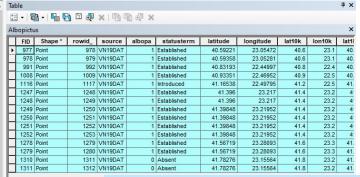
(WHAT) DATA FOR MAPS



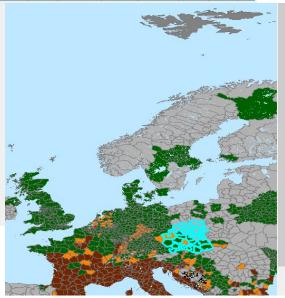
BASICS OF TURNING DATA INTO MAPS





Simple maps are just spreadsheets with pictures attached to each row:

Points and countries



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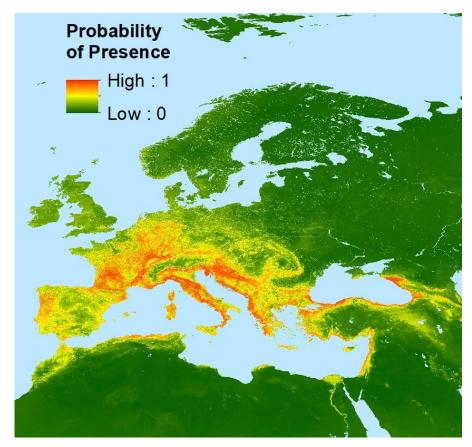
Maps are usually 1 (colour) or at most 2 parameters only (e.g. size and colour)

So vector data needs to be well structured to be mappable

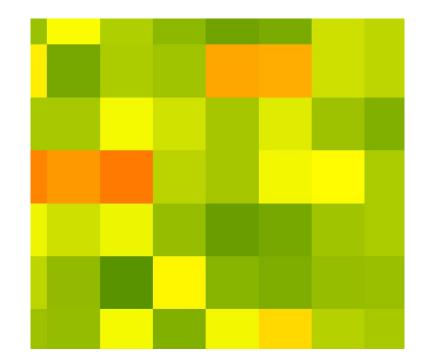
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'Raster' maps are in principal similar except a single value per pixel. And no readily accessible table



Particular colour assigned to particular values



BASICS OF TURNING DATA INTO MAPS

Geo referencing is a requirement

Maps need 'standard' data from everywhere because they are effectively comparing values for different places

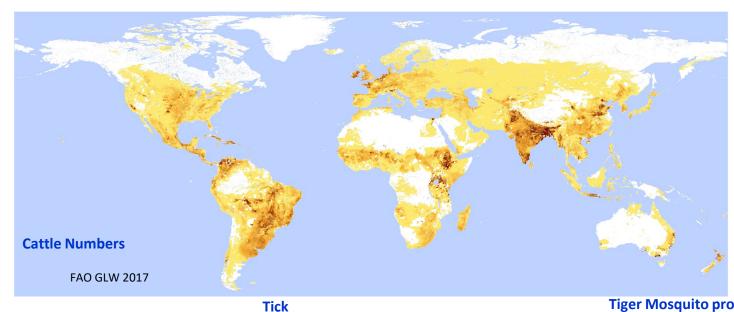
Standardised sample number

Zero is a (necessary) value



WHAT VECTOR MEASURES ARE NEEDED

Presence absence or abundance?



European Midges

C. imicola

C. dewulfi

A portugal

A portugal

A portugal

A portugal

Modelled In Maximum Abundance

0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 20 40 60 80 100

Tiger Mosquito probability



Aedes Invasive Mosquitoes

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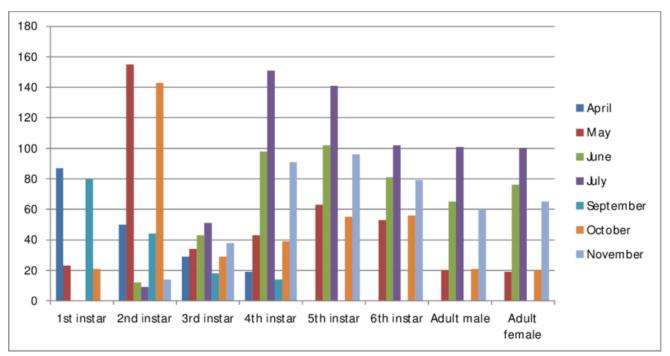
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WHAT VECTOR DATA ARE NEEDED

What targets: eggs, larvae, adults,

What traps used - what is sample unit?

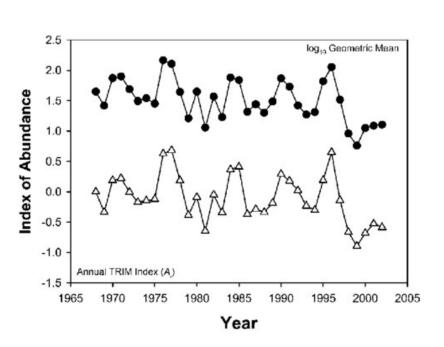
When should the samples be taken?





WHAT VECTOR DATA ARE NEEDED ABUNDANCE

when: annual, monthly, weekly, once



Once – Presence, early warning,

not absence

Weekly or monthly

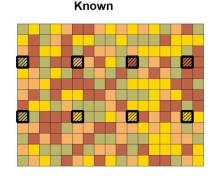
seasonal activity
annual comparisons

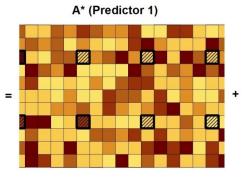
Maximum value or dates starts and end Smoothed a second possibility

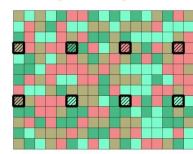


WHERE IS DATA NEEDED FROM









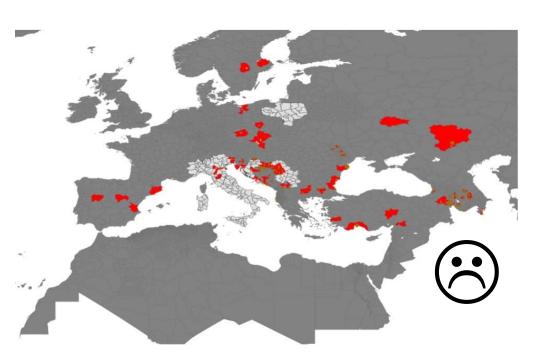
B*(Predictor 2)

- 1) Convert all data maps to images with same pixel size (resolution). Then extract values for each data type at fixed sample points (hatched squares). NB one of these must be the 'known' values.
- 3) Providing the equation is statistically significant (i.e. reliable), apply the right hand side of the equation to all the pixels in the images, not just the ones sampled.
- 2) Calculate a 'regression equation' of the form: Known=Constant + A*(Predictor1) + B*(Predictor2) ... NB There can be several predictor variables in the equations.
- 4) Repeat the process for each of a series of analysis zones (e.g. ecozones)

Most models rely on some sort of exptrapolation: This means that its important to decide not only what data but which locations are sampled

WHAT DATA ARE NEEDED CLUSTERING, SCALE

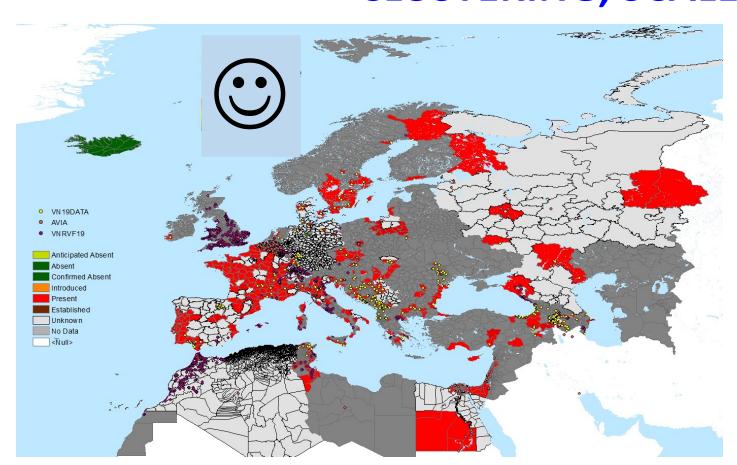




Points sparse, many gaps



WHAT DATA ARE NEEDED CLUSTERING, SCALE



Pipiens

BUT

VERY clustered in some places

If these are (reliable) abundance data then good

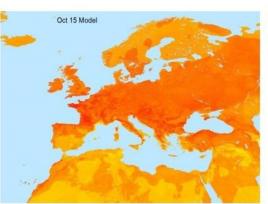
What about absence



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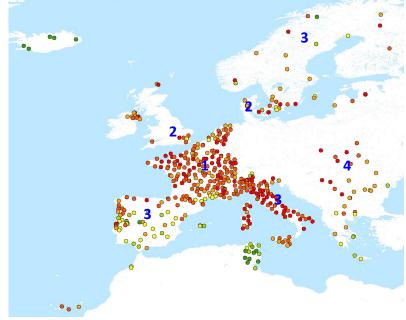
EXTRAPOLATION?

Evolution of changing midge models

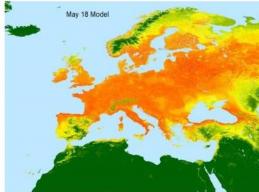




obsoletus





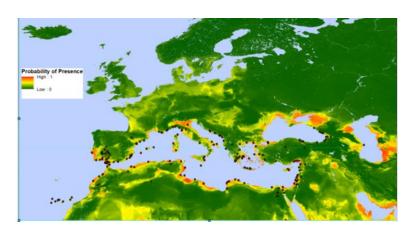


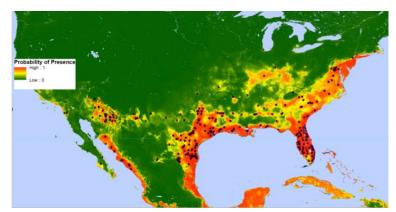
VectorNet

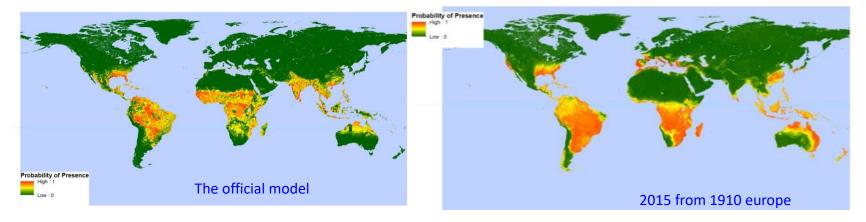


HAVING SAID THAT!

Europe from US DATA, with 1910 EU on top









RECORD STRUCTURE

This means that for modelling, the data you collect needs to have a minimum number of components:

Record number

Coordinates, preferably decimal latitude and longitude. If other reference systems (e.g. UTM) then clear statements to say so

(Location name, admin unit, country)

Date of collection (DD/MM/YYY)

Trap type, number of traps

Species

Number caught, of each stage (including zero).

Contact/reference



ARCHIVE RECORDS

If they are to be compatible with VectorNet, many of these data values should have specific codes – trap types/collection method, and a large number of other metadata are required:

FOR current PA ECDC Vector Maps

Mandatory: Species

Mode Status

Collection method

Start date End date Expert

Coordinates or Admin Units

Identification method

Life Stage

Optional: Publication

Life Stage

Sex

Abundance Sample effort

Study name (not on web form)

Study identification (not on web form)

Coordinate precision

StudyContext

TaxanomicRange

TrapIdentifier and type (depending on

the collection method)

Format should be something that can be converted to Excel: dbf, csv, tab delimited, or of course xls.

CASE STUDIES

How do these data look -

Cleaning/interpreting a dataset.

Preparing the clean dataset for modelling

Data used VectorNet:

Data sources

survey published literature unpublished records



A REAL DATASET

Country	admin	lat	long	prec	status	meth	start	end	numb	stage	sex	ident	trno	comme	ents	
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2 Austria	Graz		15*27.865			Other	10/7/190	05 10/7/1905	6	17 Adults	female	PCR		light trap a	nd Gravid trap;	2 trap-night
Germany	Bitburg-Prum	6.164760	49.987799	Exact loca	ti Present	Larval sam	2/8/201	18 2/8/2018	3	8 Larvae	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	morpholog	2	1		
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Germany	Bernkastel-W	7.132197	49.818163	Exact loca	ti Present	Larval sam	13/8/201	18 13/8/2018	1	31 Larvae		morpholog		1		
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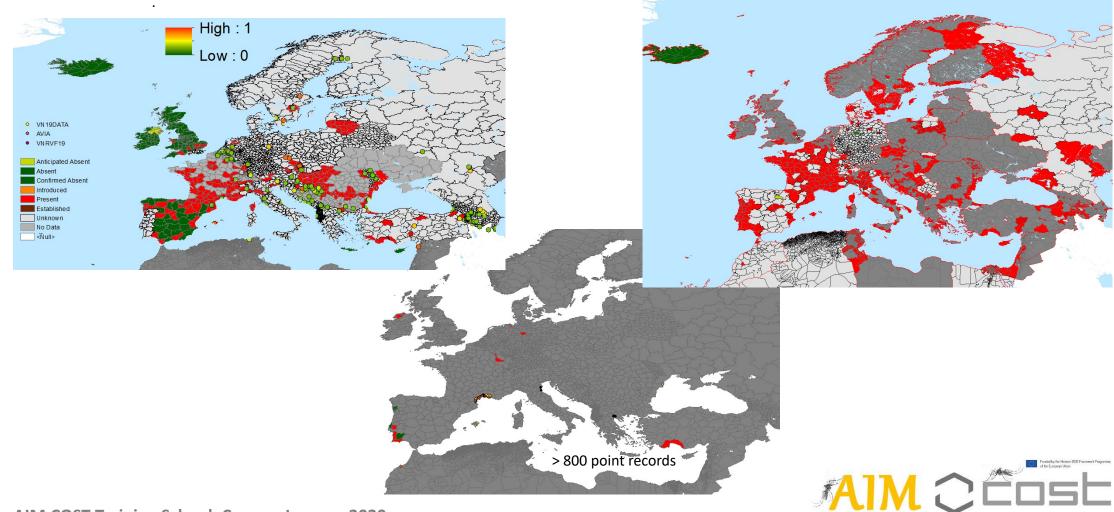
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REAL DATASETS

Real datasets: what can you see that might cause a problem



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TOPIC 2: DOING THE MODELLING

Intro to spatial modelling

What else is needed to produce models

Doing the modelling

How (not) to make maps useful



WHAT ARE THE ISSUES

Producing risk maps is often to a deadline for planning requirements set by people who just want answers and for whom risk is a black box component, NOT a research project

Issues are: Data acquisition, networks and sharing

Objectives: what is good enough

Data not just disease/vector risk

Using appropriate methods

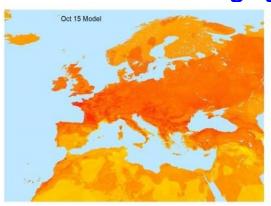
Getting the results out: Customisation and translation

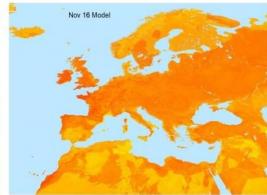
WHAT IS GOOD ENOUGH: IS SOMETHING BETTER THAN NOTHING?

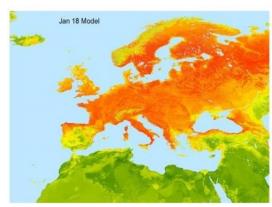
Evolution of changing midge models

Do we provide a model for Oct 15, or refuse

Did we know how wrong it would be?









Species:

7 Culicoides spp.

chiopterus dewulfi kingi lupicaris imicola newsteadii

obsoletus

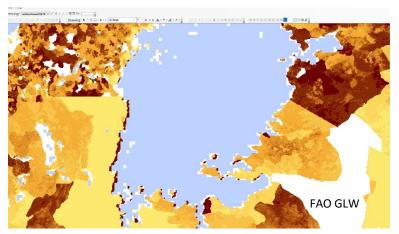
pulicaris punctatus scoticus

VectorNet AIR



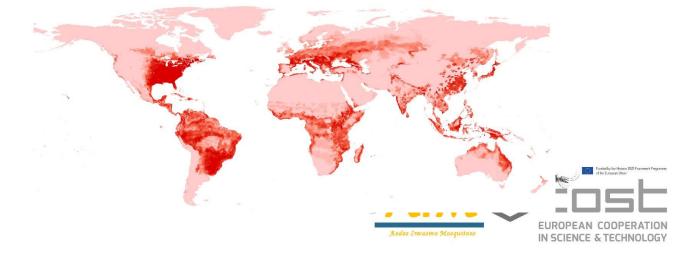
IS SOMETHING BETTER THAN NOTHING?

Global maps will have howlers: cattle



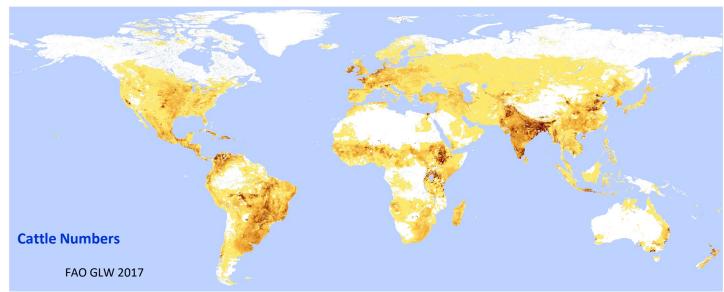
NB Cryptic tags can be useful to prove ownership!

Projection logic arguable, models misleading: Tiger Mosquito, Yellow Fever mosquito



IS SOMETHING BETTER THAN NOTHING?

Presence absence or abundance?



European Midges

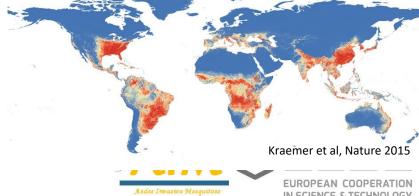
C. imicola

Tick

Wint et al, ECDC Technical Opinion, Dec 2018

AIM COST Training School, Cyprus, January 2020

Tiger Mosquito probability





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RISK OF PATHOGEN/VECTOR NOT JUST ABOUT PATHOGEN/VECTOR

Need information about:

Disease, Host, Vector





e.g. Dengue, ECF

Where there are the vectors AND

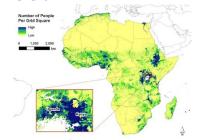
Where the vectors are infected AND

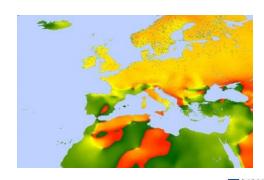
Where there are there are hosts (bovids, people)

(Suitability later)

Covariates

Environmental, demographic, economic,.....
Customised

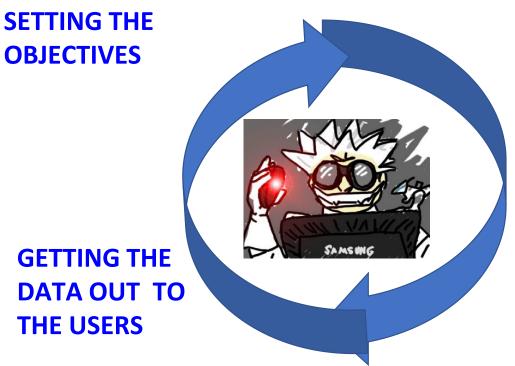






NOT JUST ABOUT MODELLING EITHER

GETTING THE DATA



MAKING THEM WORK TOGETHER

DOING THE MODELLING

USING THE MODELS

MODELING OFTEN THE EASY BIT



THE STEPS NEEDED: FINDING THE DATA

DATA TYPES: THE TARGETS = DISEASE, HOST, VECTOR

Most difficult stage:

Often restricted data (wildlife, disease)

Inevitably patchy, or inconsistent

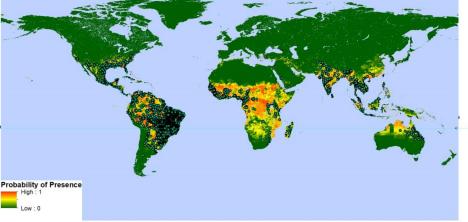
Often poor quality (zeros!)

Large Scale models rely on LITERATURE and NETWORKS

and data SHARING

VectorNet

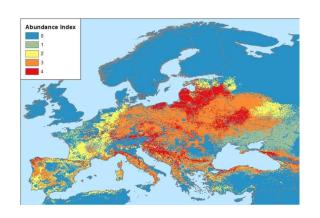






THE STEPS NEEDED: FINDING THE DATA SHARING THE DATA

What is needed to facilitate data collection What data owners can do



Networks
Data sharing
Anonymised
Summary aggregations
Transboundary

What data analysts can do

Share results & processed versions
Not one way flow! Culture change needed
Offer to adapt analysis for owners
Open data archives to owners
Explain outputs properly

NEED PROTECTION OF OWNERSHIP





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THE STEPS NEEDED: SHARING THE DATA WHY SHARE YOUR DATA FOR MODELLING

PROS OF SHARING

Personal:

It fulfills my contractual obligations

I get access to other data/outputs in return

Public Health/Societal:

My data can be used to do things I cant to create PH/academic outputs. It allows my data to be used at larger scales and have wider relevance

CONS OF SHARING

Personal:

Someone else gets the benefit of my work before I do

I don't get enough acknowledgement

I don't get additional funding because I have shared my data

I don't control the quality of what is done

Someone else is always hassling me to hurry up

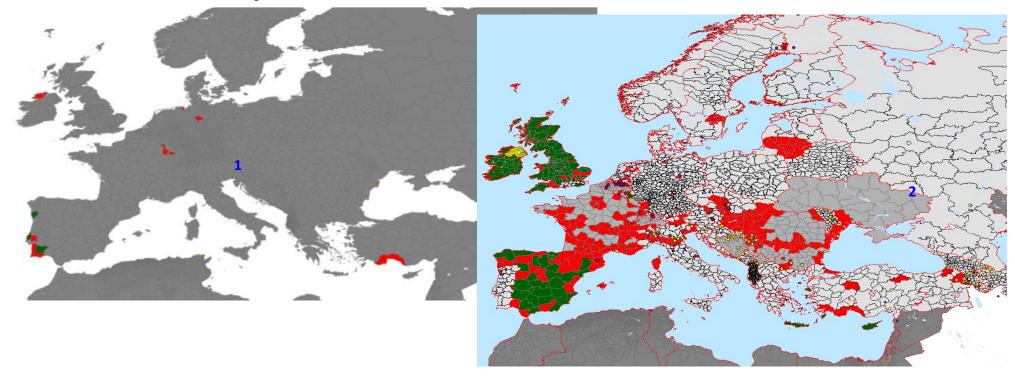
Public Health/Societal:



ENHANCING THE DATA

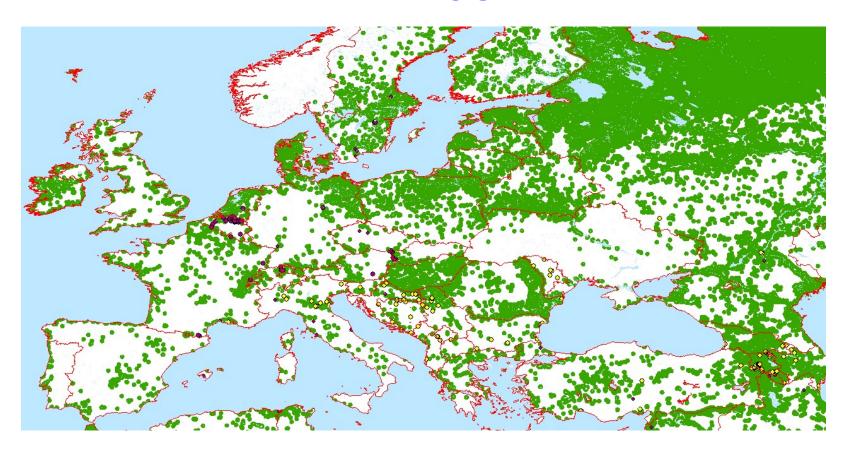
Sometimes it's a hopeless case, others we can 'cheat'

Can we define absences?





SUITABILITY



Suitability defined by land cover, environmental limits and dispersal capability

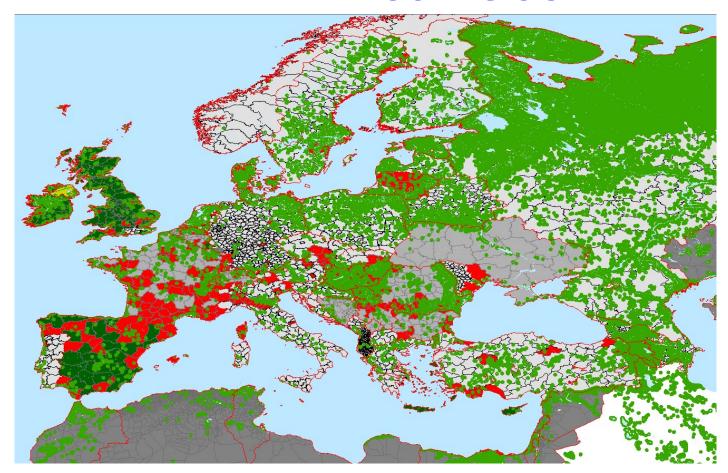
Unsuitable land identifiable

Absences can be assigned to unsuitable areas

Note (pleasing) correspondence between suitability and observations



USING SUITABILITY



Absences can be assigned to unsuitable areas in unknown polygons,

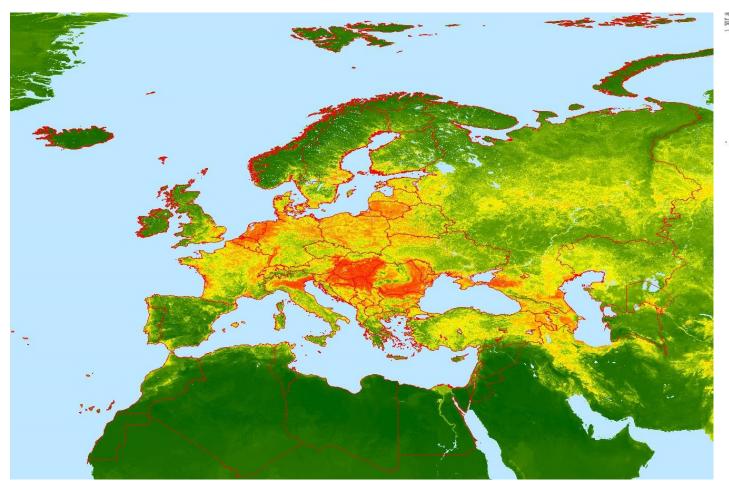
in all absence polygons,

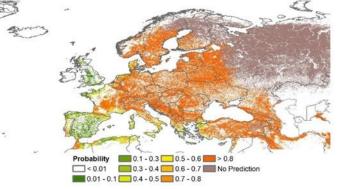
and in unsuitable parts of presence polygons

SHOULD THEN BE BALANCED WITH PRESENCES NB number or density??



USING SUITABILITY





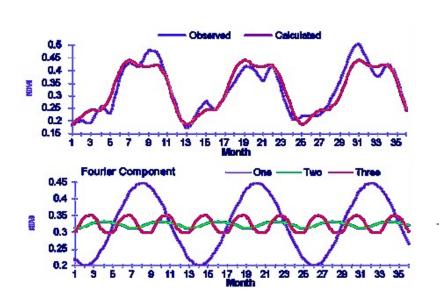
Big difference



THE STEPS NEEDED: FINDING THE DATA COVARIATES: DATA REDUCTION

Turn large datasets to meaningful (manageable) parameters

Temporal Fourier Processing Imagery (2000-2016)



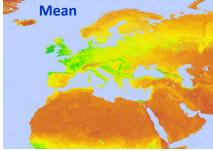
Decomposes irregular time series into regular components annual, bi annual, tri annual

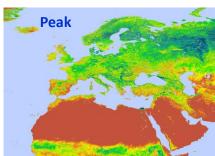
Amplitude = Importance of each component Here: annual>biannual>triannual

Mean = levels

Phase = timing of seasonal peaks











FINDING THE DATA COVARIATES: NEW VARIABLES

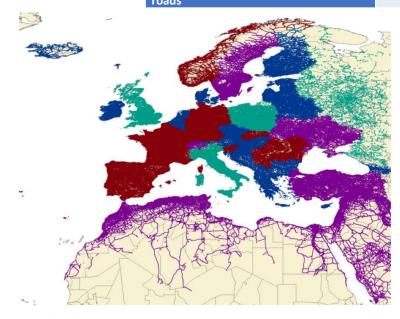
Accessibility:

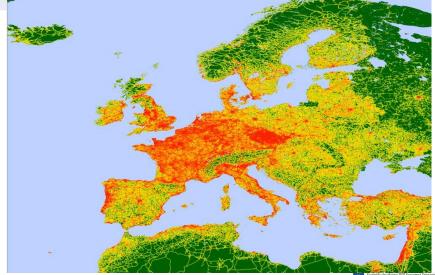
Measured as road density.

Could also be distance to...

Global first surprisingly

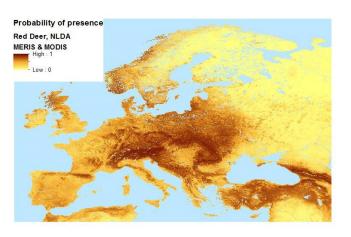
Road Category	Filename	Approx No. Features, shape file				
		size				
All classified (motorway, trunk, primary,	Eumenardsclassifiedwlinks	5.75M;1.7GB				
secondary, tertiary) with link roads						
Major (Primary, trunk, Motorway) and	Eumenahighmajorwlinknov17	1.95m; 450MB				
link roads						
Secondary and link roads	Eumenardssecondarywlinknov17	1.53m: 450MB				
Tertiary and link roads	Eumenardstertiarywlinknov17	2.3m: 820MB				
Unclassified	Eumenardsunlcassifiednov17	2.5m; 1.4GB				
Residential and 'living_streets' with link	Eumenardsresidlivingwlinknov17	13m; 2.6GB				
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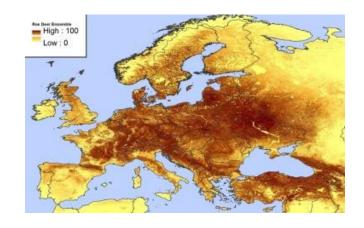
THE STEPS NEEDED: FINDING THE DATA

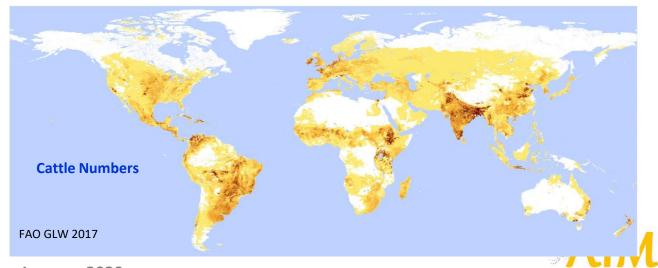


May also need to model drivers like hosts:

Deer for ticks

Cattle as denominator







THE STEPS NEEDED: FINDING THE DATA **COVARIATE ARCHIVES**

DATA

Several Global

Firsts

Don't re-invent the Wheel, you could get it wrong Go to archives.... Standardised data



Google Earth Engine

SPATIAL DATA ARCHIVE http://www.palebludata.com





DOING THE MODELLING

Modelling methods:

Process Based:

Rare (difficult) at global level

Stochastic:

Many methodologies

Spatial, Spatio Temporal

Networks, Machine Learning
If to be global (regional) standard,



People have more faith in the well established techniques

BOOSTED REGRESSION TREES RANDOM FOREST MAXENT, BAYESIAN, and many others





DOING THE MODELLING

Input data is primary determinant of model quality:

GARBAGE IN GARBAGE OUT

Accuracy of data

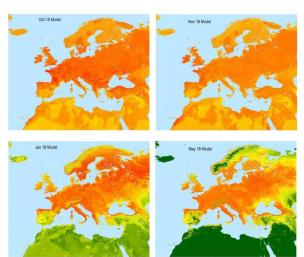
Non standardised sampling

Mismatching data types

Clustering

Degree of extrapolation

Models mostly pattern matching not identification of drivers



Exaggerated expectations:

85% accurate is good => 15% wrong

models often not accurate at the pixel level

MORE IMPORTANT TO GET DATA RIGHT: MANY METHODS WILL WORK

ALSO IMPORTANT TO MODEL USEFUL VARIABLES AND PRODUCE USEFUL OUTPUTS



DOING THE MODELLING

As have said earlier, most spatial modelling methods based on using sample to extrapolate.

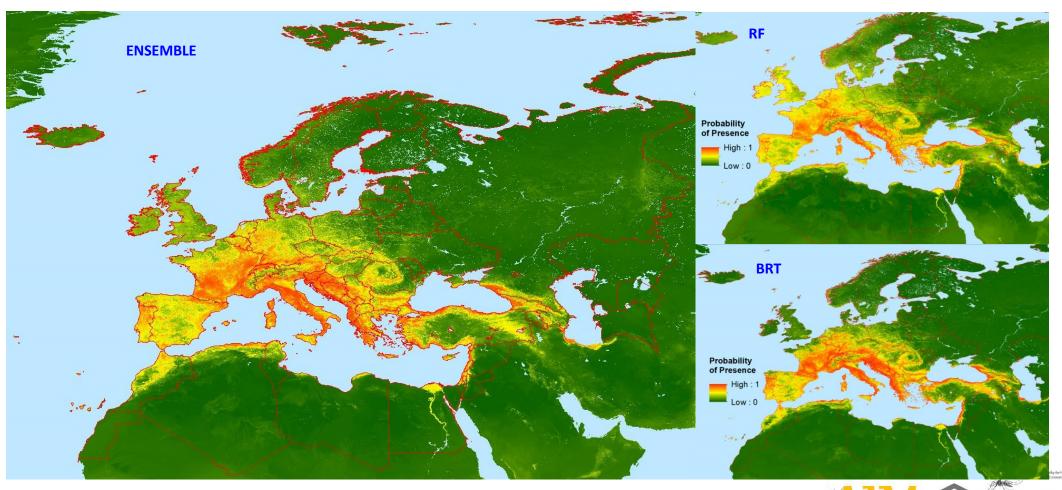
Different methods have different quirks. BRT tends to overfit, RF tends to smooth, but does categories well. BAYESIAN is very computer intensive, MAXENT purports not to need Absences. GLMM Logistic bias for presence, NLDA for absence. HURDLE combines PA and abundance modelling etc etc.

So get different resulst with same input data (like GCM projections!)

=> => strong case for ensembling methods, as well as doing replicate models.



DOING THE MODELLING: ENSEMBLING



DOING THE MODELLING: OUTPUTS

Decisions for Model output types

Depends on User, easy to get driven by "have tools will model" Other things to consider:

Resolution (depends on extent)

country

admin

pixel

Update frequency

Snapshot

Projection

Levels of Uncertainty:

Ensembles, Replicates

Covariate errors

Modelling errors

Diminishing returns??

