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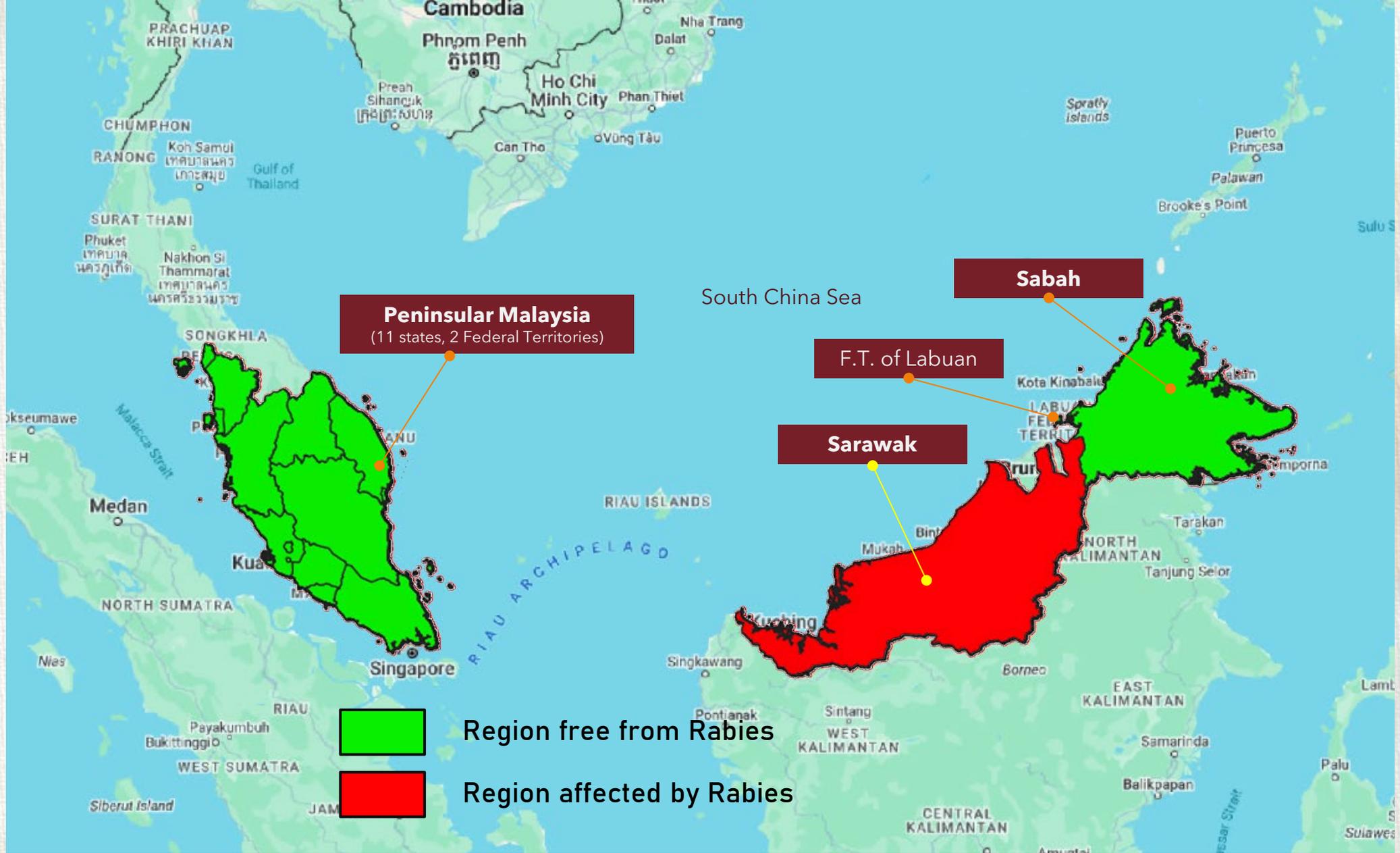
COUNTRY UPDATES: MALAYSIA

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ASEAN Rabies Consultation Meeting
Development of ARES Implementation Plan
24 – 26 February 2025, Pattaya Thailand



ANIMAL RABIES IN MALAYSIA



RABIES STATUS IN MALAYSIA - ANIMALS

ONLY IN SARAWAK



1,123 animal cases

88.87% canine (App. Pr: 23.6%)

10.95% feline (App. Pr: 31.87%)

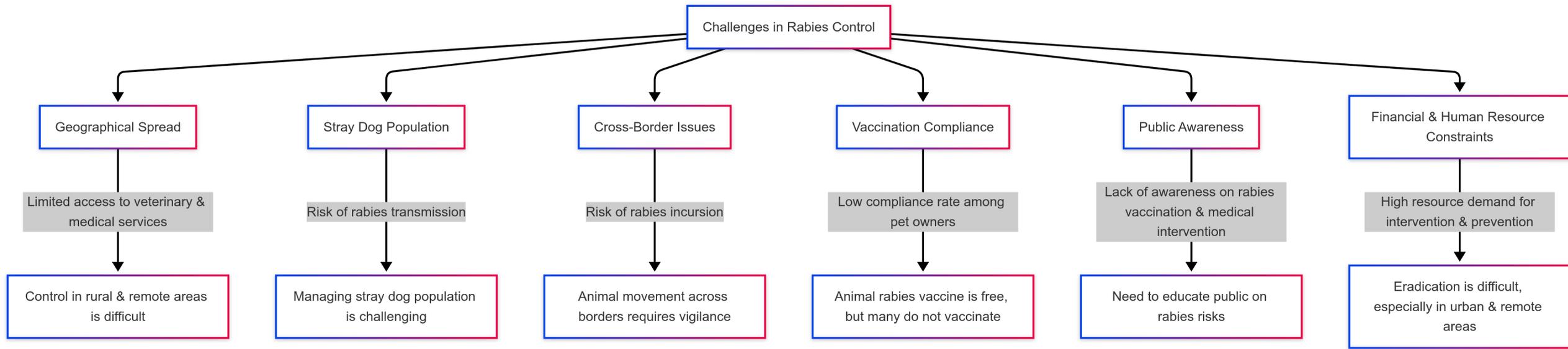
0.18% others

Updated 17th Feb 2025





RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : CHALLENGES





RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : INTERVENTIONS

NATIONAL / RABIES-FREE STATES

STATE OF Sarawak

Multi-Sectorial Collaboration

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Interagency Meeting on Zoonotic Diseases• Joint Risk Assessment for Rabies (field visit and workshop) – 2024• PrEP for High-Risk Personnel• Review of NSP for Zoonotic diseases (2022-2026)• National Bridging Workshop – Nov 2024 (support by WHO-WOAH)• (In the works) National Strategic Plan for Rabies Elimination (MyRES) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-agency Joint Operation, focusing on enforcement of mandatory dog vaccination, dog licensing, and banning of free-roaming dogs in outbreak areas• Strengthening local rabies diagnostic lab capacity for animal and human – collaboration of SVDL with VRI on serological surveillance of vaccinated dog |
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RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : INTERVENTIONS

NATIONAL / RABIES-FREE STATES	STATE OF Sarawak
Training	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing field and table simulation exercises in selected high-risk states (preparedness)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training on Enforcement for DVS staff and Local Authorities (April 2024)
Animal Vaccination	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Rabies Animal Vaccine Bank• Mandatory dog vaccination & licensing, dog population control in the immune belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory dog vaccination under the Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999, & licensing under the Local Authorities (Dog Licensing and Control) By-Laws 2018.



RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : INTERVENTIONS

NATIONAL / RABIES-FREE STATES	STATE OF Sarawak
Integrated Bite Case Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guideline on Rabies Management & Prevention in Human and Animal, 2022• Formal report sharing of animal bite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog/Animal Bite Management Guideline (2023) By Sarawak State Health Dept• Digital data sharing (i-Bite)
Access to PEP	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEP at designated Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEP at all Gov clinics and designated Private Health Facilities.



RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : INTERVENTIONS

NATIONAL / RABIES-FREE STATES	STATE OF Sarawak
Advocacy and Community engagement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National level awareness – annual World Rabies Day in selected high-risk states, mass and social media engagement on Rabies awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous education to the community through multiple channels• Continuous engagement with Community Leaders (latest June 2024)

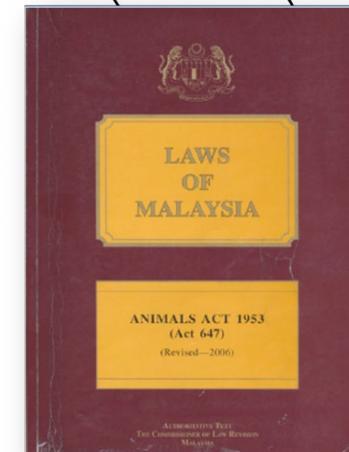
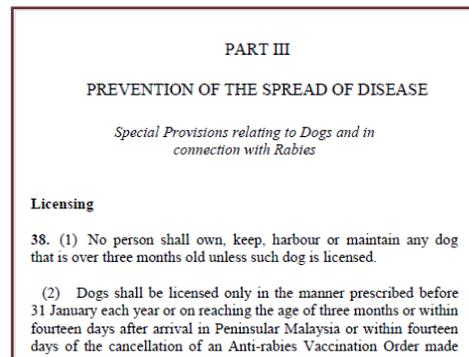
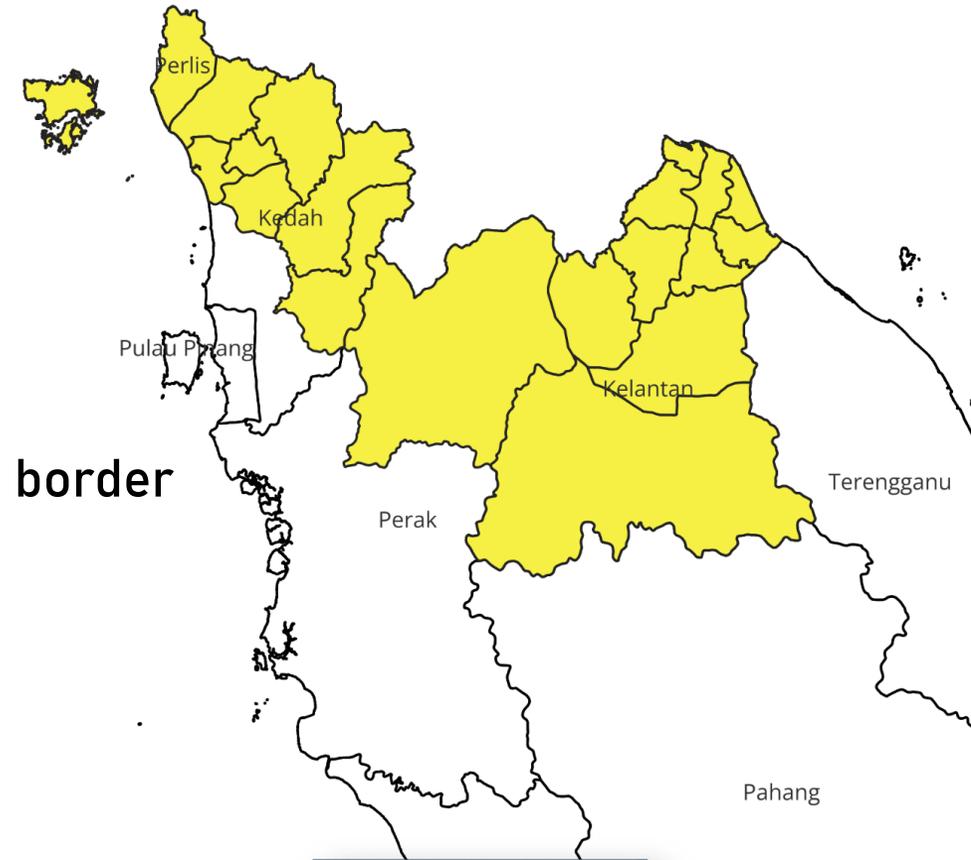


RABIES CONTROL & PREVENTION : INTERVENTIONS

NATIONAL / RABIES-FREE STATES	STATE OF Sarawak
Cross-Border & Transboundary Intervention	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immune belt established 50 to 80 km from the northern border of Peninsular Malaysia (4 states) since Year 1955 (As part of the National Rabies Control Programme – focused in Peninsular Malaysia)• Bilateral engagement between northern Malaysian States and the neighbouring Thailand Provinces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 Border control teams (Immune Belt Enforcement Team - IBET) focused on dog surveillance, vaccination, dog census, and community education

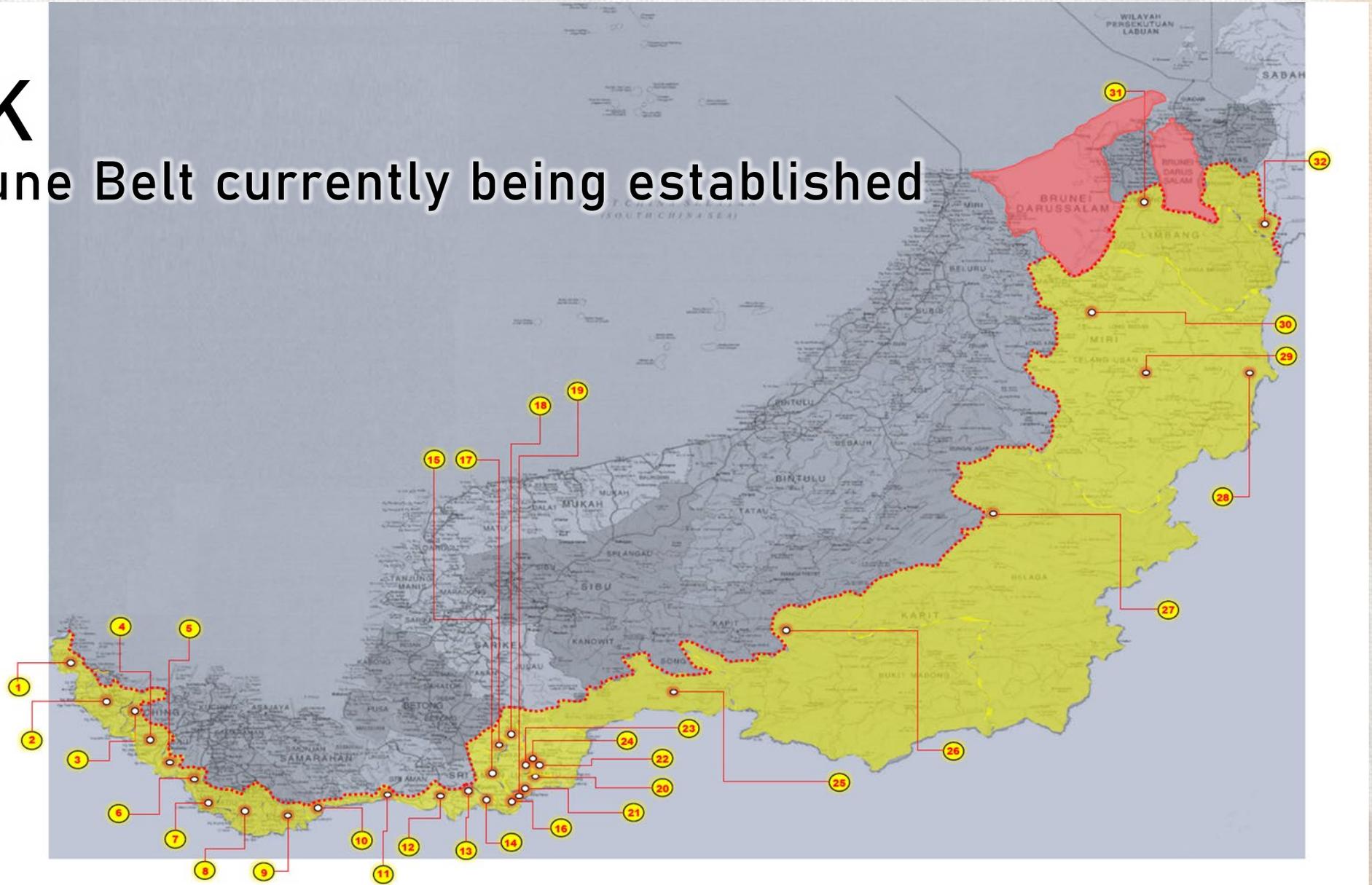
PENINSULAR MALAYSIA - Rabies Immune Belt

- Area coverage:
 - Initially 50-80km along Malaysian side from MYS-THAI border
 - (Now) spanning
 - 2 WHOLE states (Perlis & Kelantan)
 - 8 districts in Kedah
 - 1 district in Perak
- Precautionary measure against incursion of animal rabies through MYS-THAI border



SARAWAK

- Rabies Immune Belt currently being established



RABIES CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN RABIES IMMUNE BELT



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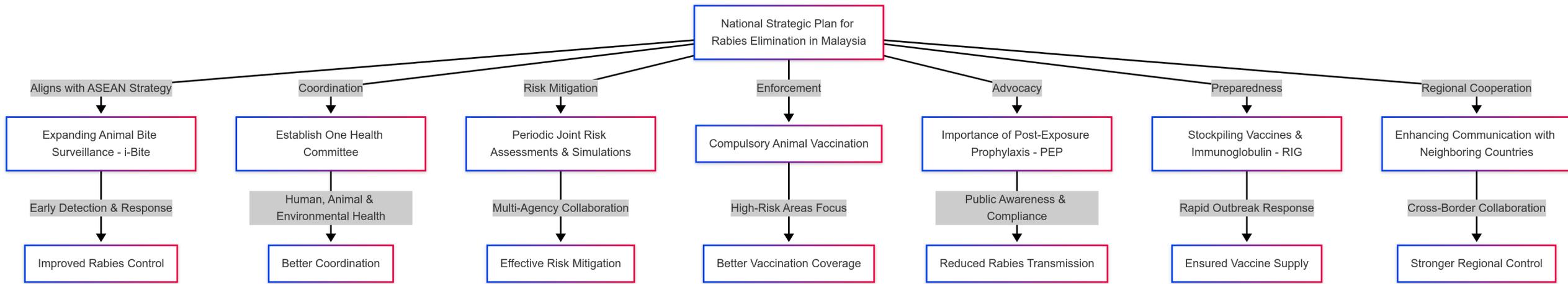


PREPAREDNESS & PUBLIC AWARENESS





WAY FORWARD



- (In the works)
One Health Risk Communication Workshop
– collab. DVS-MOH-MyOHUN
- involving relevant stakeholders

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