

# VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

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# OUTLINE

- **‘Global warming’ and using entomological studies as indicators**
- **Climate change, vectors, and vector-borne disease**
- **Current projects**
- **Closing remarks**

# 'GLOBAL WARMING' AND ENTOMOLOGICAL INDICATORS



## Butterflies and *Rising* Temperatures

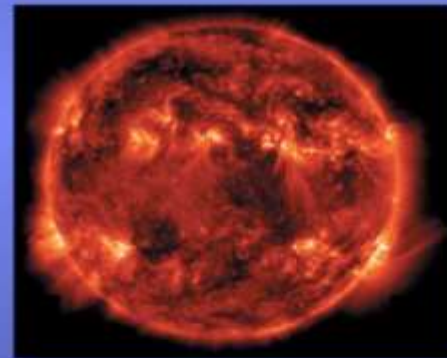
How does "global warming" affect our scaly friends?

# 'GLOBAL WARMING' AND ENTOMOLOGICAL INDICATORS



## Is "global warming" real?

- Research and data suggest temperatures and weather patterns are changing
- Some believe human activities contribute greatly to these warming trends
- Others believe natural, uncontrollable fluctuations in solar radiation from the sun has occurred long before humans existed
- The jury is still out as to the real cause; humans likely contribute to these changes, but how significantly?
- To avoid political meaning to this warming phenomenon, I'll call it "long-term climatic change"





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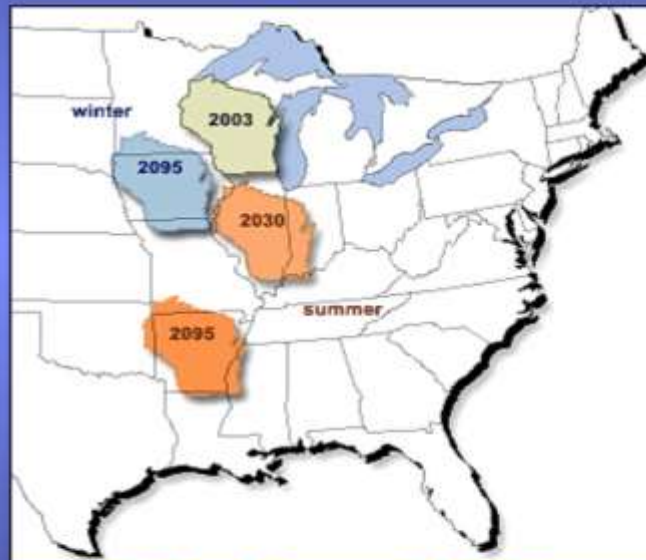


## Temperature shifts

- Migrating state climates
- Warmer average yearly temperatures ( $1^{\circ}$  F last century)( $4-7^{\circ}$  F in parts of Alaska and Canada)
- Predicted rise  $2.5-10.4^{\circ}$  F this century



NASA's Goddard Institute for  
Space Studies



Union of Concerned Scientists

[http://www.ucsus.org/global\\_warming/](http://www.ucsus.org/global_warming/)

# 'GLOBAL WARMING' AND ENTOMOLOGICAL INDICATORS

## How has climate change affected butterflies? cont.

- Direct Effects

- Rate of development
- Climate surprises or extreme climate events such as drought, freeze; changing of average temperature or precipitation
- Adult flight activities such as mating, feeding, dispersal, migration



- Indirect Effects

- Association with hostplants; butterfly life cycle may fall out of phase with hostplant availability
- Change in soil moisture, soil temperature, cloud cover, precipitation and air temperature can affect host plant nutrient content or palatability
- Abundance and requirements of predators and parasites may change and put additional pressures on various life stages

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND VECTORS

## ■ CDC: Public Health Response to a Changing Climate

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/changingclimate/>

**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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### Public Health Response to a Changing Climate

Climate change threatens human health and well-being in many ways. Learn what CDC is doing to prevent and adapt to the health effects of climate change.

The environmental consequences of climate change are happening now and are expected to increase in the future. Some of these changes will likely include:

- heat waves,
- heavy precipitation events and flooding,
- droughts,
- more intense hurricanes and storms,
- sea level rise, and
- air pollution.

Each of these impacts could negatively affect public health. While climate change is a global issue, the effects of climate change will vary across geographic regions and populations.

As the only HHS investment to focus on change adaptation, CDC's Climate and Health Program works to prevent and adapt to the possible health effects of climate change. The program identifies the populations most vulnerable to these impacts, predicts future trends, creates systems to detect and respond to emerging health threats, and designs programs to manage health risks now and in the future.

Through the Climate Ready States and Cities Initiative, the Climate and Health Program supports and funds 50 states and two cities that are using the Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) framework to identify their climate impacts in their communities, protect health effects associated with these impacts and their most at-risk populations and locations. BRACE helps states develop and implement health adaptation strategies that impact health and address gaps in critical public health functions and services.

The essential steps covered the BRACE framework (<https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/docs/brace.html>):

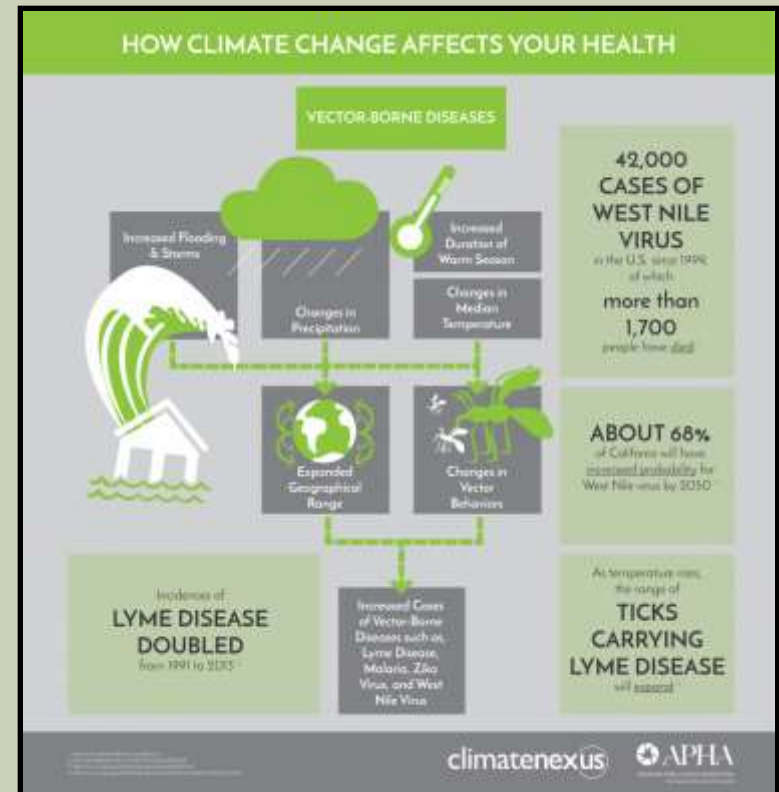
- Step 1: Anticipate Climate Impacts and Assess Vulnerabilities
- Step 2: Project the Disease Burden
- Step 3: Assess Public Health Interventions
- Step 4: Develop and Implement a Climate and Health Adaptation Plan
- Step 5: Evaluate Impact and Improve Quality of Activities

### CDC Climate Ready States and Cities Initiative



**Climate Ready States and Cities**

<https://climatenexus.org>



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND VECTORS

- Many interacting determinants of vector-borne disease, to include climate
- Vector-borne diseases amongst the most well studied diseases associated with climate change; but reliable data? Still poorly understood?
- Climate and weather patterns exert range of physiological, behavioral affects on vectors and in turn disease prevalence
- Influence on disease transmission from shorter (annual) to longer (decadal) time scales
- Climate variables account for geographical distribution of vectors/disease
- Relatively stable historic vector/disease distributions now changing
- Vector distributions extending into higher altitudes/northern latitudes
- Decreasing ranges in Equatorial regions; movement into to new areas; species dependent



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND VECTORS

U.S. Global Change Research Program

<https://health2016.globalchange.gov/vectorborne-diseases>

## ENVIRONMENTAL & INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

- Changing ecosystems
- Changing landscapes
- Changes in vector population size, density, & pathogen infection rates
- Vector control & public health practices

## CLIMATE DRIVERS

- High & low temperature extremes
- Changing precipitation patterns
- Changes in seasonal weather patterns

## EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

- Earlier tick activity & range expansion northward & to higher elevations
- Shifting seasons influence host-seeking activity

## HEALTH OUTCOMES

- Lyme disease and other illnesses carried by ticks

## SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL CONTEXT

- Social determinants of health
- Outdoor activity
- Geographic location
- Proximity to woodlands
- Landscape design

# RECENT STUDIES

- Disease prevalence/new regions:
  - Malaria, + precip/temps-Kenya (Githeko & Ndegwa 2001)
  - Hantavirus, + precip-SW U.S. (Yates et al. 2002); Paraguay (Williams et al. 1997); Panama (Ruedas et al. 2004)
  - Dengue and chikungunya, + temps-Europe (Tomasello & Schlagenhauf 2013)
- Range shifts:
  - *Ixodes ricinus* (Lyme, TBE)-Europe (Gage et al. 2008)
  - *Ixodes scapularis* (Lyme, babesiosis)-NA (Ogden et al. 2006, 2010)
  - *Anopheles darlingi* (malaria)-SA (Escobar et al. 2016)
  - *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*-Europe (Tomasello & Schlagenhauf 2013); U.S. (Armstrong et al. 2017); LA/C (Chadee and Martinez 2016)

# RECENT STUDIES

- **Mills et al. 2016**

(National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, CDC)

- Pathogen identification and characterization
- Baseline data on geographic and habitat distributions
- Longitudinal/altitudinal monitoring programs
- Predictive modeling of changes in zoonotic disease risk and the projected distributions and abundance of major hosts and vectors
- Track data on the geographic distribution, severity, and frequency of outbreaks of wildlife diseases and VBZDs in humans
- Conduct experimental laboratory and field studies of effects of climate change on hosts and vectors and their abilities to maintain and transmit pathogens

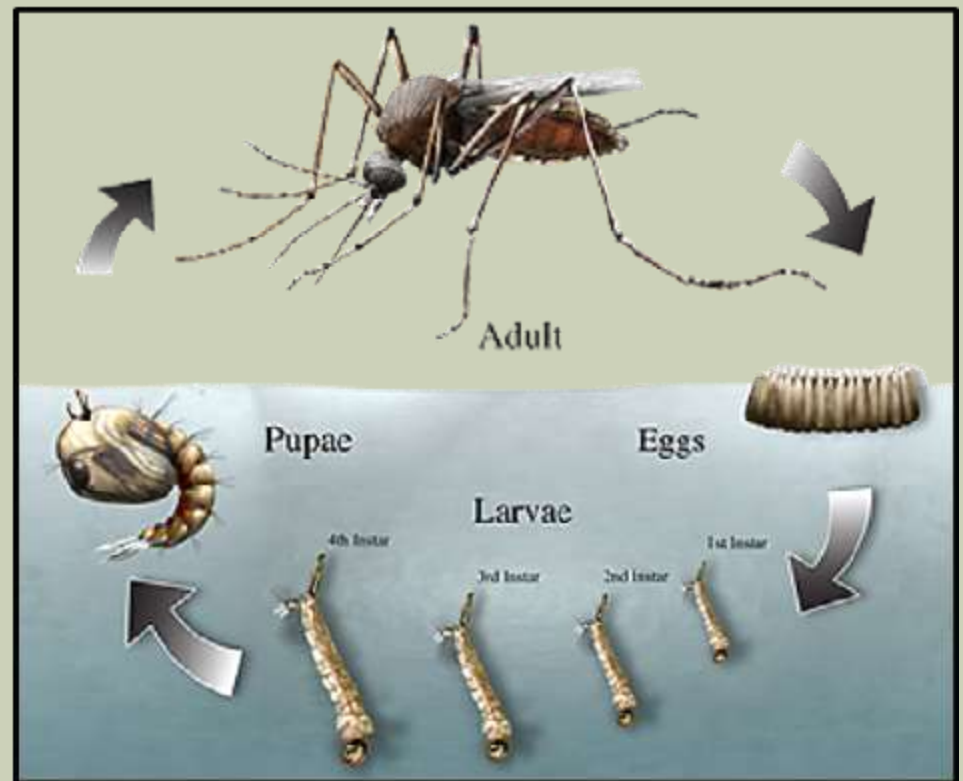
# MOSQUITOES AS VECTORS

- **Vector:** Any agent that carries and transmits an infectious pathogen into another organism
- Over 3,000 known species
- Widely distributed
- **#1 human disease vector:**
  - malaria, dengue, yellow fever, Zika, chikungunya, RVF, WNV, SLE, EEE, WEE, VEE, LaCrosse, filariasis, etc...



# MOSQUITOES AS VECTORS

- Eggs in or near water
- Larvae and pupae aquatic stages
- Adult females seek blood meals to reproduce; the vector stage





# MOSQUITOES AS VECTORS

- Host selection
- Longevity
- Abundance
- Vector competence

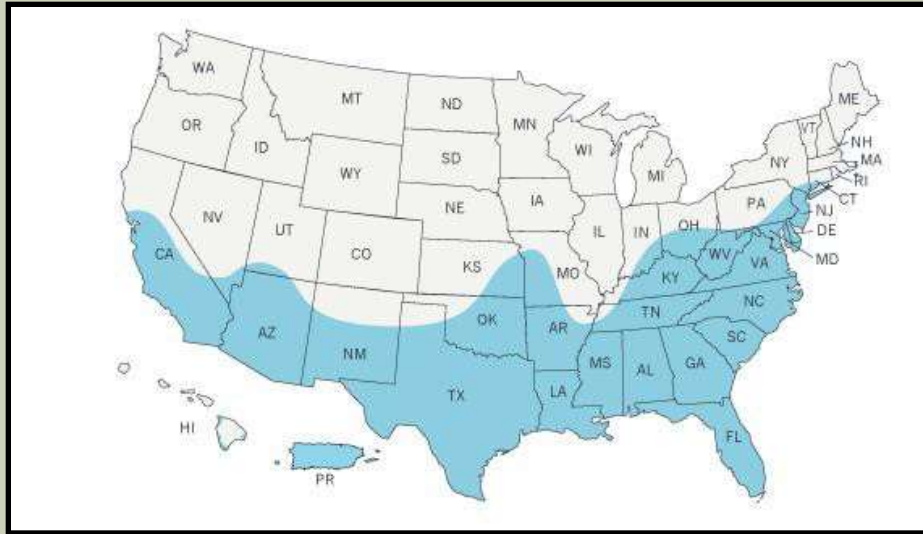


# ***Aedes Aegypti* AND *Aedes Albopictus***

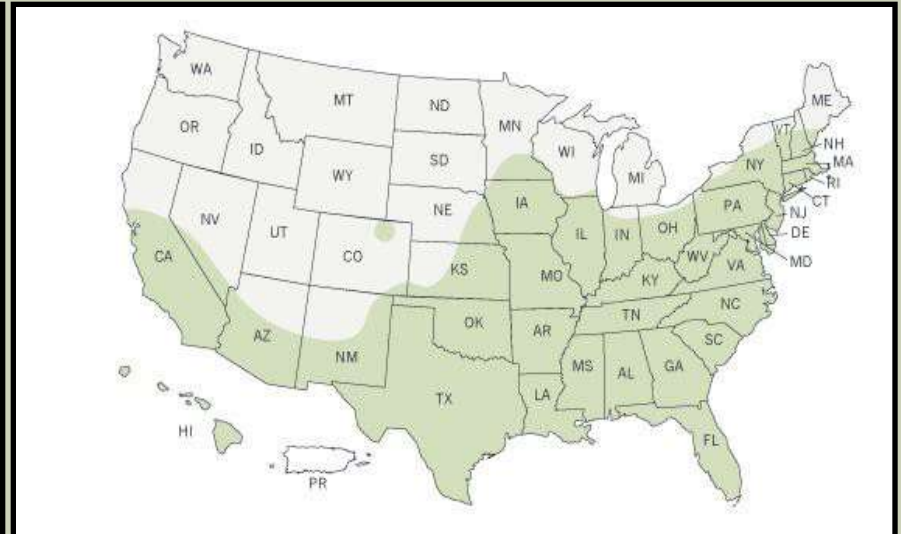
- Occupy urban/peri-urban areas
- Bite during daytime
- Breed inside human-made containers in or near homes
- Lay eggs indoors and outdoors
- Bites often unnoticed; bites and rests indoors/outdoors



# ESTIMATED RANGES OF *Aedes aegypti* AND *Aedes albopictus* IN THE UNITED STATES (CDC-2016)



*Aedes aegypti*



*Aedes albopictus*

# MOSQUITO SPECIES IN VIRGINIA

*Aedes aegypti* (L.)  
*Aedes albopictus* (Skuse)  
*Aedes vexans* (Meigen)  
*Anopheles atropos* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Anopheles barberi* (Coquillett)  
*Anopheles bradleyi* (King)  
*Anopheles crucians* (Wiedemann)  
*Anopheles punctipennis* (Say)  
*Anopheles quadrimaculatus* (Say)  
*Anopheles smaragdinus* (Reinert)  
*Anopheles walkeri* (Theobald)  
*Coquillettidia perturbans* (Walker)  
*Culex territans* (Walker)  
*Culex salinarius* (Coquillett)  
*Culex restuans* (Theobald)  
*Culex quinquefasciatus* (Say)  
*Culex pipiens* (L.)  
*Culex peccator* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Culex erraticus* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Culex tarsalis* (Coquillett)  
*Culiseta inornata* (Williston)  
*Culiseta melanura* (Coquillett)  
*Ochlerotatus grossbecki* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Ochlerotatus hendersoni* (Cockerell)  
*Ochlerotatus dupreei* (Coquillett)  
*Ochlerotatus trivittatus* (Coquillett)  
*Ochlerotatus triseriatus* (Say)  
*Ochlerotatus tormentor* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Ochlerotatus thibaulti* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Ochlerotatus taeniorhynchus* (Wiedemann)  
*Ochlerotatus stimulans* (Walker)  
*Ochlerotatus sticticus* (Meigen)  
*Ochlerotatus sollicitans* (Walker)  
*Ochlerotatus mitchellae* (Dyar)  
*Ochlerotatus japonicus* (Theobald)  
*Ochlerotatus infirmatus* (Dyar & Knab) *Orthopodomyia alba* (Baker)  
*Orthopodomyia signifera* (Coquillett)  
*Psorophora columbiae* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Psorophora cillata* (Fabricius)  
*Psorophora cyanescens* (Coquillett)  
*Psorophora discolor* (Coquillett)  
*Psorophora ferox* (von Humboldt)  
*Psorophora horrida* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Psorophora howardii* (Coquillett)  
*Psorophora mathesoni* (Belkin & Heinemann)  
*Toxorhynchites rutilus septentrionalis* (Dyar & Knab)  
*Uranotaenia sapphirina* (Osten Sacken)  
*Wyeomyia smithii* (Coquillett) (Say)

# DENGUE IN THE U.S.

- Historical dengue outbreaks in the U.S.
  - 1780: Philadelphia, PA
  - 1826-8: Savannah, GA
  - 1850-1: Charleston, SC, Savannah, GA, New Orleans, LA, Mobile, AL, Galveston, TX, Augusta, GA
  - 1922: Texas, Savannah, GA
  - 1934: Florida
  - 1945: New Orleans



# DENGUE IN THE U.S.

## ■ Recent local transmission

### ■ Texas:

- 1980: 23 cases, first locally acquired since 1945
- 1980-1999: 64 cases (lab-documented)
- 2005: DEN-2 epidemic in Brownsville; estimated incidence of recent dengue infection (4% of population)

### ■ Hawaii:

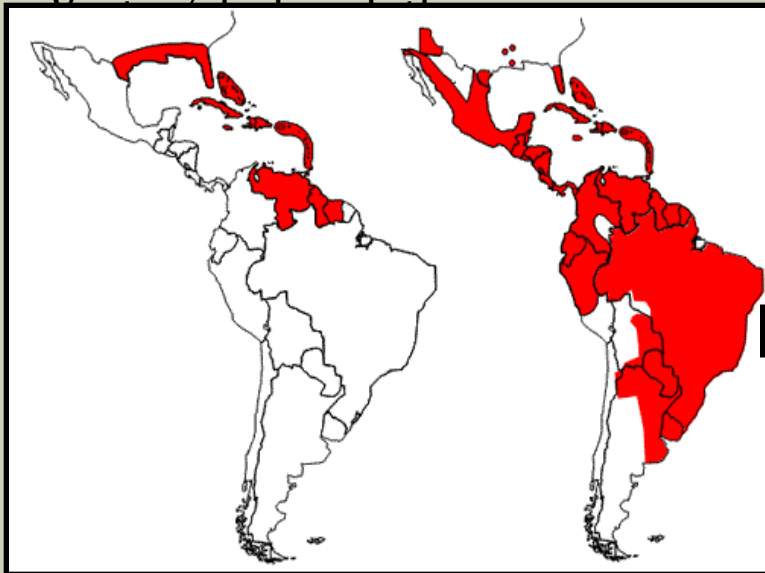
- 2001-2002: 122 cases (first since 1944)
- 2015 (146 locally acquired cases)

### ■ Florida (also Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands):

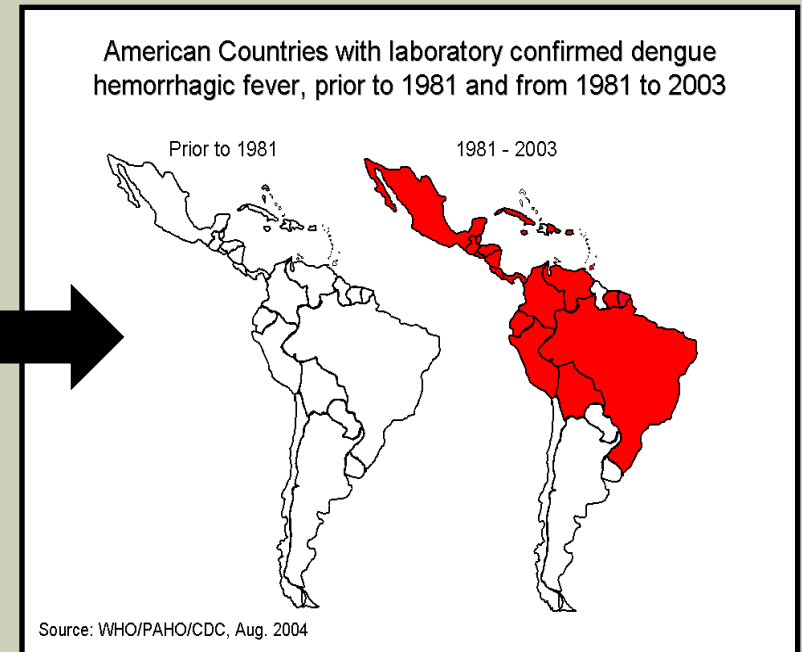
- 2009-2011: 93 cases

# RESURGENCE OF DENGUE

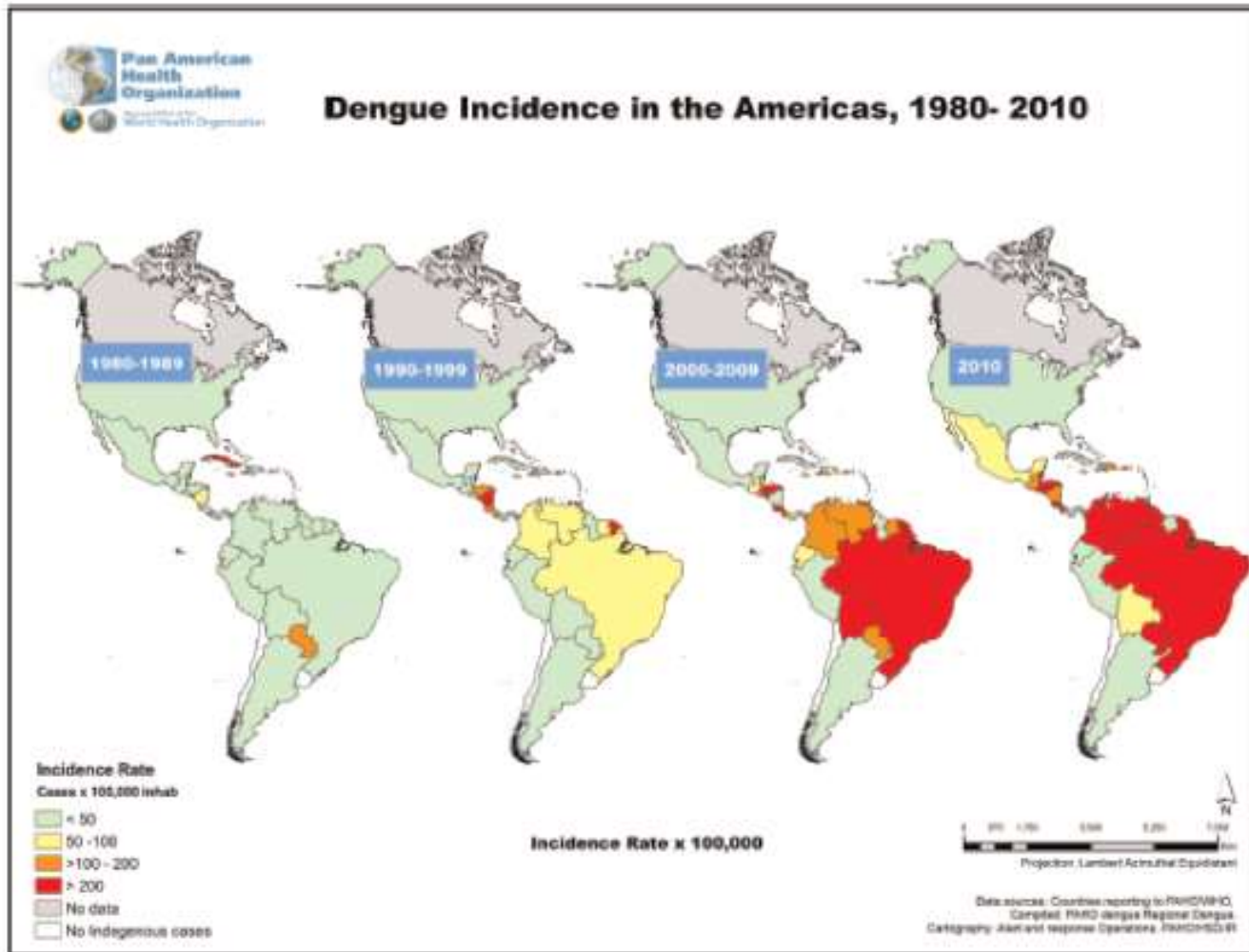
- Unprecedented global population growth
- Unplanned and uncontrolled urbanization
  - More human-made breeding grounds (waste)
  - Decay in public health infrastructure
- Lack of effective mosquito vector control
- Increased international air travel
- Globalization of trade
- Ecological changes; climate change



*Aedes aegypti* in the Americas (1970), at the end of the mosquito eradication program, and in 2002



# RESURGENCE OF DENGUE



# SUPPORTING PROJECTS/SURVEILLANCE

- Awarded \$450K across 2016-2017 from Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch-Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (GEIS) to initiate mosquito/disease surveillance in Central America/Caribbean
- Collaborators include:
  - University of Florida, Emerging Pathogens Institute
  - National Vector Borne Disease Lab-Haiti
  - University of West Indies-Trinidad and Tobago
  - National Center for the Control of Tropical Diseases-Dominican Republic
  - Currently developing collaborations:
    - Izabal Vector Control Program-Guatemala
    - Roseau Environmental Health Department-Dominica
    - Saint Georges University-Grenada
    - Saint James School of Medicine-Anguilla



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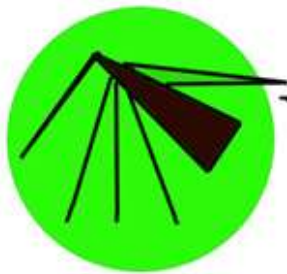
- Objectives:
  - Improve disease risk data, track changes in vector and associated disease distributions/ecologies (VectorMap: <http://vectormap.si.edu>)
  - Host feeding behaviors (determine origin of blood meal)
  - Assess association of climate and vector/disease distributions
  - Caribbean Vector Surveillance Network; public health partnerships



# SUPPORTING PROJECTS/SURVEILLANCE

- **Results to date-Haiti (White et. al.-University of Florida):**
  - Over 10,000 mosquitoes collected; ~2,000 mosquitoes tested
  - First detection of chikungunya in *Ae. albopictus* and *Culex quinquefasciatus* [Manuscript under review: A new “American” subgroup of African-lineage Chikungunya virus detected in and isolated from mosquitoes collected in Haiti, 2016]
    - East-Central-South African (ECSA) chikungunya lineage
  - First detection in Western Hemisphere of Spondweni virus in *Ae. aegypti* [Manuscript under review: Detection and Sequencing of *Spondweni virus* in field-caught *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes, Haiti 2016]
  - Detection of Zika in male (germline transmission?) and female *Ae. aegypti*
  - First detection of Zika in *Cx. quinquefasciatus* (competent vector?)
  - Detection of dengue type 3 in *Ae. aegypti*

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# VectorMap

*Know the vector, know the threat*



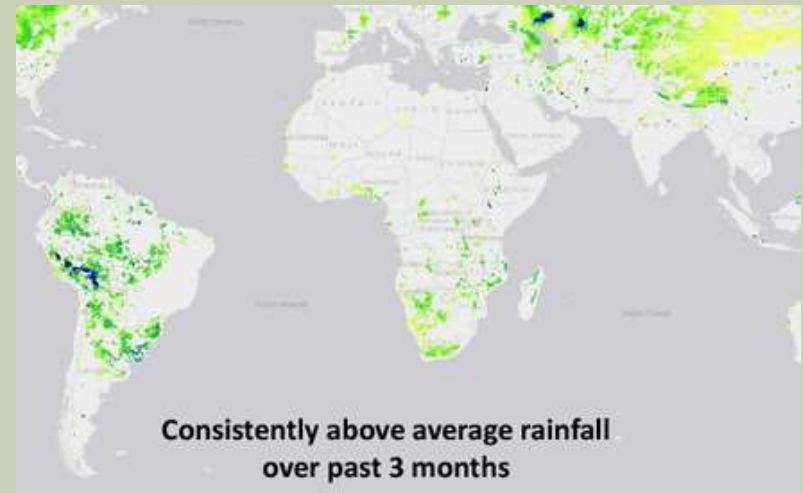
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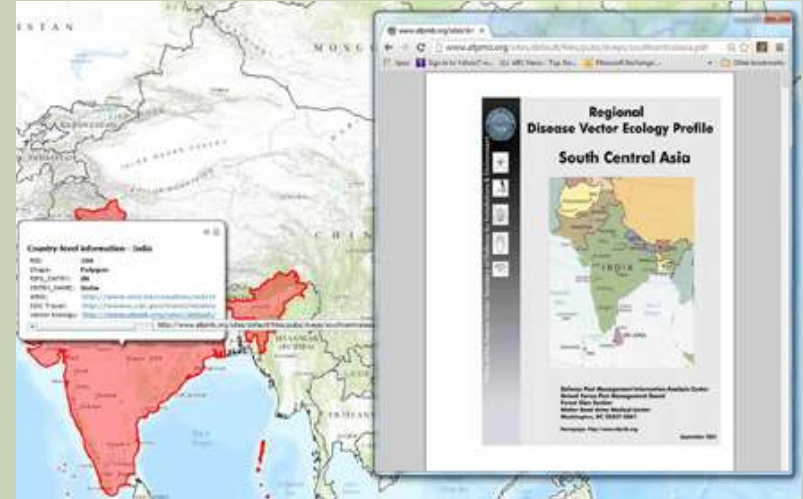
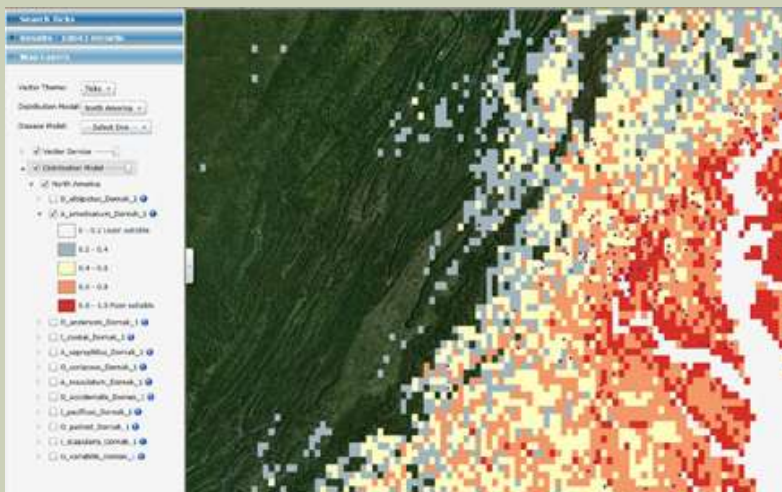
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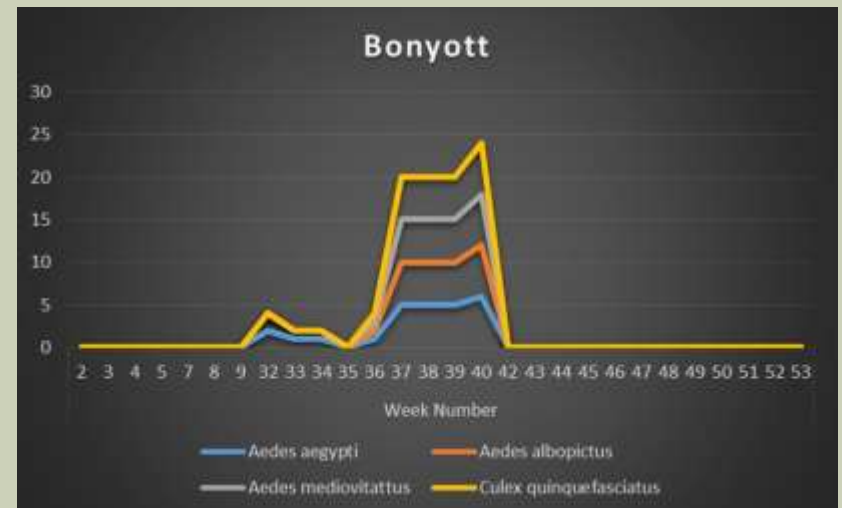
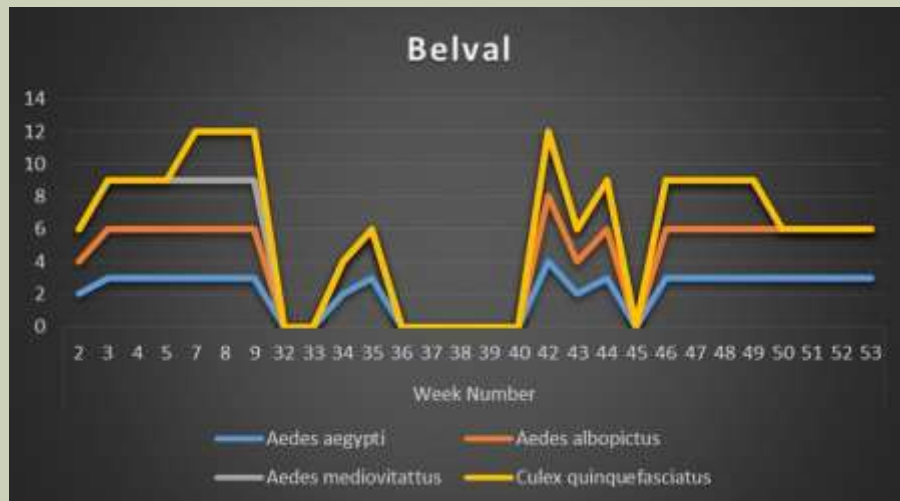


Consistently above average rainfall  
over past 3 months



# SUPPORTING PROJECTS/SURVEILLANCE

Collection Site	Week Number																												Total Hours	Average Hours per Week
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Calra, Leogane	24	36	36	36	36	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	24	36	0	36	36	36	36	36	36	48	24	624	22.28571429	
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- **Current/Future:**
  - Blood meal analyses to determine host preference
  - Utilize viral isolation techniques to reveal unknown viruses (e.g., Mayaro virus, Spondweni virus)
  - Identify new mosquito records
  - Identify new distributional records
  - Predictive modeling



# GLOBAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENTS

- **Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs):**
  - **Didactic and field curriculum:**
    - Mosquito Biology, Surveillance, and Control
    - Mosquito Surveillance and Disease Monitoring using VecTest Kits: Tools for Optimizing Vector Control Programs
    - Tactical Insecticide Resistance Using the CDC Bottle Assay
- **Evaluate capacity to collaborate long term**
- **Build dialogue on vector issues on an international scale; to include issues potentially associated with climate change**



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# GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Entomology/vector programs excellent platform to analyze the affects of climate change on vectors/vector-borne diseases
- Public health personnel skillset should include ability to engage with:
  - HN health sector agencies (MoH)
  - Multiple U.S. agencies
  - NGOs
  - HN military medical departments
- Establish and maintain relationships across borders
- International partners required more than ever for vector surveillance/control due to international travel, increased urbanization, climate change (=synergistic increase in disease burden)



# IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE/VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE

- Increased emphasis on vector surveillance and control
- Greater need to combine and better analyze clinical, vector/pathogen, zoonotic vector-borne disease surveillance data
- More focus on research/scenario modeling in climate change/vector-borne disease arena
- Increased morbidity and mortality
- Whether concerned about butterflies or vectors/vector-borne disease, entomological indicators of climate change will likely play a role in modifications to policy/guidance and disease risk management approaches



**QUESTIONS?**

