

## Advanced GIS Virtual Training Course- Introduction to Spatial Risk Assessment

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### Roadmap for presentation

- Overview of SRA applications
- Application of MCDA in SRA

## Overview



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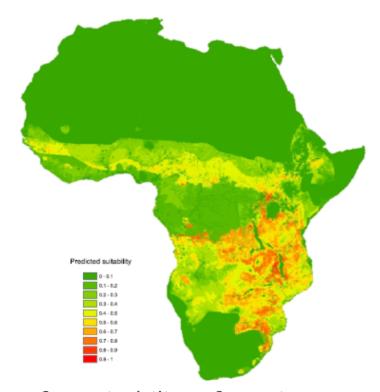
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# Spatial multi-criteria decision analysis to predict suitability for African swine fever endemicity in Africa

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- ASF endemic in several African countries (wild animal hosts)
- Risk to pig industries continent-wide
- ASF reporting infrequent & epi studies rare-
  - Data-driven models inadequate
- Instead used spatial MCDA-GIS methods to predict suitability of areas for persistence of ASF to target surveillance/control





Risk assessment map for suitability of persistence of ASF in Africa- from deGlanville et al. 2014 BMC Vet. Res.

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#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

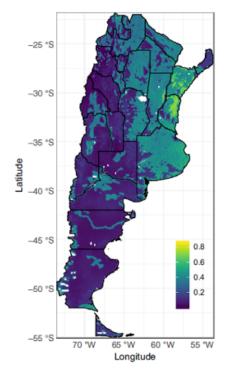


Spatial modelling for low pathogenicity avian influenza virus at the interface of wild birds and backyard poultry

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- · LPAI endemic in wild birds and poultry in Argentina
- Concern about threat of mutation of LPAI to HPAI
- Used MCDA, expert opinion elicitation, ecological niche modelling
  - Mapped disease incursion risk to target surveillance



Risk assessment map for the occurrence of low pathogenic avian influenza in Argentina- from La Sala et al. 2019 Transboundary and Infectious Diseases



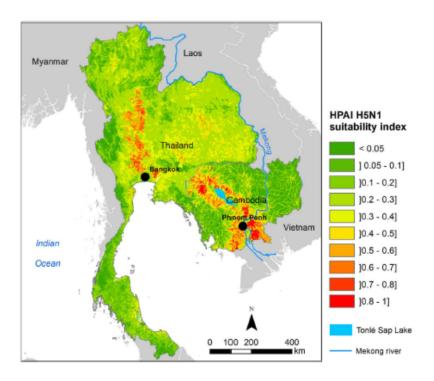
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**OPEN** Quantitative assessment of a spatial multicriteria model for highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 in Thailand, and application in Cambodia

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- Risk mapping very important for disease control
- Challenging in absence of reliable data on disease occurrence
- Used spatial MCDA to create risk maps for introduction of HPAI to target control (vaccination)





Suitability map for occurrence of HPAI H5N1 in domestic poultry in Thailand and Cambodia- from Paul et al. 2016 Nature Scientific Reports

### What is spatial risk assessment modelling?

- Combination of
  - Multi-criteria decision aiding (or analysis) techniques (MCDA)
  - - GIS methods
- Suited where incomplete or poor quality data (especially on disease occurrence)
- Is knowledge-driven rather than data-driven
- Connection between MCDA and GIS
  - MCDA creates weighted risk factors for GIS methods to incorporate in map
  - These plotted to visualise **relative** spatial variations in risk

## Multi-criteria decision aiding

#### Background

- · Developed originally for operations management e.g. resource planning
- Substantial literature and methodology
- · Purpose:
  - To assist decision-makers to
    - Understand often complex data involved
    - Advance towards a solution
  - Not to search for some kind of hidden truth
- Consists of 4 steps (possibly iterative)



#### 1. Define or situate the problem

- Identifying the stakeholders (actors):
  - Government agencies responsible for national animal health management
  - Veterinary academics and consultants
  - Non-governmental animal health organisations
  - Farmer representative organisations
- Define the goals and how the final decision should be reached



#### 2. Formulate the problem

- Decide how to manage the multiple DM's and their different perspectives
  - Facilitated focus group often used
- Define the decision alternatives and their criteria for selection
  - In our case study- define risk factors and their relationships with disease occurrence
- Type of decision problem
  - In our case study- ranking of selected risk factors from greatest to least risk



# Case study of steps 1 & 2- Incursion and spread of FMD in Myanmar

- Spatial risk assessment process at the OIE-GIS course for Animal Health, Nay Phi Taw, October 2019
- Hypothetical problem used as a training exercise during the course
- Participants from several South-East Asian countries and OIE were the 'experts'

### OIE Sub Regional Training Course, 2017



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#### MCDA (1) Defining the problem

- FMD is endemic in Myanmar
  - Outbreaks financially damaging to farmers
  - Adversely affect animal welfare
- Reporting of FMD outbreaks likely incomplete & unreliable
  - Can't use outbreak data to assess the variation in spatial risk of FMD
- Authorities need to
  - Decide which areas of Myanmar are at increased risk of outbreak (target surveillance)
  - Scrutinise locations where would expect more FMD occurrence from model but possibly under-reported



#### MCDA (1) Defining the objectives

- Create a SRA map of Myanmar that displays the relative risk of incursion and spread of FMD virus
- Validate the predictions of this SRA map by comparing it against known locations of case villages
- Evaluate the SRA and its utility for decision-making



#### MCDA (2) Formulate the problem

- Identify the decision alternatives (risk factors) and their relationships with FMD occurrence
  - Undertaken in country team focus group discussion
- Define the criteria for choosing among the risk factors
  - Have spatial feature that can be mapped
  - e.g. swill feeding -> pig population density



# Exercise- Identify risk factors for FMD occurrence in your own country

- Use the template in FMDRiskFactorMatrix.docx
- Downloadable from the home page for Spatial Risk Assessment on the Stream Course Site



#### Exercise- Record your findings from the exercise



### Discussion of findings

