

Predicted global distribution of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* and burden of melioidosis

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**IS IT AN IMPORTANT DISEASE
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Increasing Incidence of Human Melioidosis in Northeast Thailand




Picture is for a general idea, and does not represent the resources available currently

In a single 1,000 bed-side hospital in northeast Thailand

~300 culture-confirmed cases per year

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| Year | Average annual rainfall (mm) in Ubon Ratchathani province | Melioidosis patients (N) | Deaths |
|------|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 1997 | 1,555.1 | 198 | 97 |
| 1998 | 1,318.3 | 257 | 124 |
| 1999 | 1,582.5 | 173 | 71 |
| 2000 | 1,844.6 | 141 | 67 |
| 2001 | 1,709.4 | 152 | 61 |
| 2002 | 1,677.3 | 184 | 83 |
| 2003 | 1,560.4 | 235 | 90 |
| 2004 | 1,471.1 | 250 | 99 |
| 2005 | 1,323.0 | 273 | 110 |
| 2006 | 1,526.7 | 380 | 154 |

Spearman correlation coefficient between the number of patients and the level of annual rainfall = 0.89; $P < 0.001$.

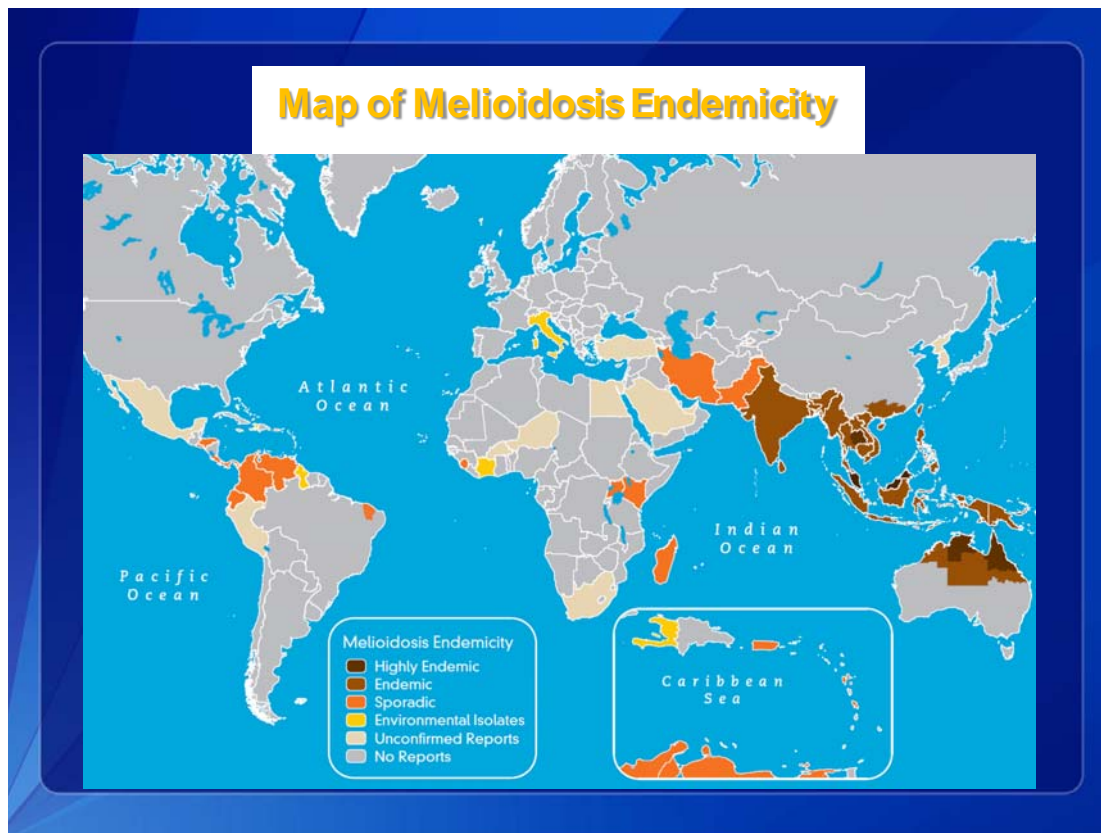


~100 died each year

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2877420/>

Problems

1.) Complete global distribution of *B. pseudomallei* is still unknown



- Current map is incomplete because it is based on locations of [1] good microbiological research facilities and [2] those who are aware of the disease

Problems

2.) The total number of people die of melioidosis each year is unknown

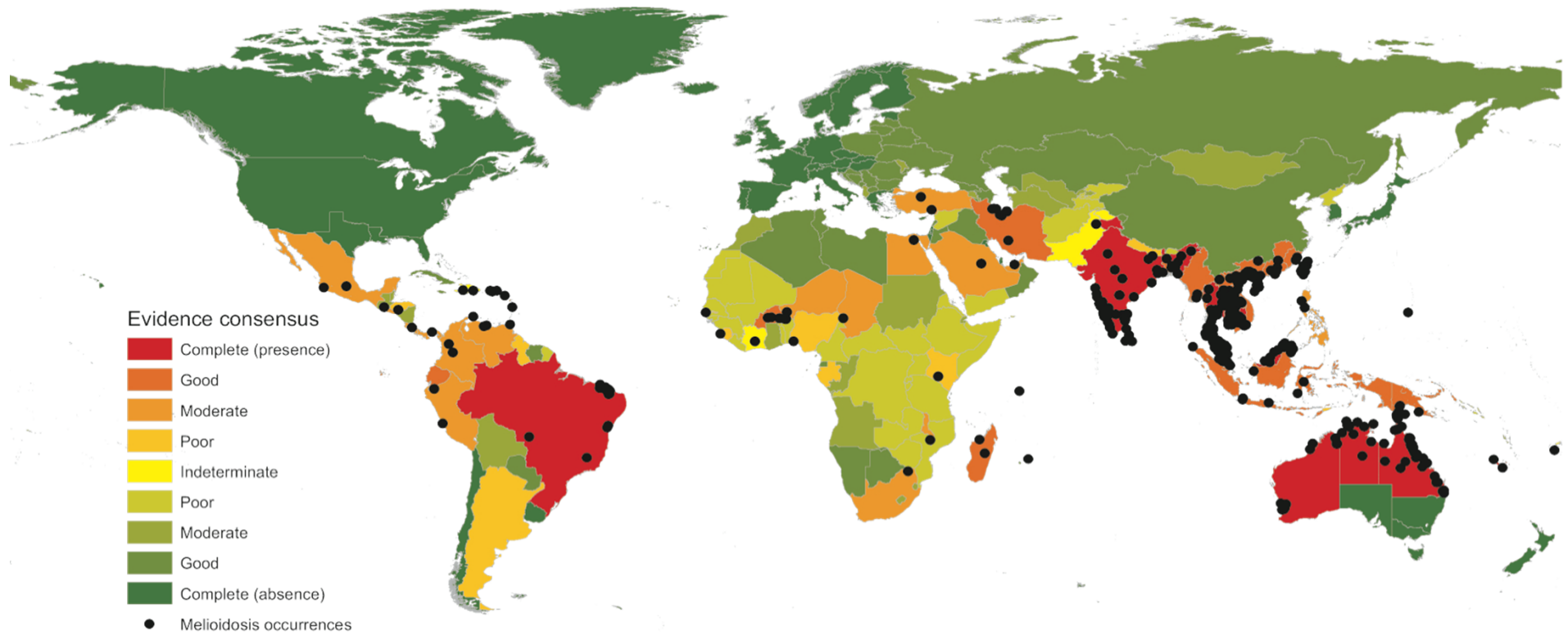


- It is the main question that policy makers such as “World Health Organization (WHO)” and “Ministry of Health” in each country want to know the answer

**HOW MANY DIE OF
MELIOIDOSIS PER YEAR
WORLDWIDE ?**

Predicted global distribution of *B. pseudomallei* and burden of melioidosis (Nature Microbiology, 2016)

Methods and Results [1]: Assembled 22,338 geo-located records of human and animal melioidosis and presence of environmental *B. ps* from reports from 1910 to 2014



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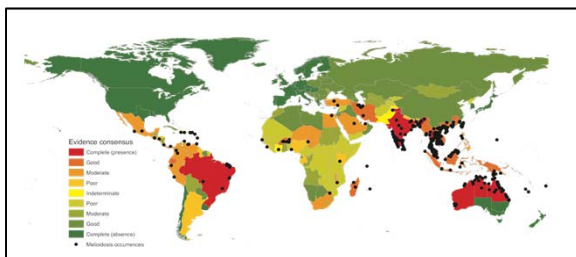
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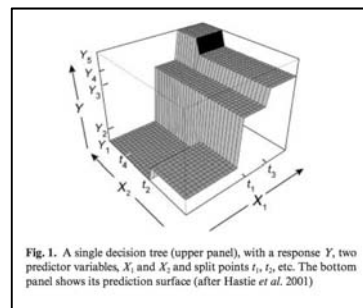
Harmonized world soil database and others

Database (spatial at 5km x 5 km) of soil type, soil pH, soil salinity, %sand, %clay, %silt, %gravel, %organic carbon, %gypsum, etc; and land surface temperature, precipitation and vegetation index

Occurrence records



BRT models



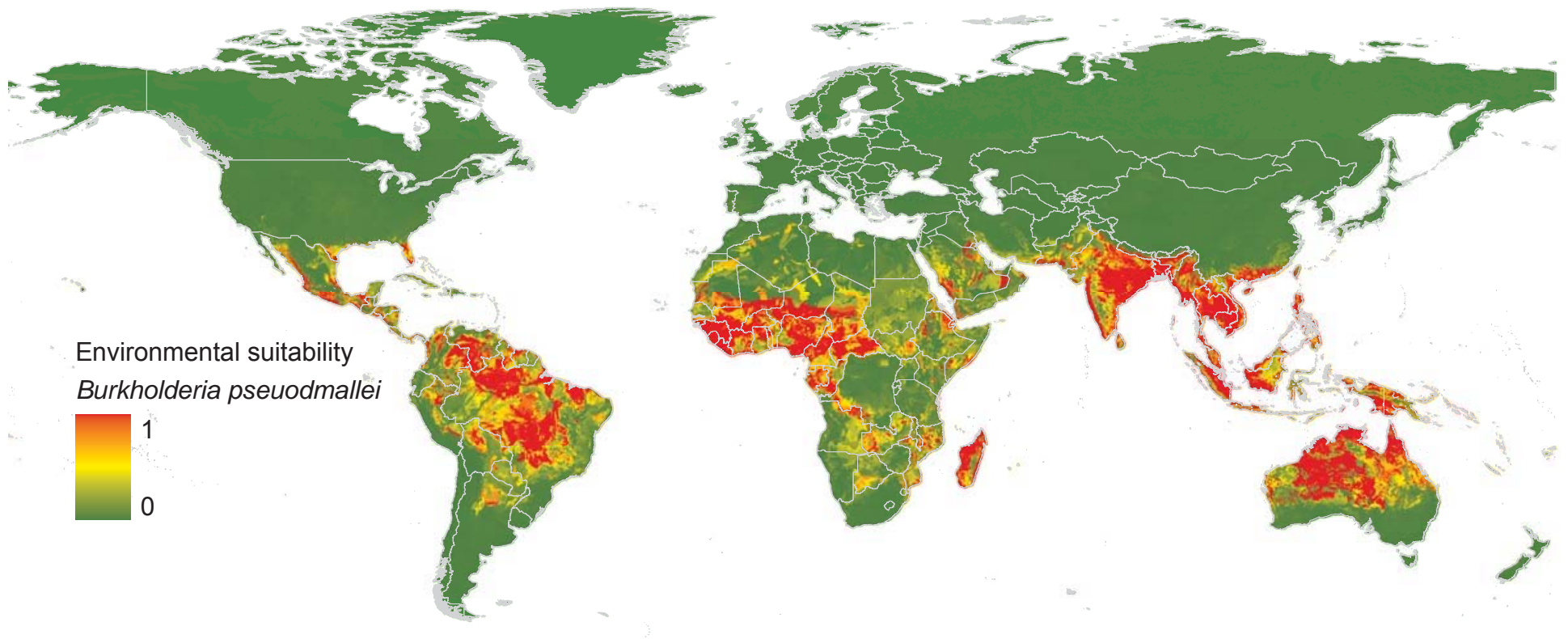
Predicted environmental suitability

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[Reference for BRT model: Elith et al. J Ani Ecol, 2008;77,802-813]

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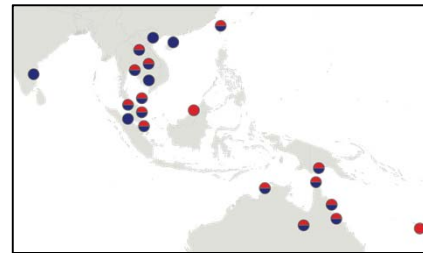
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Methods and Results [4]: Used negative binomial models and logistic regression models to predicted incidences and mortalities caused by melioidosis globally in 2015

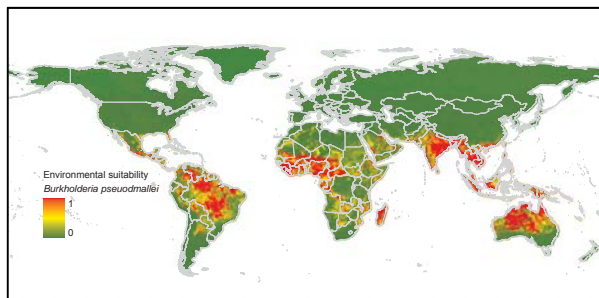
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Prevalence of diabetes, and
Prevalence of indigenous
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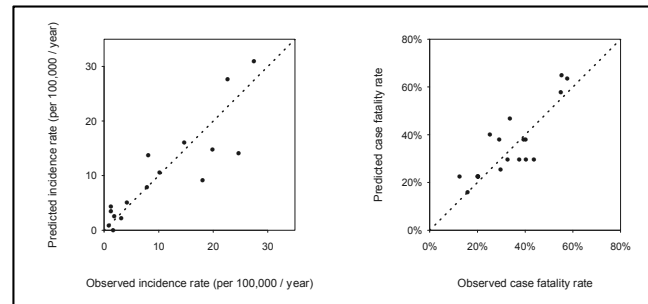
Study reported incidence and mortality rates



Predicted Env. suitability



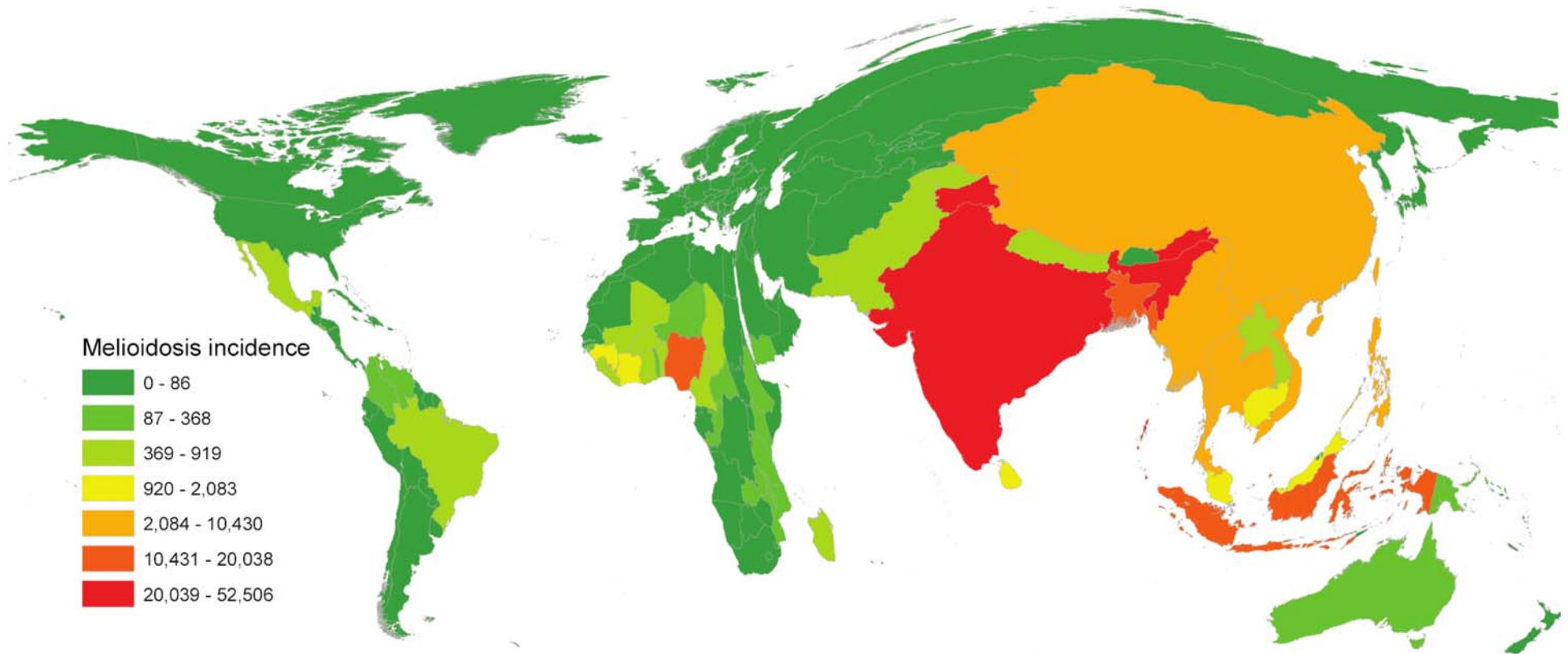
Negative binomial and logistic models



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Methods and Results [5]: We estimate there to be 165,000 (95%CI 68,000-412,000) human melioidosis cases per year worldwide, of which 89,000 (95%CI 36,000-227,000) die.



Cartogram of the incidence as a proportion of national geographical area in 2015; **44% is in South Asia**

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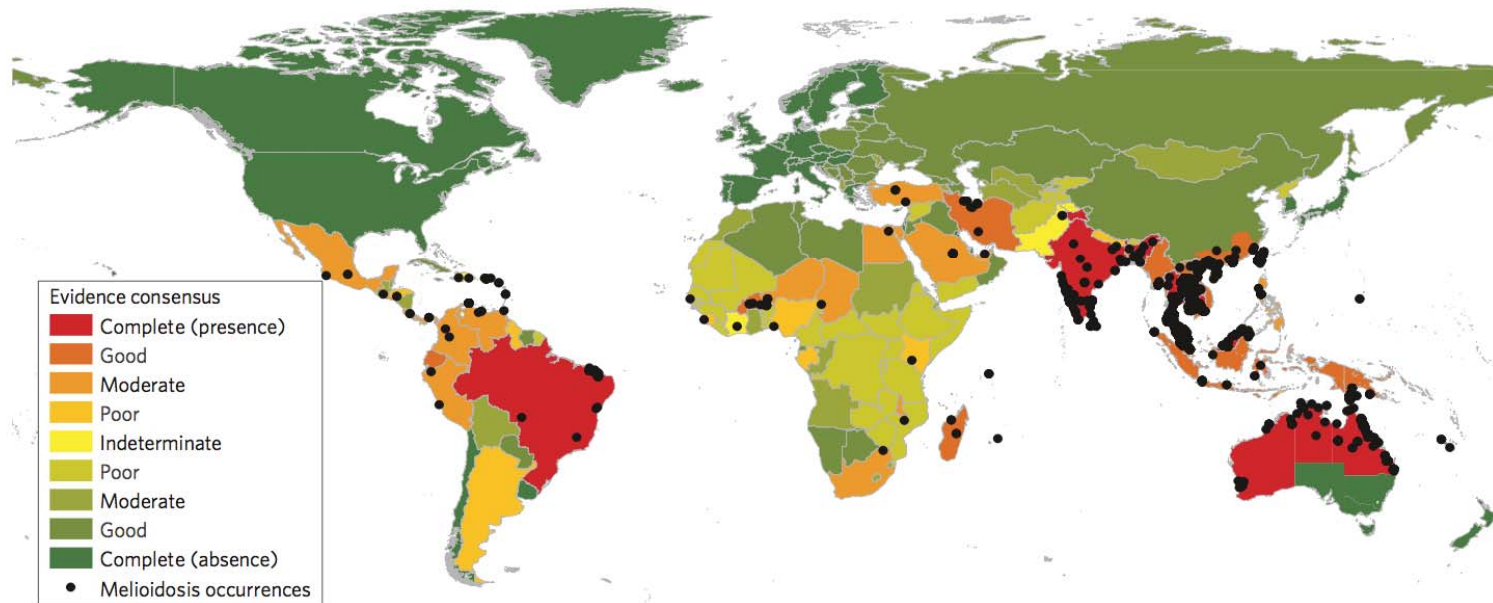
Methods and Results [6]: Our estimates suggest that mortality due to melioidosis is substantial, highlighting the need for public health officials and policymakers in 79 countries to raise the priority of this disease.

| Country name | Predicted incidence | Predicted mortality |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| India * | 52506 (22335 - 124652) | 31425 (13404 - 75601) |
| Indonesia * | 20038 (7859 - 52812) | 10224 (3944 - 27524) |
| Bangladesh * | 16931 (7814 - 37794) | 9454 (4325 - 21621) |
| Nigeria * | 13481 (4839 - 38348) | 8324 (2959 - 23933) |
| Vietnam * | 10430 (4097 - 27480) | 4703 (1827 - 12631) |
| Philippines * | 9116 (4819 - 18999) | 4510 (2369 - 9739) |
| Thailand * | 7572 (3396 - 17685) | 2838 (1259 - 6678) |
| China * | 7174 (3099 - 15752) | 2614 (1148 - 5828) |
| Myanmar * | 6247 (2513 - 15400) | 3687 (1449 - 9299) |

* Endemic but under reported

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**WHY HAVE I NOT HEARD
ABOUT THIS FROM MOPH ?**

Notifiable Disease System in Thailand

In 2013, only 4 deaths of melioidosis was reported to the system



ปี พ.ศ. 2556 (ค.ศ. 2013) สำนัก
ระบาดวิทยา ได้รับรายงานผู้ป่วยโรคmelioidosis
โติสซิส จาก 61 จังหวัดจำนวน 2,836 ราย
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Farmers warned of disease outbreak in Northeast

By The Nation
Published on August 25, 2010

An outbreak of the water-borne disease melioidosis has infected 1,307 people and caused six deaths this year - mainly among farmers in the Northeast.

Public Health Minister Jurin Laksanawisit has warned farmers to avoid wading through water and walking over soil with bare feet because the bacteria burkholderia pseudomallei, which causes melioidosis, is common in soil and water.

**“Melioidosis caused six deaths”,
Ministry of Public Health Thailand**

Thailand-Lao Melioidosis Network



- *Initiated in 2012*
- *Raised the problems why it has been badly neglected*
- *How to solve it ?*





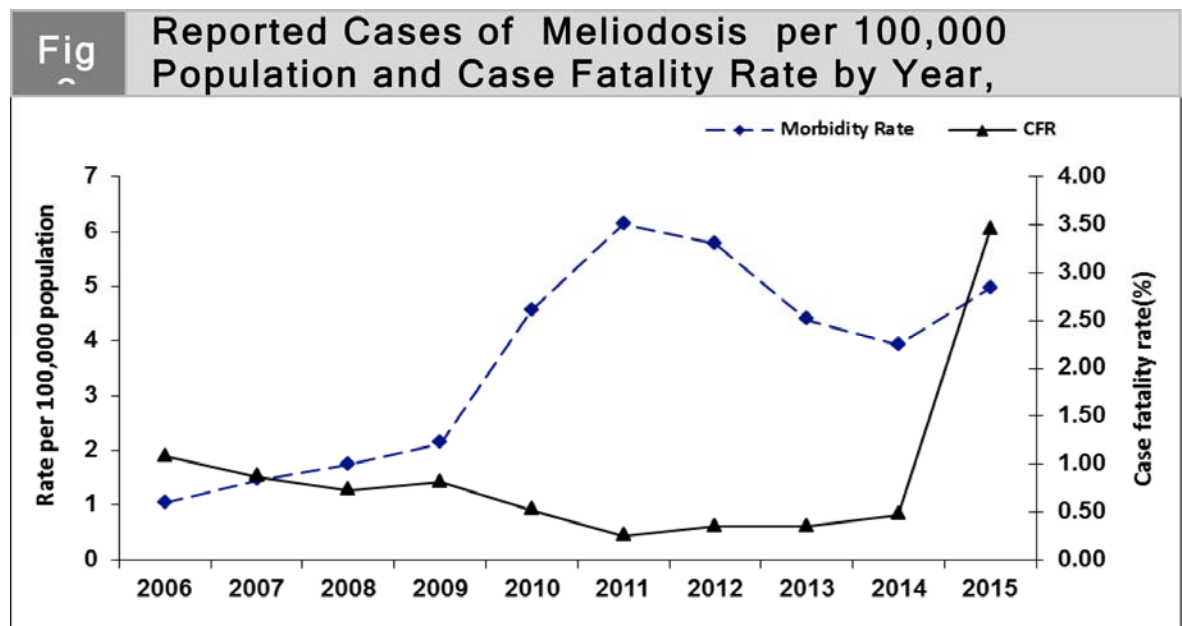
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GET STARTED

ในปี พ.ศ.2558 (ค.ศ.2015) สำนักระบาดวิทยา ได้รับรายงานโรคจากระบบเฝ้าระวัง (รายงาน 506) พบผู้ป่วยโรคเมลิออยโคสิส 3,242 ราย อัตราป่วย 4.96 ต่อประชากรแสนคน (5) ซึ่งพบว่าผู้ป่วยส่วนใหญ่อยู่ในภาคตะวันออกเฉียงเหนือ โดยเฉพาะจังหวัดมุกดาหาร อัตราป่วย 50.71 ต่อประชากรแสนคน รองลงมาคือ อำนาจเจริญ ศรีสะเกษ อุบลราชธานี และร้อยเอ็ด อัตราป่วย 32.19, 29.65, 25.93 และ 22.70 ต่อประชากรแสนคนตามลำดับ (รูปที่ 1) และพบผู้เสียชีวิต 112 ราย อัตราตาย 0.17 ต่อประชากรแสนคน อัตราป่วยตายร้อยละ 3.45 ซึ่งพบว่าอัตราป่วยตายพุ่งสูงขึ้นจากปีที่ผ่านมา (รูปที่ 2) โดยเฉพาะจังหวัดอุบลราชธานีที่พบผู้เสียชีวิตสูงถึง 107 ราย



After 3 years of working together, death data of Ubon Ratchathani (107 deaths) was successfully in the system (in 2015)

Conclusion

- Burden of melioidosis is formidable.
- In regions where melioidosis is predicted to be endemic but under- or never-diagnosed,
 - [1] providing awareness to clinicians,
 - [2] improving microbiological facilities,
 - [3] implementing diagnostic guideline for proper bacterial culture
 - [4] training for the bacterial identification, and
 - [5] reporting system should be urgently strengthenedso that accurate diagnosis treatment and prevention are provided.

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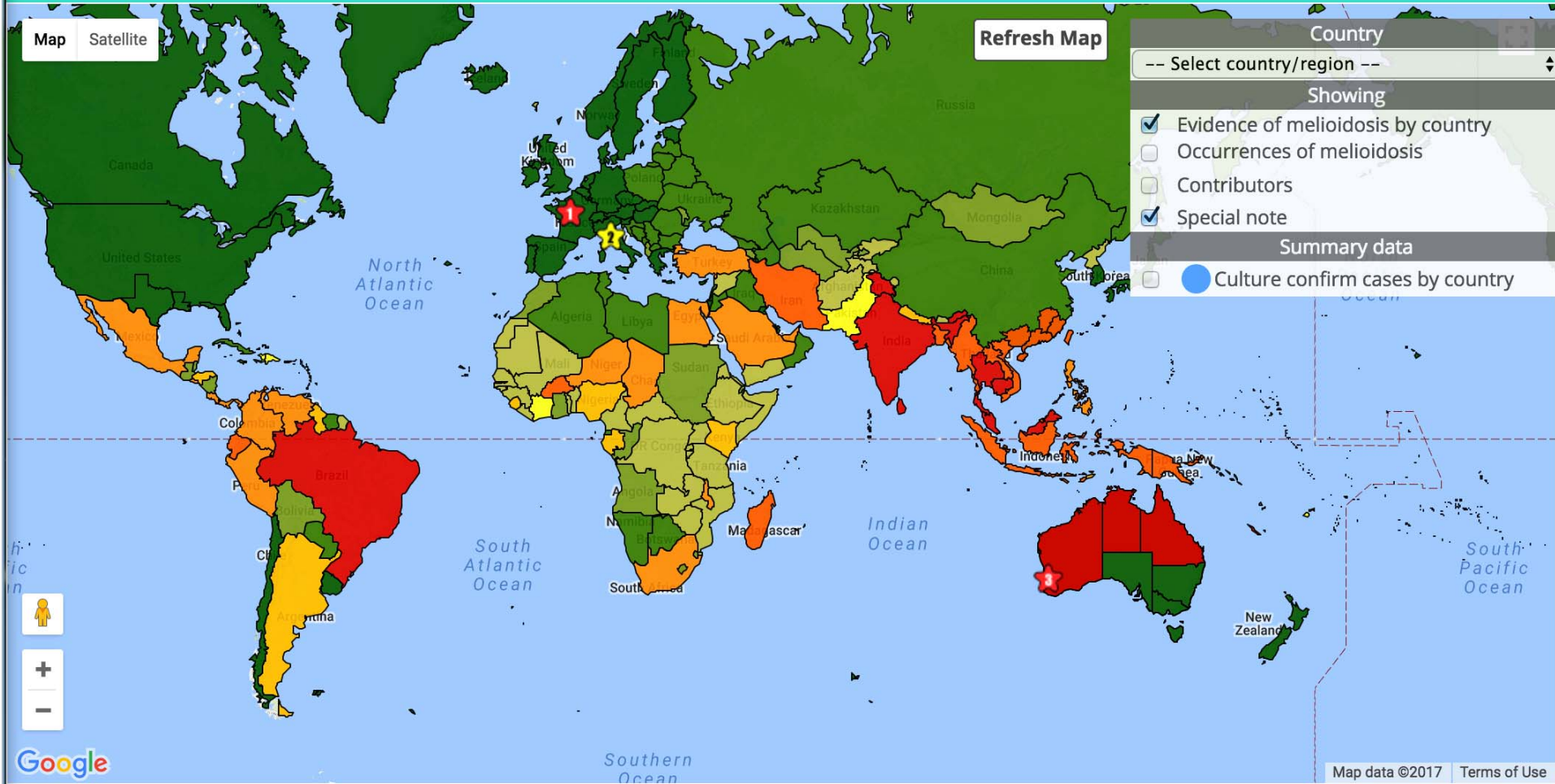


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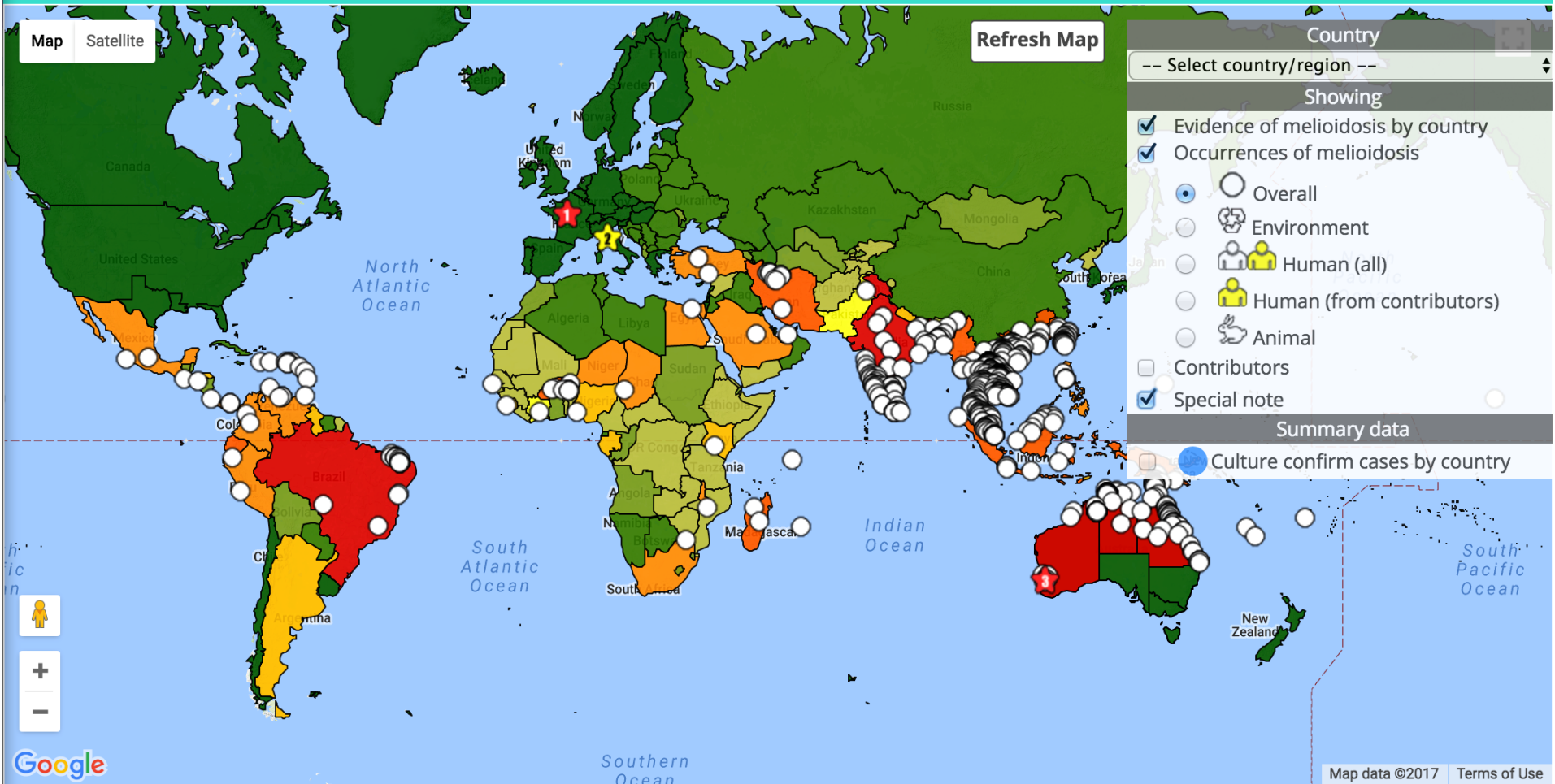


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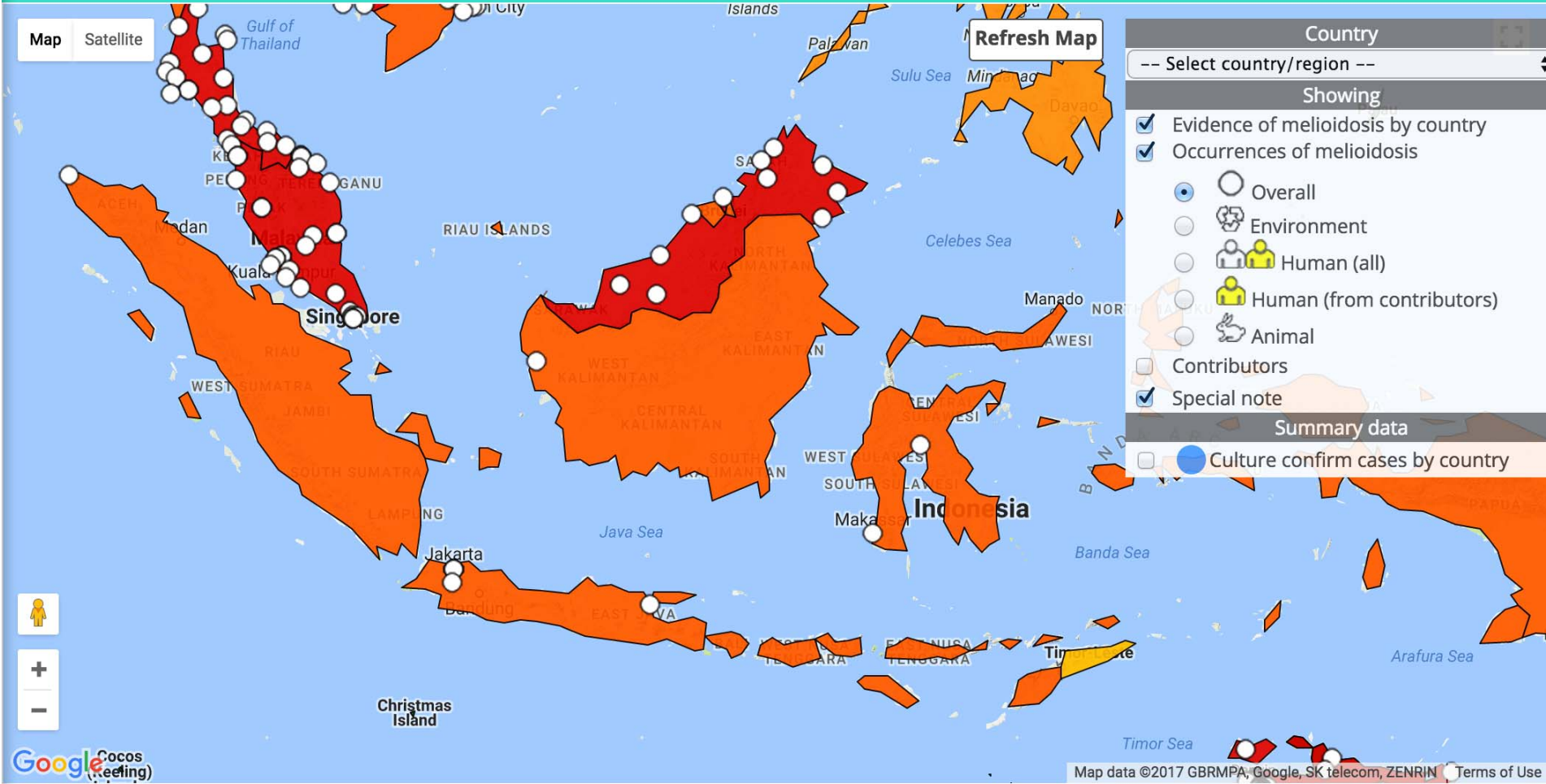


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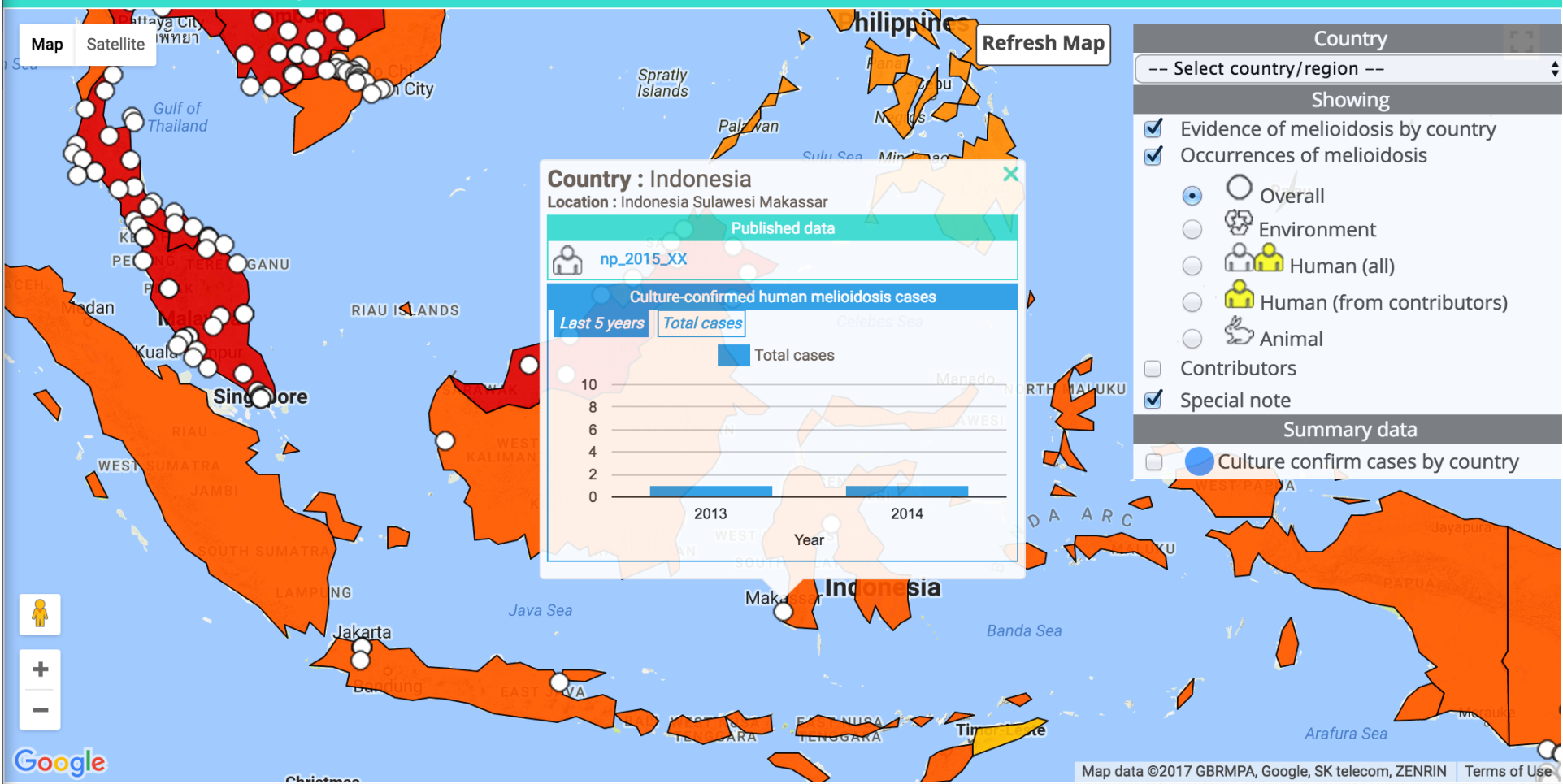


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Emergence of Melioidosis in Indonesia.
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Abstract
Melioidosis is known to be highly endemic in parts of southeast Asia and northern Australia; however, cases are rarely reported in Indonesia. Here we report three cases of melioidosis in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia occurring between 2013 and 2014. Two patients died and the other was lost to follow-up. *Burkholderia pseudomallei* isolates from all three cases were identified by the VITEK2 Compact installed in the hospital in 2012. None of the three patients reported received antimicrobials recommended for melioidosis because of the delayed recognition of the organism. We reviewed the literature and found only seven reports of melioidosis in Indonesia. Five were reported before 1960. We suggest that melioidosis is endemic throughout Indonesia but currently under-recognized. Training on how to identify *B. pseudomallei* accurately and safely in all available microbiological facilities should be provided, and consideration should be given to making melioidosis a notifiable disease in

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What is Melioidosis?

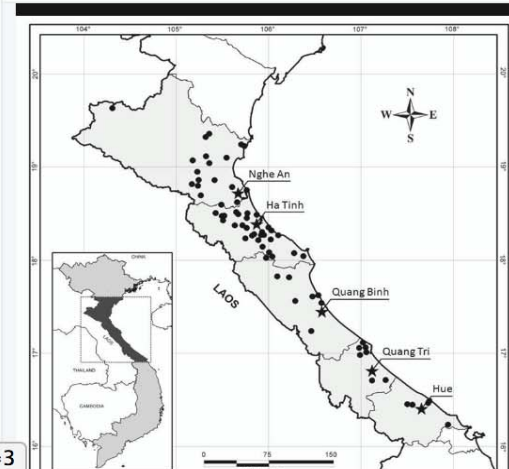
"Melioidosis" is an often fatal infectious disease caused by the environmental bacterium, ***Burkholderia pseudomallei***. Melioidosis is often misdiagnosed because it causes wide range of symptoms which often mimic those of other tropical diseases.



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Posters showing how to [1] look for *B. pseudomallei* colonies on agar plates, [2] identify *B. pseudomallei* and [3] perform drug susceptibility tests. Please click on pictures to get PDFs.



YouTube showing "How to prepare Ashdown agar (selective media for *Burkholderia*

pseudomallei)" STEP by STEP !!!



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Diagnosis requires high suspicion/recognition by treating physicians and confirmation by isolation of *B. pseudomallei* from any clinical specimen such as blood, urine, sputum and pus. However, isolation and identification of *B. pseudomallei* require specific microbiology facilities and experienced microbiologists. The mortality rate of untreated patients could be up to 90%, and many die before the diagnosis is made. Thus, the burden of this disease is largely hidden

Burkholderia pseudomallei is present in soil and water in the endemic areas, and infection is acquired through skin inoculation or contamination of wounds, ingestion and inhalation.

[Melioidosis Fact Sheet from Northern Territory, Australia, 2016](#)

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Colony morphology of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* on different culture media

wellcome trust MORU Tropical Health Network UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Premjit Amornchai, Gumphol Wongsuvan, David Dance, Vanaporn Wuthiekanun and Direk Limmathurotsakul

Typical appearance of *B. pseudomallei* mixed with *E. coli* isolated from non-sterile clinical sample

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sheep blood agar | | | | |
| MacConkey agar (no. 3) | | | | |

B. pseudomallei forms creamy colonies which are non-haemolytic and resemble a coliform. Slight metallic sheen. Becoming dry and wrinkled after 2 days of incubation. *E. coli* has similar morphology and tends to overgrow *B. pseudo*.

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