



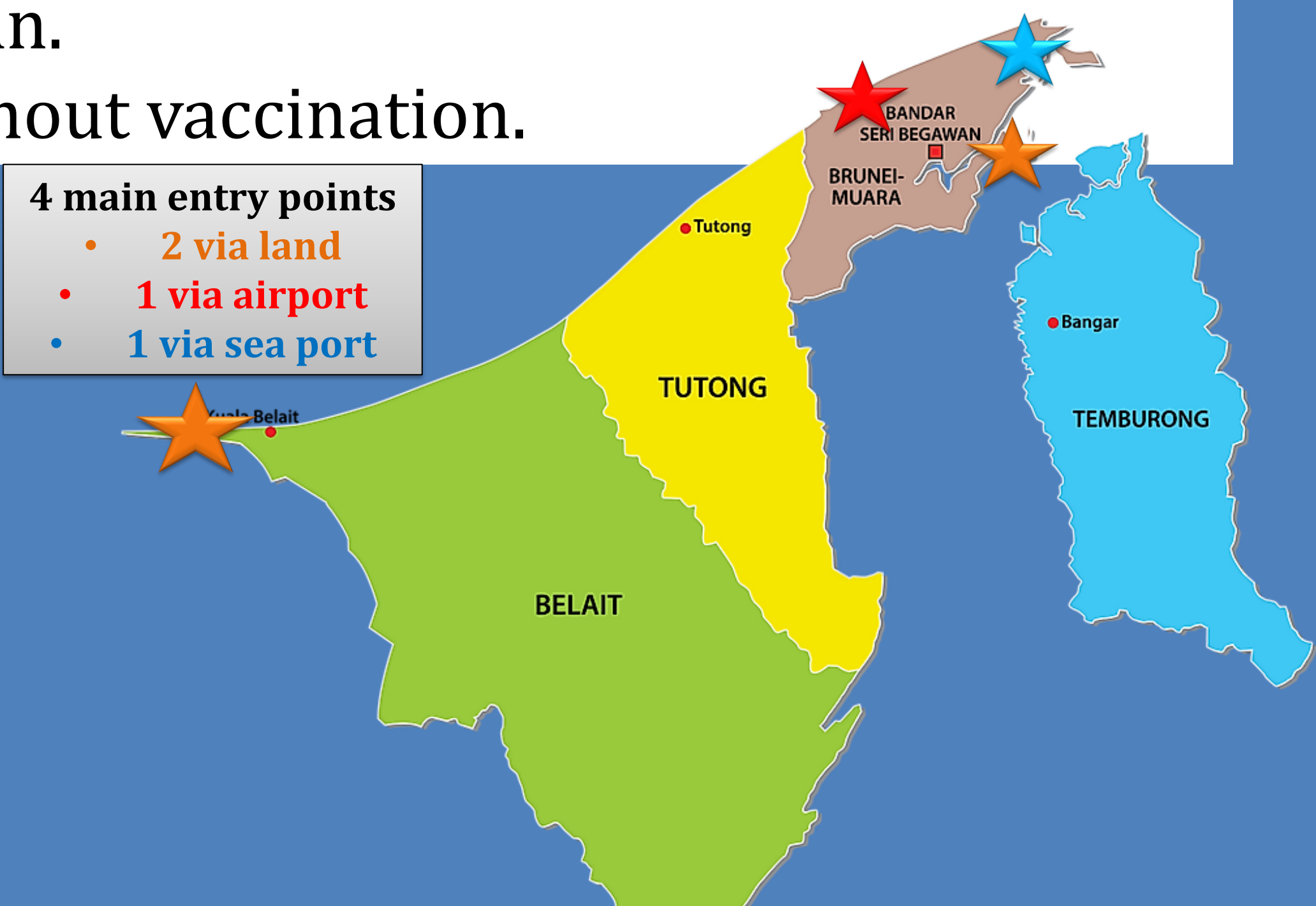
Level of preparedness to FMD incursion by FMD-free countries



- Brunei Darussalam is situated in Borneo island surrounded by neighbouring countries of Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) and Indonesia, Kalimantan.
- Brunei has been recognized to be FMD-free Country without vaccination.

- Stringent import requirements for live cattle imports (FMD disease free countries only)
- Desk risk assessment for every importation of livestock entering into the country.
- Ante-mortem examination of live animals (Health Screening) is required upon arrival at all border control posts.
- Active surveillance in farms via observation of clinical signs and serological testing for each 4 district.
- Meat Inspection programs in slaughterhouses includes Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem to ensure meat carcass quality.
- Continuous awareness campaigns for FMD via short courses for existing and aspiring farmers.
- Table-top exercise for FMD was done in 2017 conducted by the Animal Health Unit.

- 4 main entry points
- 2 via land
 - 1 via airport
 - 1 via sea port



Main risks and threat of FMD incursion is via live importation of ruminants into the country including illegal routes

Estimated Budget:
Department Operational Budget,
BND10K to 20K approximately per year

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES TO
MAINTAIN FMD-FREE STATUS

Contingency Plans:

- On confirmation of infection, stamping-out / destruction / culling of all infected animals to eliminate point of infection.
- Zoning will be implemented to ensure controlled animal movement and ease of elimination of infected livestock as well as carcass disposal.

Constraints & Solutions

- Manpower constraints in doing a comprehensive coverage for surveillance in farms and at a greater frequency. Solution may include reviewing the current sampling plan for an effective coverage (testing requirements for a free disease status country).
- Difficulty in reaching out to the traditionally rearing farmers and to enforce the reporting of notifiable diseases (including FMD). Solution may include identifying them and liaising with the Head village or 'mukim' to provide assistance in disseminating the information as well as to collect data e.g. animal health status.

- To plan and implement a more comprehensive simulation exercise for FMD Preparedness and Contingency plan as well as to include other sectors and stakeholders.
- To further strengthen the guidelines and regulations for FMD notification by farmers and disease surveillance (contingency plans in the case of a disease outbreak) with the implementation of the new *Animal (Diseases and Quarantine) Order* (currently in the final stage of endorsement).