

## BACKGROUND

- Historically fish found only at lower elevations of Sierra Nevada.
- Filled colored areas are native fish ranges
- Red outline is the range of the two species of mountain frog



Reasons why trout were originally not seen as big factor in frog declines:



Mule train packing live trout (1893)

1. Trout native in some areas

2. Historical introductions of trout began in 1890s, but frog declines in late 1970s

...therefore trout not responsible!

In the 1950-60's, industrial trout introductions began



Hatchery raised  
trout



Stephen Ingram



Flying fish can climb mountains

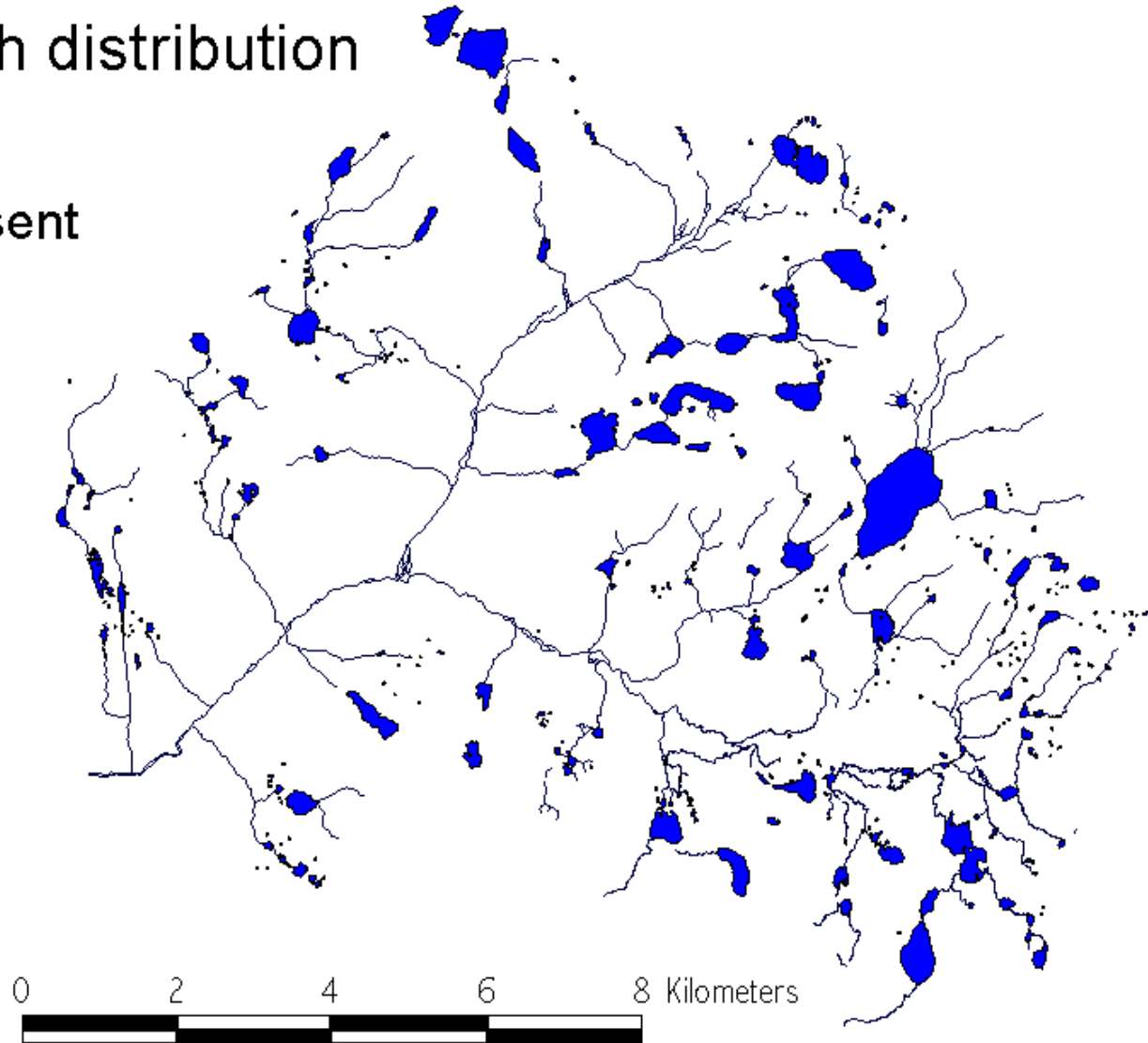
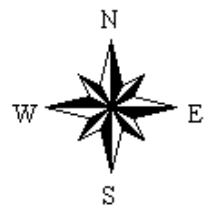


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# Humphreys Basin & French Canyon



Historic fish distribution

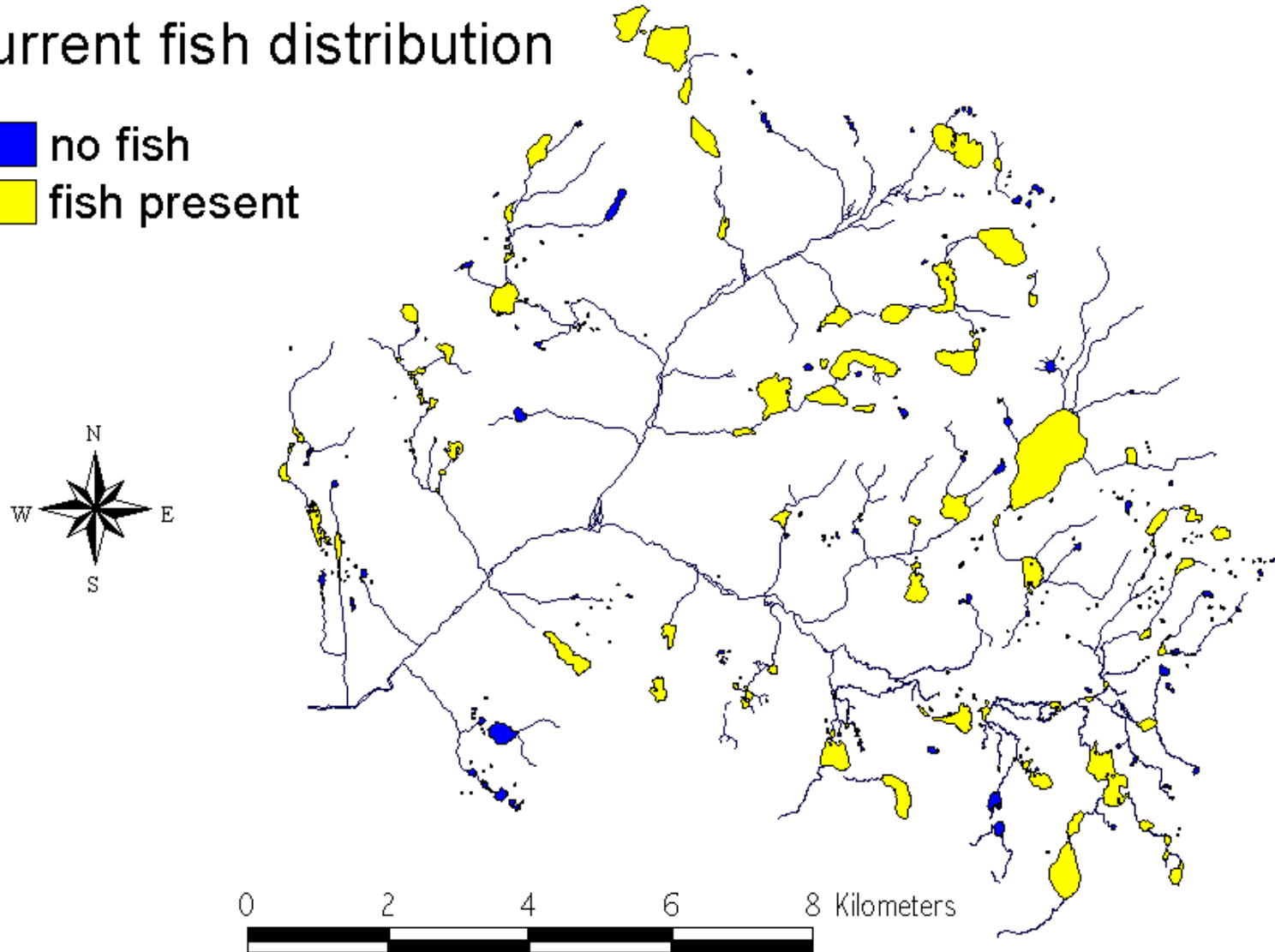
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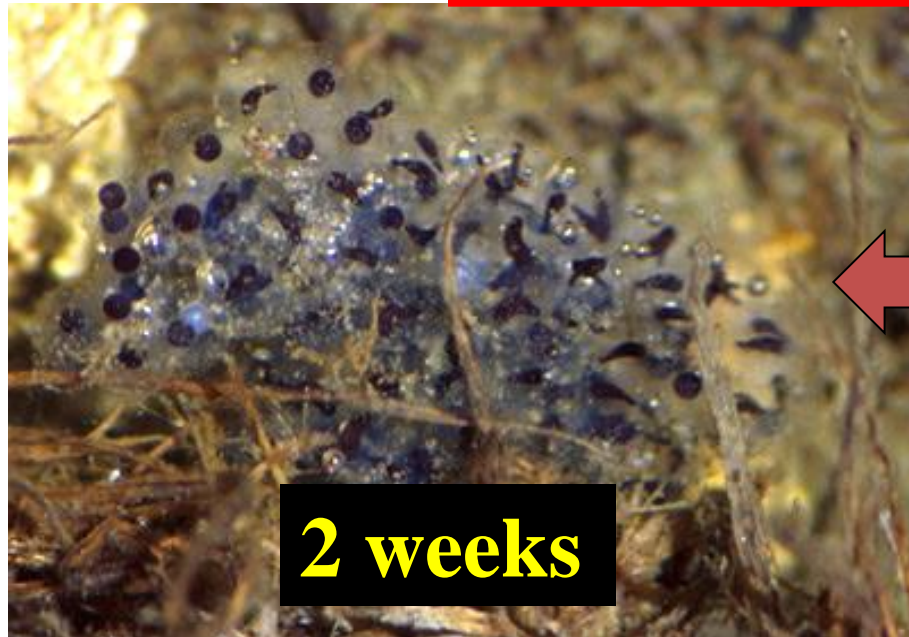
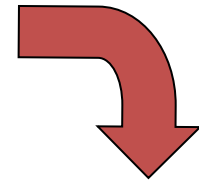
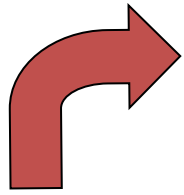
## Current fish distribution

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-  fish present





# Key life cycle of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog





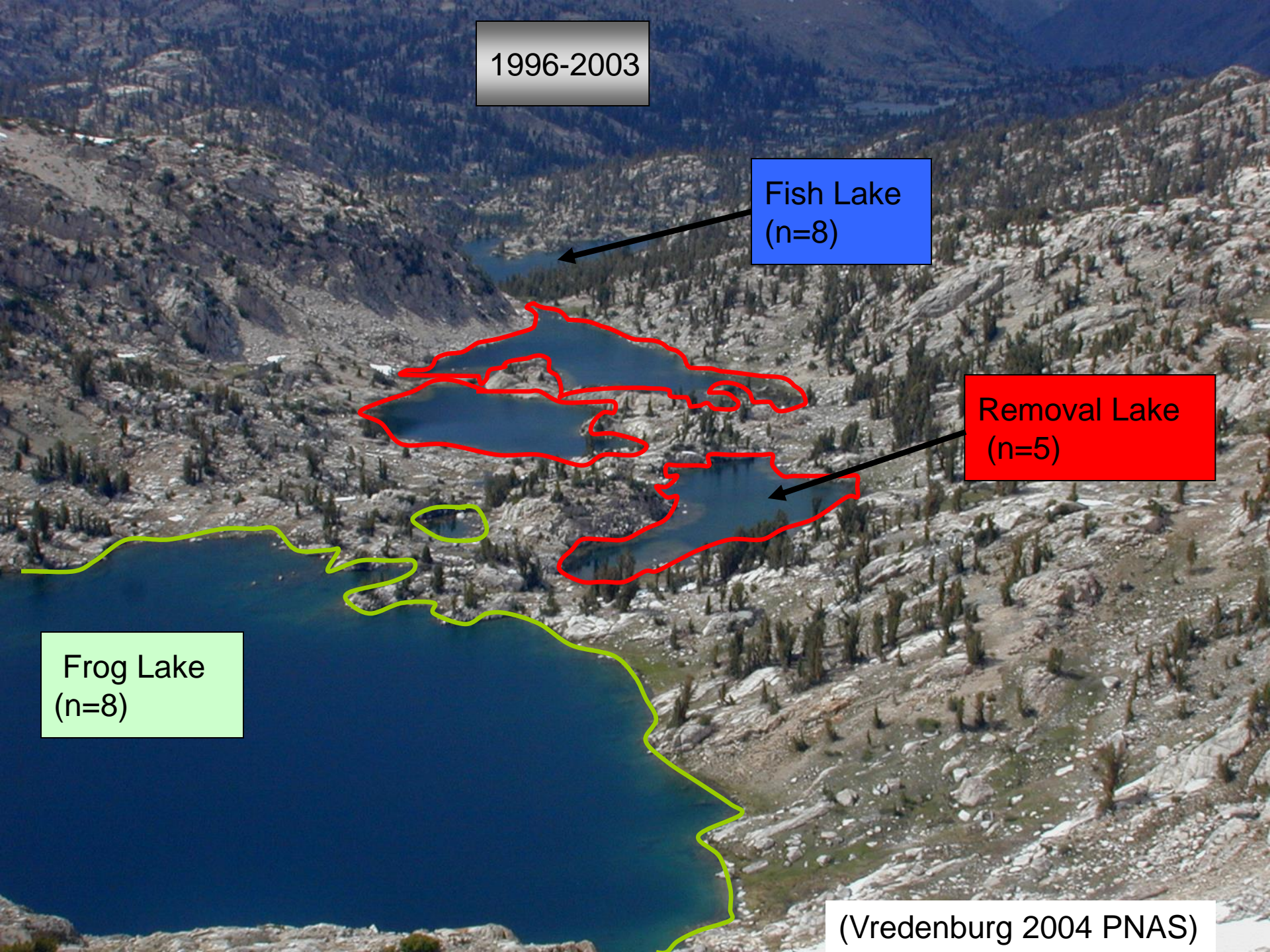
1996-2003

Fish Lake  
(n=8)

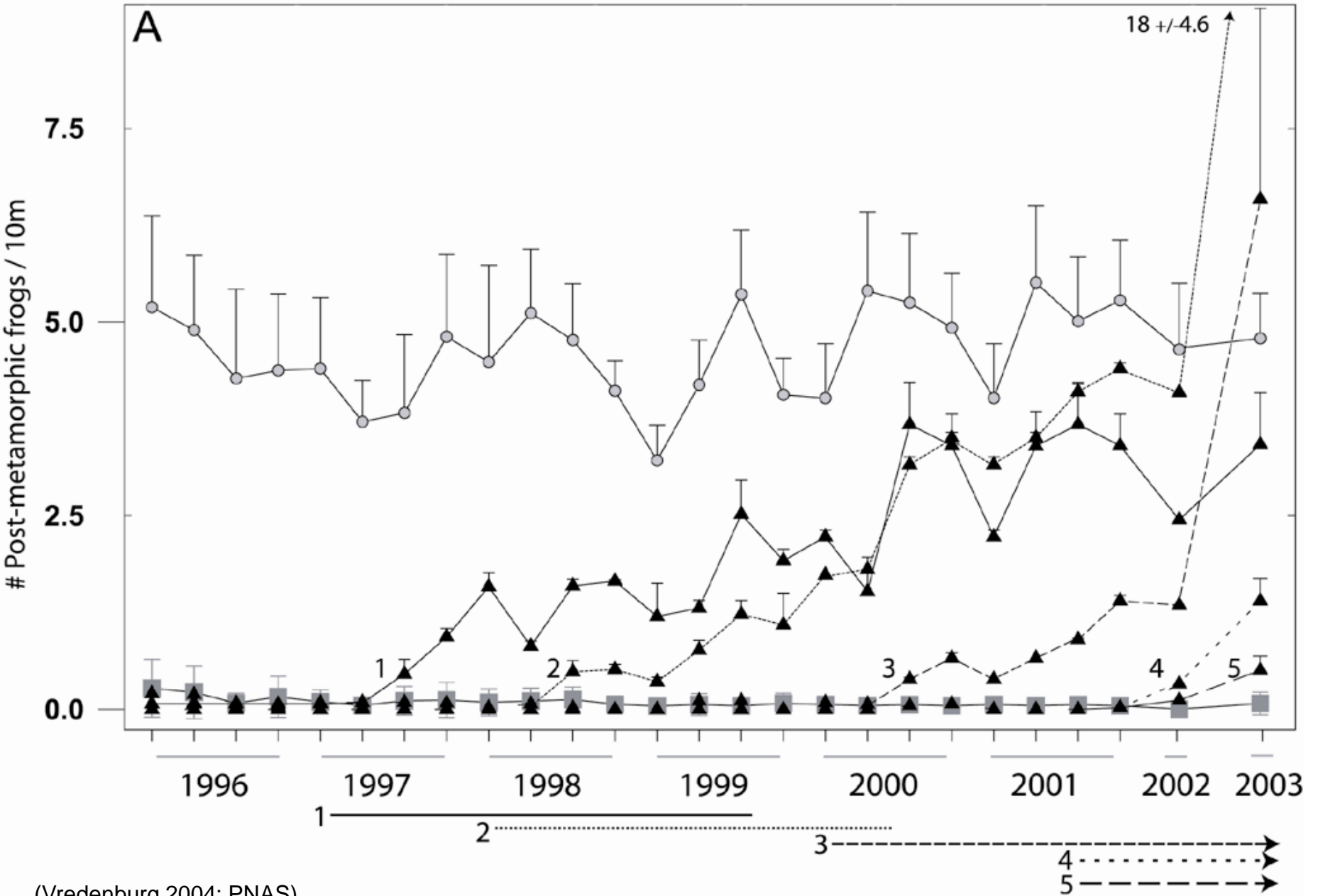
Removal Lake  
(n=5)

Frog Lake  
(n=8)

(Vredenburg 2004 PNAS)



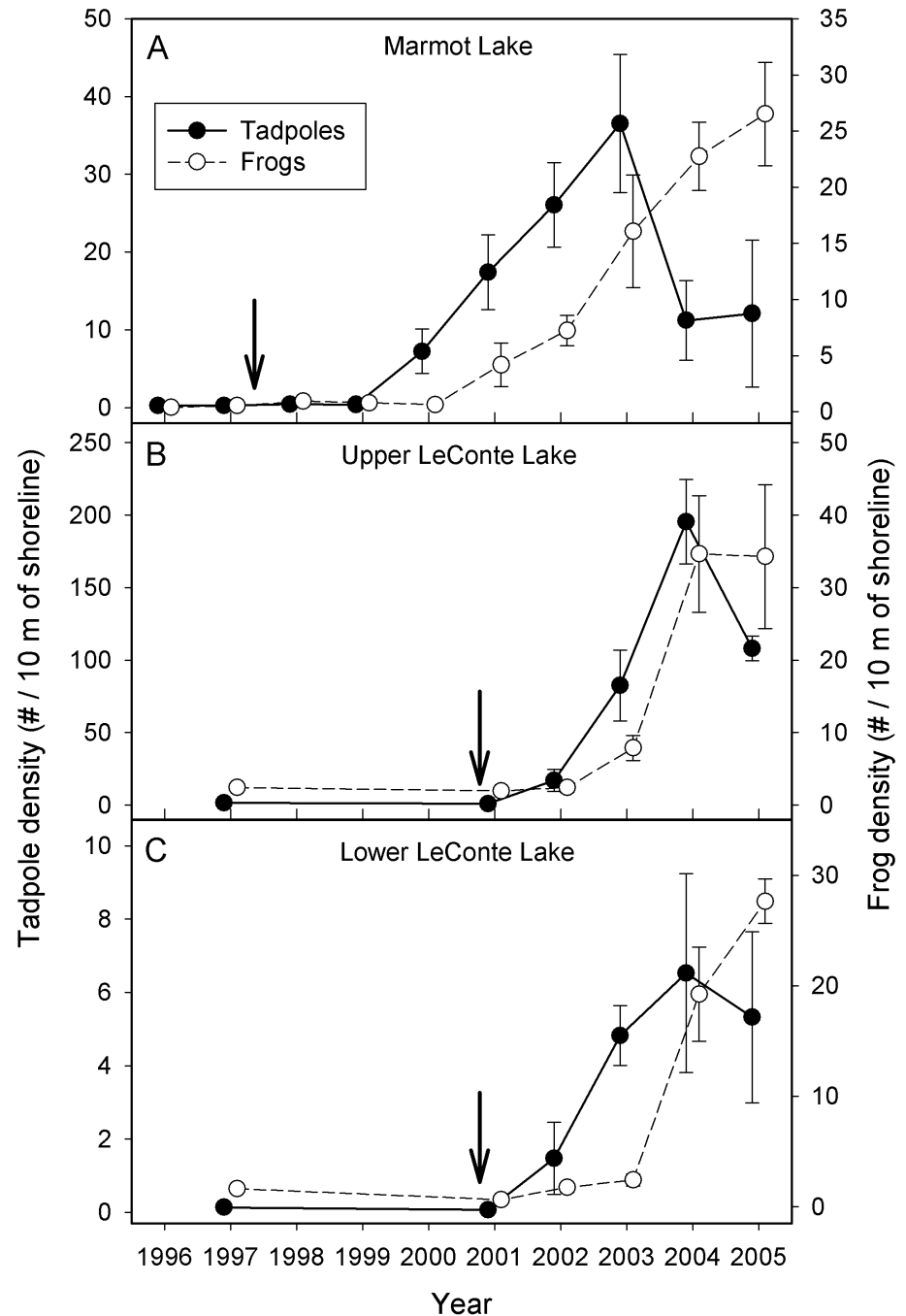
# Frog populations can quickly recover



## Conservation Biology: A long hard road.

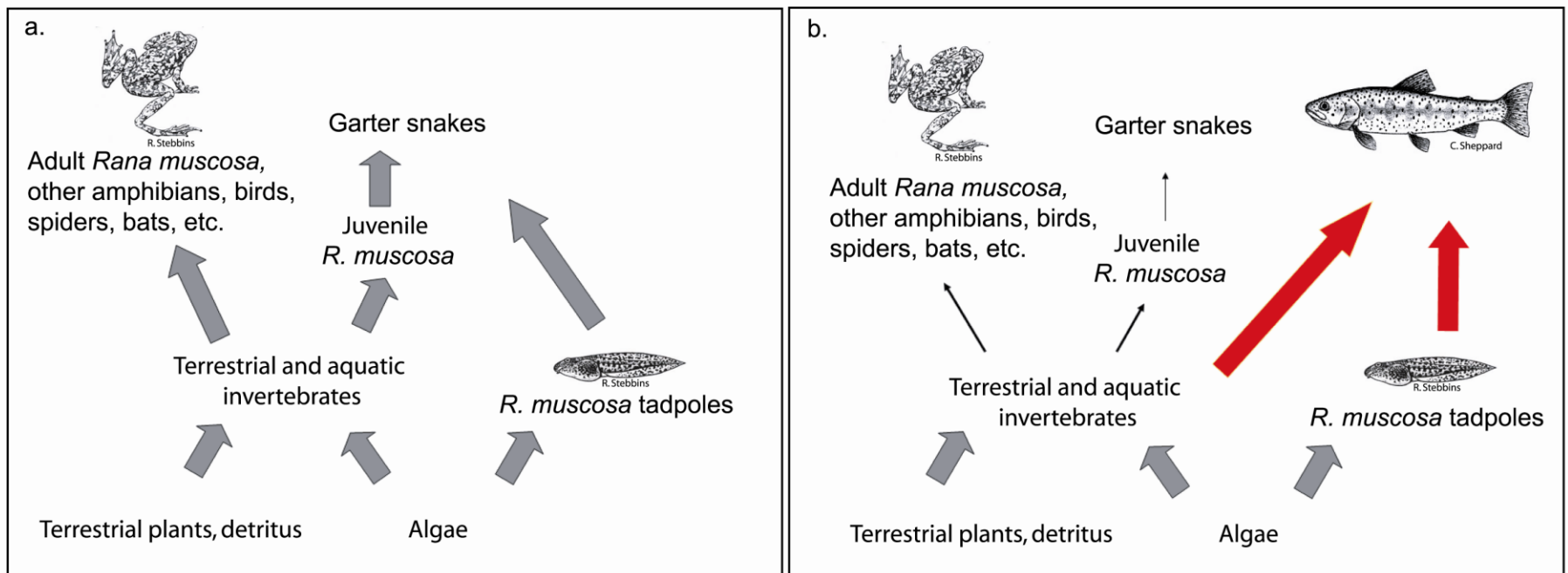
Repeated same experiment in 3  
different study areas in the  
Sierra Nevada

Same result:  
Removal introduced trout leads  
to rapid recovery of threatened  
frog populations.



# Does non-native fish removal benefit other native species?

Stable isotope food web study (C, N)



(Finlay and Vredenburg 2007; Ecology)

# Science-informed Conservation Recommendations:

1. Remove non-native fishes
2. Restrict planting non-native fish

Conservation  
Successes:

We are just beginning!



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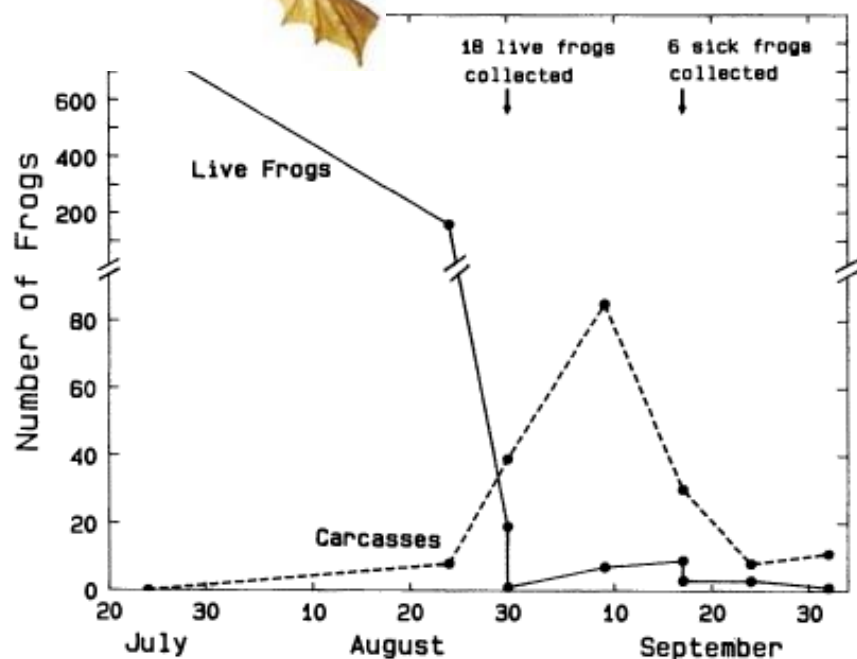


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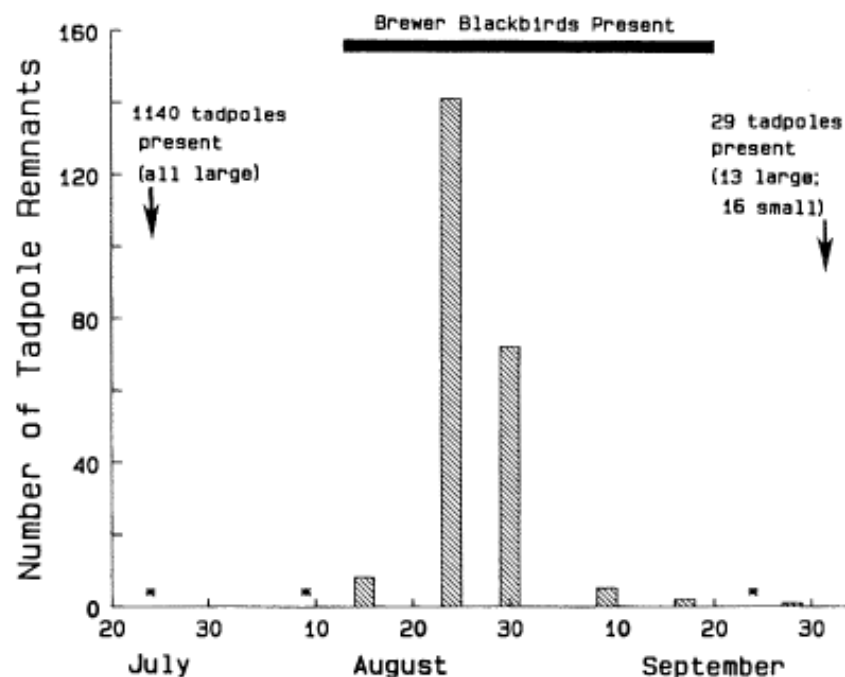


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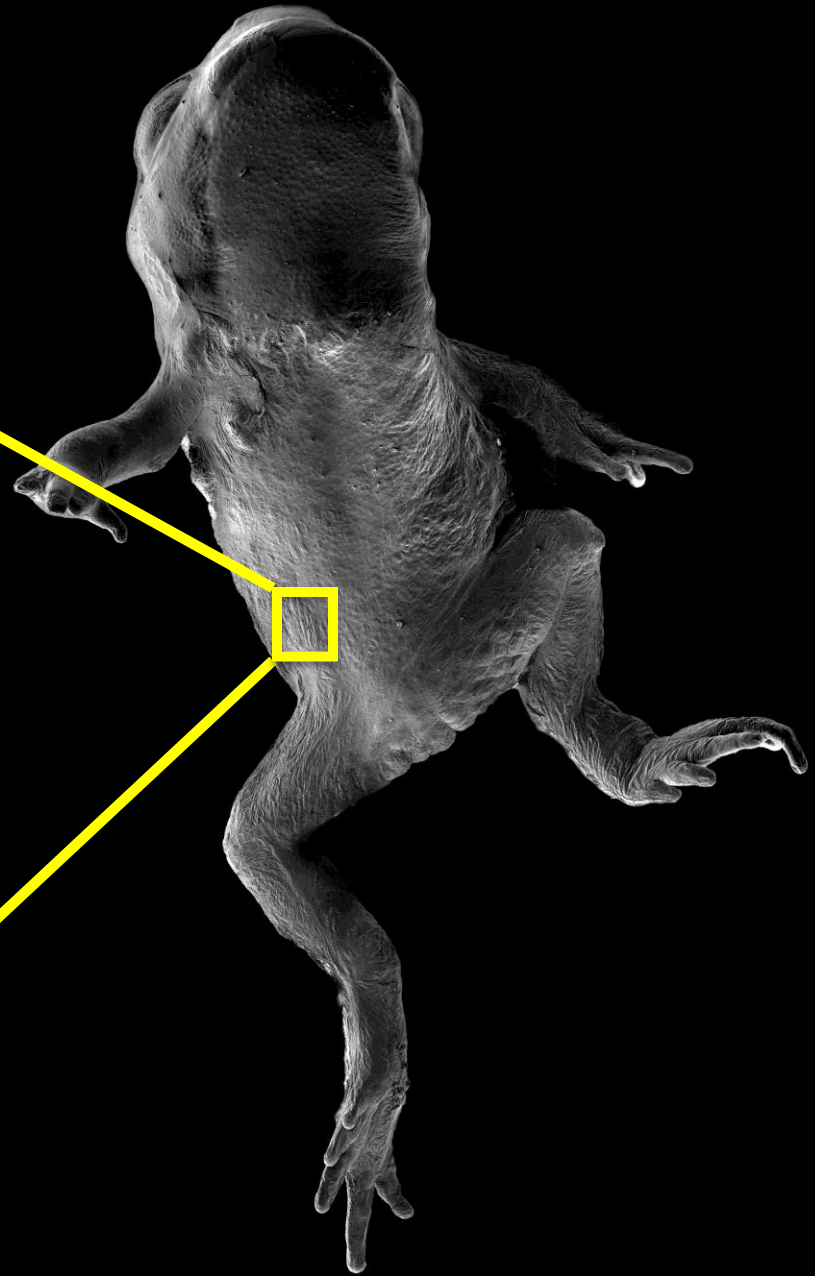




The disease: Chytridiomycosis

The pathogen:

*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* ("Bd")



# Fungal Pathogen:

## *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd)*

Frog

Chytridiomycete  
fungus

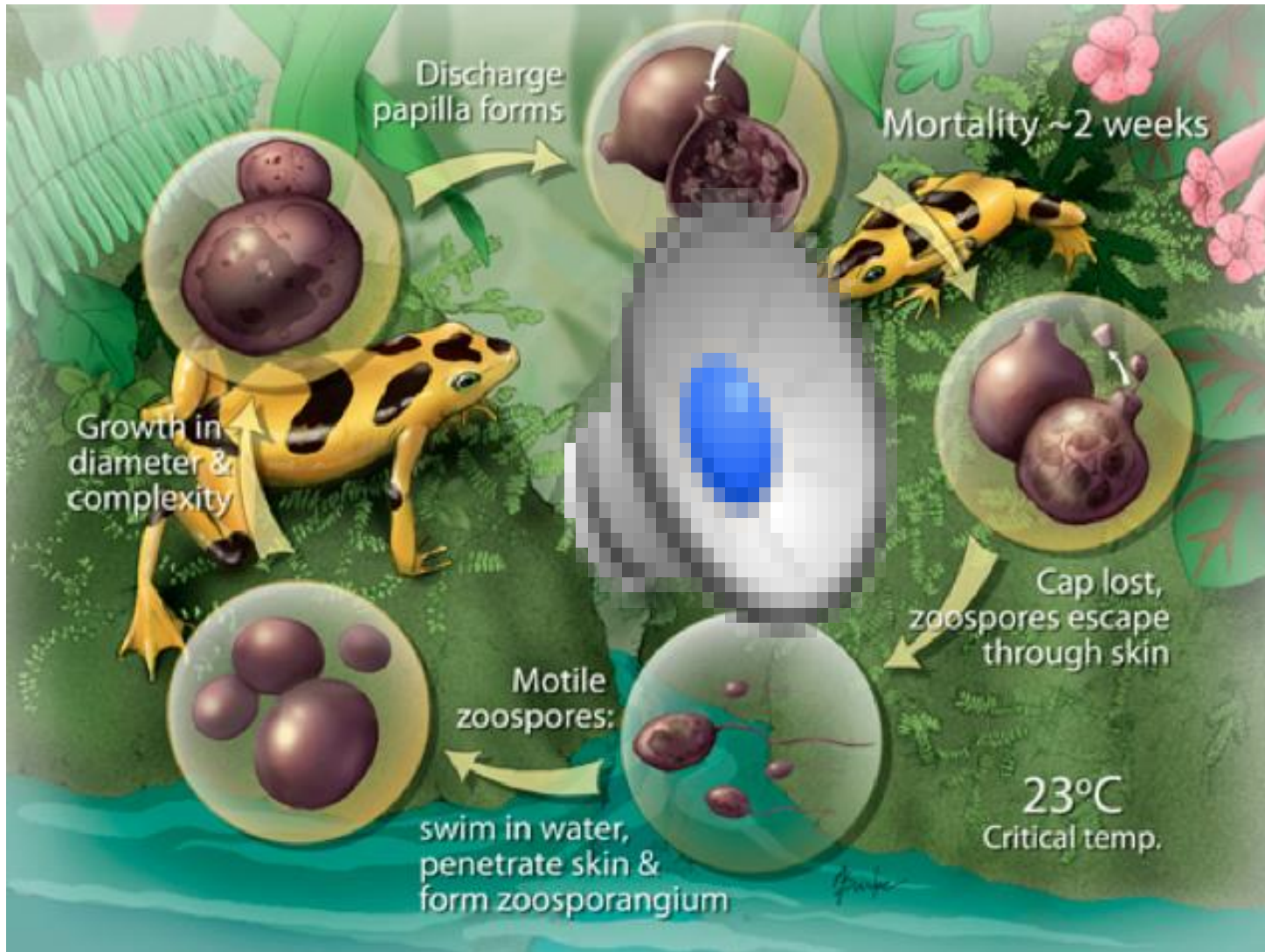
First described in a  
dendrobatid frog



Disease: chytridiomycosis



# Chytridiomycosis (chytrid)



# Detection methods:

- Real time PCR assay
  - Non-destructive
  - Quantitative estimate
    - Comparison to standards
- Histology
  - Time consuming
- Culture



(Boyle, et. al 2004)

# Amphibian skin is a physiologically active organ

epidermis

dermis

- Regulates exchange of respiratory gases  
oxygen, carbon dioxide
- Maintains osmotic balance  
water, electrolytes
- Involved in amphibian immunity



**Epidermal Dysfunction Hypothesis:** *Bd* disrupts cutaneous osmoregulatory function, leading to osmotic imbalance and death.

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## FEAR OF FUNGI

*Emerging pathogens threaten natural ecosystems and food security* PAGE 186



## REVIEW

### Emerging fungal threats to natural ecosystems and ecosystem health

Matthew C. Fisher<sup>1</sup>, Daniel A. Henk<sup>1</sup>, Cheryl J. Briggs<sup>2</sup>, & Sarah J. Gurr<sup>2</sup>

The past two decades have seen an increasing number of emerging fungal pathogens in natural landscapes. In both animals and plants, an unprecedented number of species have been lost, caused some of the most severe die-offs and extinctions, and threatened food security. Human activity is intensifying fungal disease emergence, creating new opportunities for evolution. We argue that natural ecosystems are being transformed with wider implications for human and ecosystem health.

Emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) caused by fungi are increasingly recognized as presenting a worldwide threat to food security and ecosystem health (Table 1 and Supplementary Table 1). This is not a new phenomenon: fungi have long been known to constitute a widespread threat to natural ecosystems. Plant disease epidemics caused by fungi and the fungi that cause them have altered the course of human history. In the nineteenth century, late blight led to starvation, economic ruin and the death of millions of people in the English government during the Irish potato famine and, in the twentieth century, Dutch elm blight and chestnut blight laid bare large areas of forest landscapes. The threat of plant disease has not abated, and is heightened by resource-rich farming practices and exaggerated landscape changes by microbial adaptation to new ecosystems, brought about by trade and transportation<sup>1</sup>, and by climate fluctuations<sup>2</sup>.

However, pathogenic fungi (also known as mycoses) have now widely recognized as posing major threats to animal health. The recognition is changing rapidly owing to the recent occurrence of high-profile declines in wildlife caused by the emergence of previously unknown fungi<sup>3,4</sup>. For example, during March 2007, a routine capture-mark-recapture study of bats hibernating in New York State revealed mass mortalities<sup>5</sup>. A group of closely clustered caves, four species of bats were marked with a striking fungus growing on their muzzles and wing membranes, and the name 'white nose syndrome' (WNS) was coined. After the initial discovery, the ascomycete fungus *Geomyces destructans* was shown to meet Koch's postulates and was described as the cause of WNS in *Myotis lucifugus* and other bat species<sup>6,7</sup>. Mortalities exhibiting WNS have subsequently been found in an increasing number of bat overwintering sites. In 2010, the infection was confirmed to have emerged in at least 11 sites across the United States and Canada, spanning over 1,200 km (ref. 8). Bat numbers across affected sites have declined by over 70% and analyses have shown that at least one affected species, the little brown bat *Myotis lucifugus*, has a greater than 99% chance of becoming extinct within the next 16 years (ref. 11). Other species of bats



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Fungal Diseases: An emerging challenge to human, animal, and plant health.

### Human

**Cryptococcal disease**  
*Cryptococcus gattii*

**Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever)**  
*Coccidioides immitis*

**Aspergillosis**  
*Aspergillus fumigatus*

**Candida**  
*Candida albicans*

### Animal

**Colony Collapse Syndrome (bees)**  
*Nosema apis*

**Aspergillosis (birds)**  
*Aspergillus fumigatus*

**White-nose Syndrome (bats)**  
*Geomyces destructans*

**Chytridiomycosis (amphibians)**  
*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*

### Plant

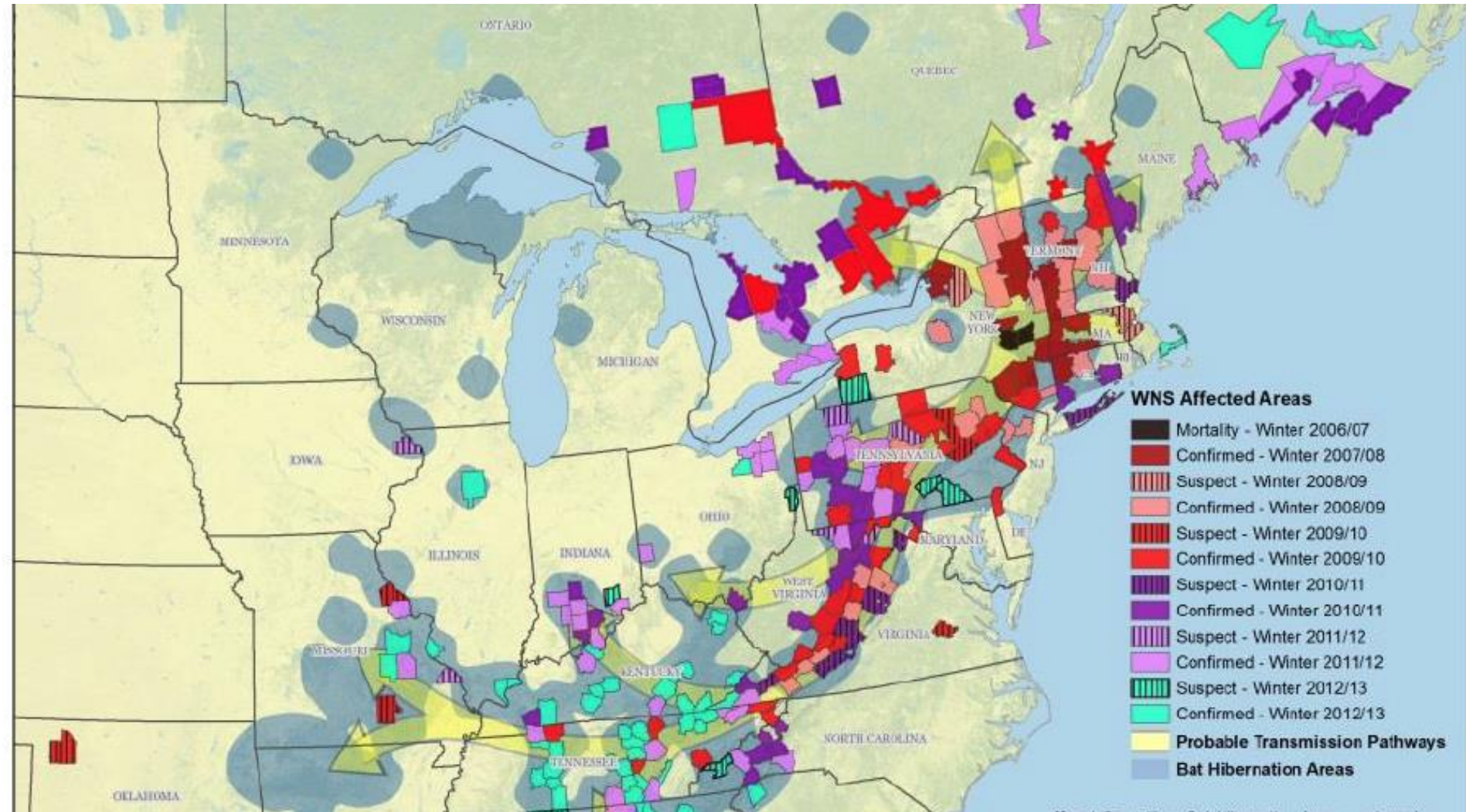
**Sudden Oak Death**  
*Phytophthora ramorum*

**Fusarium wilt (tomatoes etc.)**  
*Fusarium oxysporum*

**Stripe rust (wheat)**  
*Puccinia striiformis*

**Chestnut blight**  
*Cryphonectria parasitica*





Sierra Nevada, California

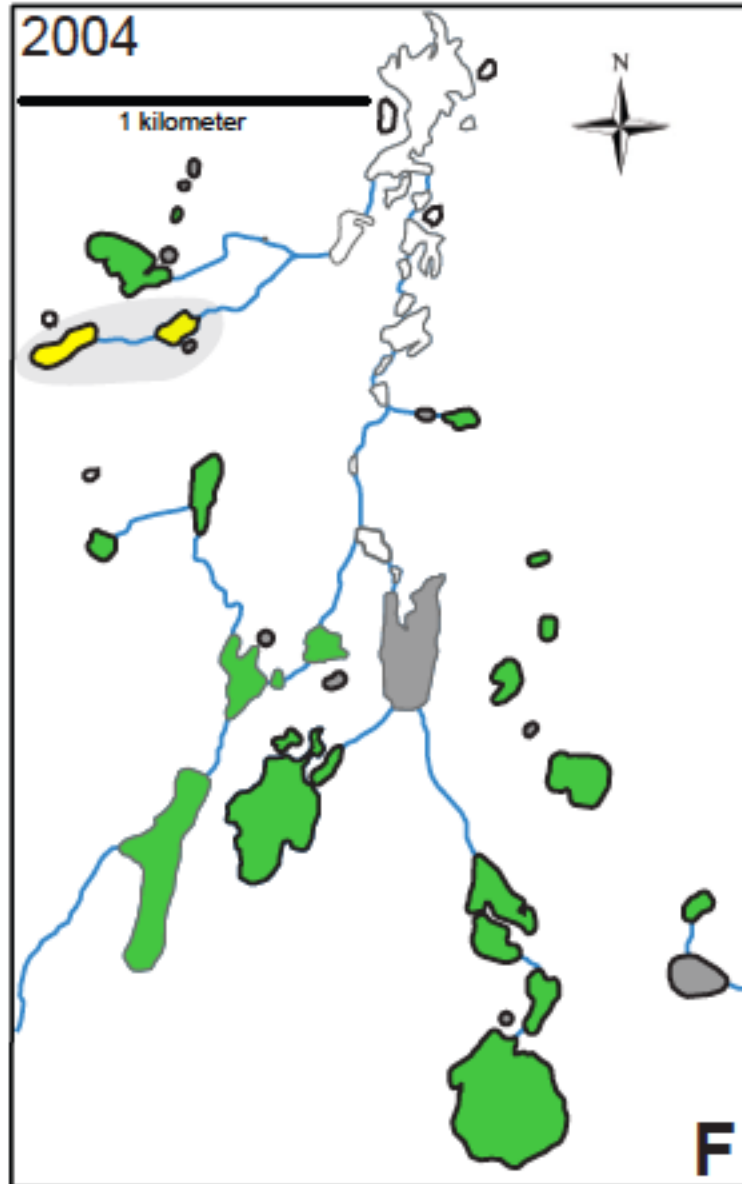
How does this pathogen work???



Repeated visual population counts (>900; 1996–2008)  
Skin swabs (> 6,000; 2004-2008)





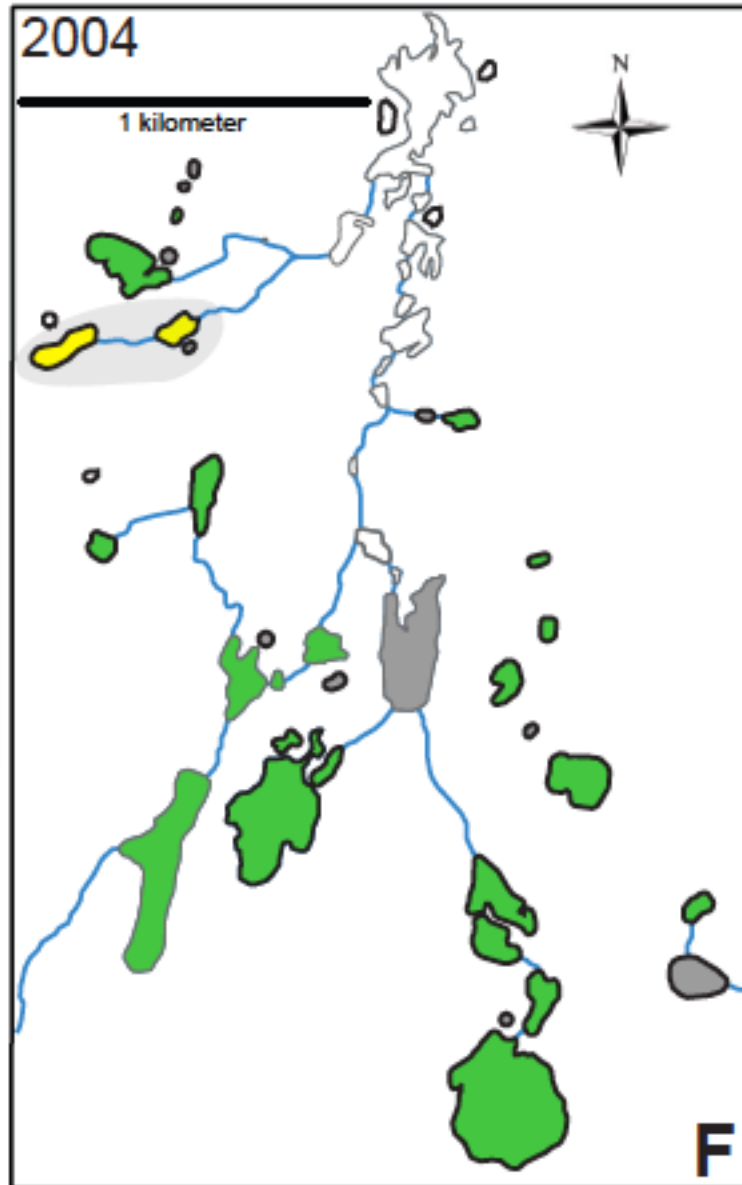


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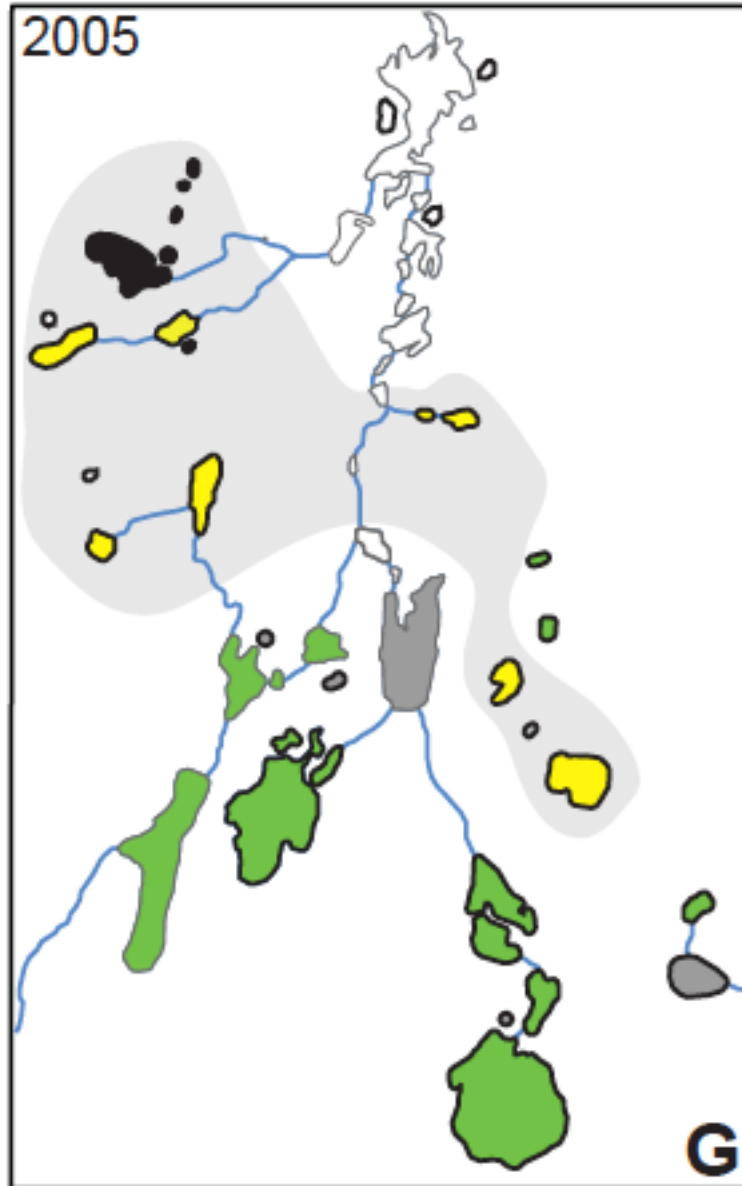


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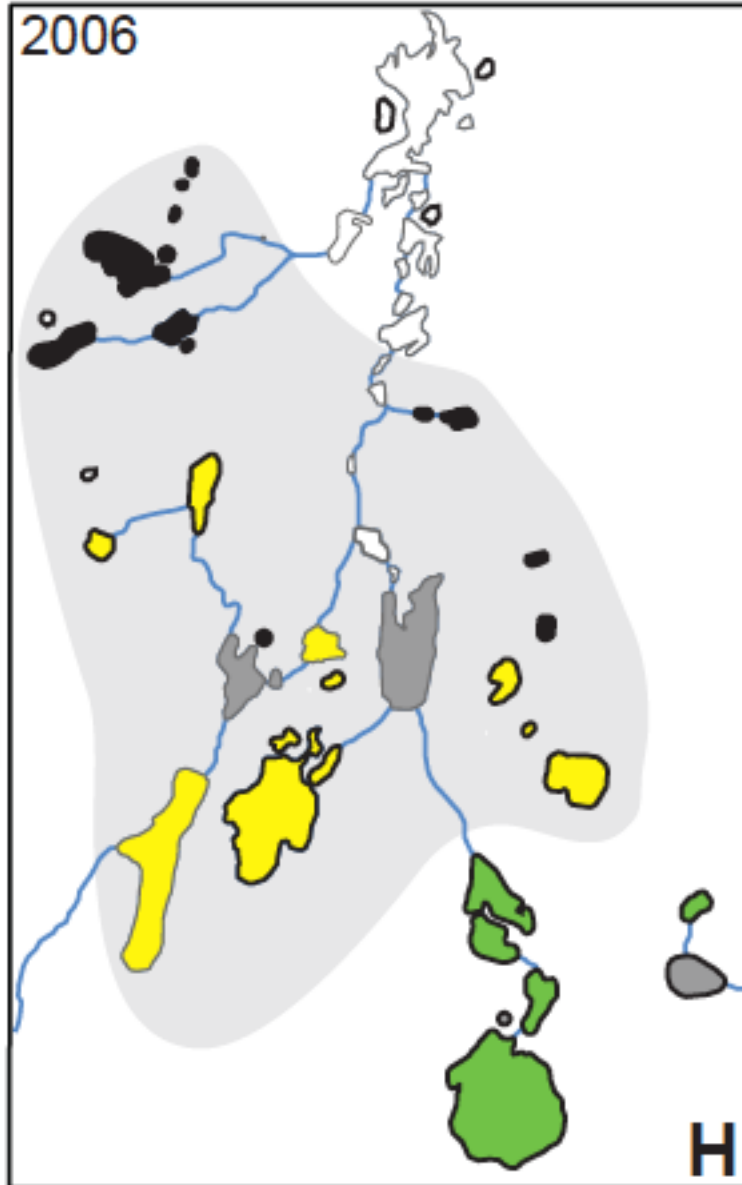


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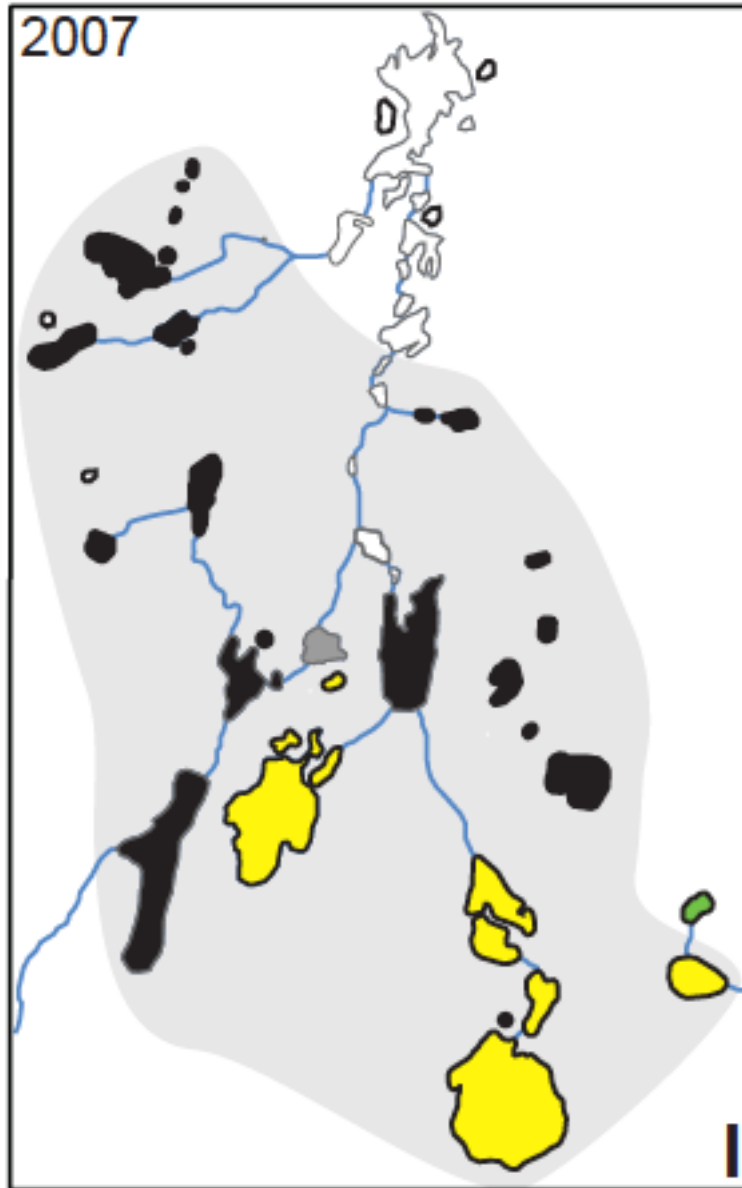
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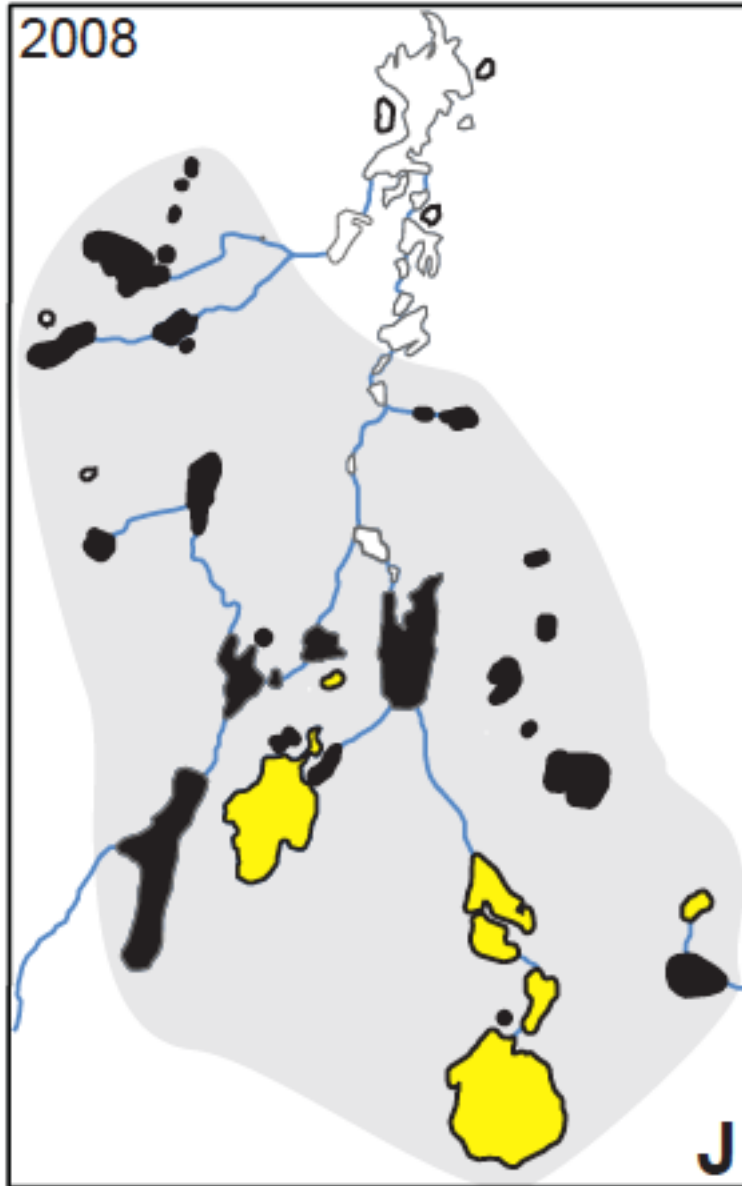
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(Vredenburg, et al. 2010; *PNAS*)

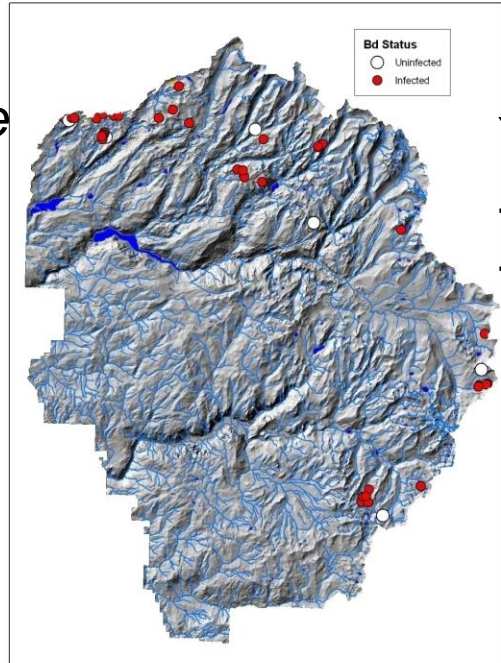
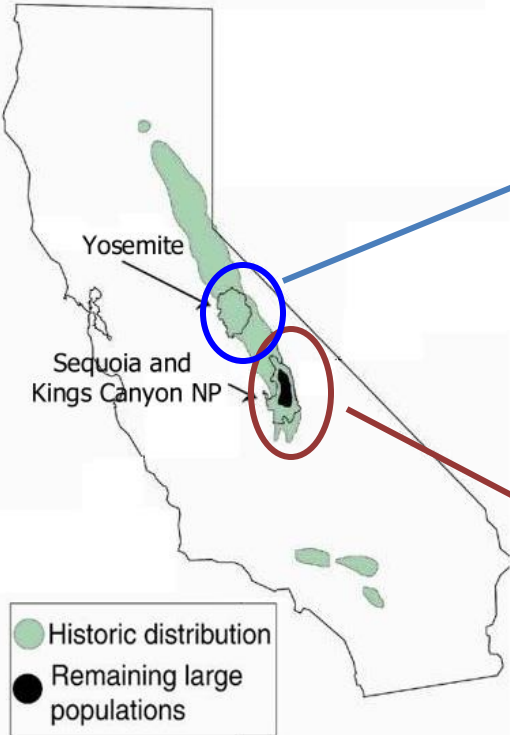


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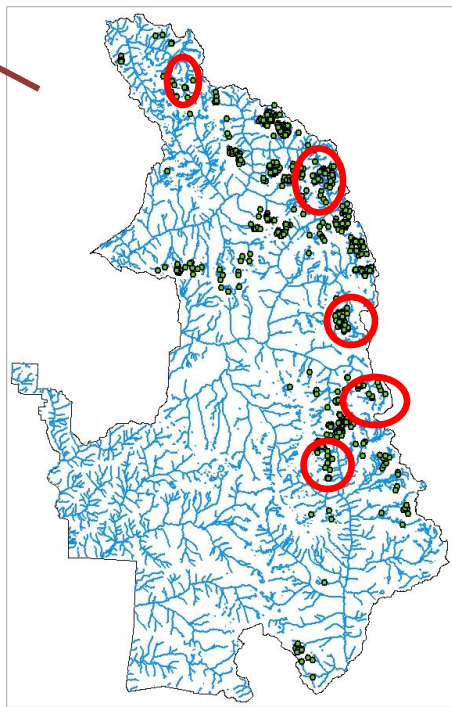


## Yosemite National Park

- Infected since 1970's or 80's?
- Small infected populations of frogs are persisting with Bd.

“persistence”

endemic



## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

- Bd currently spreading, leading to 100's of local extinctions.

rapid population decline/  
local extinctions

epidemic

# Different Outcomes in Different Species

*Lithobates catesbeiana*



*Litoria moorei*



*Xenopus laevis*

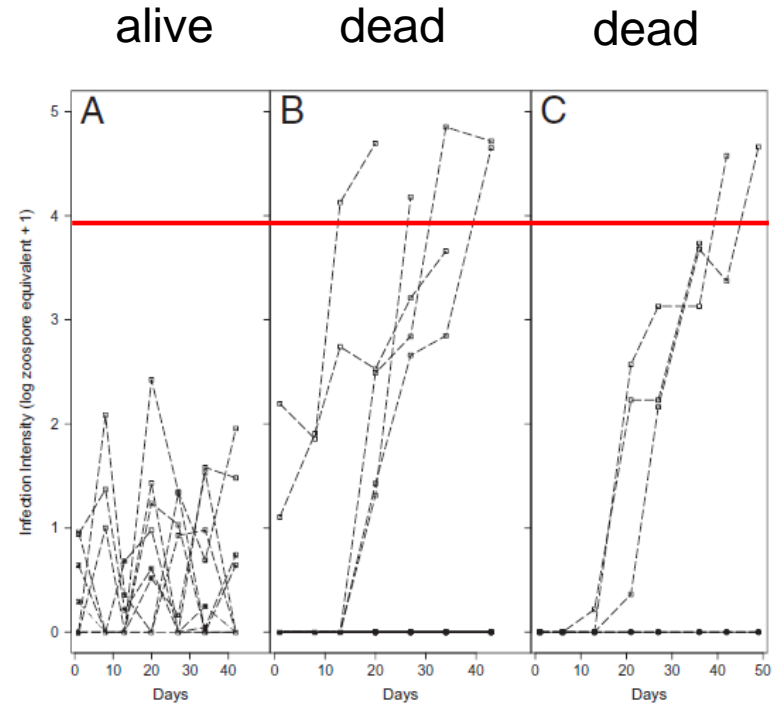
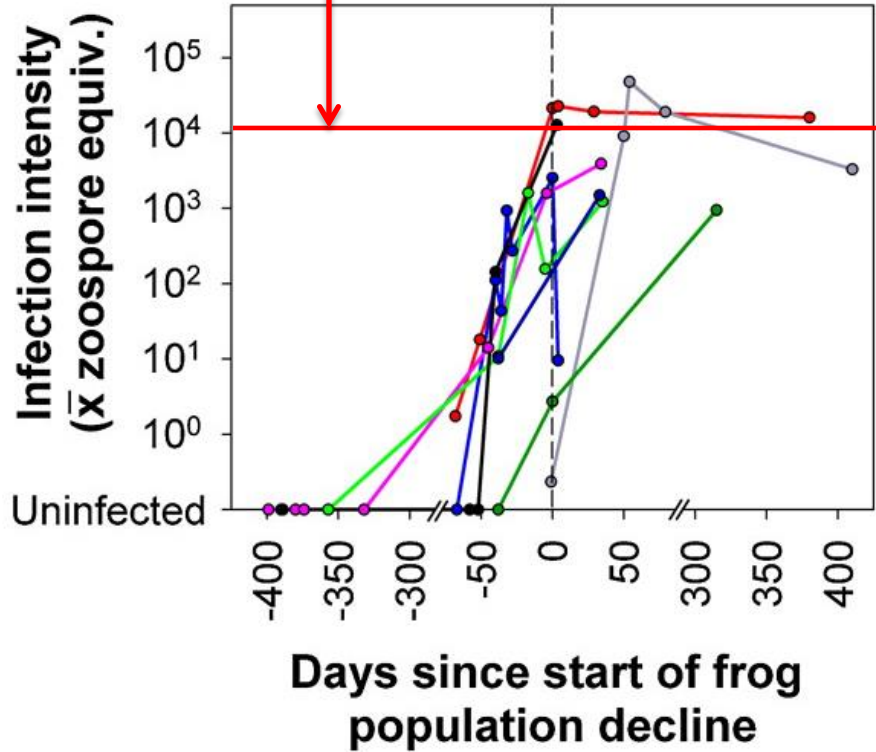


*Xenopus tropicalis*



# We discovered a *Mortality Threshold*

Vredenburg et al. 2010

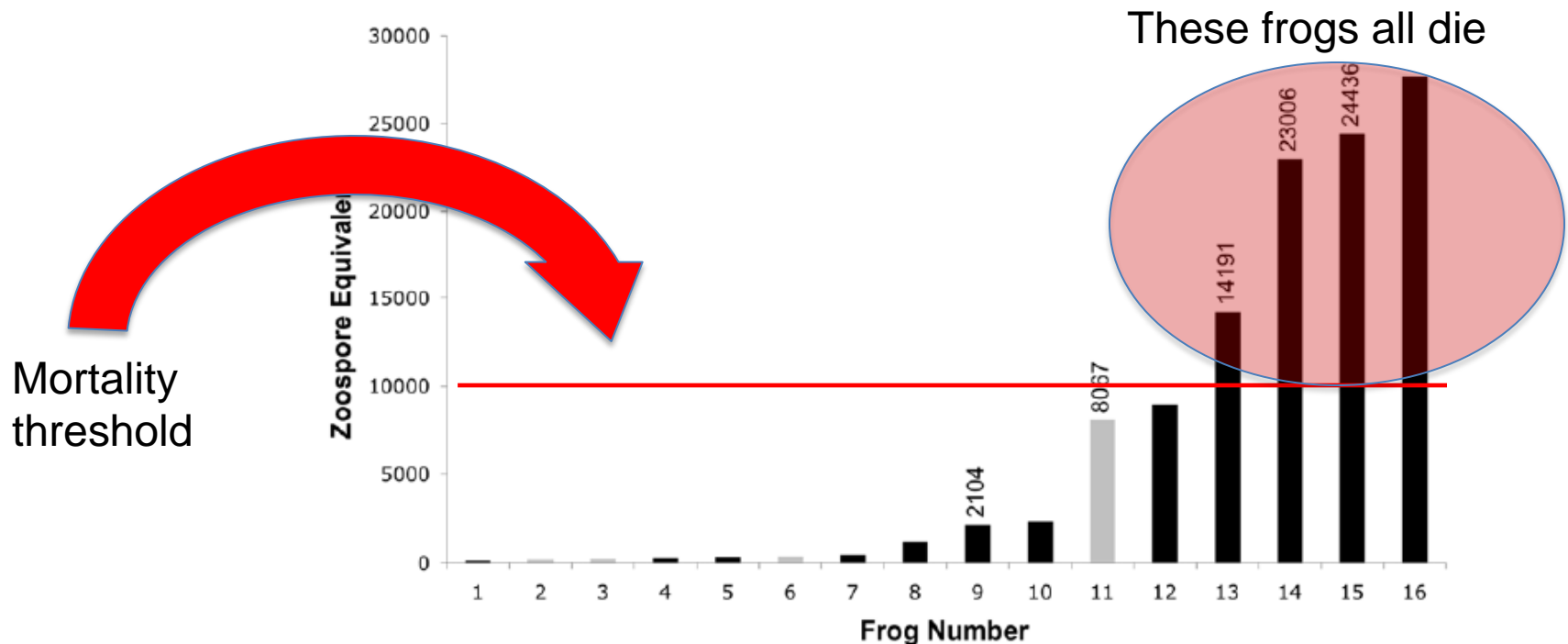


Cheng et al. 2011

# How does Bd work?

## Seasonal Pattern of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* Infection and Mortality in *Lithobates areolatus*: Affirmation of Vredenburg's "10,000 Zoospore Rule"

Vanessa C. Kinney<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer L. Heemeyer<sup>1</sup>, Allan P. Pessier<sup>2</sup>, Michael J. Lannoo<sup>3\*</sup>

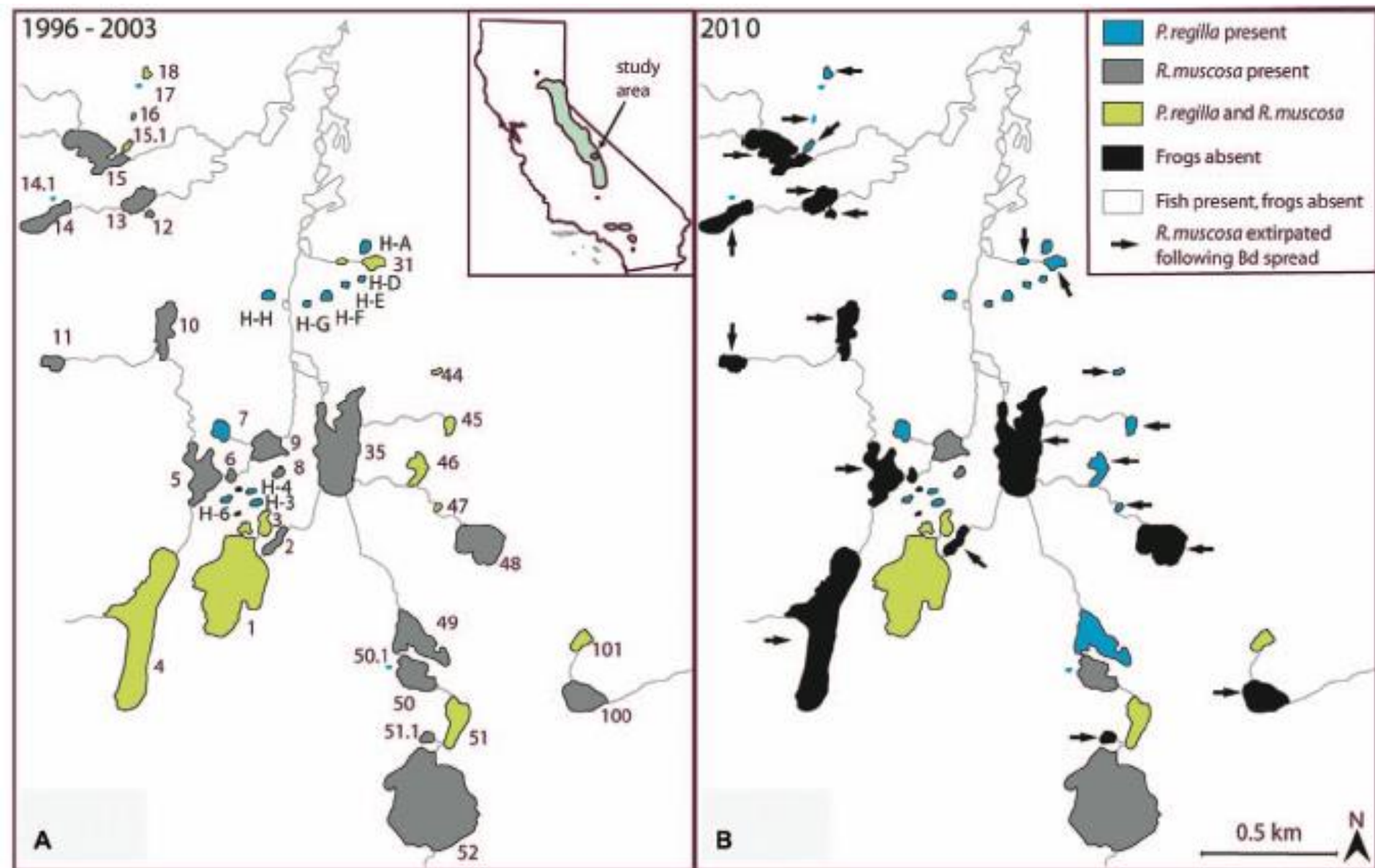


# A Reservoir Species for the Emerging Amphibian Pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* Thrives in a Landscape Decimated by Disease

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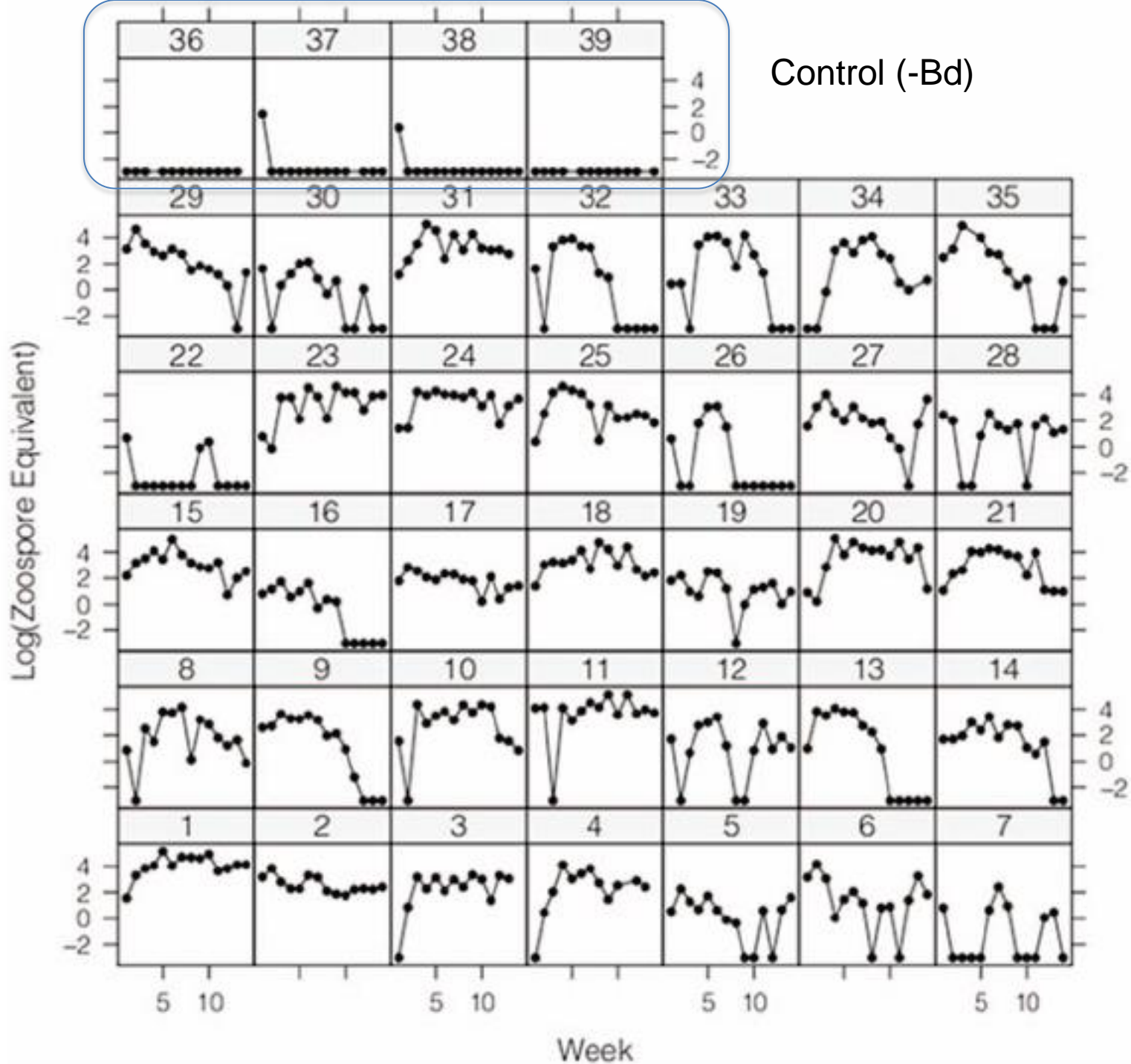




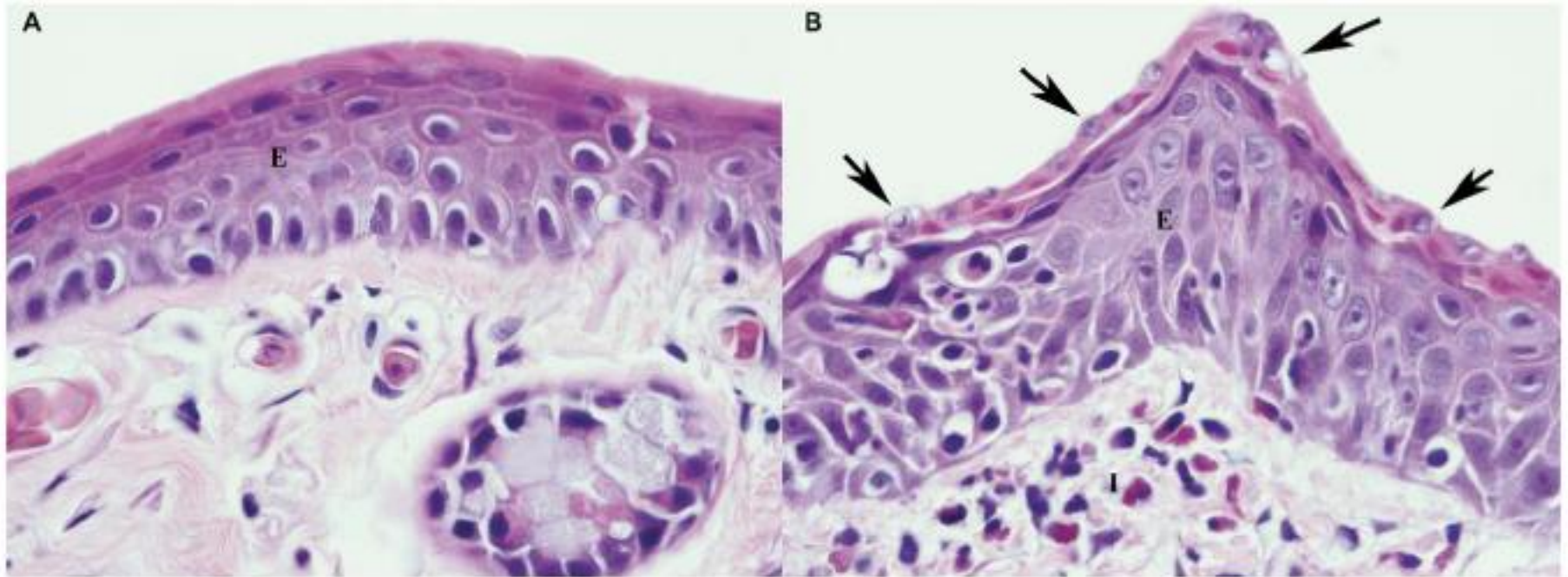
**Figure 1. Habitat occupancy before and after disease spread.** Range of *P. regilla* and *R. muscosa* in 60 Lake Basin (a) before and (b) after the spread of *Bd* through the basin.

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# Bd infection is localized on the skin – most of the skin continues to function

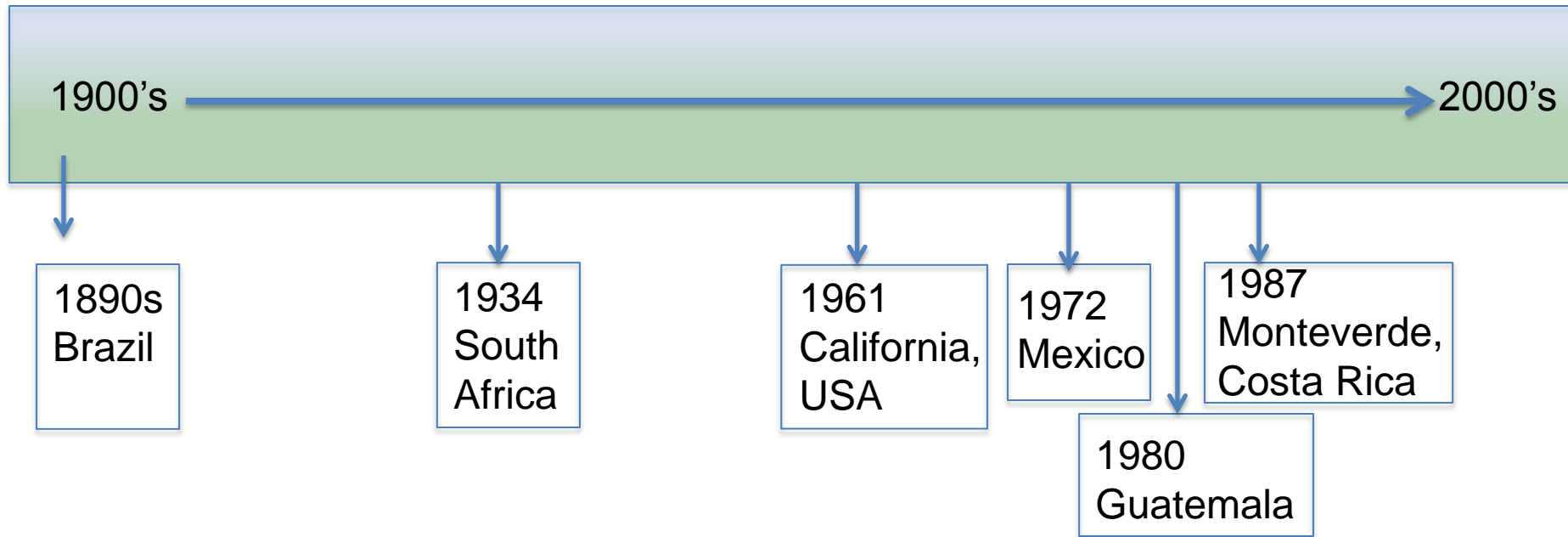


**Figure 5. Histological views of skin from an infected but asymptomatic individual.** Photomicrographs of histologic sections from the foot webbing of *P. regilla* # 32. In (a) the epidermis is well organized with minimal variation in nuclear size and a single keratinized layer consistent with normal foot skin. However, (b) shows an adjacent area of skin with disorganization of the epidermis (hyperplasia), hyperkeratosis and numerous *Bd* thalli (arrows). There are infiltrates of inflammatory cells in the epidermis and dermis. E = epidermis; I = inflammatory cells.  
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# *Bd* Timeline:

Where did it come from?

When and how did it emerge?



**Major Worldwide Amphibian Declines Began in the 1980's.**

# Introduced frogs spread Bd

The transport and release of *Xenopus laevis* or other non-native carrier species followed by spread of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in native amphibians.



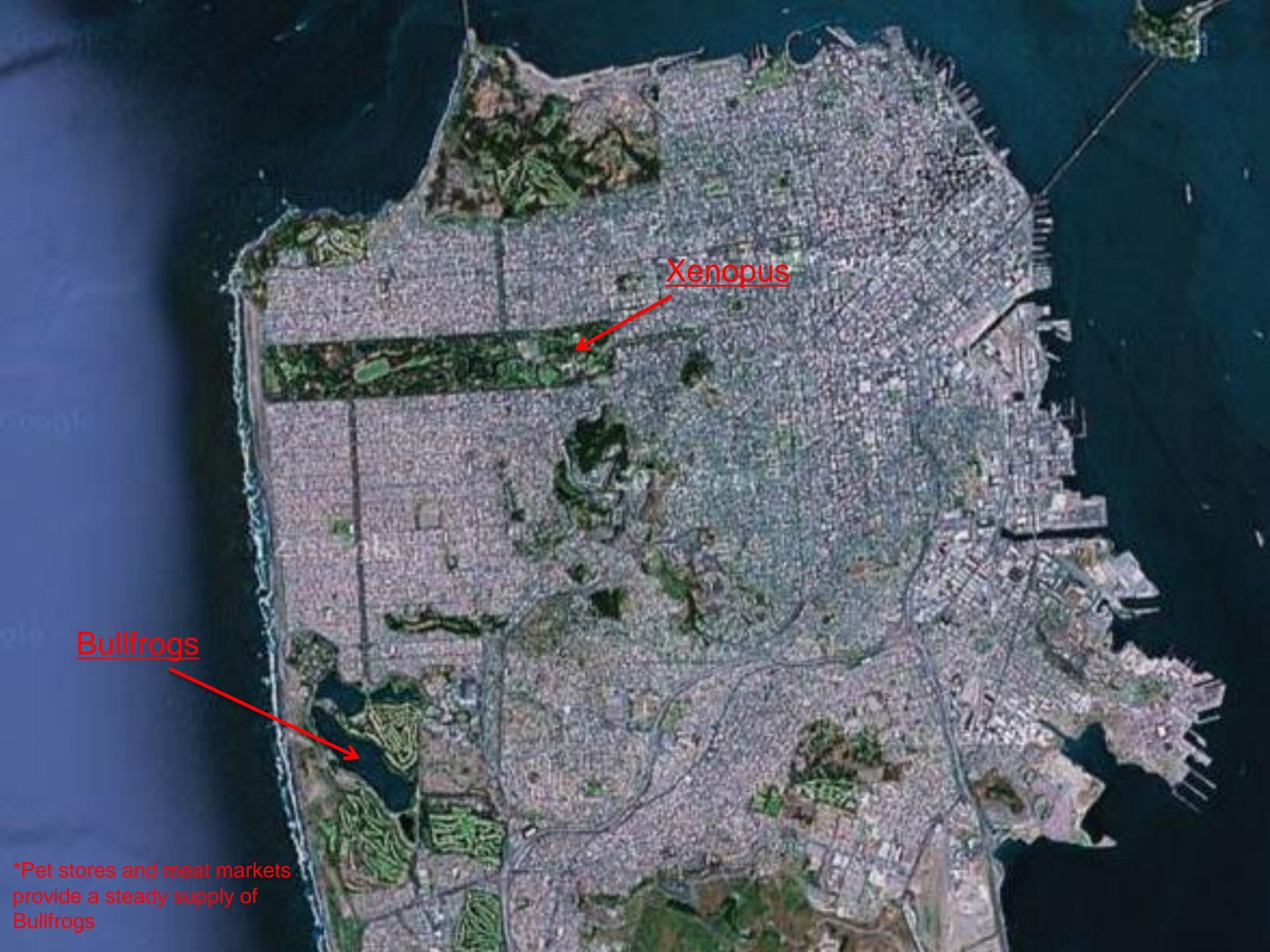
A photograph showing a large number of American Bullfrog tadpoles in a pond. The tadpoles are densely packed in the water, which is contained within a black plastic-lined structure. The background shows a wooden frame and some greenery.

Frog legs anyone?

American Bullfrog  
(*Rana catesbeiana*)

Introduced amphibians may be carriers  
of *Bd*





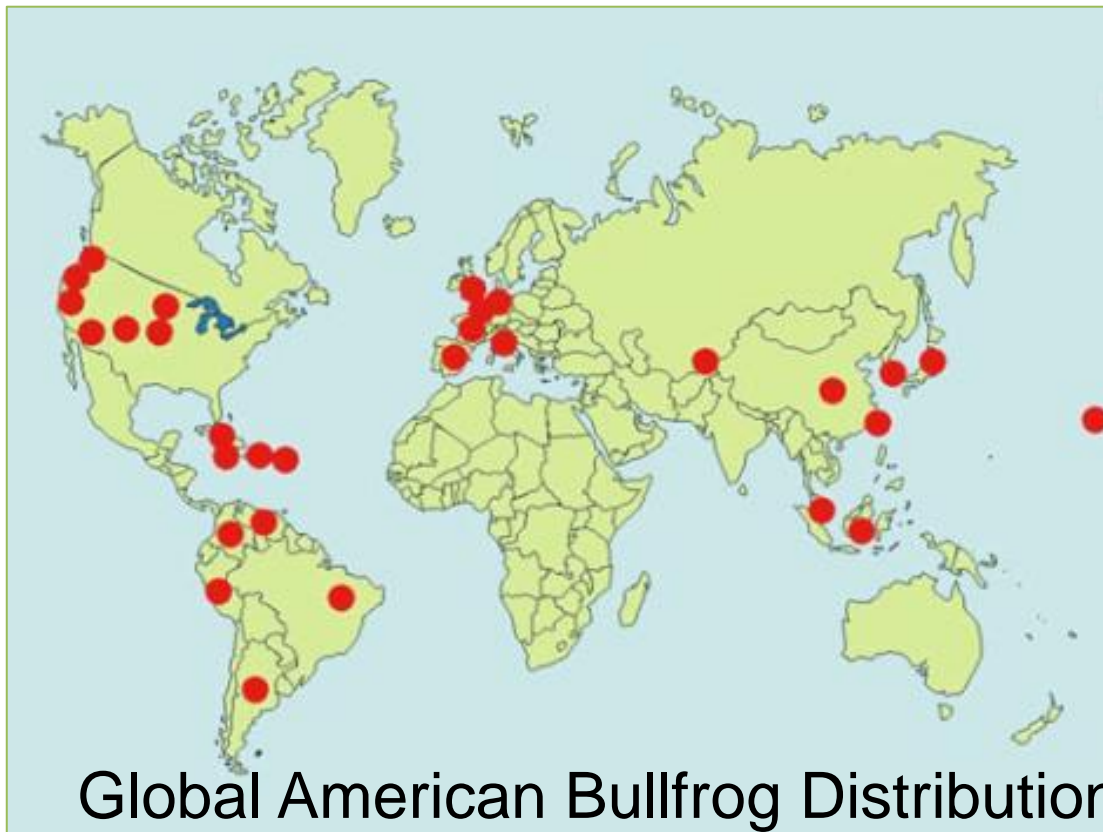
Xenopus

Bullfrogs

\*Pet stores and meat markets  
provide a steady supply of  
Bullfrogs

# How did Bd spread?

- Not all species are susceptible
- Some act as disease reservoirs or vectors



Global American Bullfrog Distribution Lannoo 1993



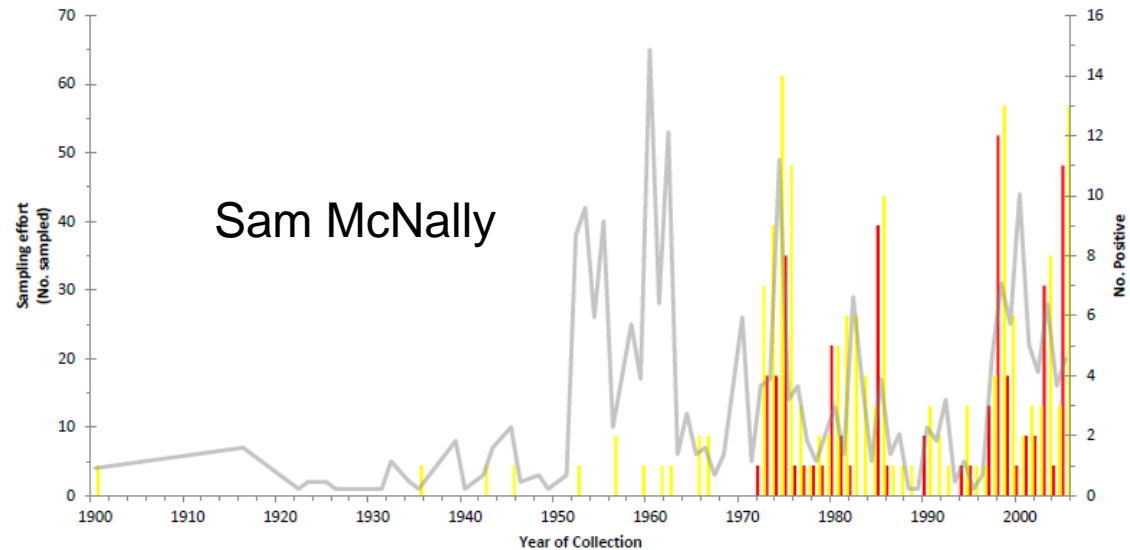
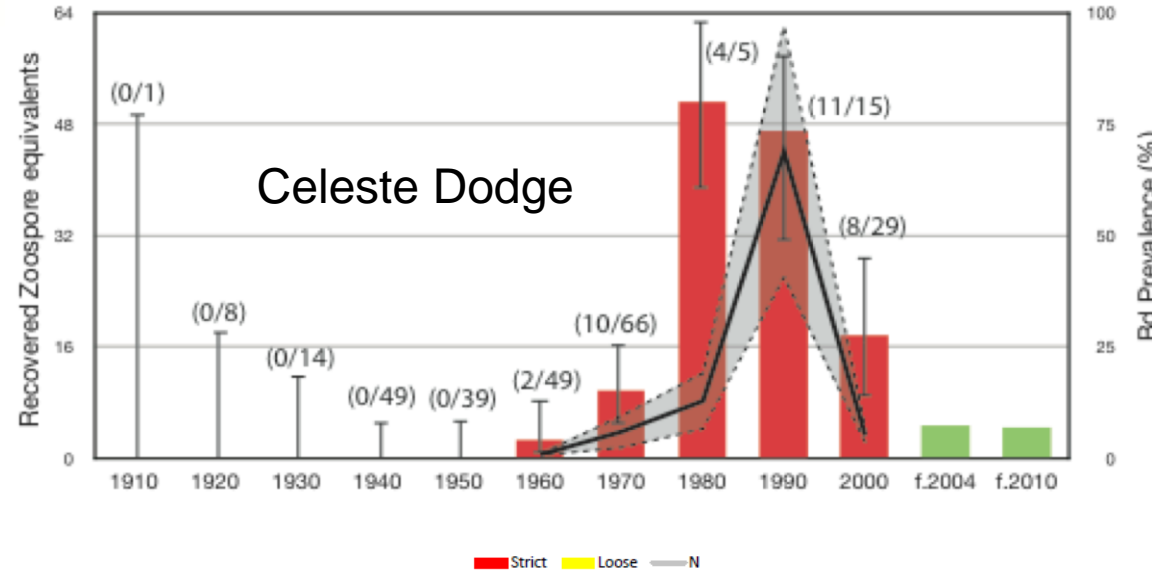
# Farms, Pet and Food Trade in Asia (Yunnan, China)



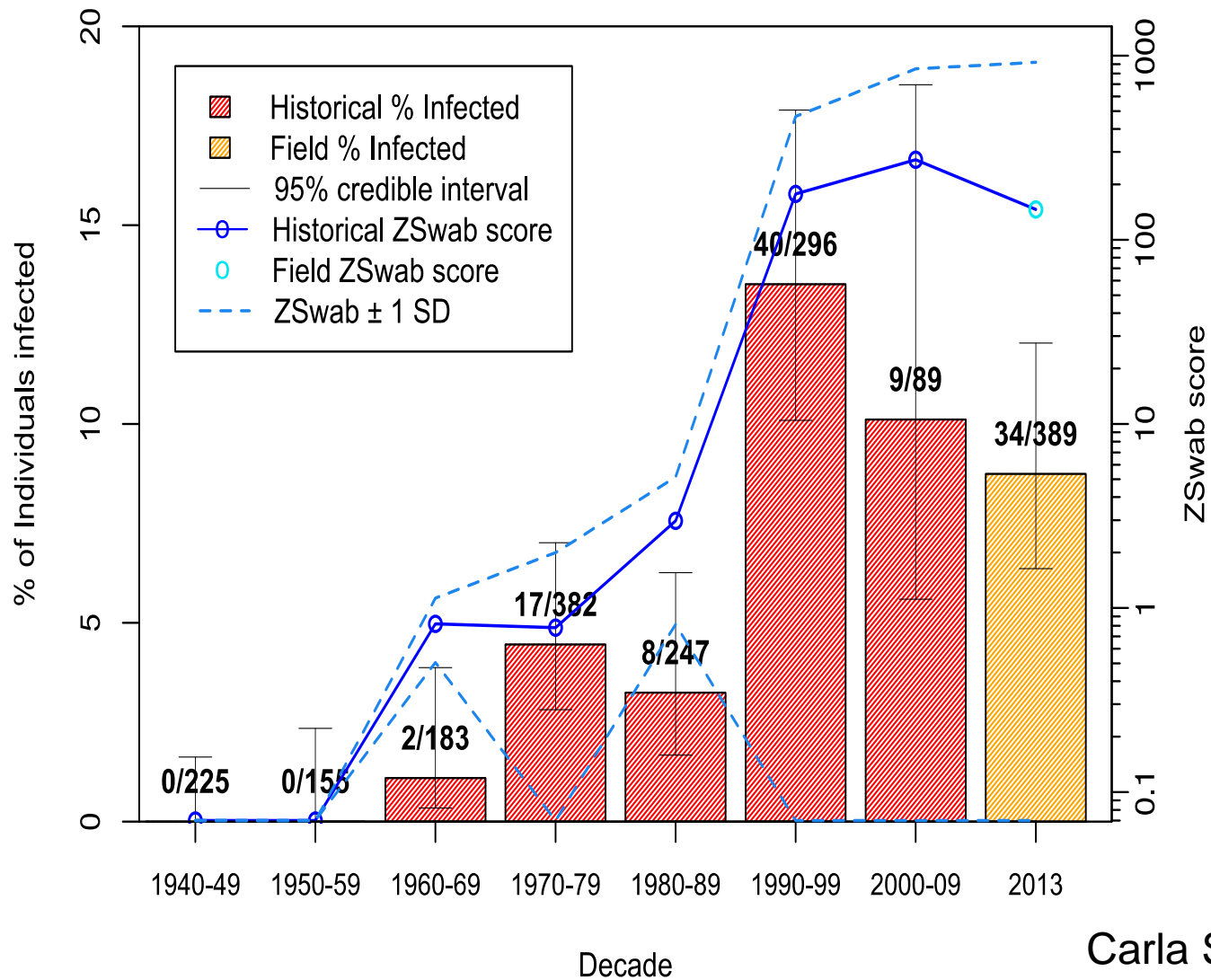
# When did *Bd* invade California?



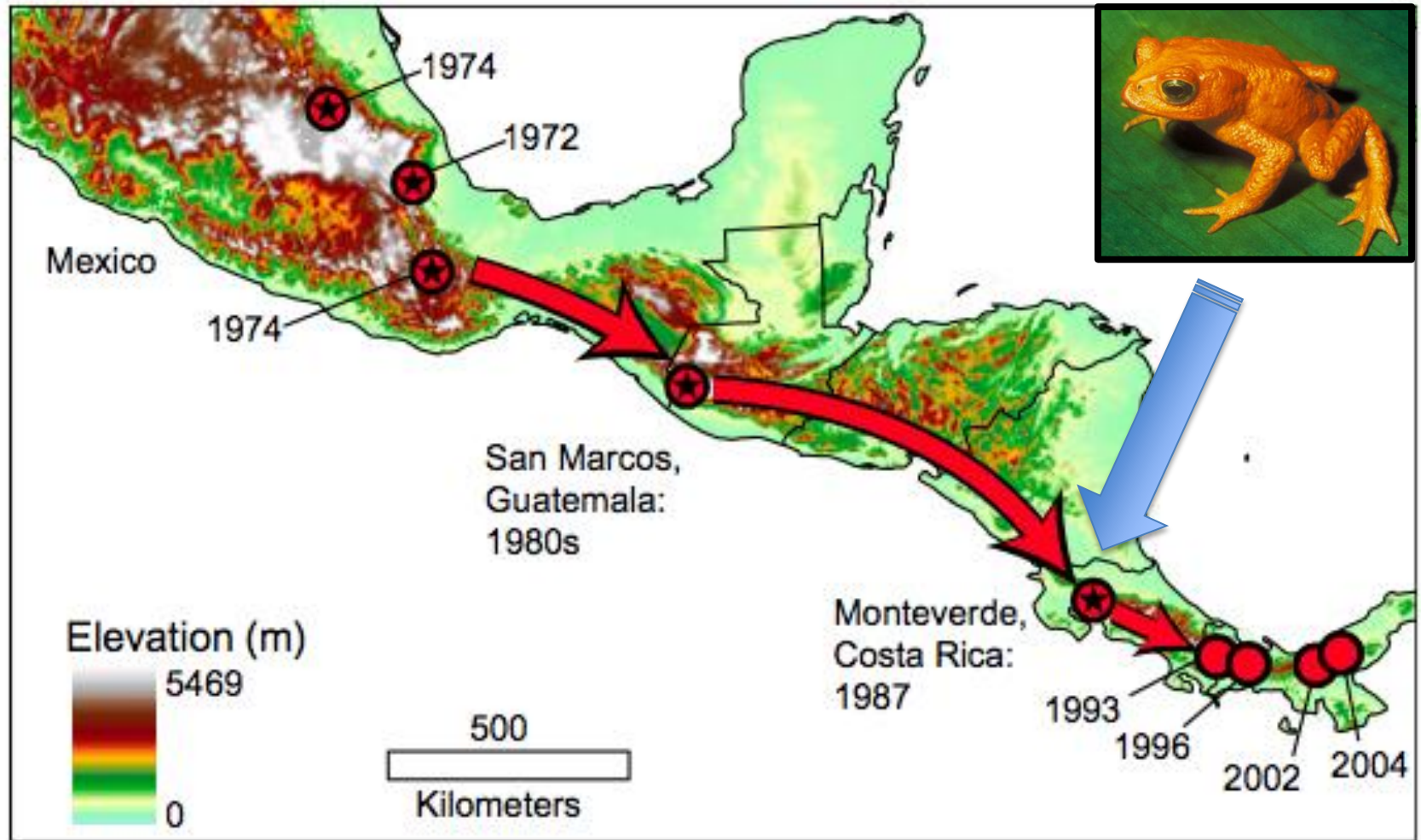
Historic *Bd* Infection Intensity and Prevalence in Preserved *B. canorus* specimens



# Bd emergence in *Batrachoseps attenuatus*



# Museum specimens reveal how fungal epidemic spread in amphibians



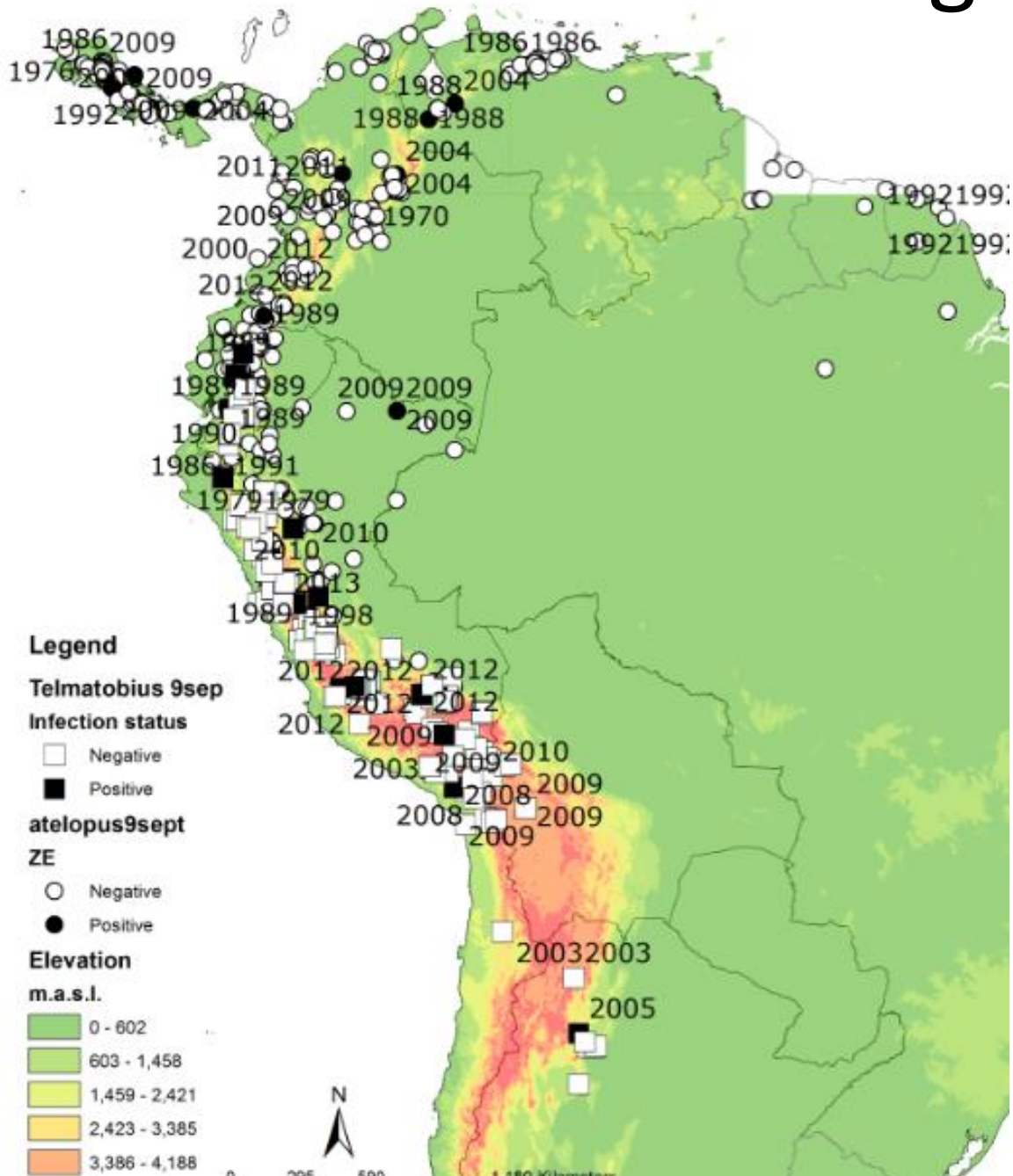
Cheng, T. L., S. M. Rovito, D. B. Wake, and V. T. Vredenburg. 2011. Coincident mass extirpation of neotropical amphibians with the emergence of the infectious fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

# Timeline of proposed *Bd* epidemics in the Andes



Lips *et al.*  
2008, *PLoS*  
*Biology*

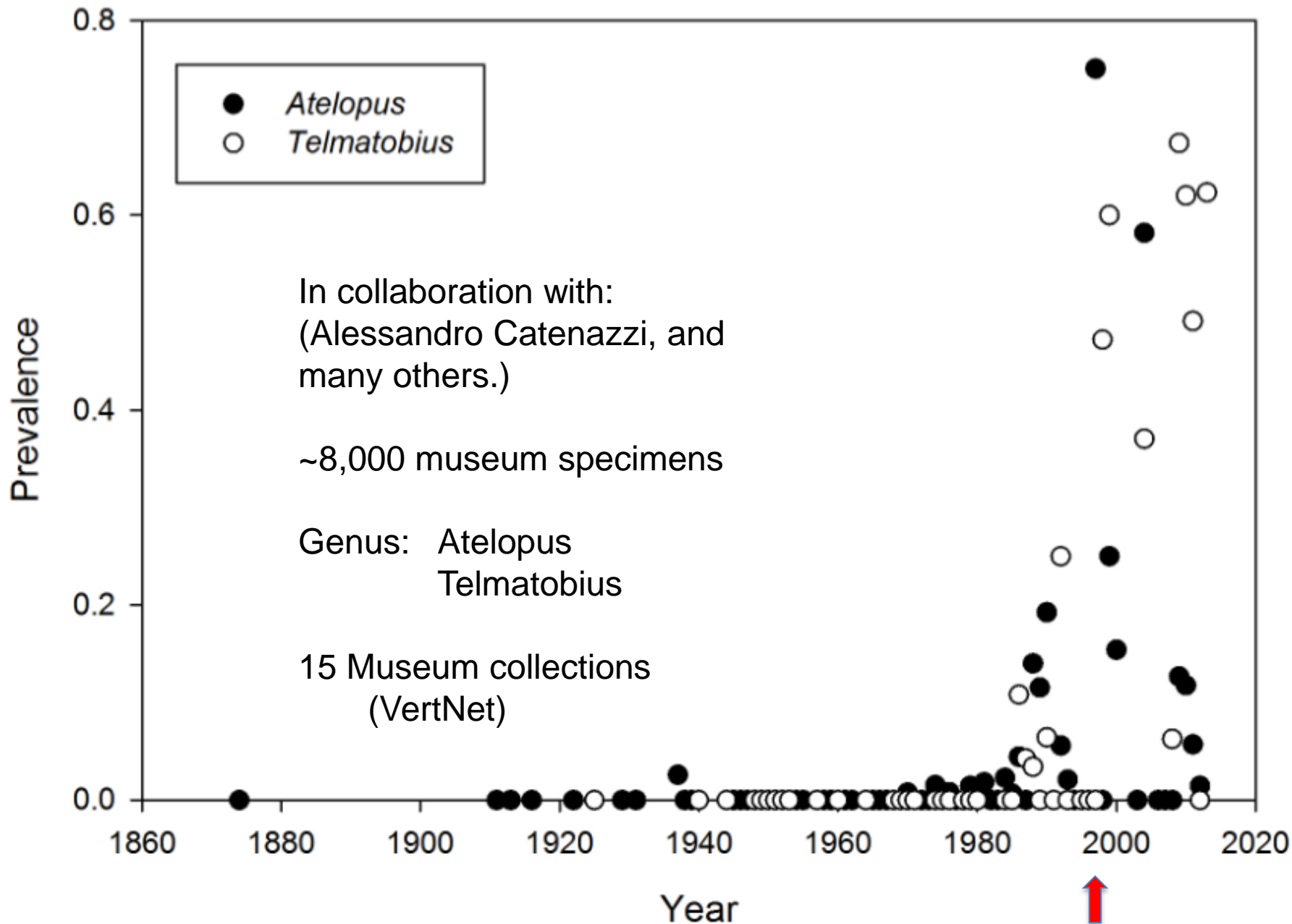
# When did Bd emerge in S. America?



In collaboration with:  
(Alessandro Catenazzi, and  
many others.)

~8,000 museum specimens

Genus: Atelopus  
Telmatobius



# *Susceptibility trials*

- Which of the surviving species are most at risk from chytridiomycosis?
- Experimentally expose frogs to Bd infection
- Compare survivorship between infected and treated frogs
- 9 species of 4 families
- 213 frogs
- 3-6 weeks in June-August 2012



# Wayqecha Biological Station <http://www.acca.org.pe/>



hot water &  
internet



makeshift lab



socializing  
education



spectacular views

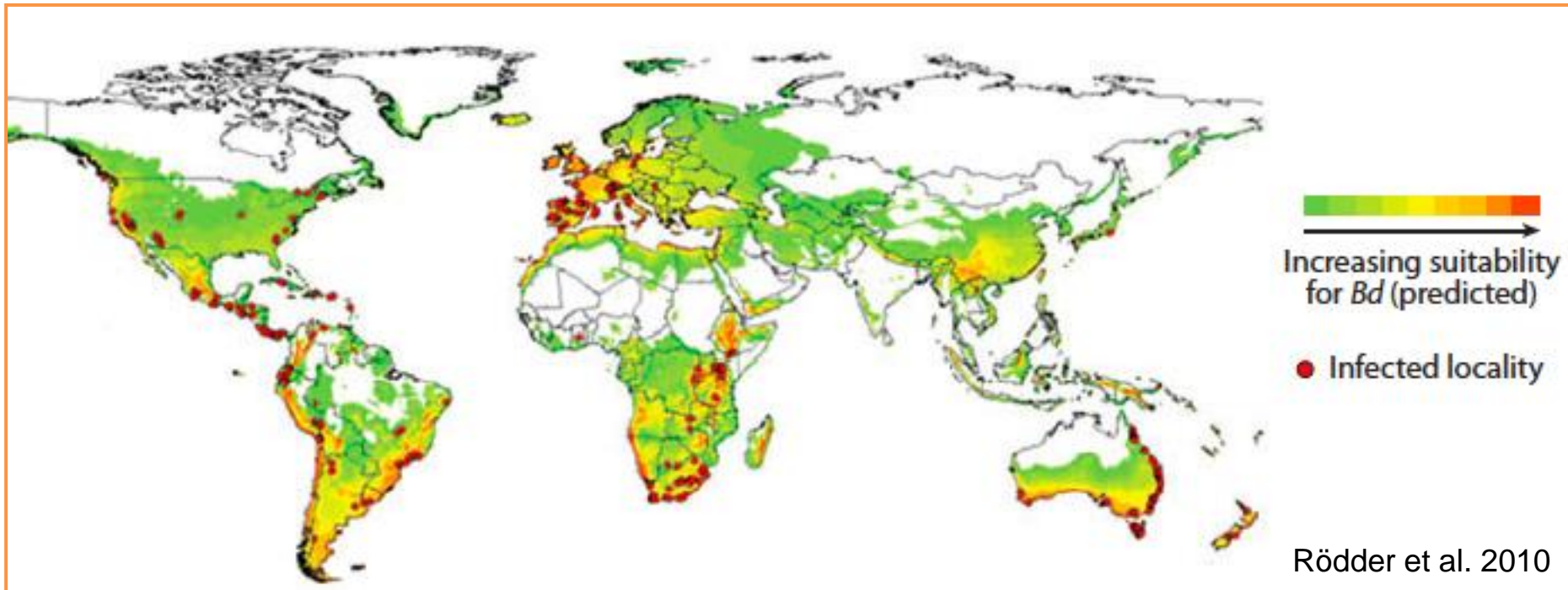


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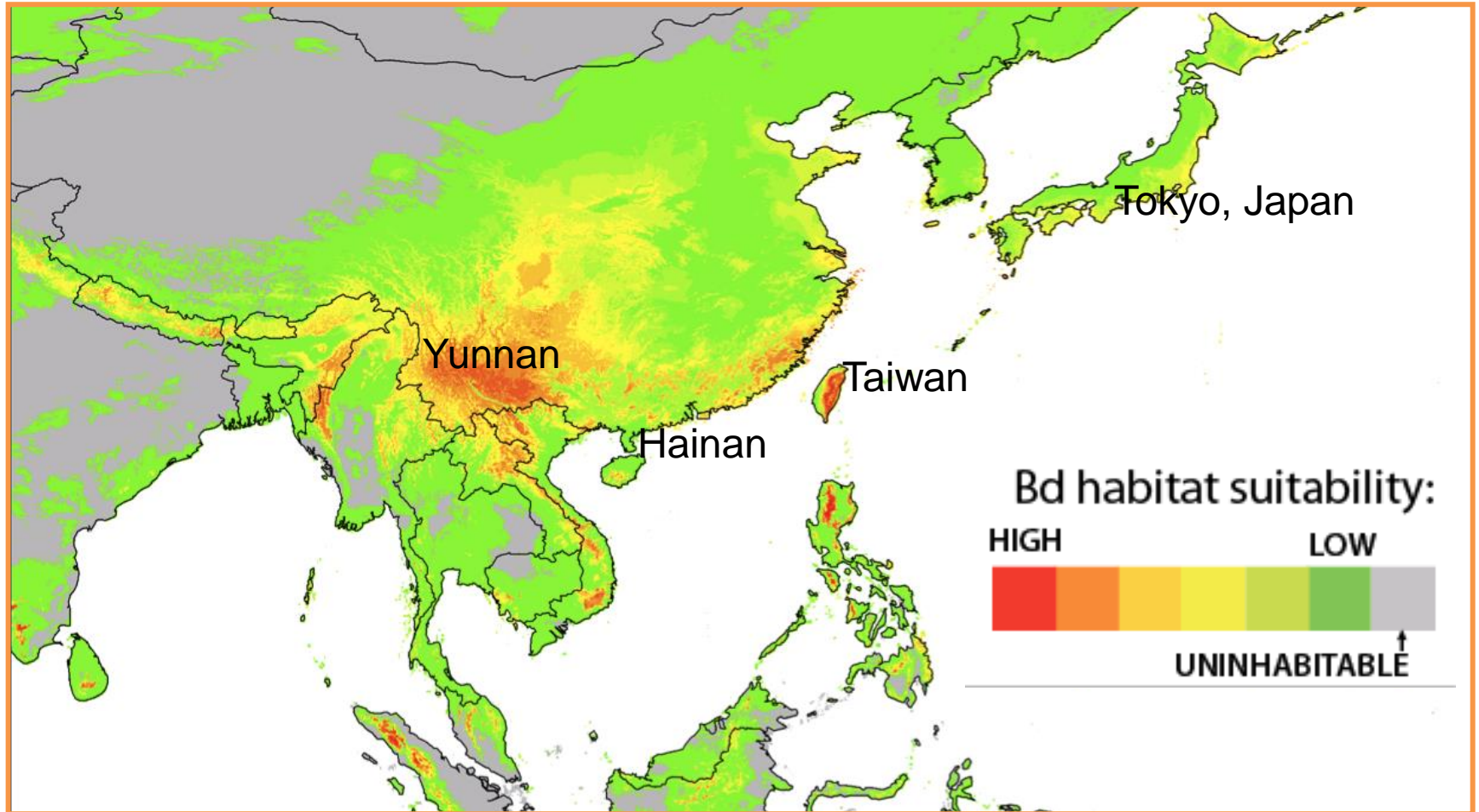
# *Susceptibility trials: Peru highlands*



# Predicted suitable habitat for *Bd*



# Asia is Vulnerable



# Yunnan Province, China (Sept 15, 2013)



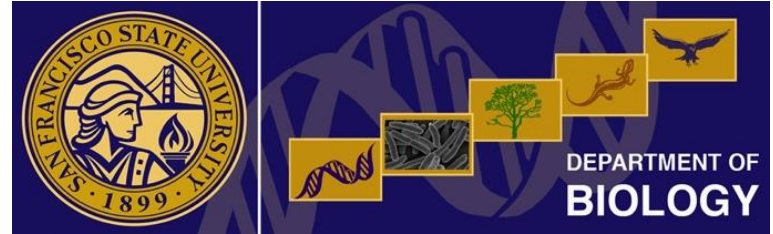
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# Retrospective survey suggests recent emergence of Chytridiomycosis in Japanese amphibians

Gabriela Rios-Sotelo

Vance Vredenburg PhD

San Francisco State University



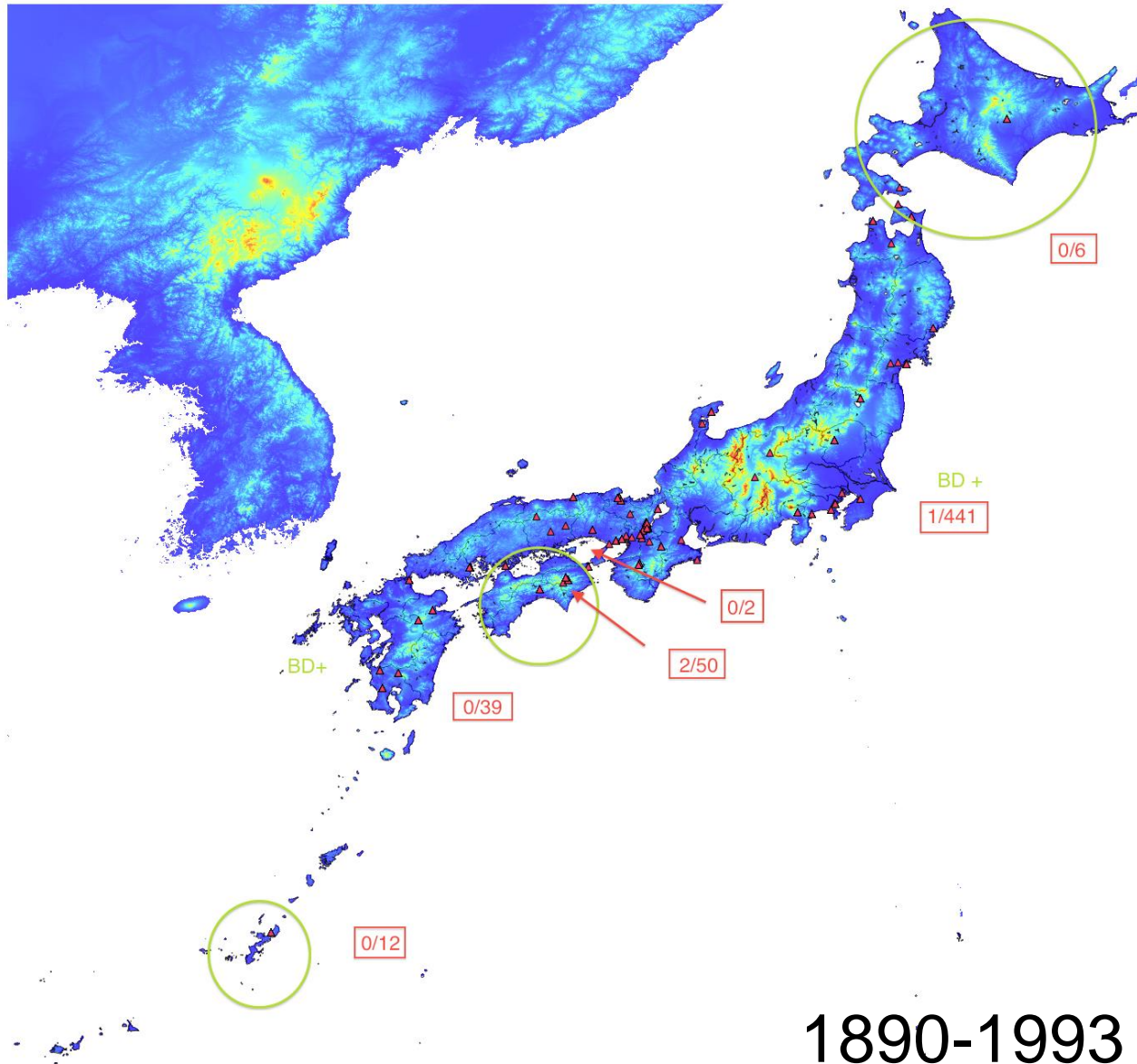
# First report of Bd in Asia

- Outbreak in Japan, 2006, Tokyo
- Suspected disease imported by trade



**“There is an urgent need to monitor Bd in amphibians in Asia...”**

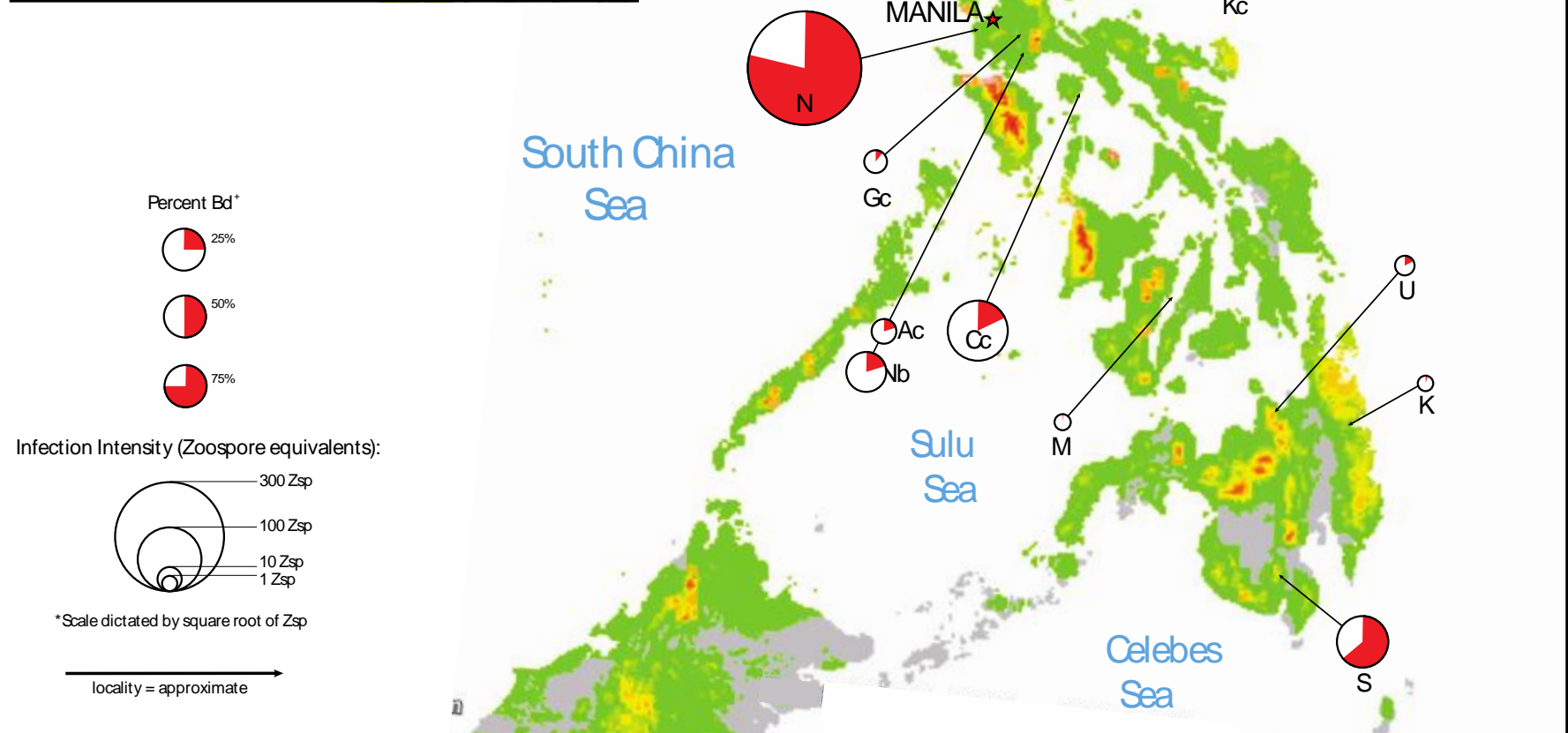
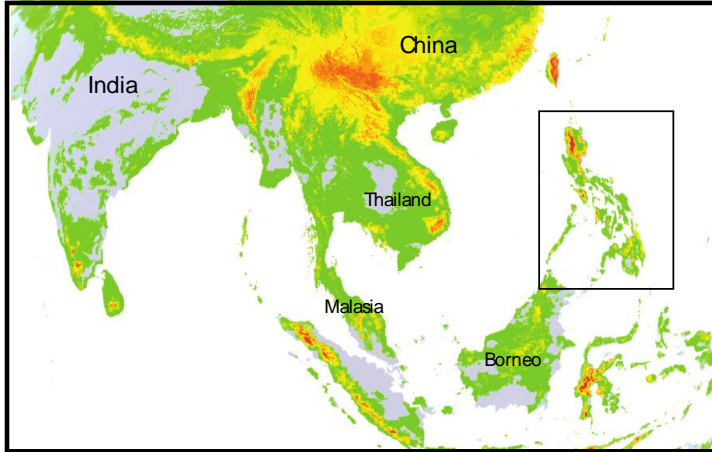
# Results



Island	1890-1993
Hokkaido	0/6
Honshu	1/441
Shikoku	2/50
Kyushu	0/39
Oge-Shima	0/2
Okinawa	0/12



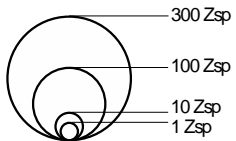
# Bd infection intensity and prevalence at positive sites in the Philippines 2003-2011



Percent Bd\*



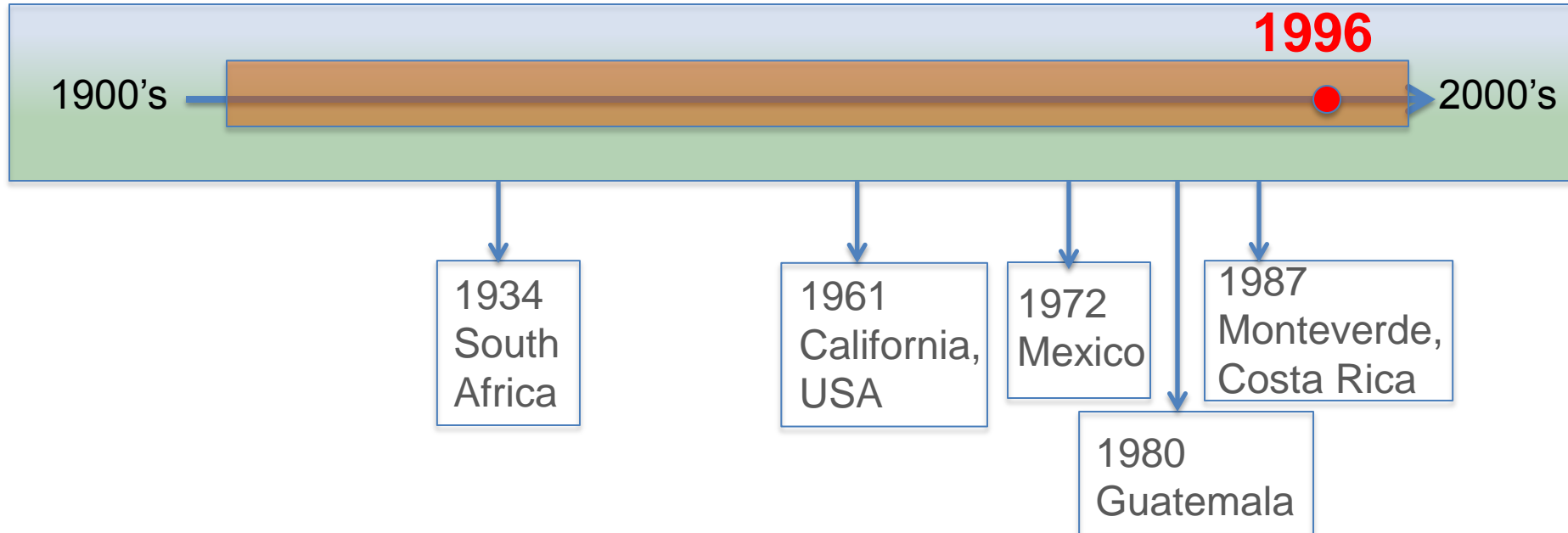
Infection Intensity (Zoospore equivalents):



\*Scale dictated by square root of Zsp

locality = approximate

# *Bd* Infection Timeline: Philippines



**We tested 1200 samples collected in PH from 1906-2009**

**Conclusion:**

***Bd* has recently emerged in the Philippines**

# Introduced frogs spread Bd hypothesis

The transport and release of *Xenopus laevis* or other Non-native species brought forth the spread of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in native amphibians.



What can we do to save the  
amphibians?

Bioaugmentation of skin microbiome  
may save amphibians in the wild



# Mutualistic bacteria play a role in amphibian resistance to fungal disease

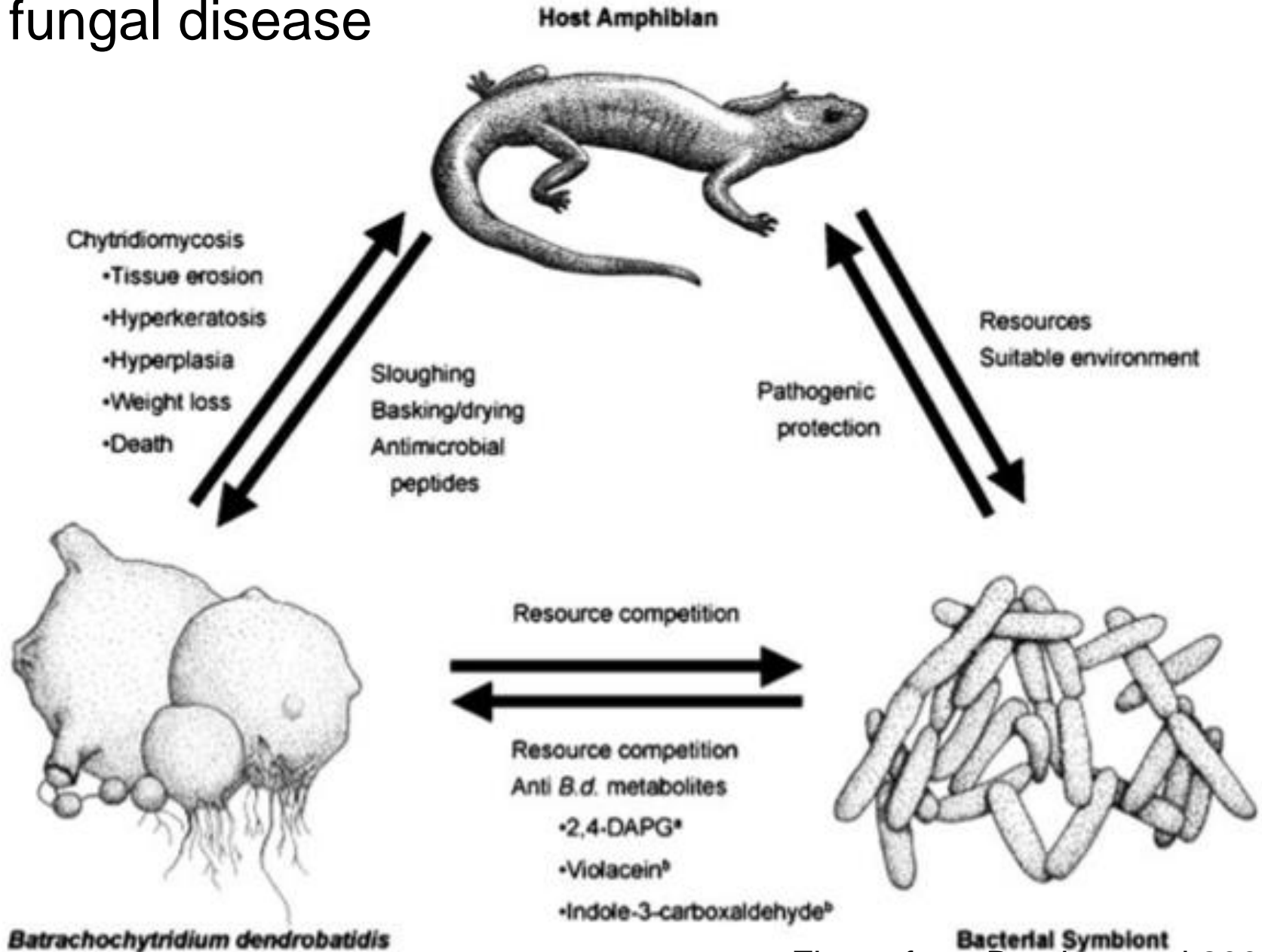


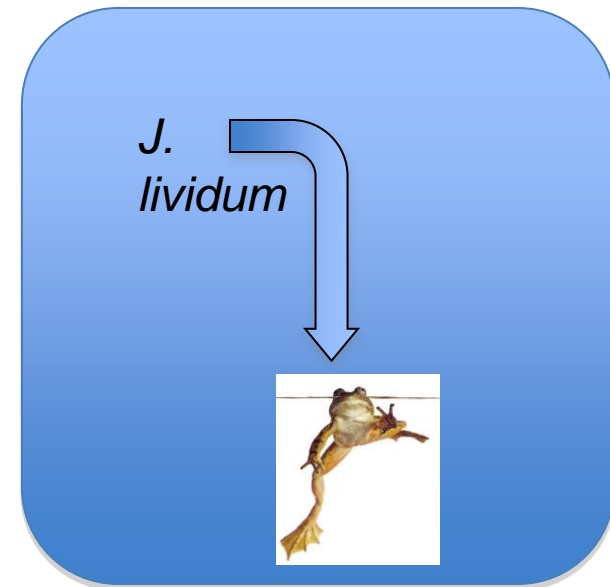
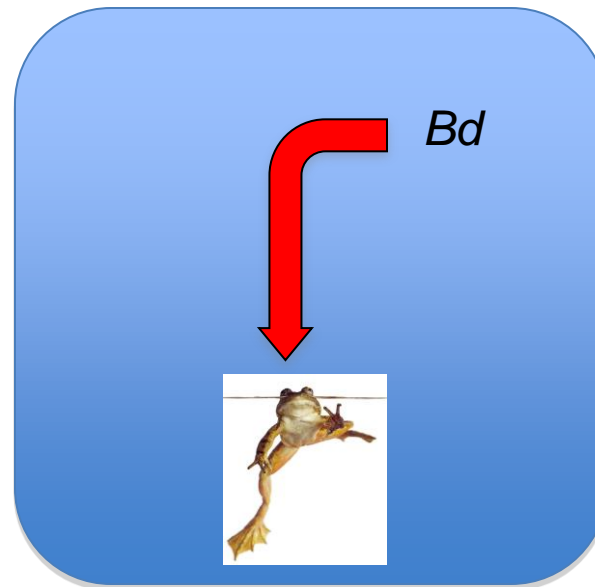
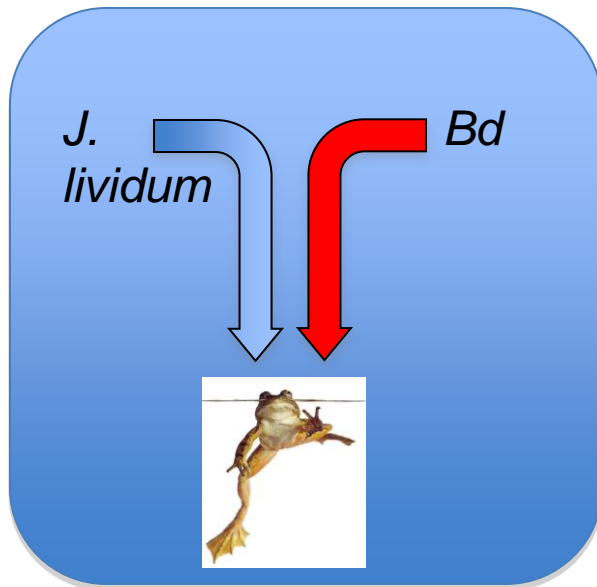
Figure from Brucker et al 2008

# Skin microbes on frogs prevent morbidity and mortality caused by a lethal skin fungus

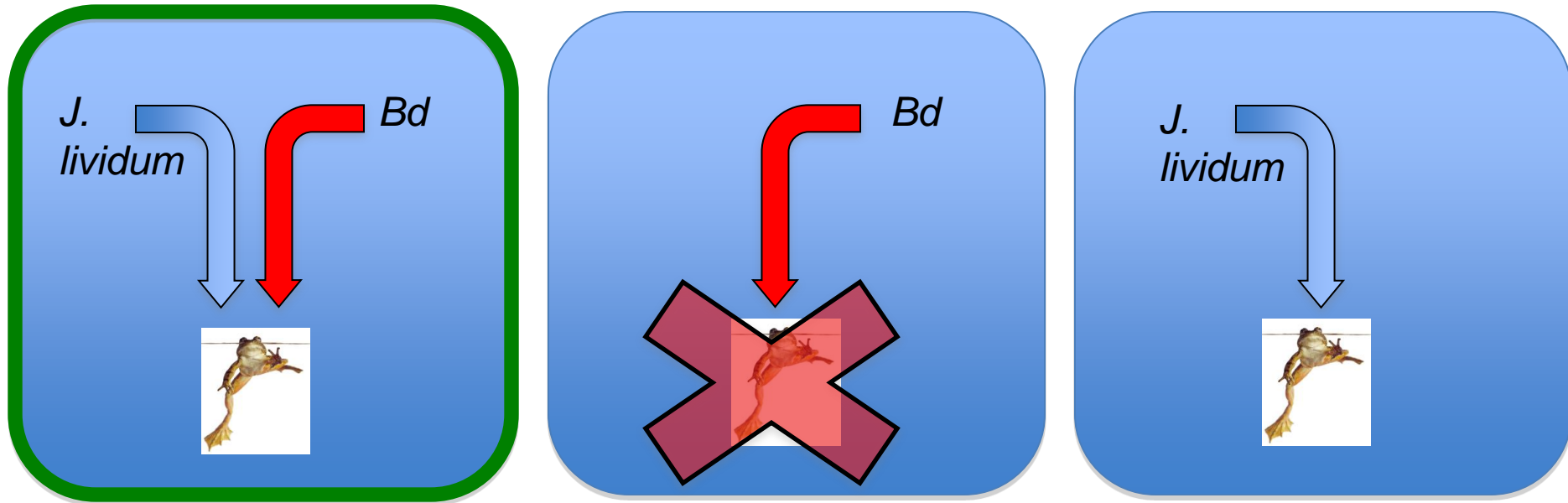
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## In the Lab, we measured:

1. Survival
2. Weight gain or loss
3. Bd load (infection intensity)



# Bioaugmentation works in the Lab!



Can we protect susceptible frogs in the wild?

# Bioaugmentation of skin microbiome may save amphibians in the wild







Holding cages:

+Bacteria

Control



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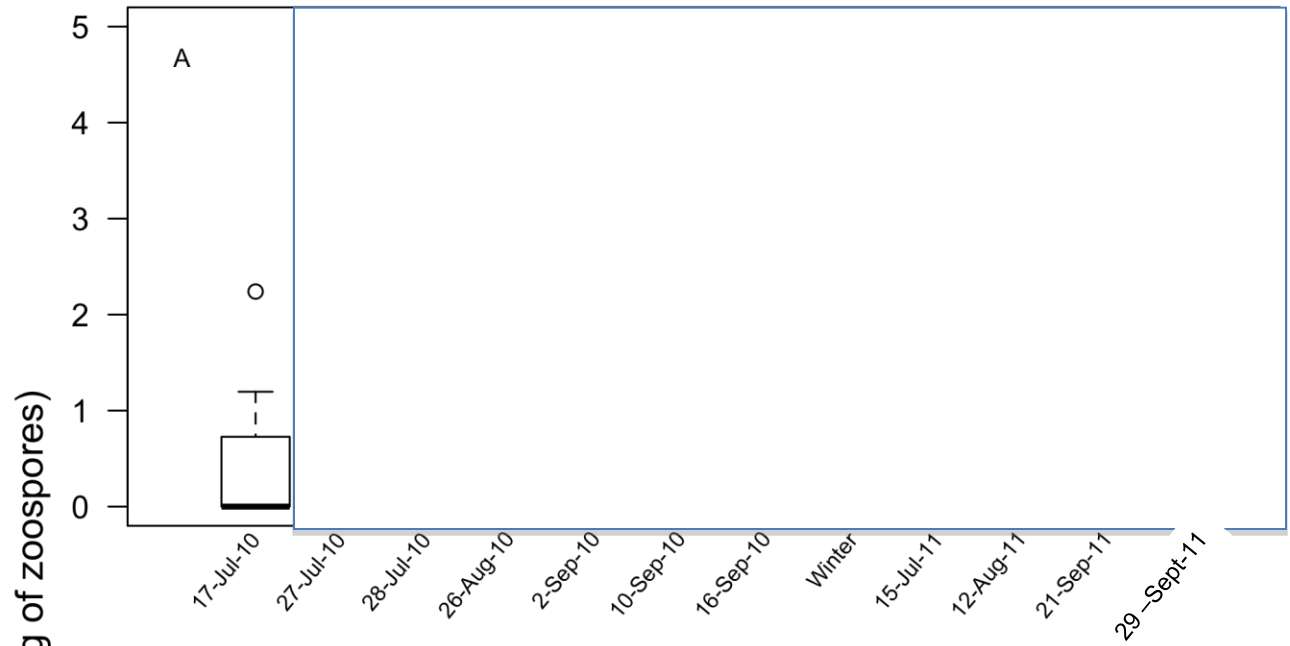
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Bacterial  
Cultures collected

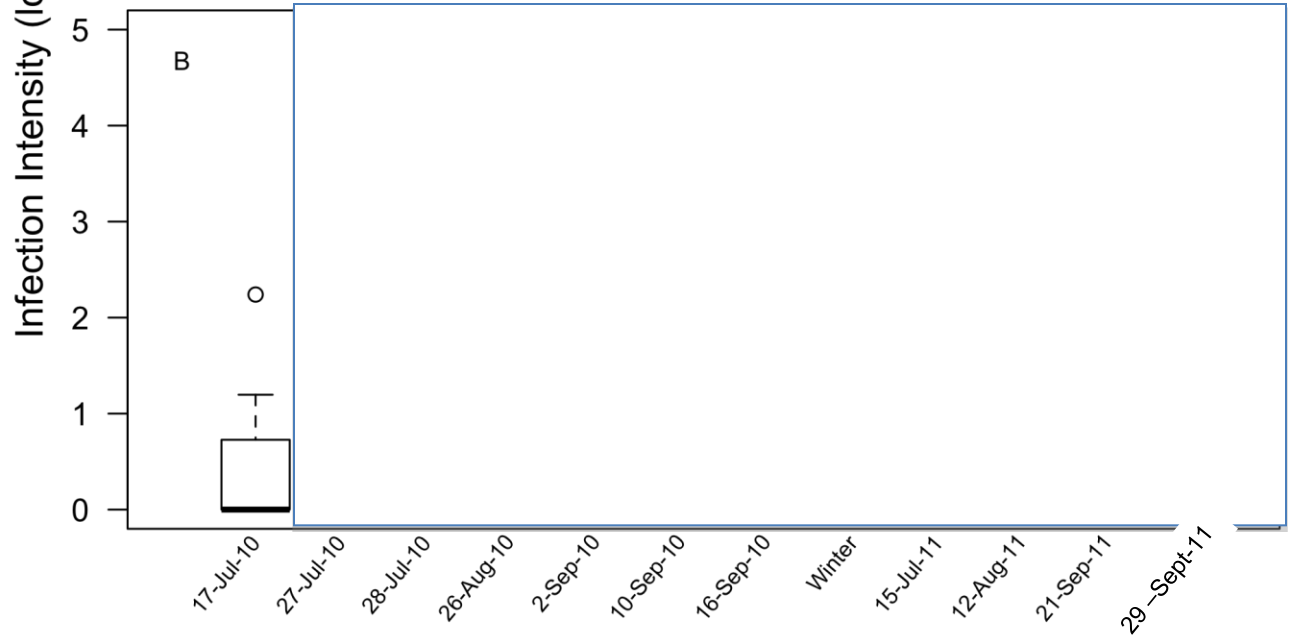
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Group



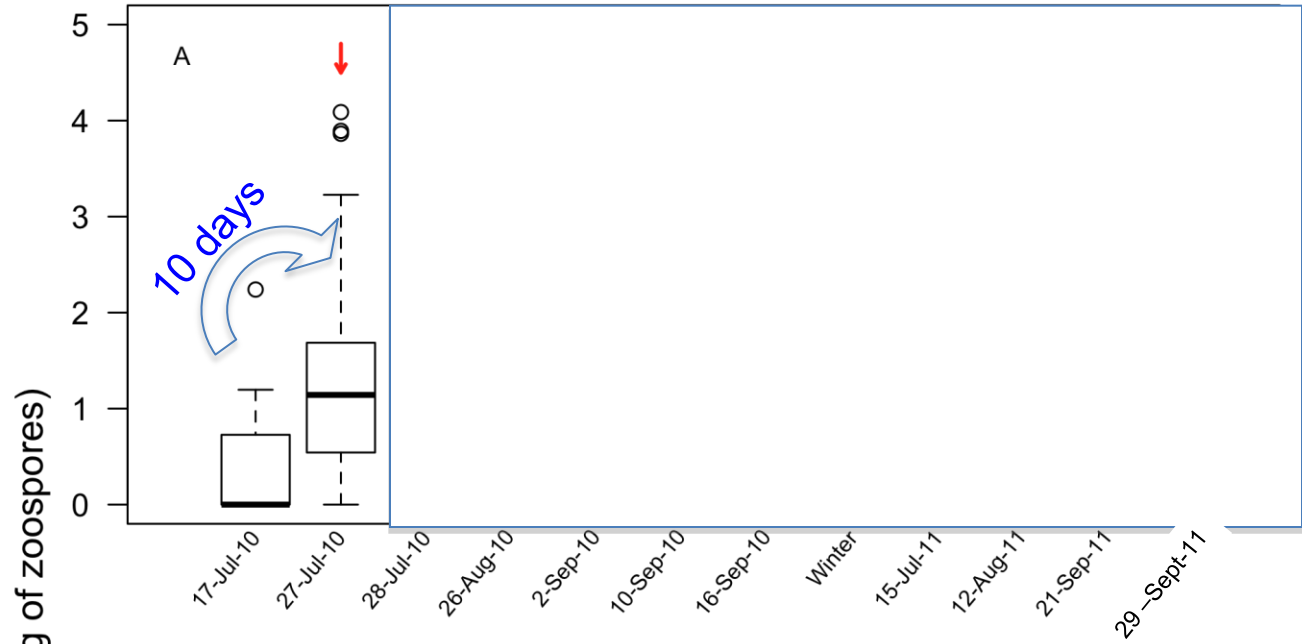
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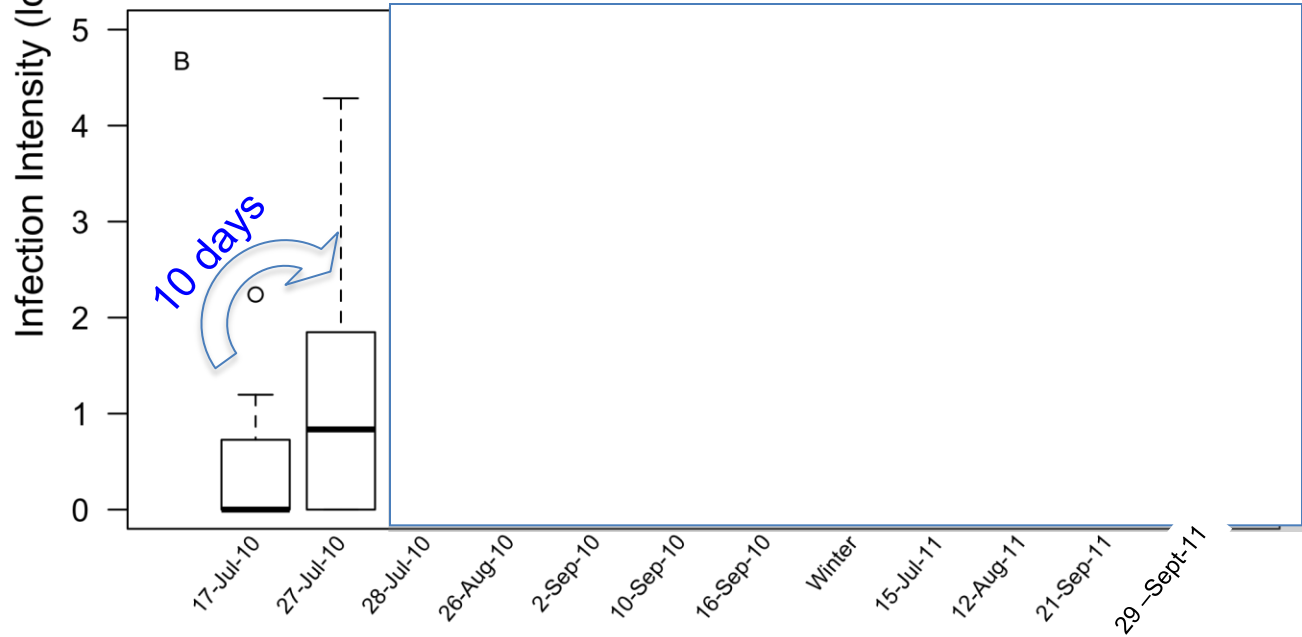
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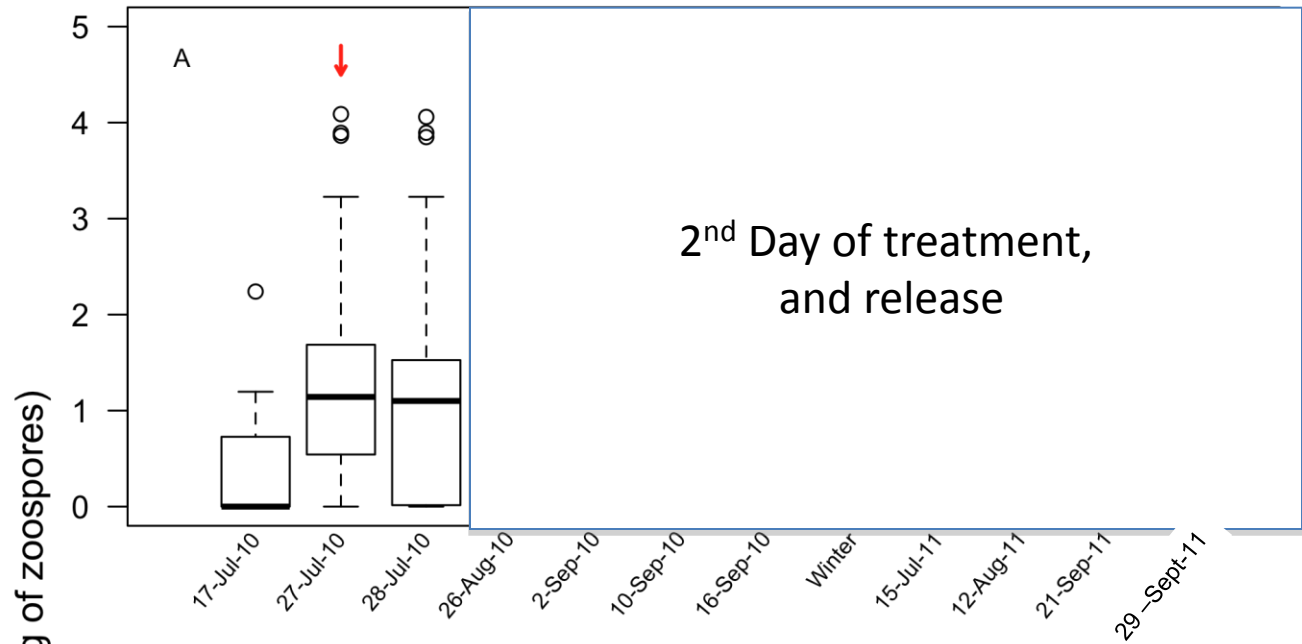
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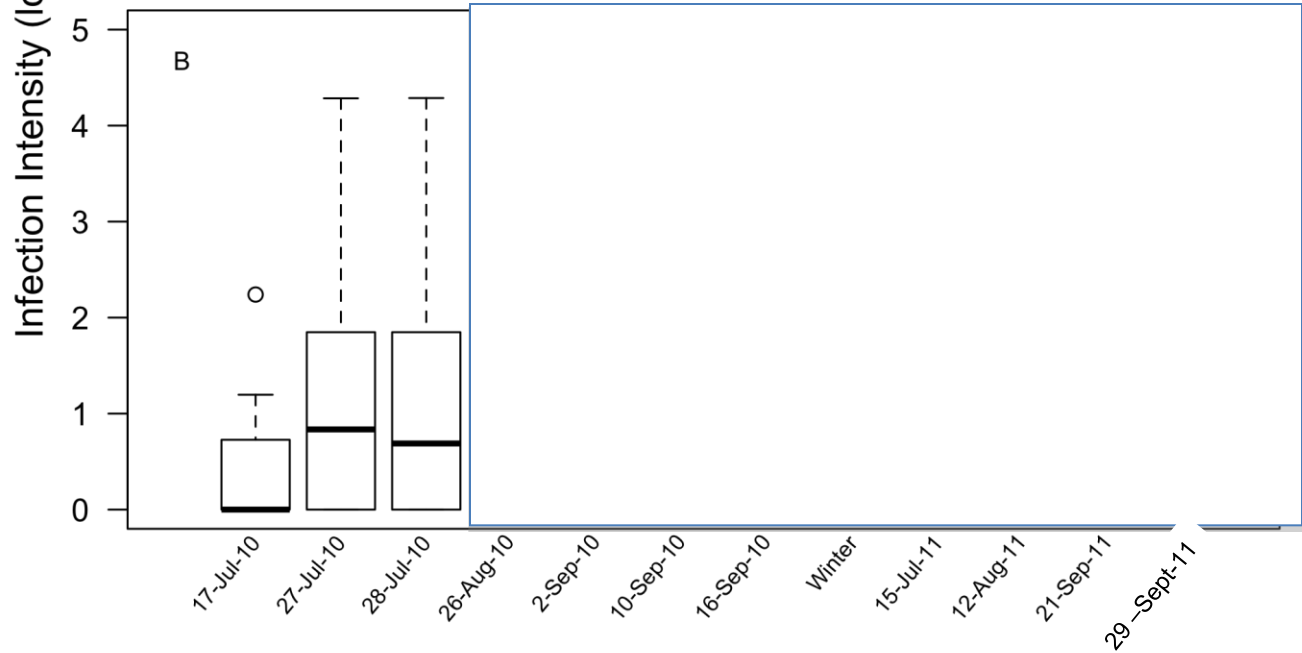
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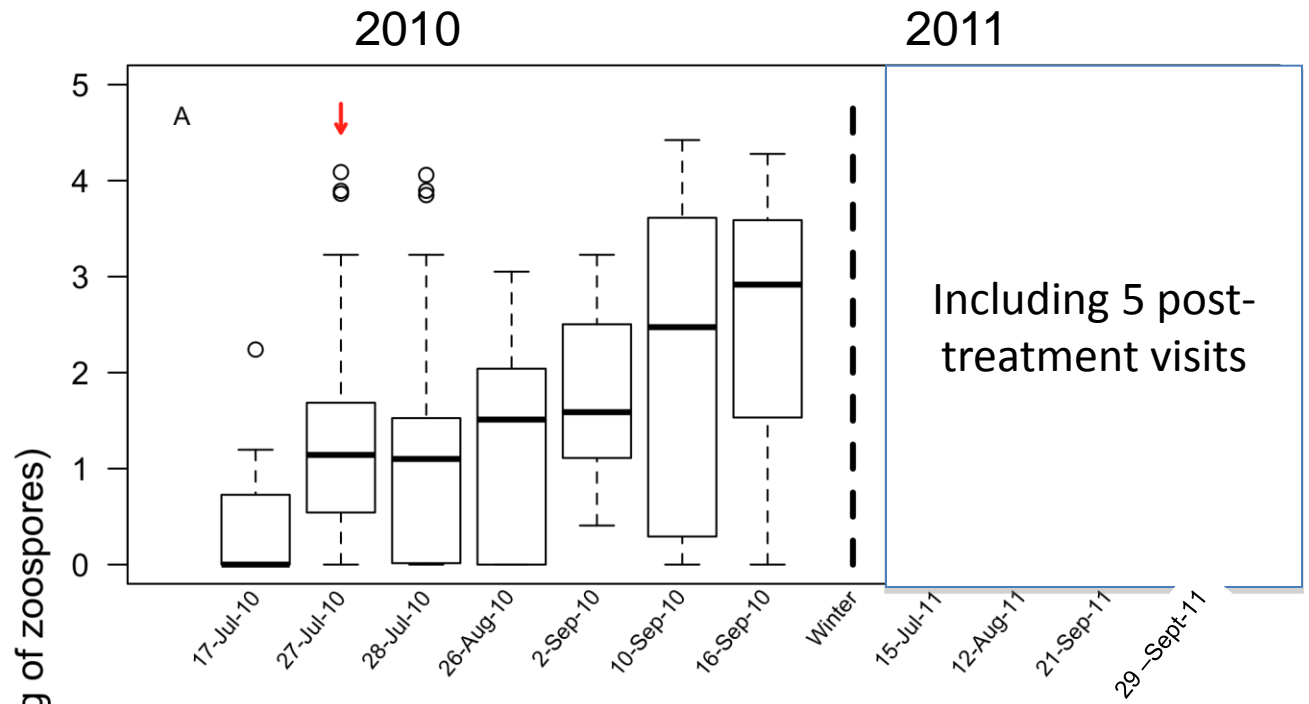
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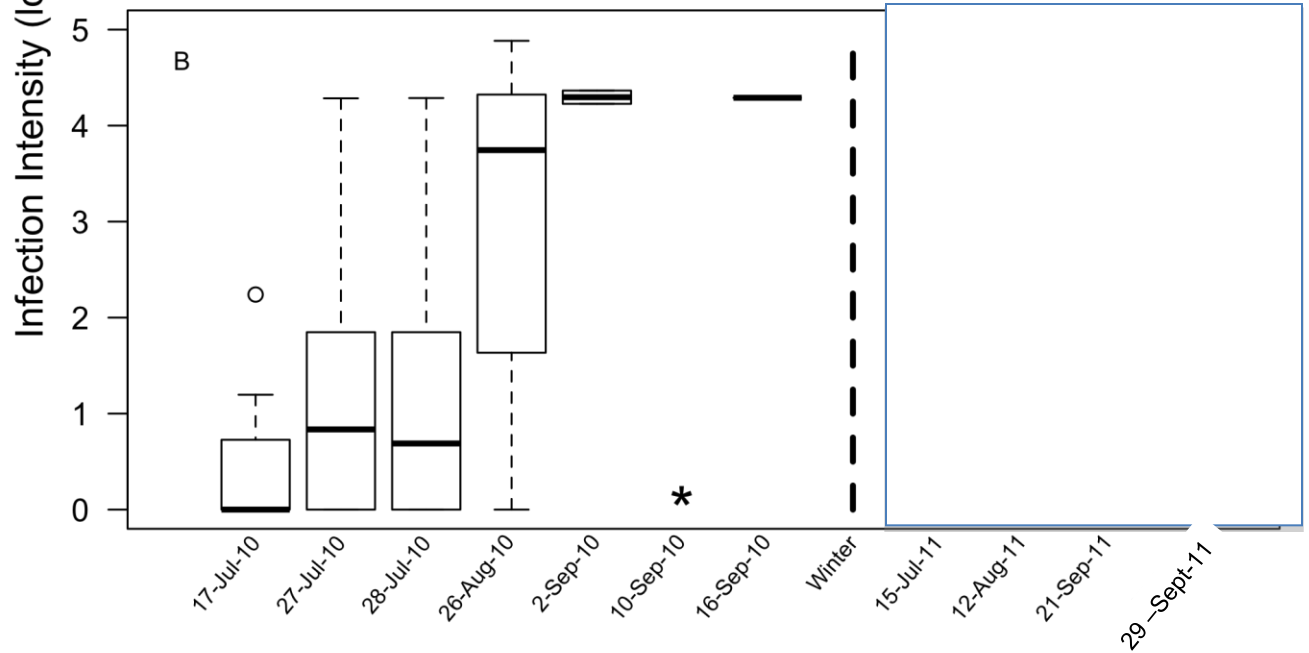
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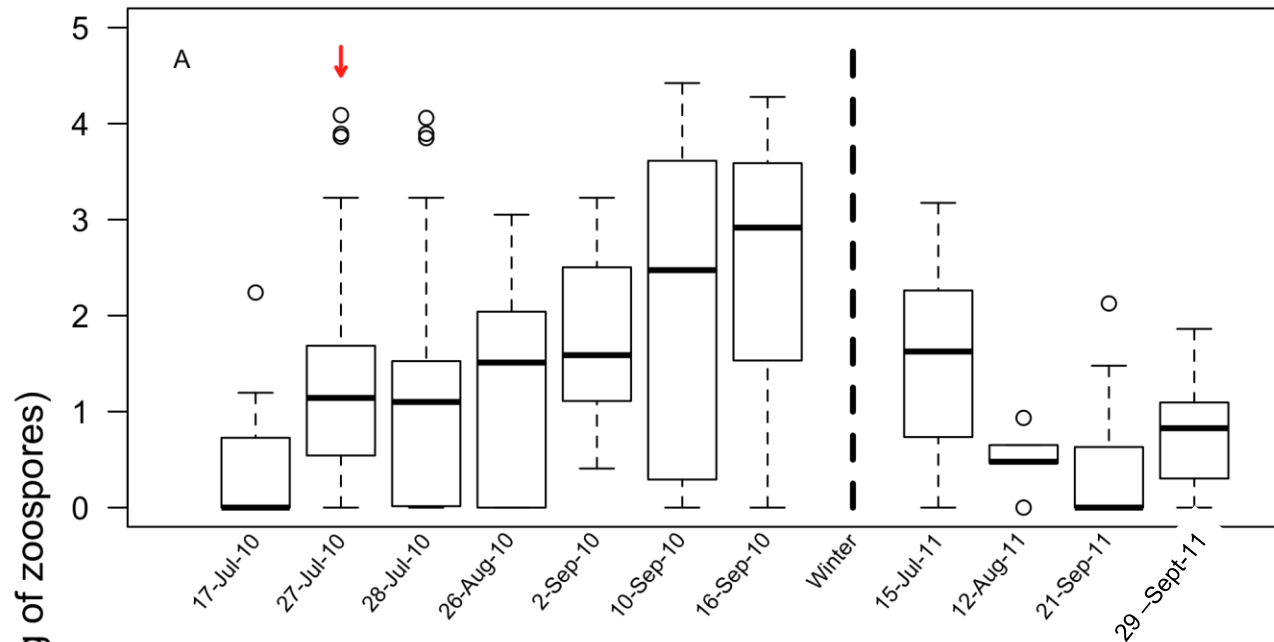
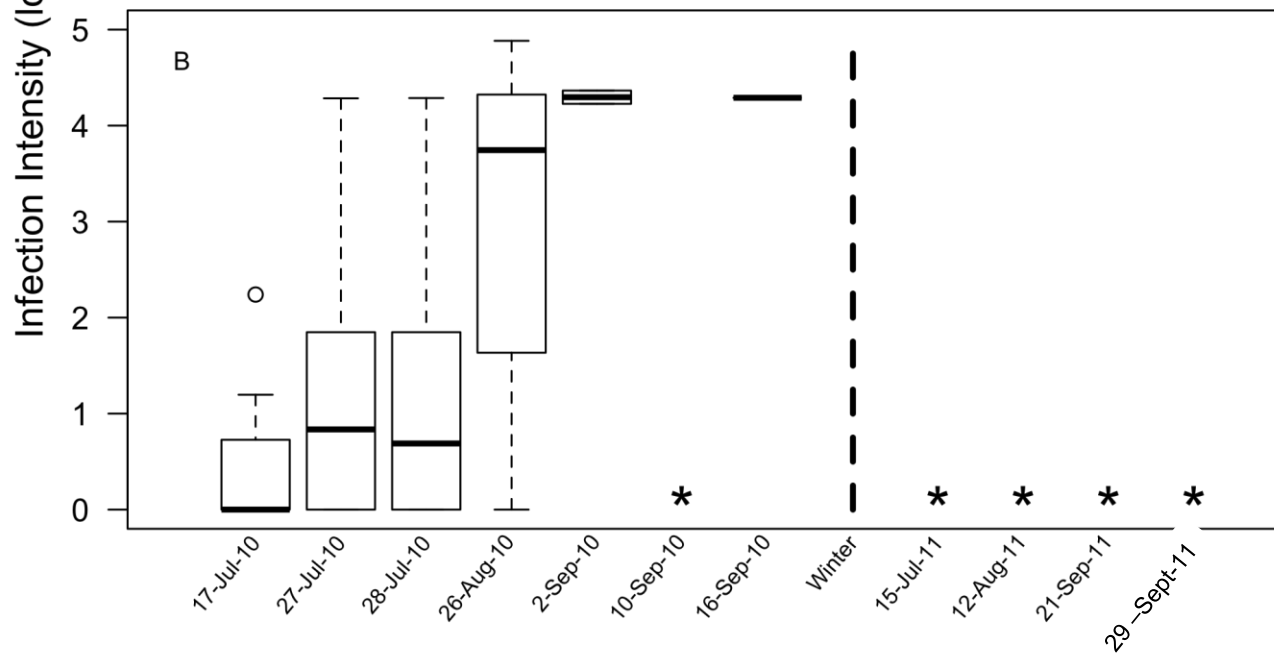


Control Group



2010

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Treatment  
GroupControl  
Group

**Dusy Basin  
July 16, 2010**





Dusy Basin  
July 14, 2011



**Dusy Basin**  
**July 17, 2012**



# Vredenburg Lab

## Amphibian Biodiversity and Conservation



### Graduate students:

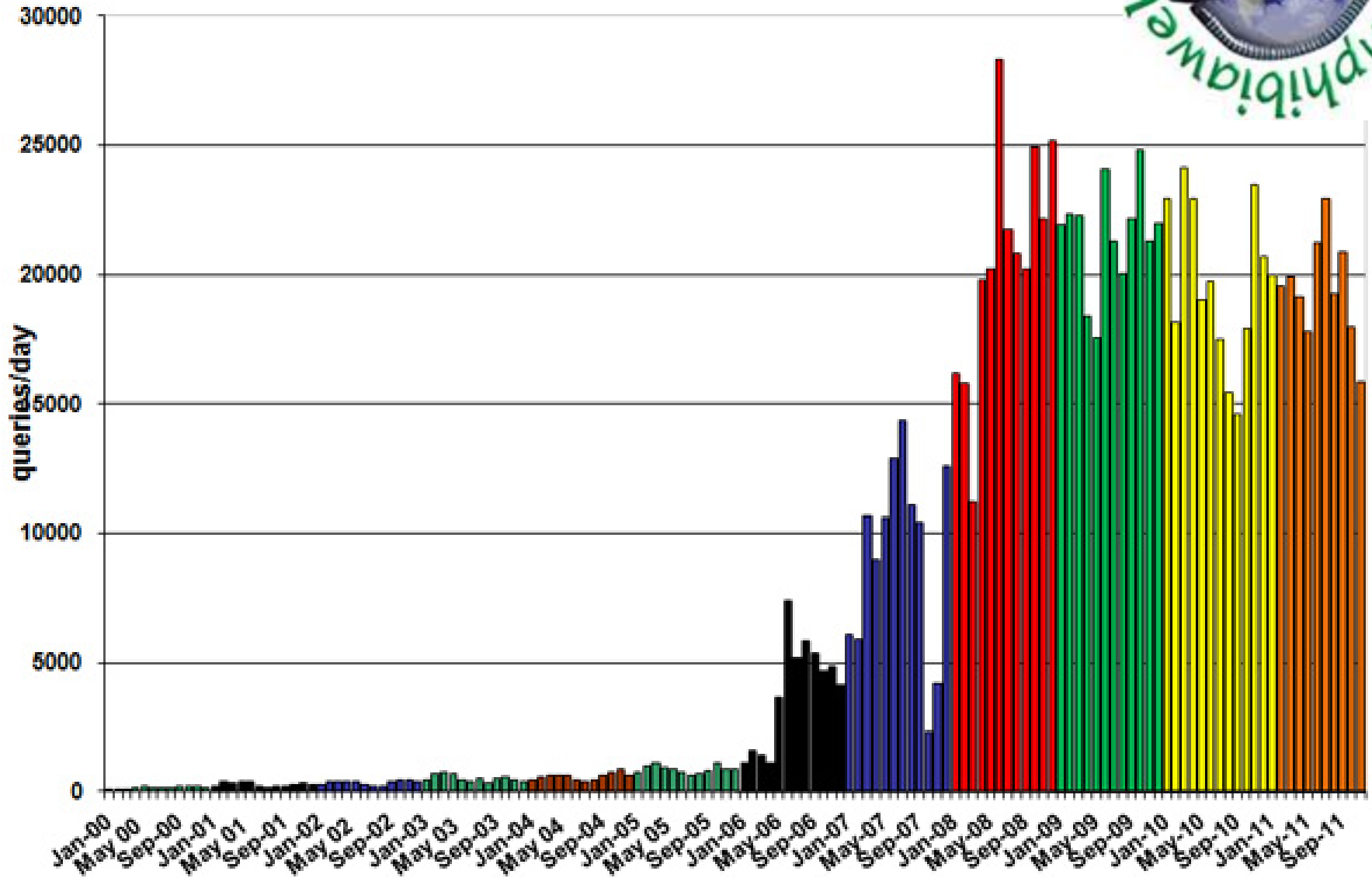
Celeste Dodge, Silas Ellison, Gabriela Rios-Sotello, Cory Singer, Raul Figueroa, Sam McNally, Danqing Shao, Stephanie Hyland,, Andrea Manzano, Jacobo Conde, Jonathan Young (recently finished: Tina Cheng, Natalie Reeder, Meghan Bishop)

### Undergraduates:

Mark Russell, Nina Hang, Alex Harencar, Amanda Carbajal, Bo Heinz, Corinna Inmann, Hahn Pham, Hannah Durbin, Ivet Lolham, Jason Anders, Jina Kim, Jourdan McPhetridge, Karl Alicando, Kirsten Liaz, Laurece Henson, Mackenzie Beaschler, Robert Tom

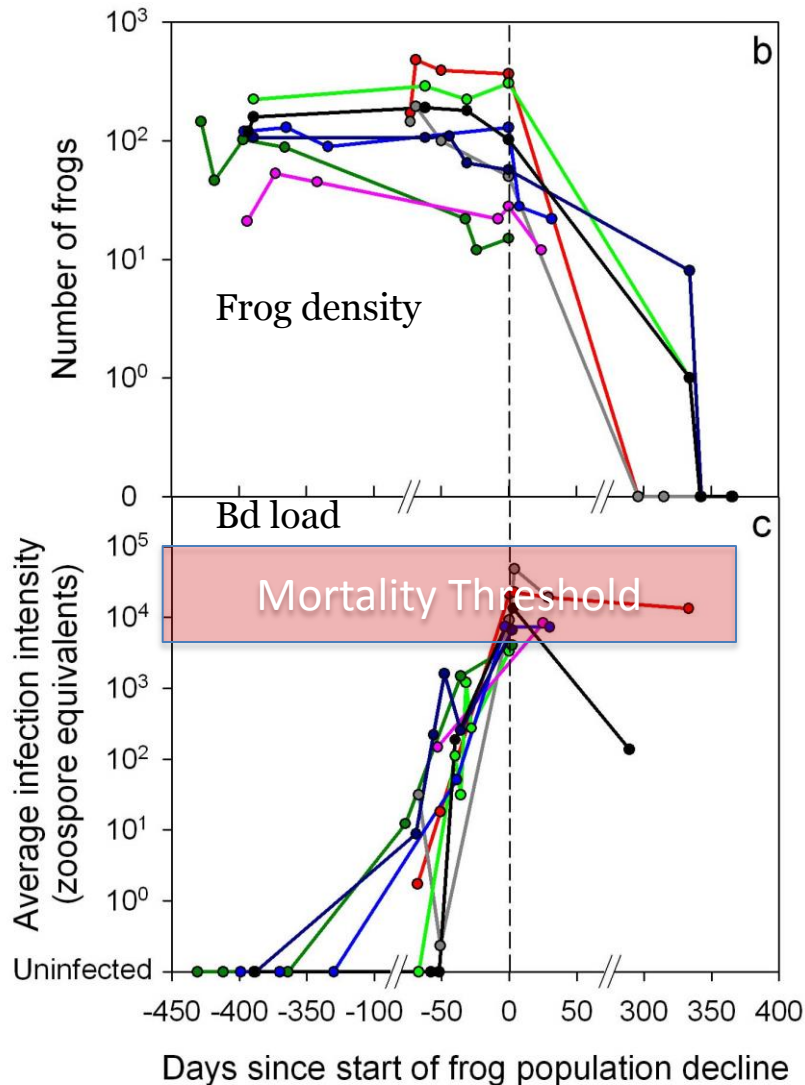


# AmphibiaWeb an online Conservation Resource



At “die-off” sites:

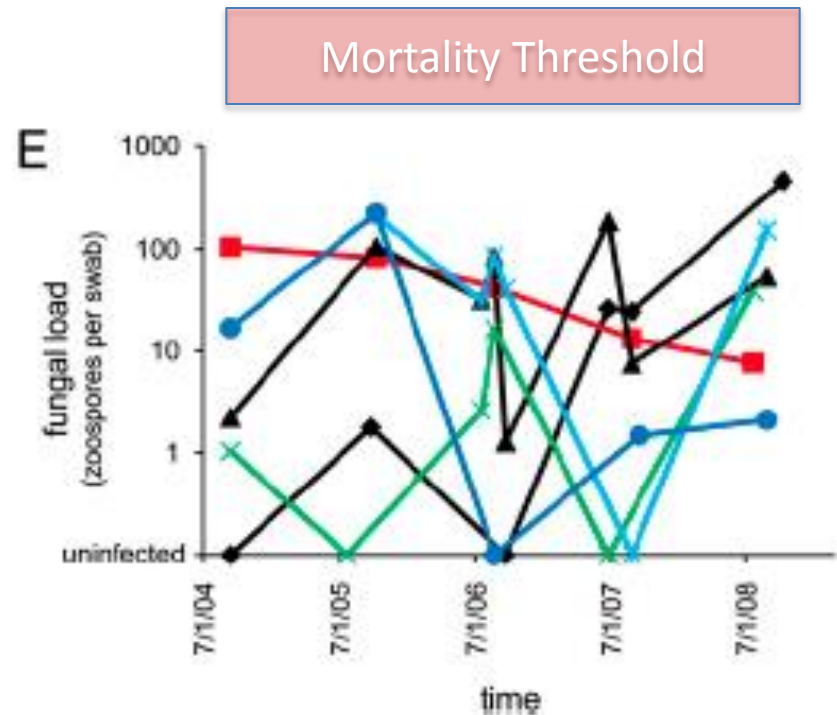
Bd load increases rapidly to high levels



(Vredenburg, et al. 2010; *PNAS*)

At “persistent” sites:

Bd load is low and does not reach critical threshold

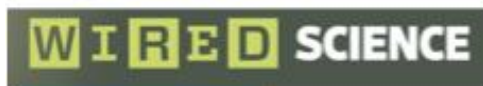


(Briggs, Vredenburg et al 2010; *PNAS*)

## ADDRESSING FUNGAL DISEASES



The New York Times



“Fatal frog fungal disease **figured out.**” Nature News October 27, 2009

“Bats and frogs share a common plight:  
**New disease paradigms** for wildlife.”

Live Science January 18 2011

“Secrets of a frog killer laid bare.”

BBC October 22, 2009

“Could Bacteria **Save Frogs From Extinction?**”

Scientific American July 10, 2010

“**Stopping a frog killer....** a tool for saving species in the wild

**BBC, June 6 2008**

“**Amphibians afloat and fighting**”

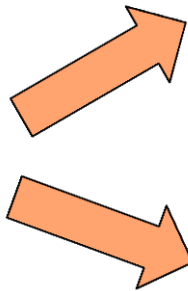
**BBC October 13, 2008**

“Biologists **solve a great mystery** of modern ecology.”

**USA Today October 22, 2009**

# Telmatobius frogs

*Telmatobius* lady



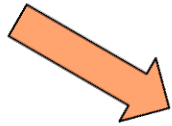
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15-20 infected: no itraconazol

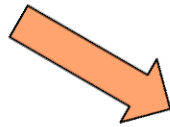


# Experimentally infected frogs

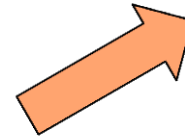
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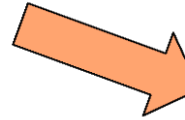
8-25 frogs/species



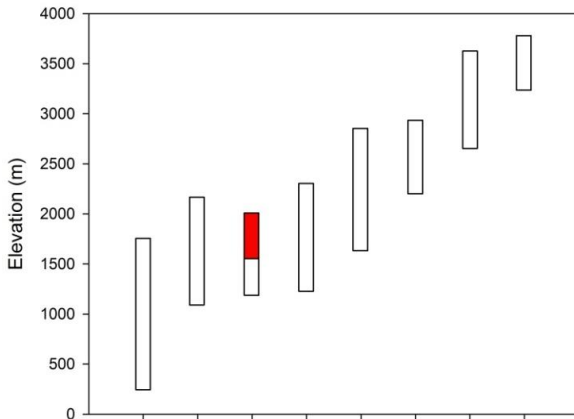
all frogs:  
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4-5 control:  
no exposure

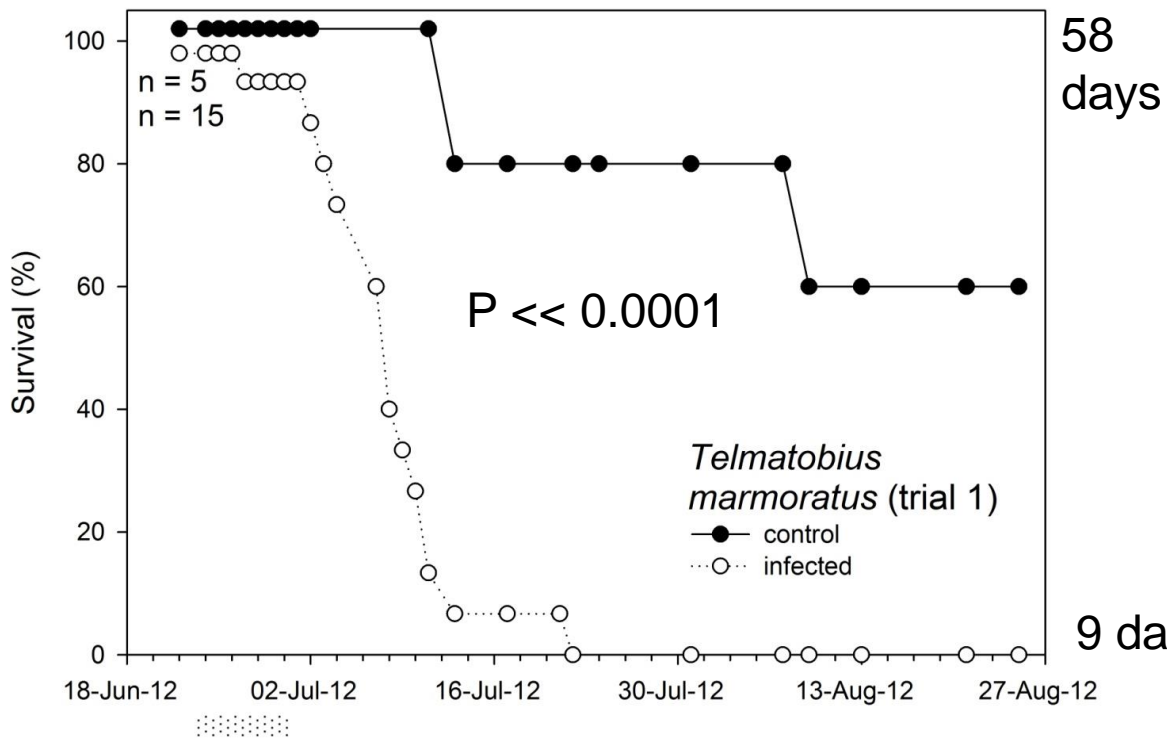


4-20 infected:  
*Telmatobius* exposure



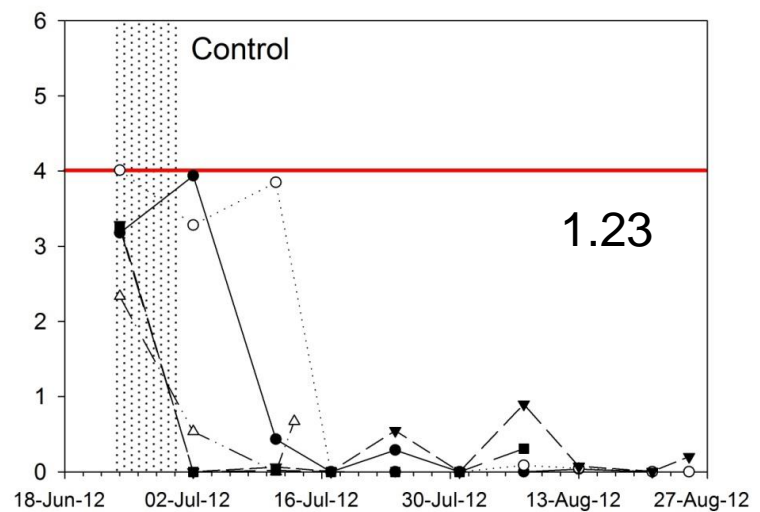
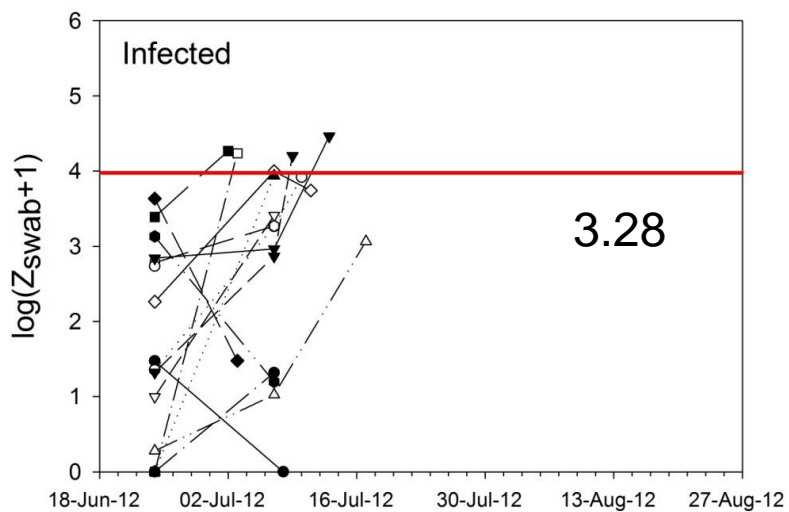
# *Peru Bd susceptibility trials: experimentally infected frogs*

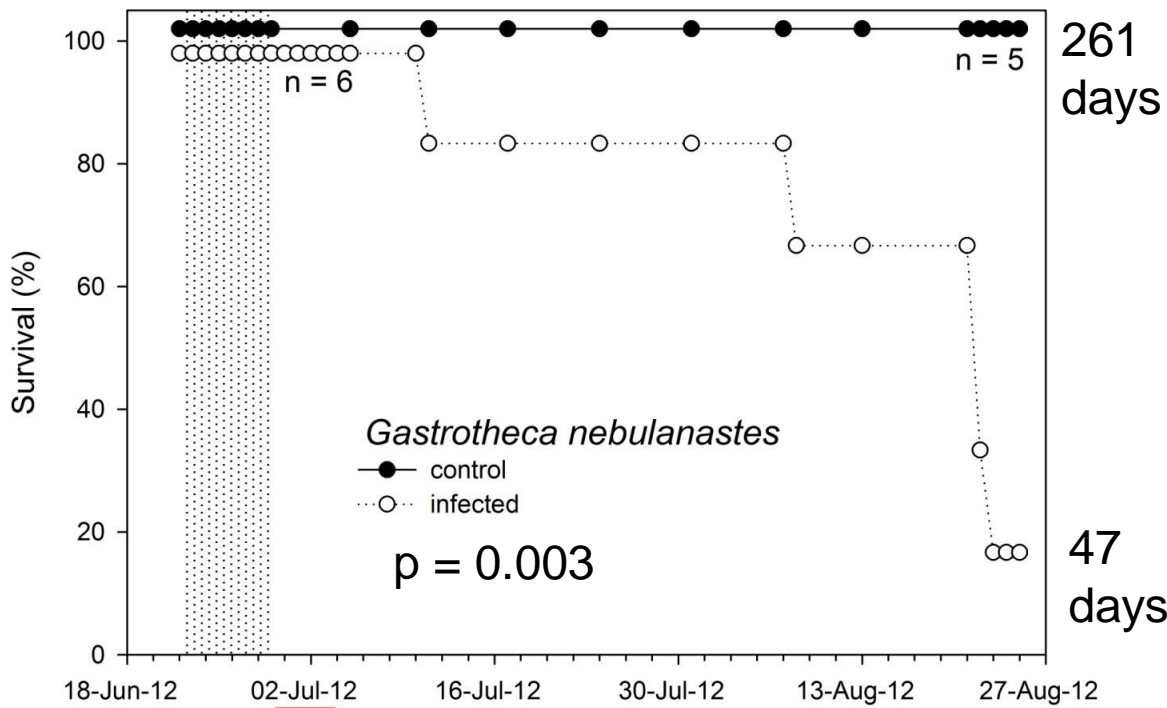




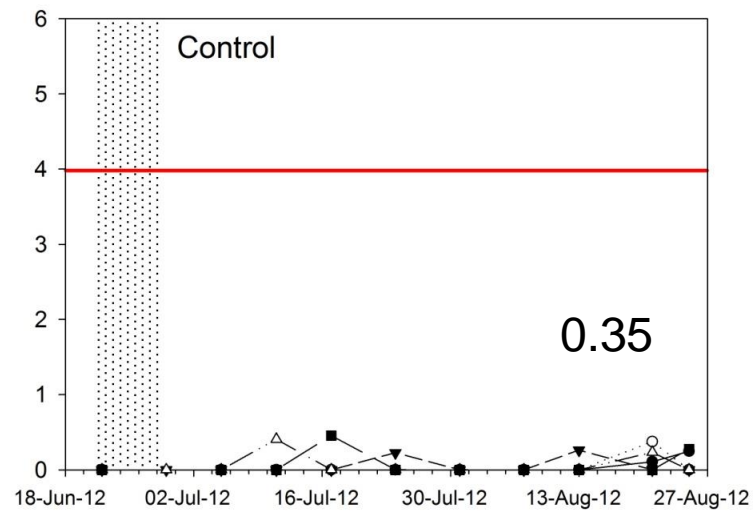
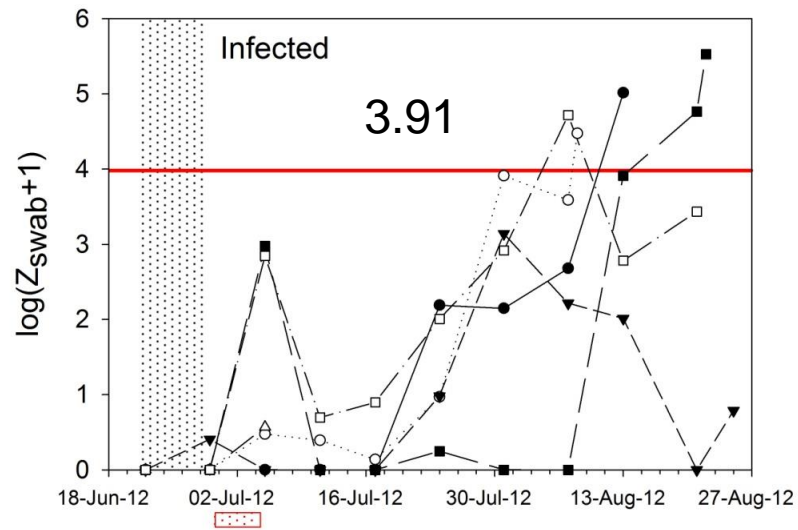
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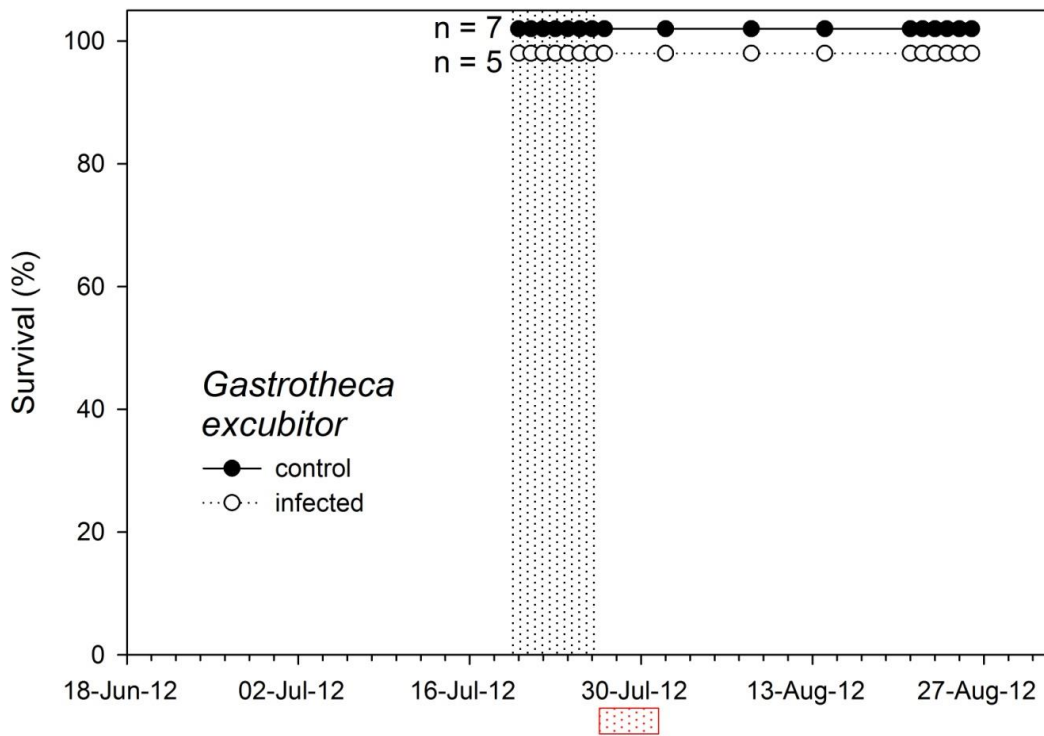
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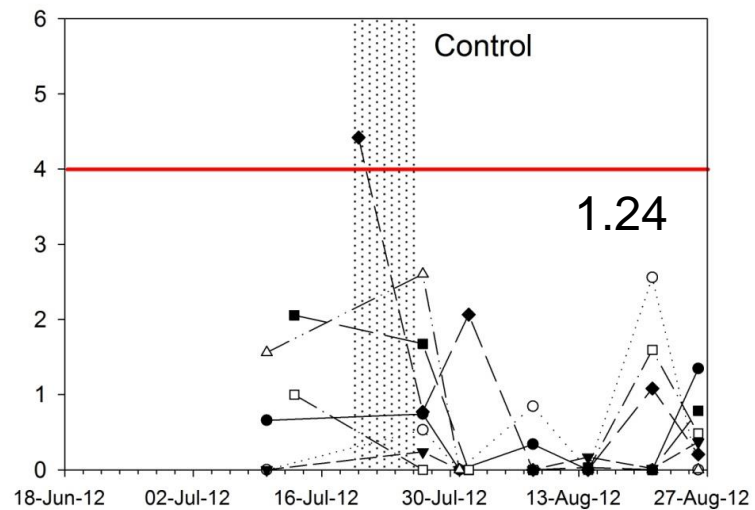
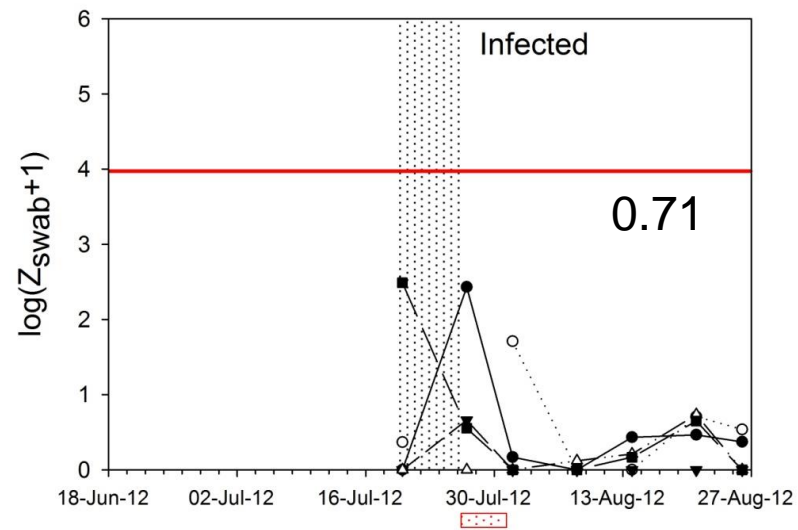
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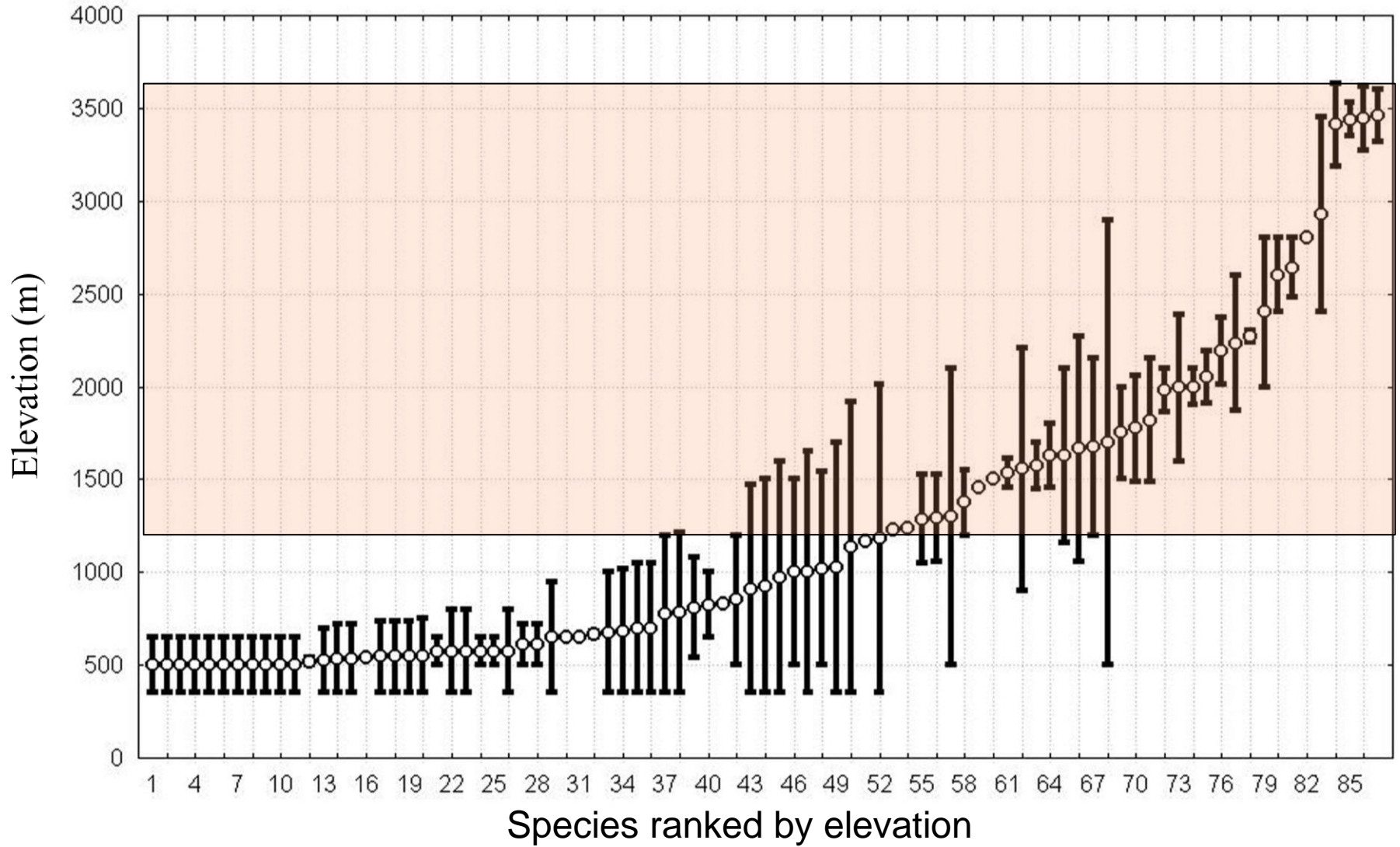


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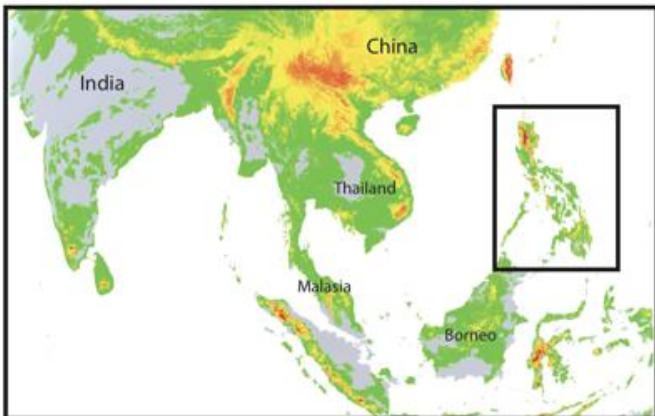
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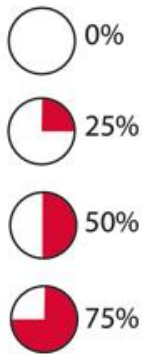
# Frogs along the elevational gradient



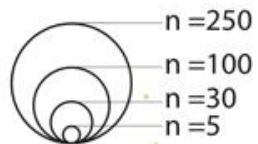
# Bd Prevalence in the Philippines 2003-2011



Percent Bd +



Sample Size:



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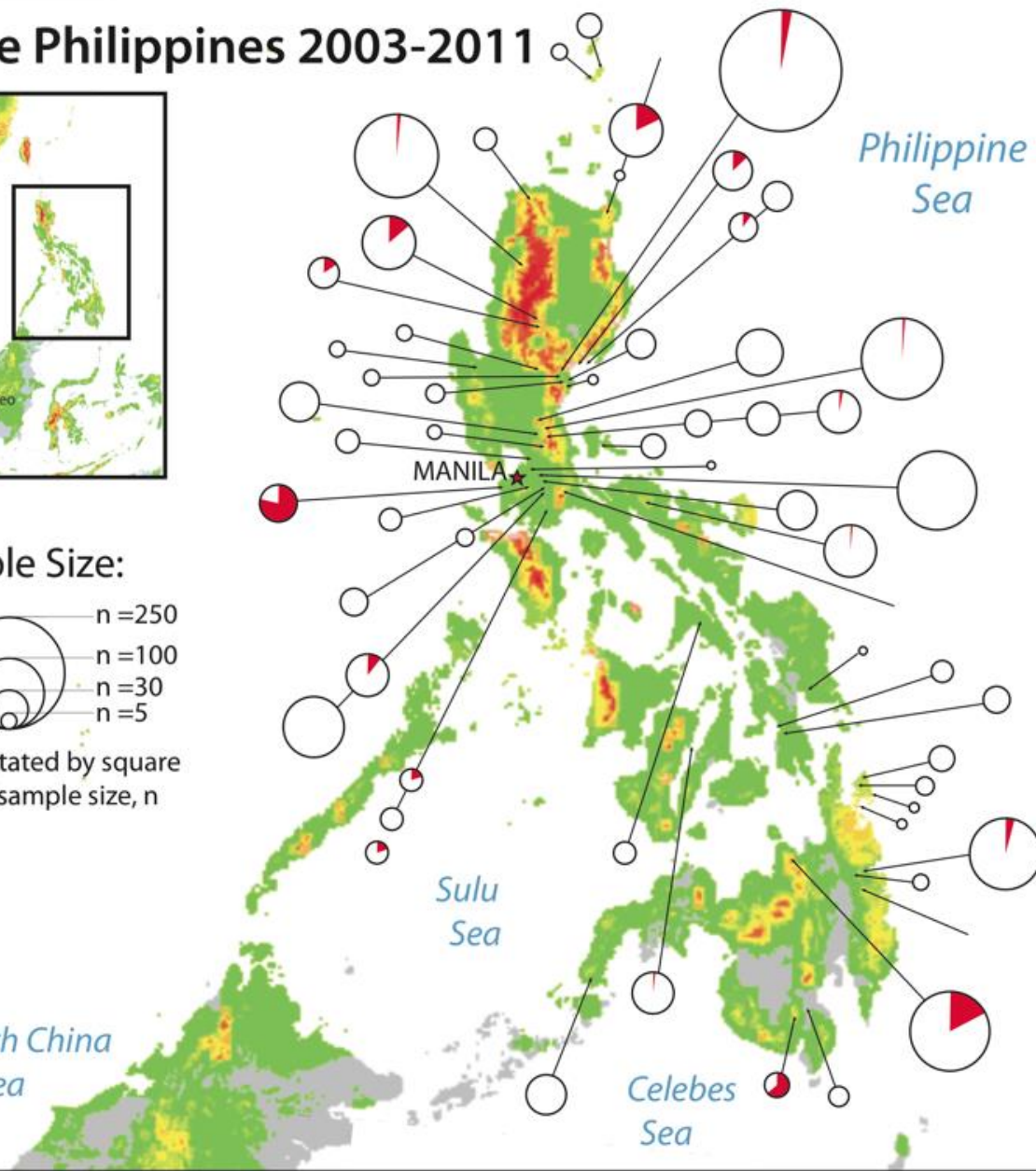
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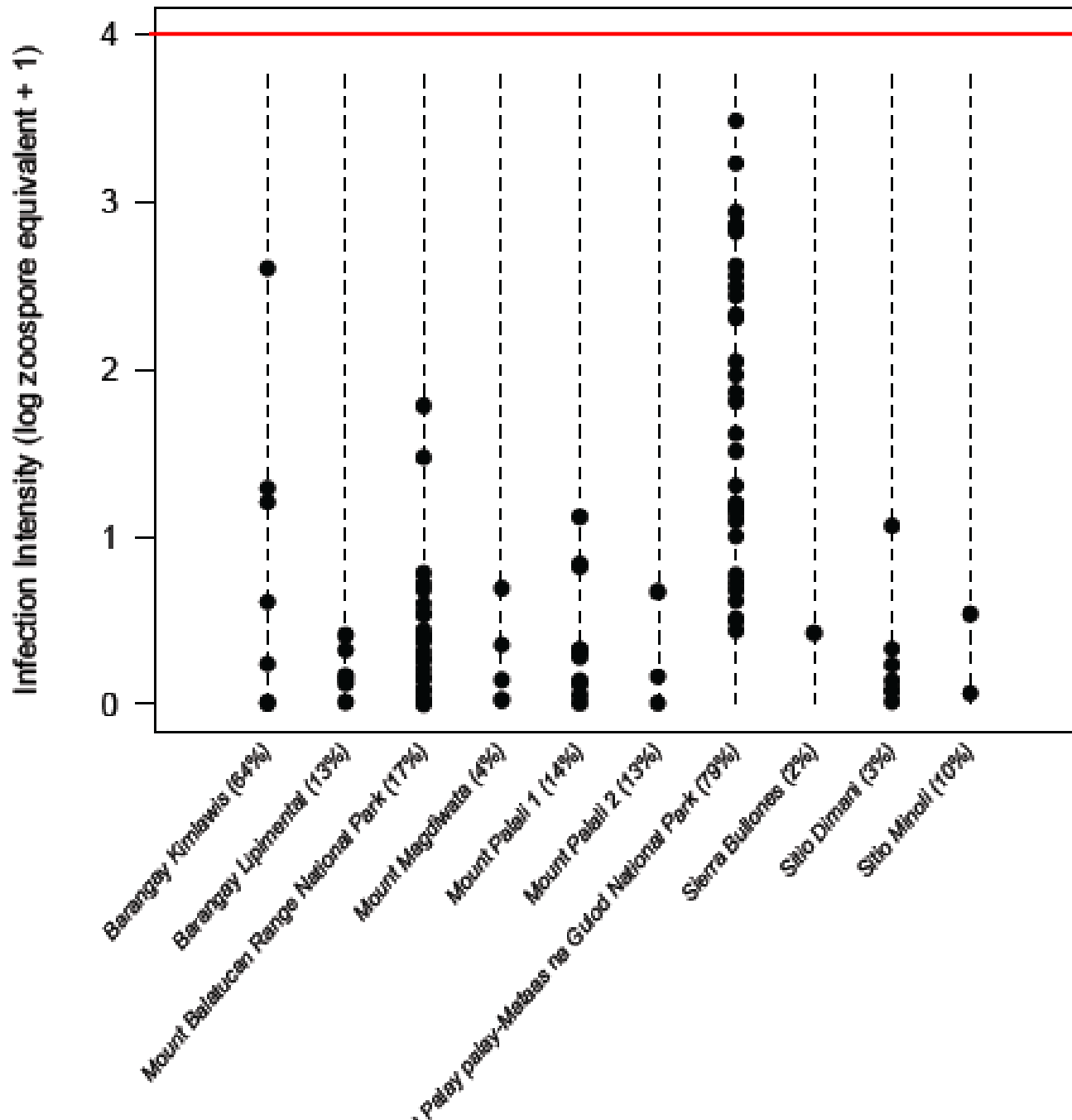
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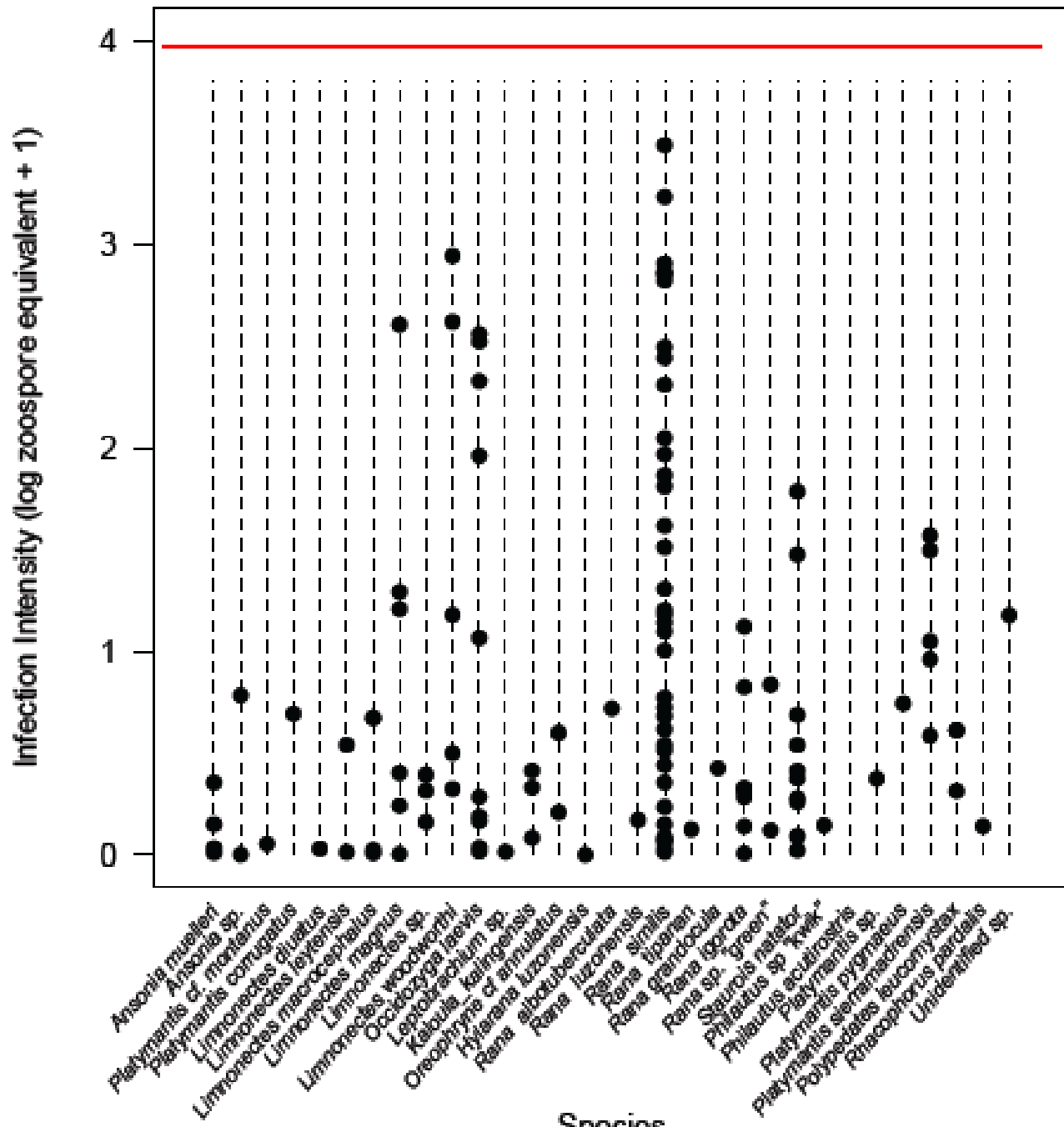
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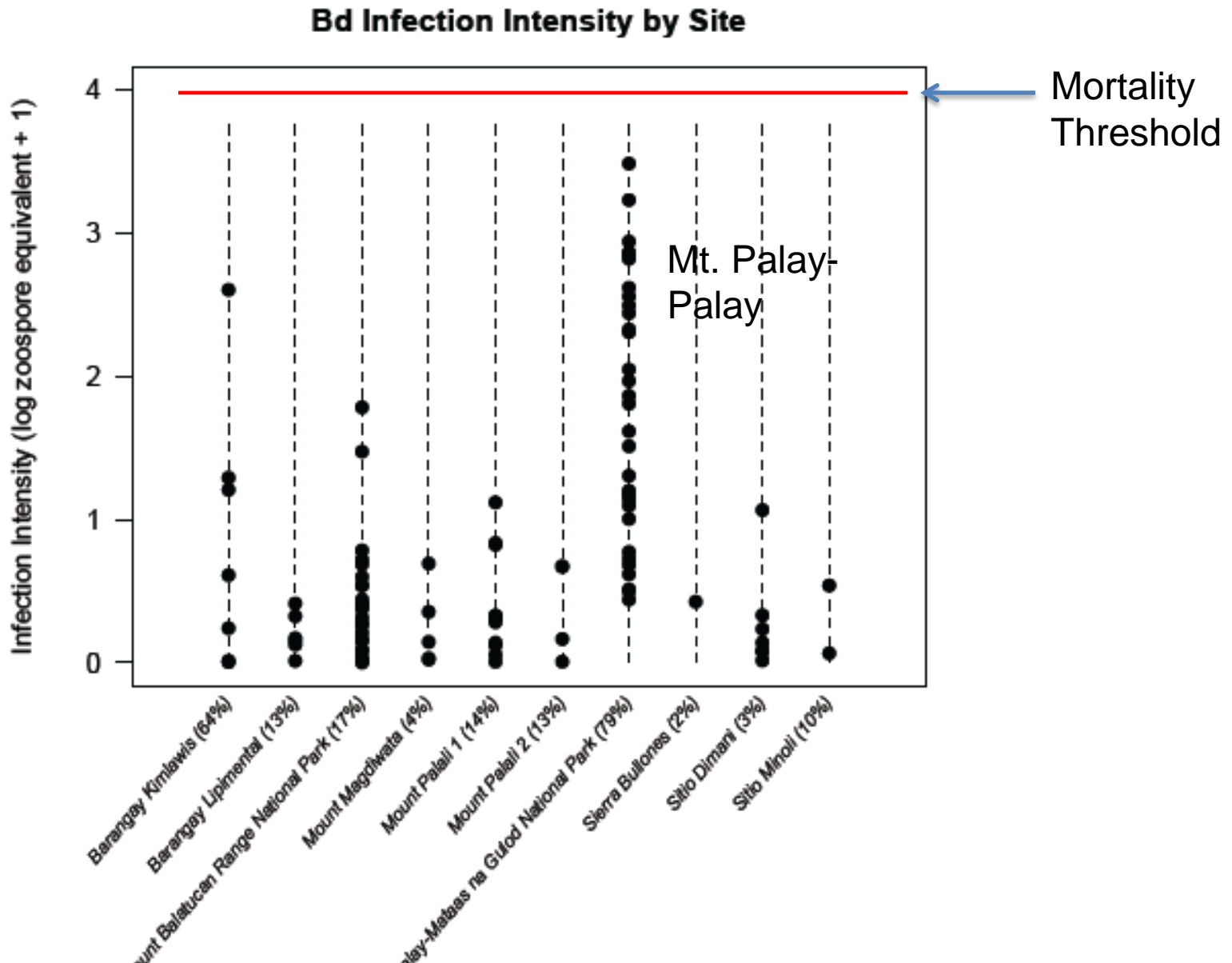


# Bd Infection Intensity by Species

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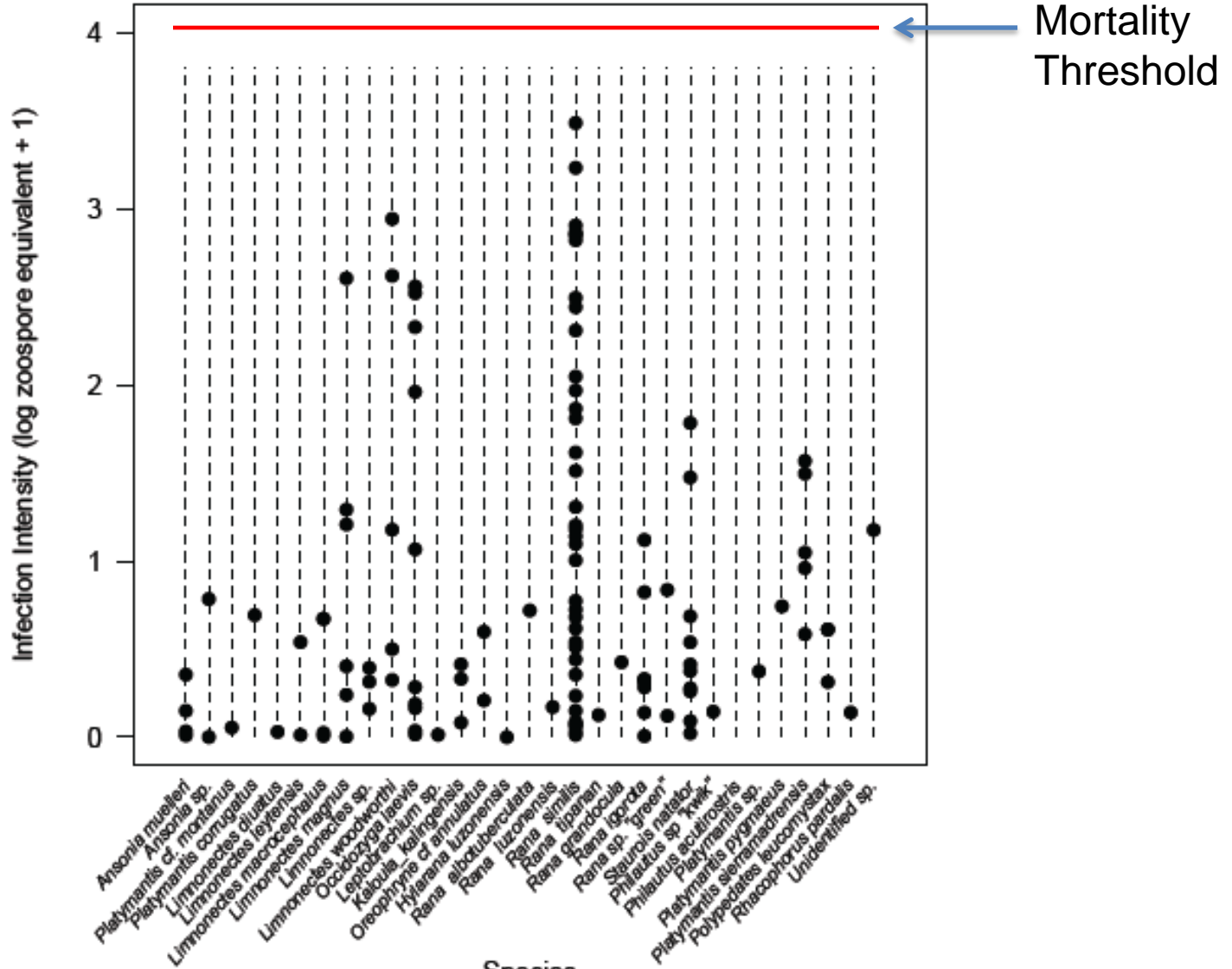


← 300,000 zoospores

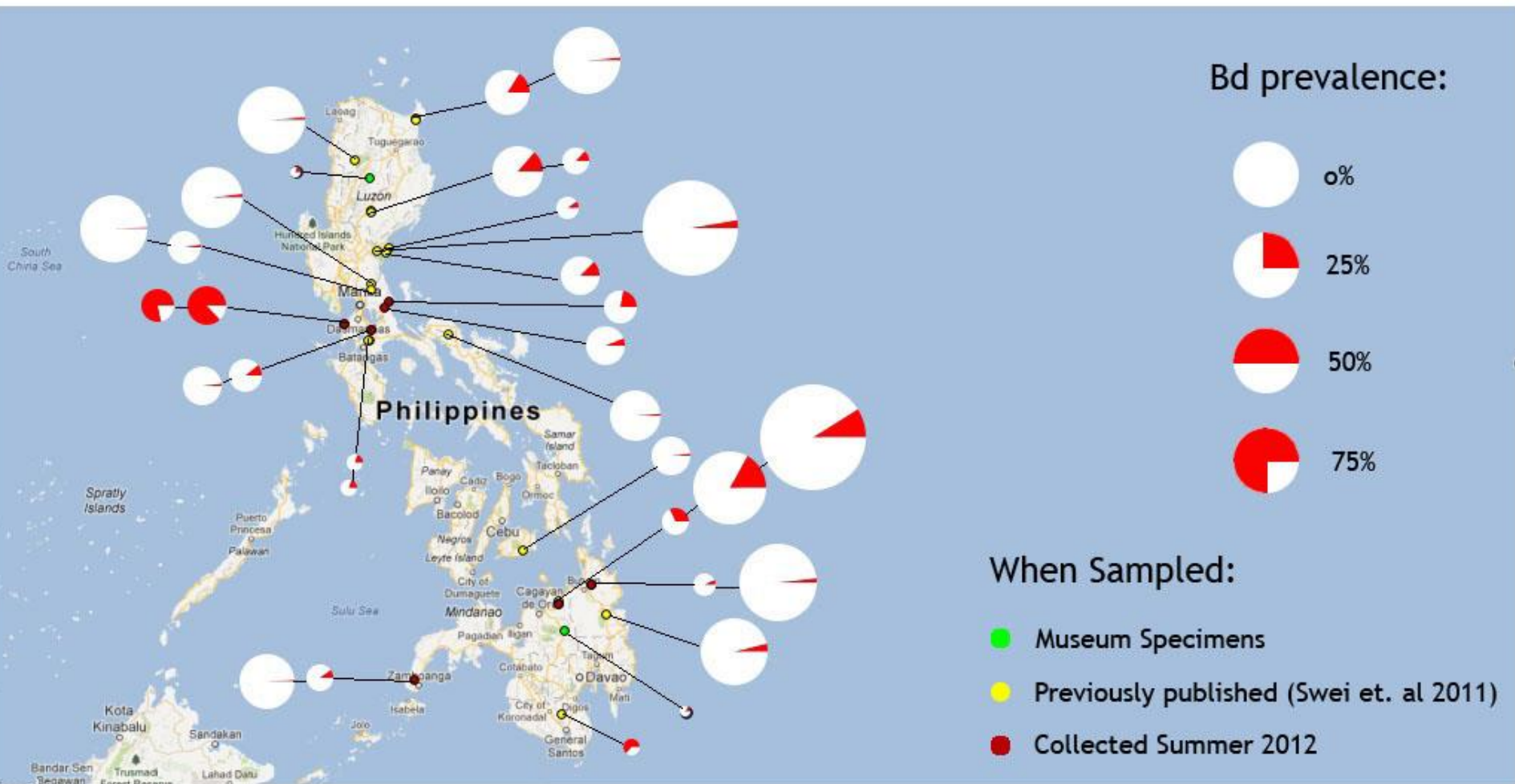


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### Bd Infection Intensity by Species



# Bd Positive sites in the Philippines 1996 - 2012



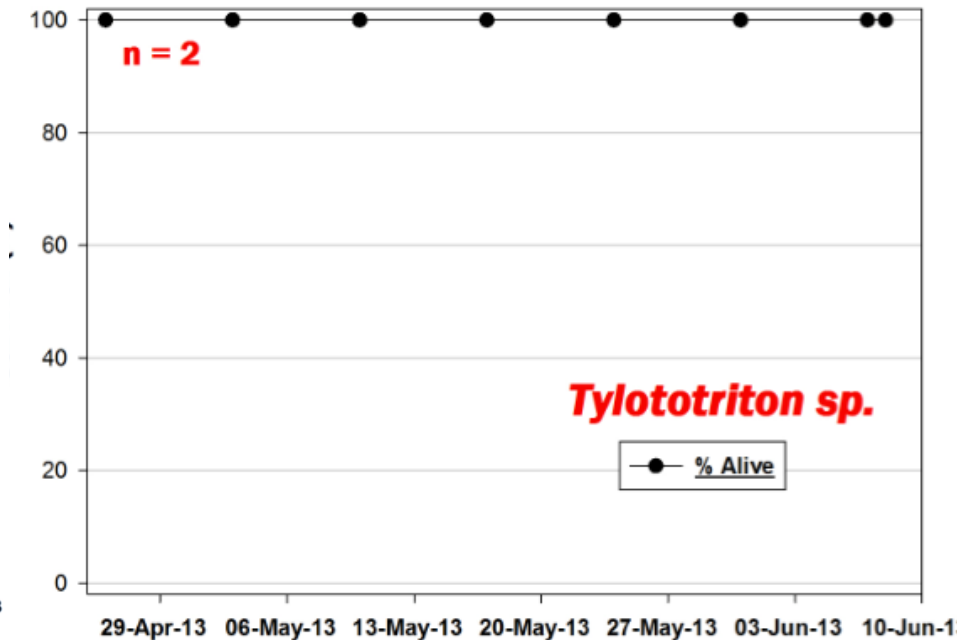
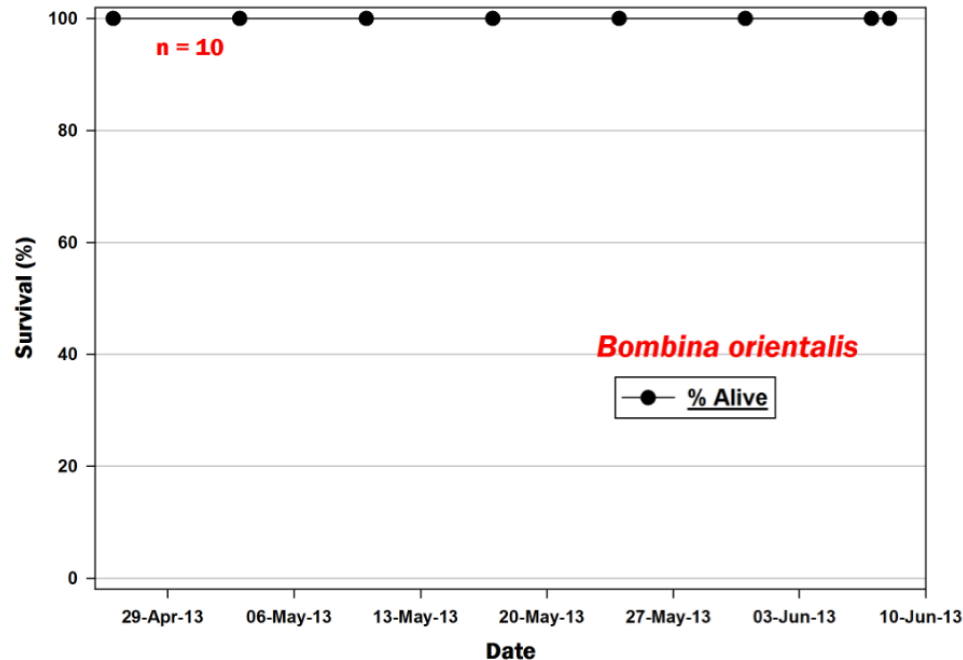
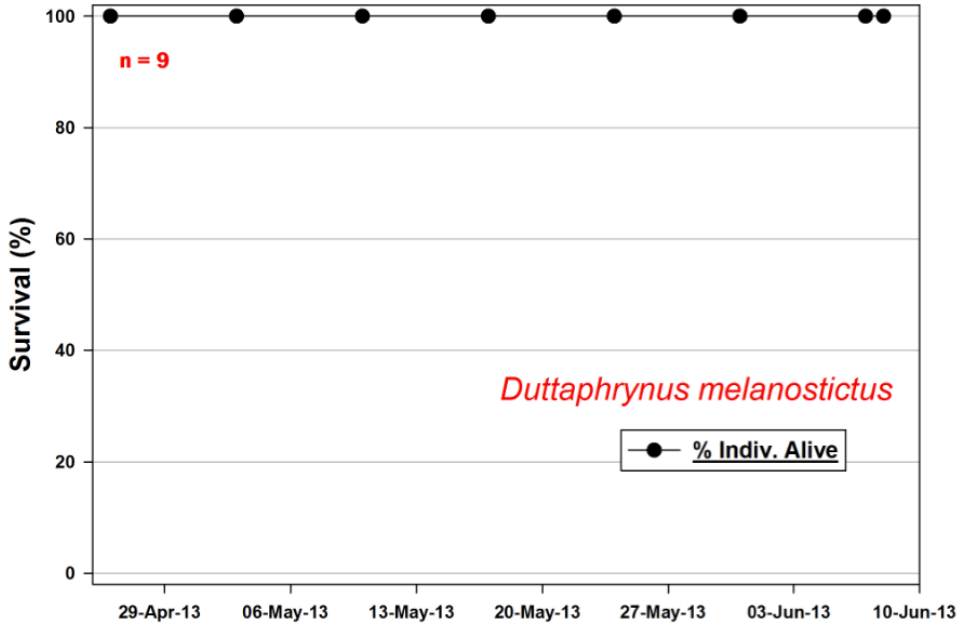
First Bd outbreak in Asia: Mt Palay-Palay

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Animals purchased from pet trade  
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All tested Bd+ on arrival at SFSU

Raul Figueroa (SFSU master's)

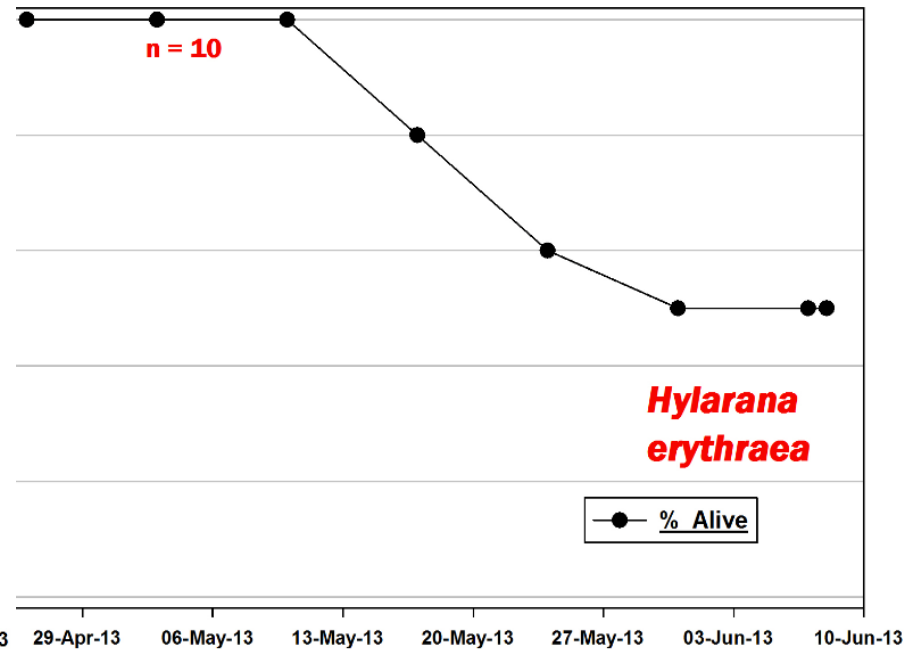
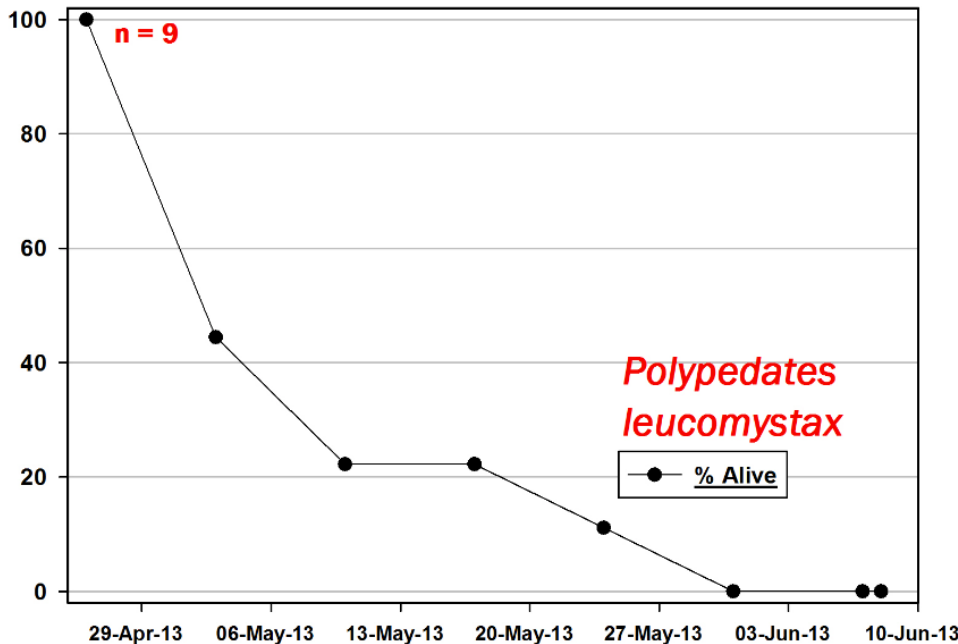
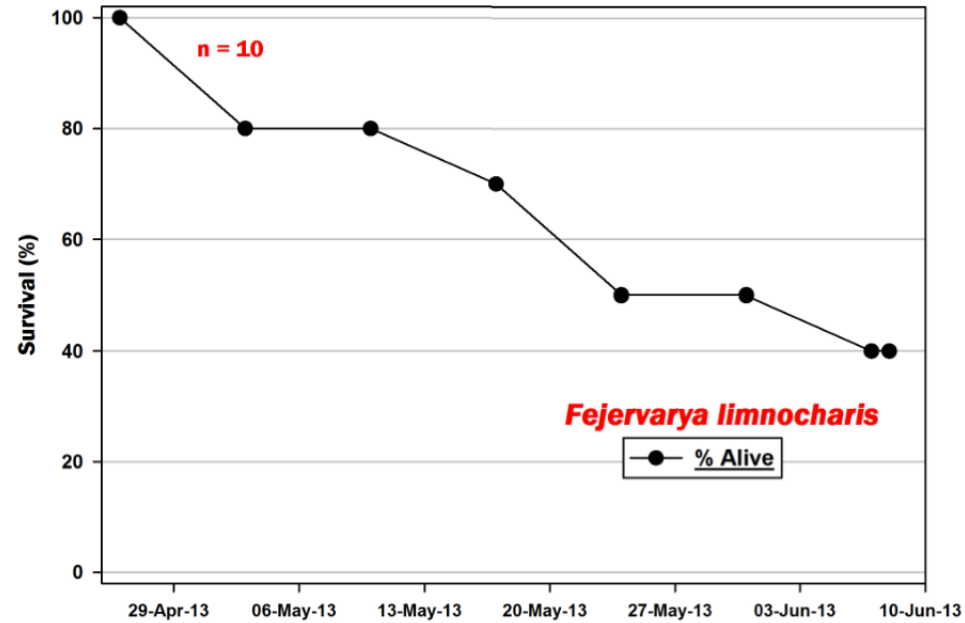


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# H. erythraea Infection Intensity

