

# Human schistosomiasis in the Senegal river basin: does wildlife matter?

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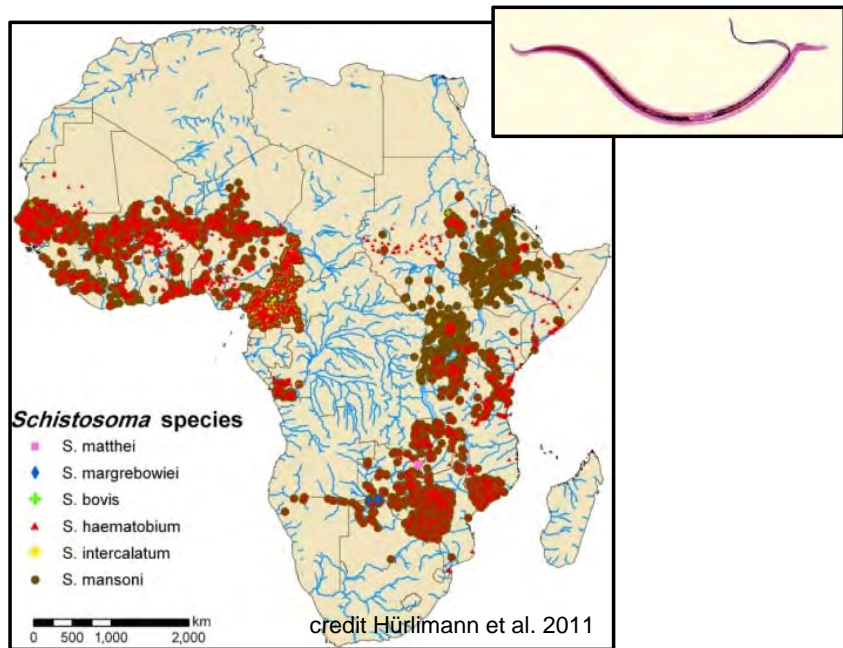


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# Overview

## Multi-host spectrum of *Schistosoma* species/hybrids in West Africa

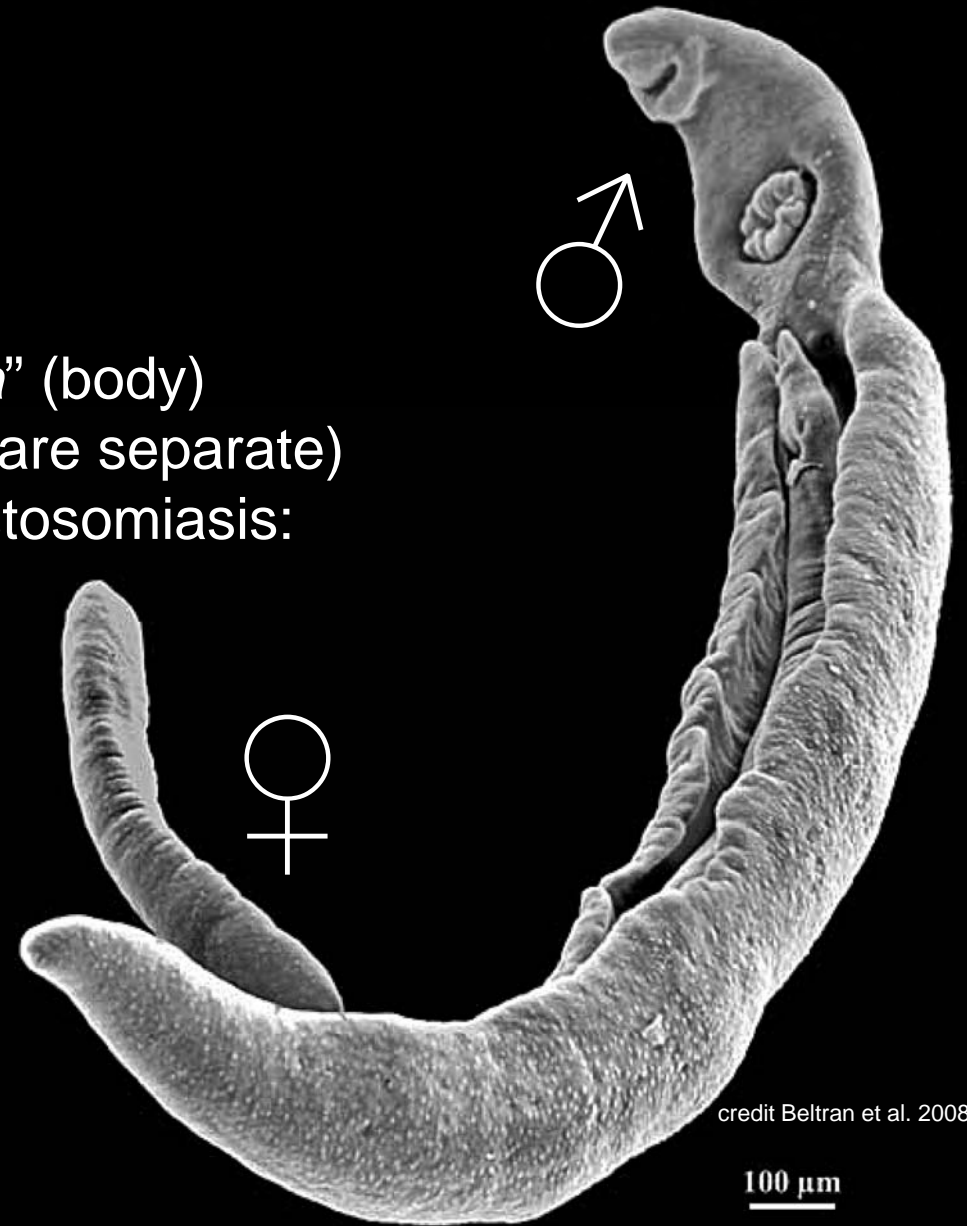


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# *Schistosoma*

- or blood flukes -

- Greek origin “*schistos*” (split) and “*soma*” (body)
- Schistosomatidae are dioecious (sexes are separate)
- In Africa two main forms of human schistosomiasis:
  - Intestinal (*S. mansoni*)
  - Urogenital (*S. haematobium*)



credit Beltran et al. 2008

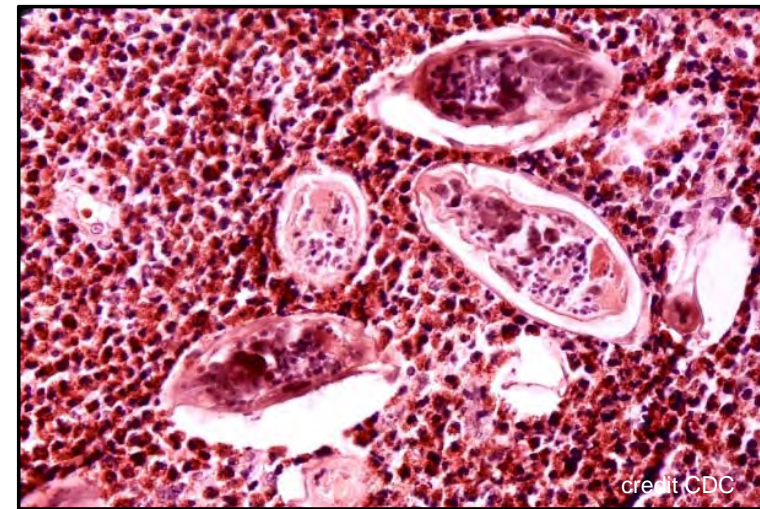
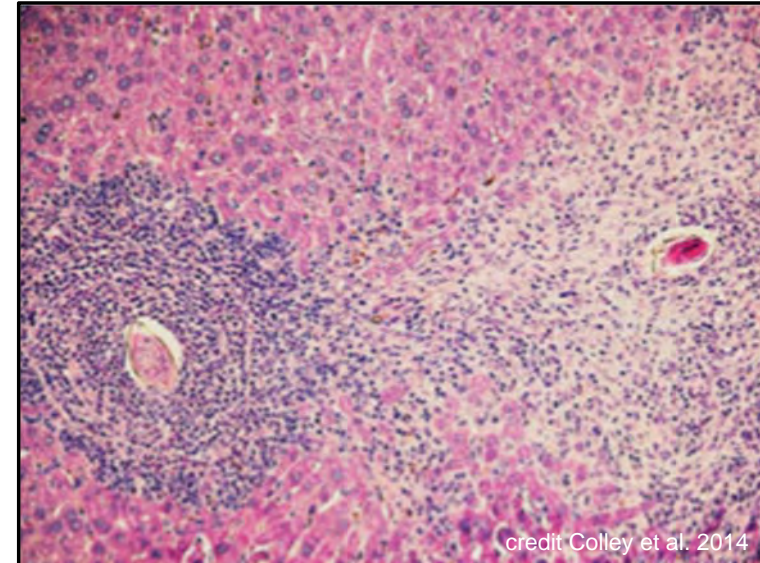
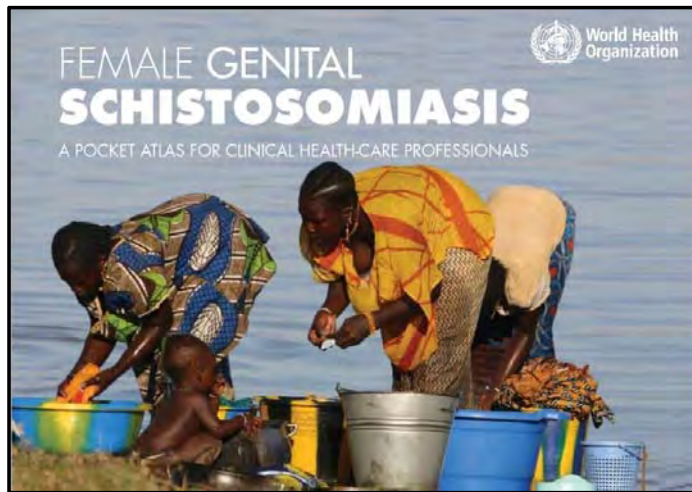
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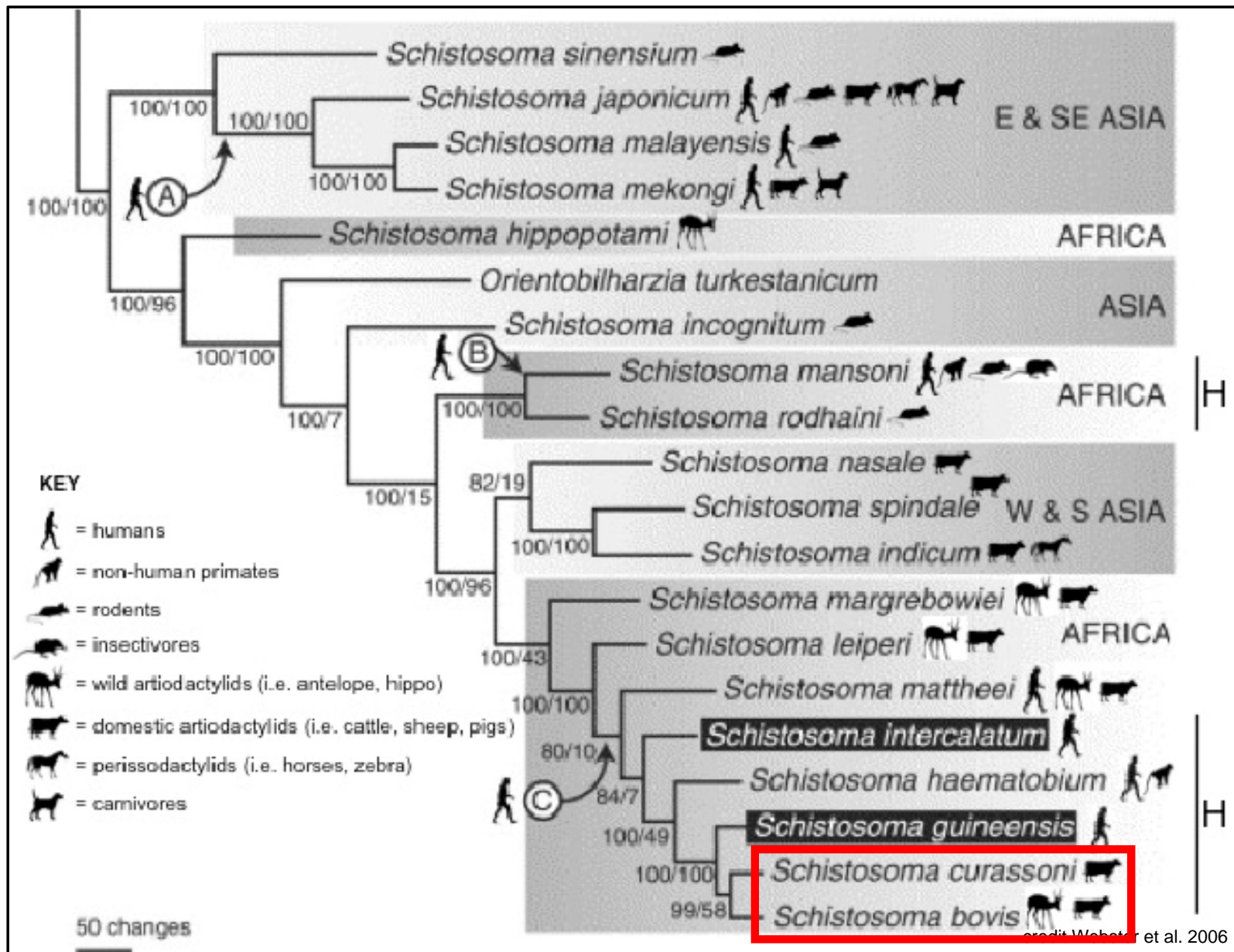


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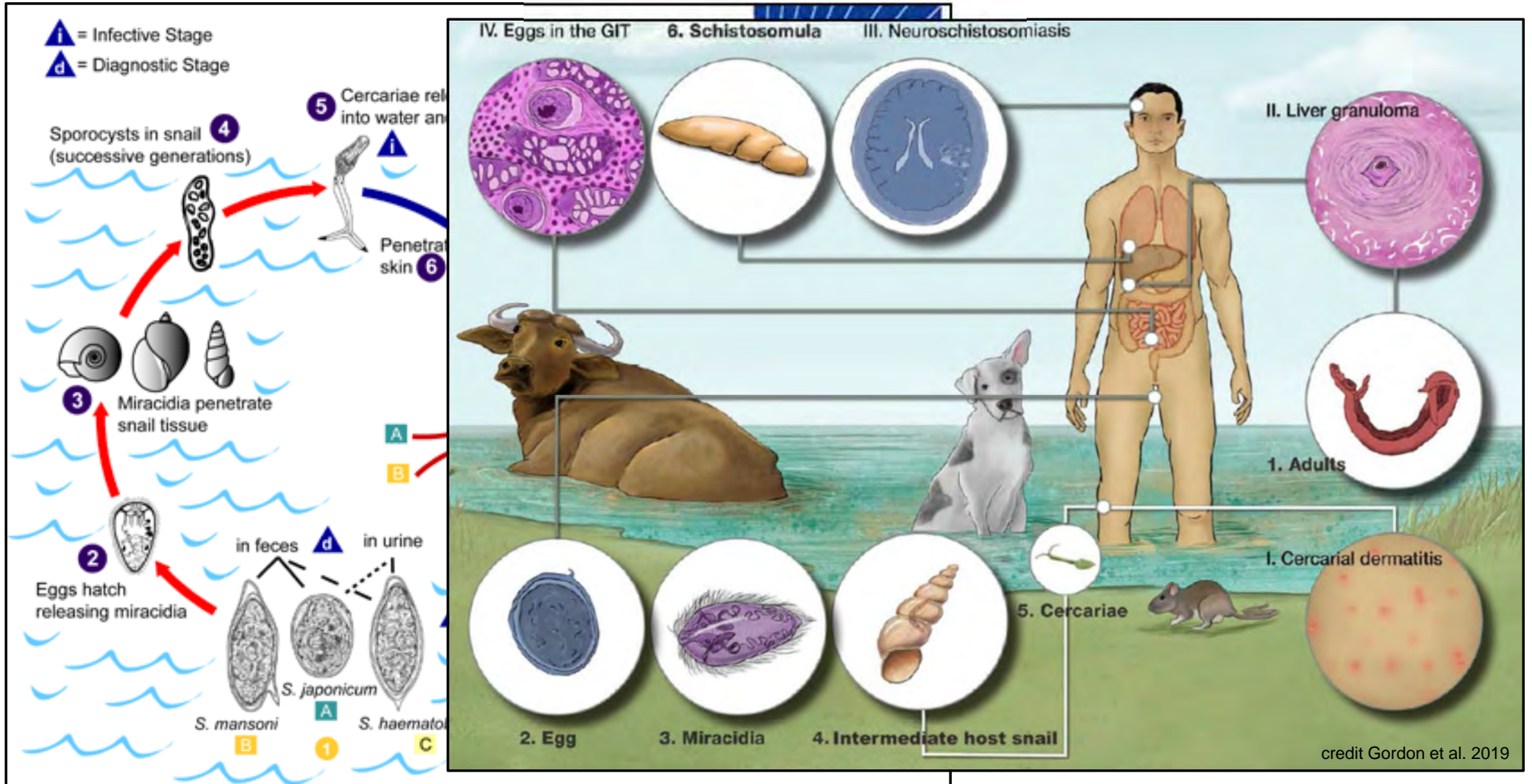
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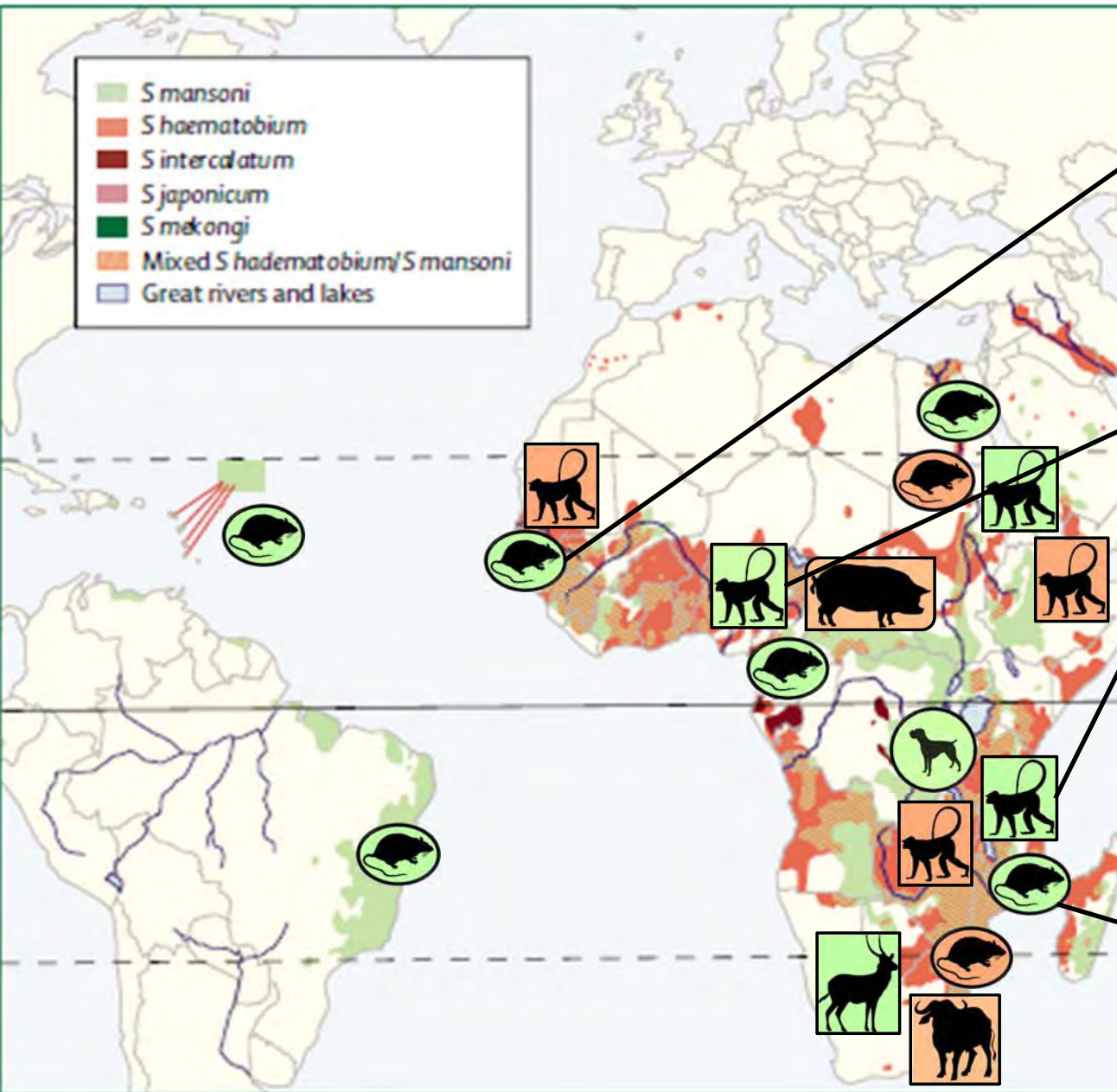
# Pathology





# Life cycle





**Rodents as natural hosts of zoonotic *Schistosoma* species and hybrids: an epidemiological and evolutionary perspective from West Africa** FREE

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*Schistosoma mansoni* in Gabon: Emerging or Ignored?

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Confirmed Infection with Intestinal Schistosomiasis in Semi-Captive Wild-Born Chimpanzees on Ngamba Island, Uganda

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Schistosomes of small mammals from the Lake Victoria Basin, Kenya: new species, familiar species, and implications for schistosomiasis control

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# Schistosoma species hybridization

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## Introgressed Animal Schistosomes *Schistosoma curassoni* and *S. bovis* Naturally Infecting Humans

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**To the Editor:** Schistosomiasis, a disease caused by infection with parasitic worms (schistosomes), is a neglected tropical disease across many parts of the world. Numbers of infected livestock are unknown, but >250 million persons are infected; the greatest number of cases are in sub-Saharan Africa (1). Schistosome eggs are excreted through urine or feces, depending on the species, and hatch into miracidia upon contact with freshwater. Larvae are transmitted to the mammalian host indirectly through a molluscan intermediate host. Goals to eliminate schistosomiasis by 2020 in select countries in Africa have

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## Outbreak of urogenital schistosomiasis in Corsica (France): an epidemiological case study



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### Summary

**Background** Schistosomiasis is a snail-borne parasitic disease endemic in several tropical and subtropical countries. However, in the summer of 2013, an unexpected outbreak of urogenital schistosomiasis occurred in Corsica, with more than 120 local people or tourists infected. We used a multidisciplinary approach to investigate the epidemiology of urogenital schistosomiasis in Corsica, aiming to elucidate the origin of the outbreak.

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# Anthropogenic changes driving *Schistosoma* spp. hybridization?





# Study objectives



**Multi-host spectrum of schistosomes and role of humans, livestock, wild rodents, and snails in the evolution of hybrids in West Africa**

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**Hypothesis of rodents as reservoirs of zoonotic *Schistosoma* species and hybrids in endemic regions of Senegal**

# Methods

*Mastomys huberti*



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*Arvicanthis niloticus*

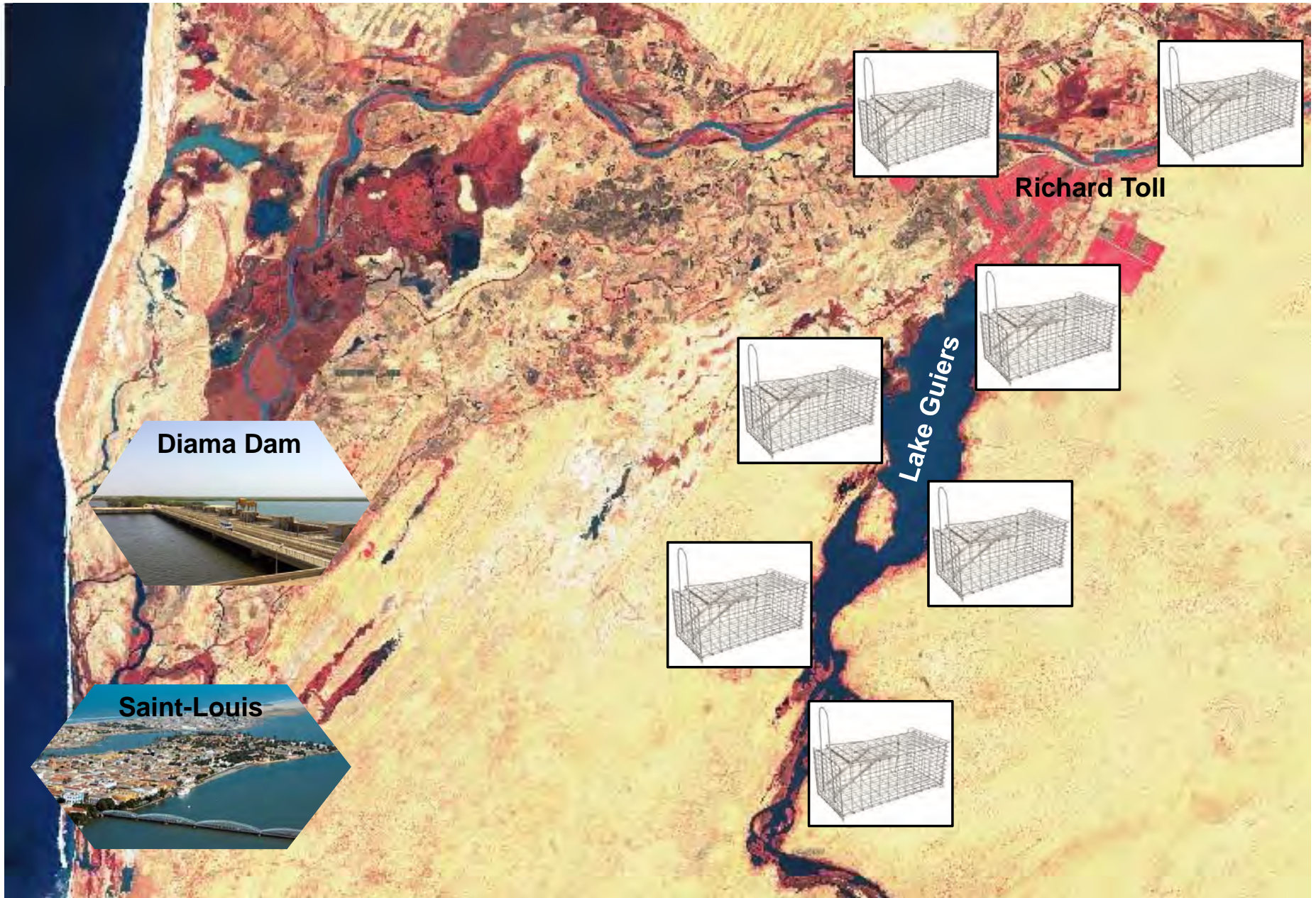


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**77 out of 1387 (5.5%) *A. niloticus***  
**39 out of 861 (4.5%) *M. huberti***  
 Duplantier and Sène (2000), Journal of Helminthology.



# Methods





## Methods

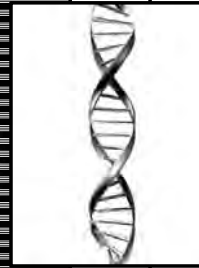
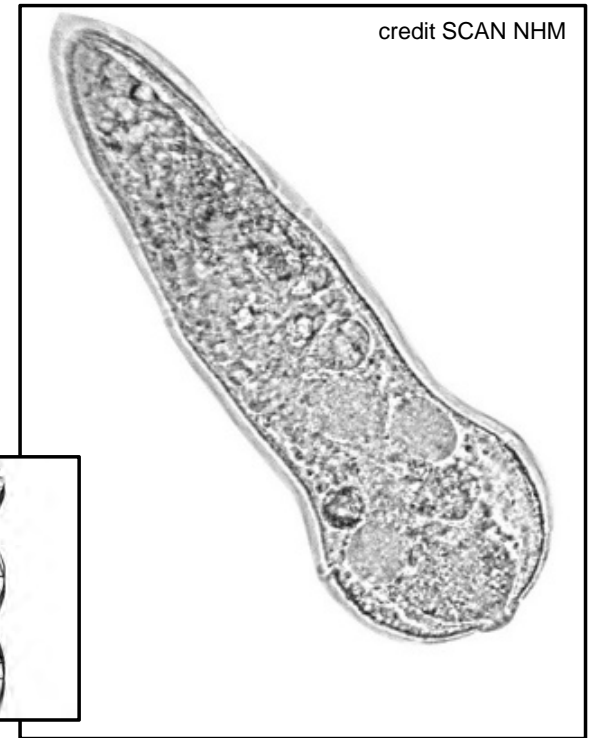
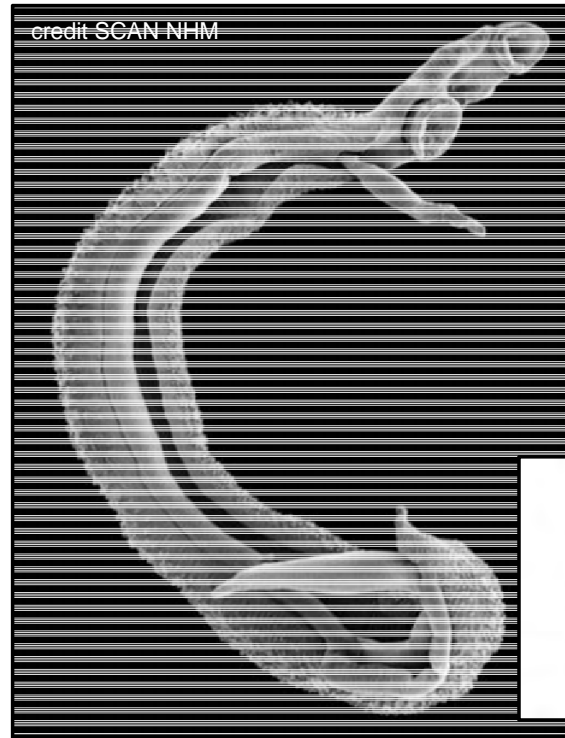
### For each individual

- GPS coordinates
- Habitat
- Capture date
- Species
- Gender
- Anatomical measurements



### Specimens

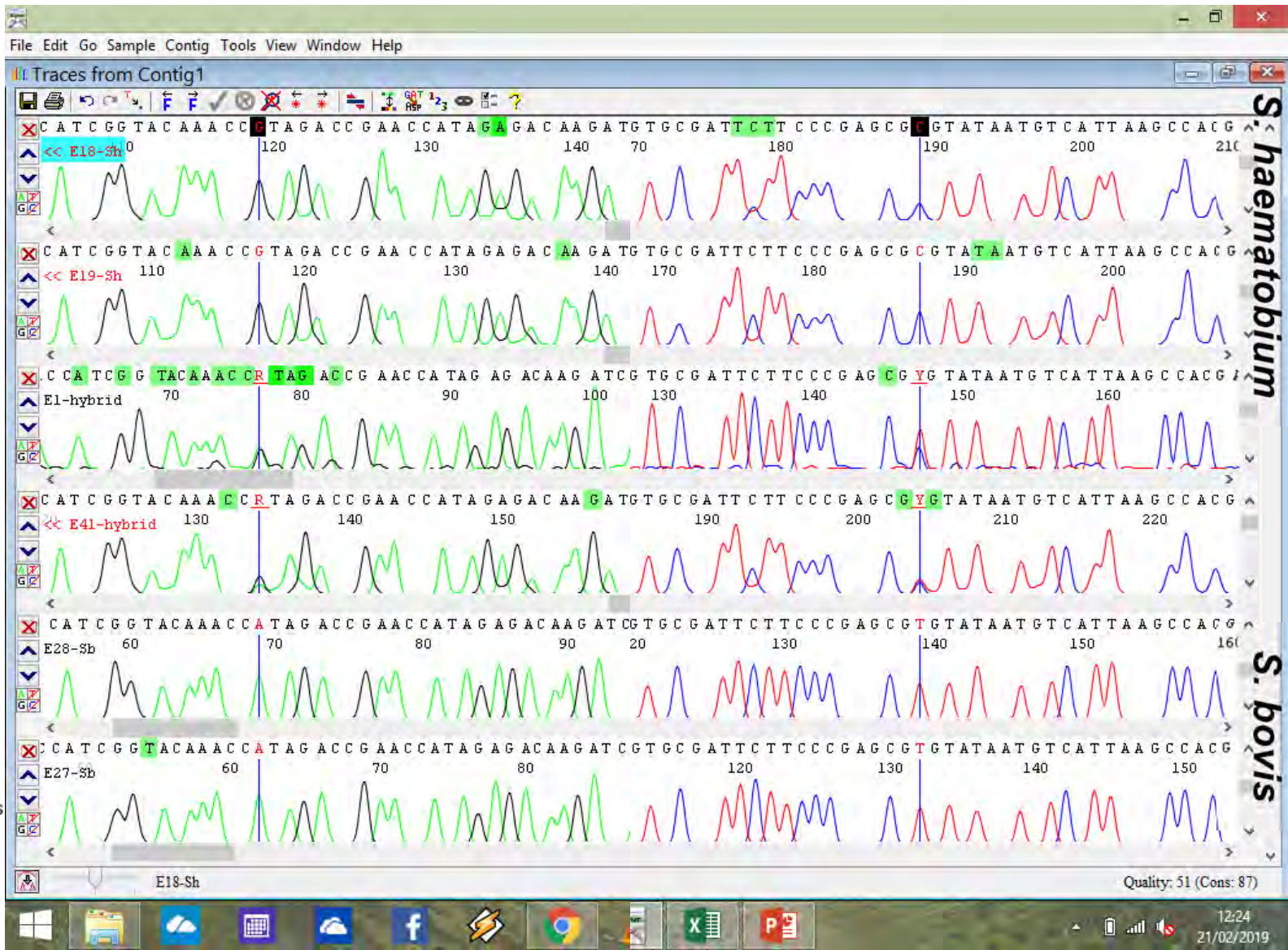
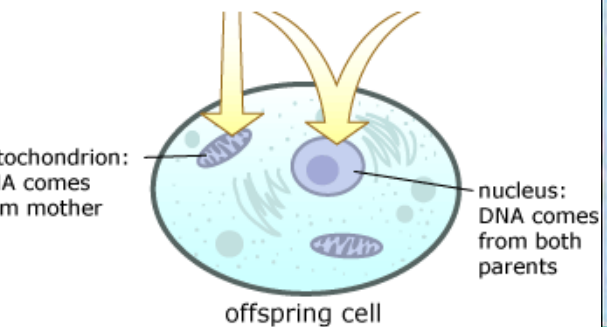
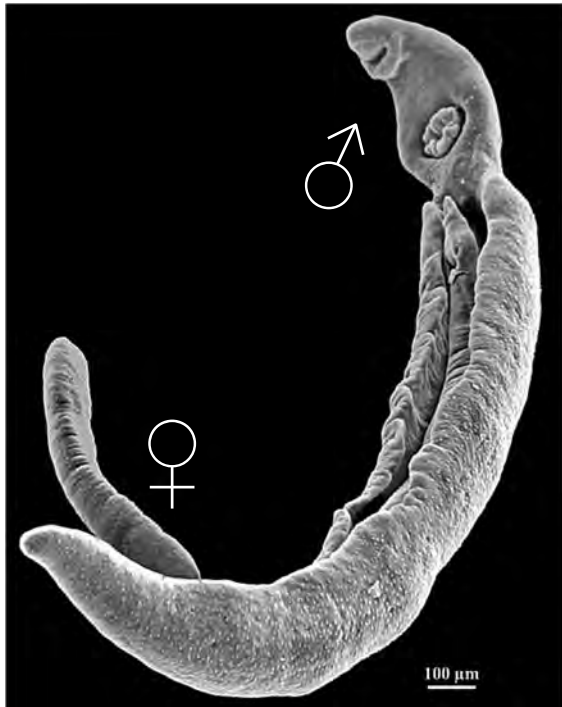
- Plasma (stored at -20°C)
- Brain and heart in RNAlater®
- Kidneys in 90% ethanol
- Blood smears
- Faeces in 10% formalin
- Parasitological analysis of:
  - cardiovascular system
  - respiratory system
  - digestive system
  - liver
  - urogenital system



mtDNA *cox1* + rDNA ITS region



# Methods



# Results

**4,150 active traps**  
**671 small mammals**

- 367 mice *Mastomys huberti*
- 257 rats *Arvicanthis niloticus*
- 41 shrews *Crocidura* sp.
- 6 gerbils *Taterillus* sp.

23 *S. mansoni* (5, 2-64)  
 1 *S. haematobium/S. bovis* (1)  
**6.3%**

5 *S. bovis* (6, 1-44)  
 1 *S. mansoni* (4)  
**2.3%**

Village	Host	Prevalence
Gueo	<i>M. huberti</i>	52.6% (10/19)
Ganket	<i>M. huberti</i>	50.0% (2/4)
Temey	<i>M. huberti</i>	18.6% (8/43)
Merina Guewel	<i>M. huberti</i>	8.3% (1/12)
Djidiery	<i>A. niloticus</i>	5.8% (4/69)
Keur Momar Sarr	<i>M. huberti</i>	5.3% (1/19)
Richard Toll	<i>A. niloticus</i>	2.7% (2/73)
Nder	<i>M. huberti</i>	1.7% (1/60)

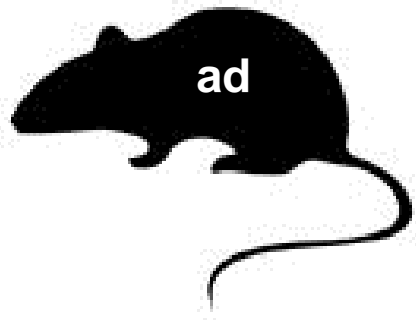
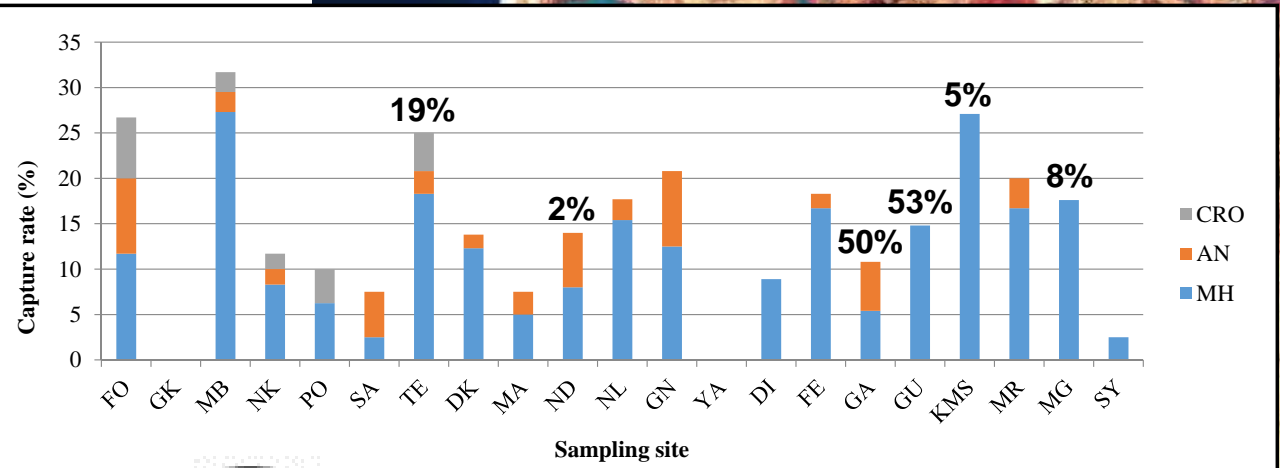
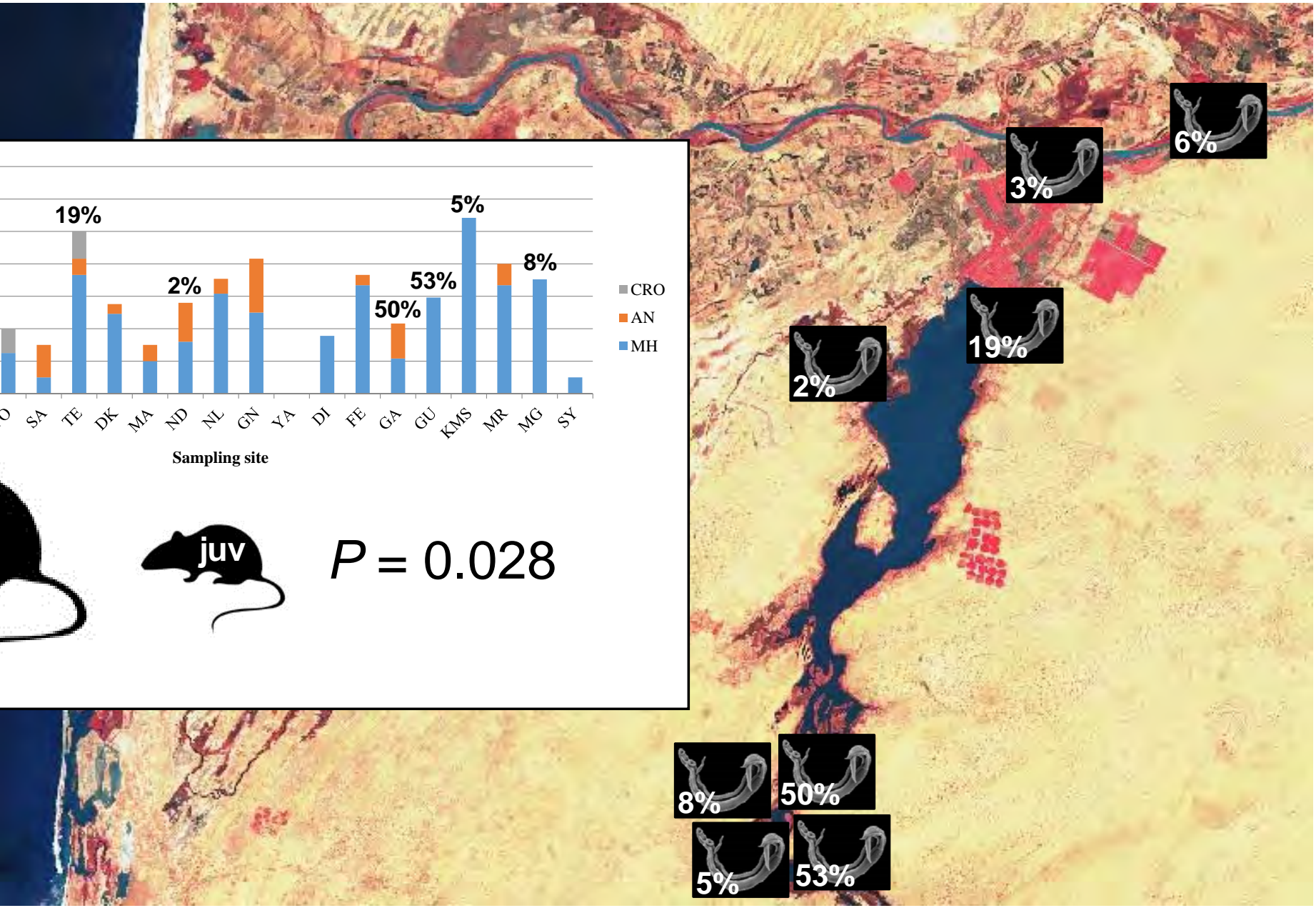


**Reservoir of zoonotic *Schistosoma***



**Spillover of circulating *Schistosoma***

# Results



$P = 0.028$

2%

19%

3%

6%

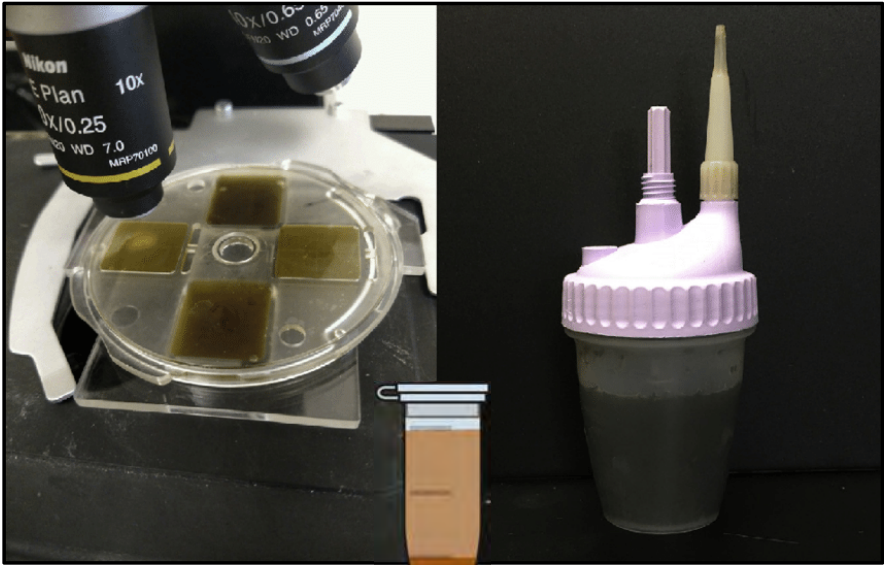
8%

50%

5%


53%

# Results





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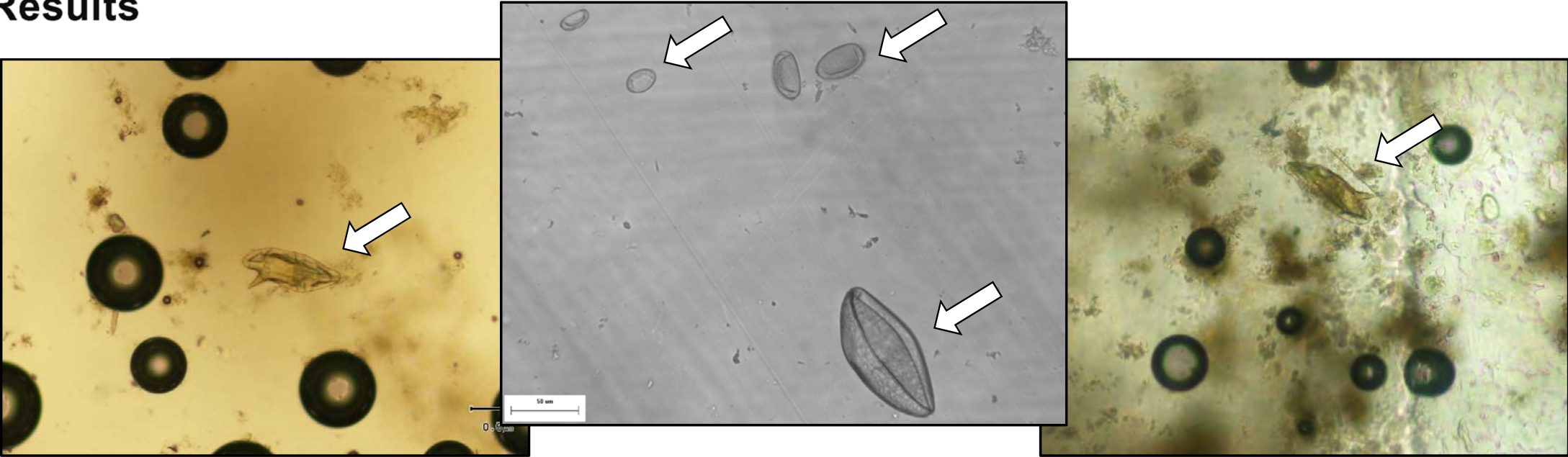


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Comparison of sensitivity and faecal egg counts of Mini-FLOTAC using fixed stool samples and Kato-Katz technique for the diagnosis of *Schistosoma mansoni* and soil-transmitted helminths  CrossMark

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# Results



Parasite	<i>M. huberti</i> necropsy (n = 89) adult worm counts	<i>M. huberti</i> Mini-FLOTAC (n = 89) eggs per gram of faeces	Infection prevalence Infection intensity
<i>Plagiorchis</i> sp.	87.6% 18; 1-61	85.4% 4,300; 25-134,900	$P = 0.83$ $P = 0.19$
<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>	23.6% 8; 2-64	23.6% 262; 15-1,237	$P = 1.00$ $P = 0.058$
<i>Echinostoma caproni</i>	16.9% 2; 1-34	20.2% 232; 18-52,275	$P = 0.85$ $P = 0.053$
<i>Anchitrema</i> cf. <i>sanguineum</i>	3.4% 9; 1-24	1.1% 750	NA

# Results

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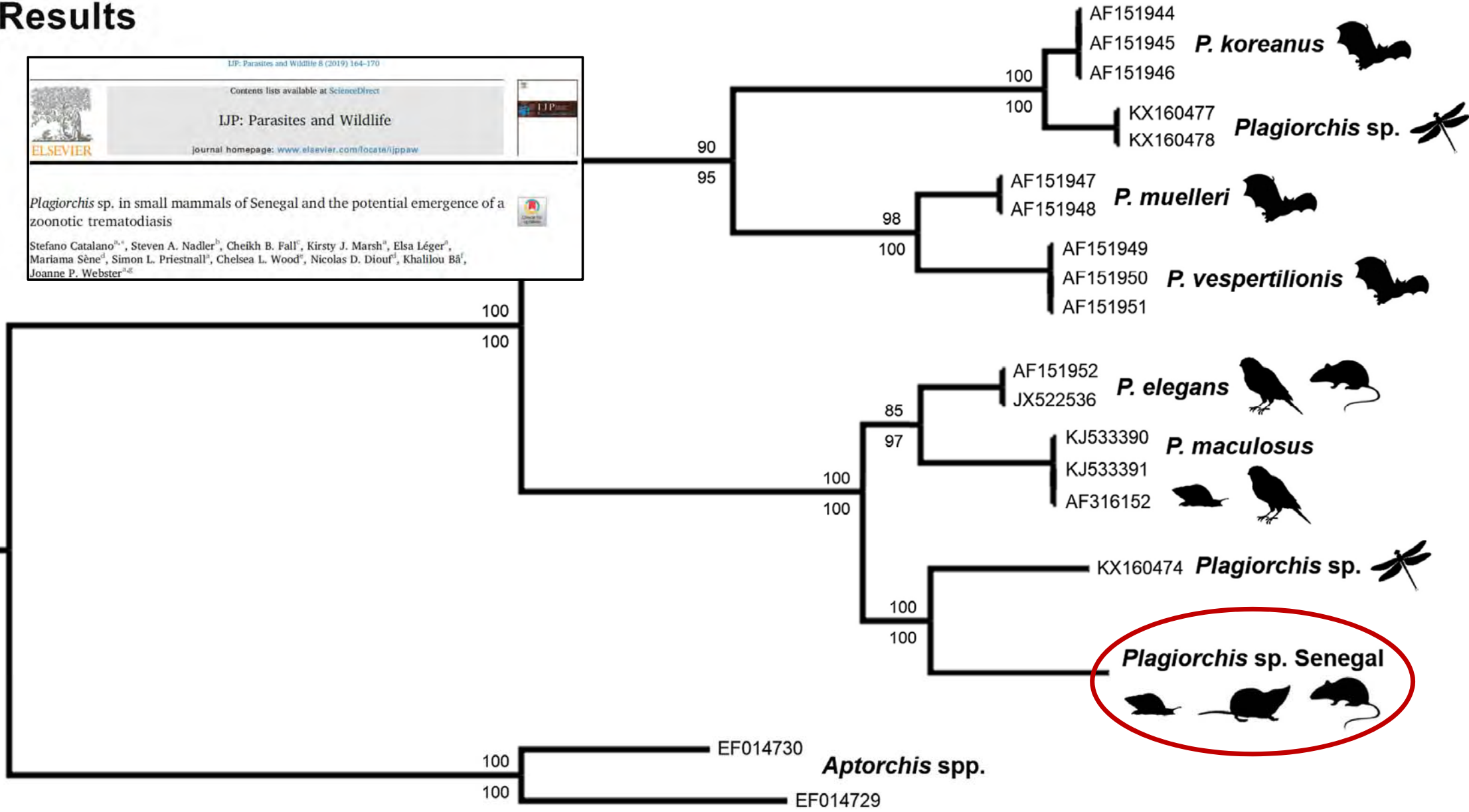
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*Plagiorchis* sp. in small mammals of Senegal and the potential emergence of a zoonotic trematodiasis

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# *Plagiorchis* spp. – Geographical distribution of human cases

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## A Human Case of *Plagiorchis vespertilionis* (Digenea: Plagiorchiidae) Infection in the Republic of Korea

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## A Human Case of *Plagiorchis muris* (Tanabe, 1922: Digenea) Infection in the Republic of Korea: Freshwater Fish as a Possible Source of Infection

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### A new intestinal fluke, *Plagiorchis harinasutai* n.sp.

[Radomyos P<sup>1</sup>](#), [Bunnag D](#), [Harinasuta T](#).

Author information

#### Abstract

Dilution-sedimentation examination of stool specimens from four opisthorchiasis patients treated with praziquantel led to the discovery of six *Plagiorchis* worms. This is the first known report of *plagiorchis* infection in man in Thailand. The morphological features differed from those of previously described *Plagiorchis* species indicating that these worms belong to a new species.



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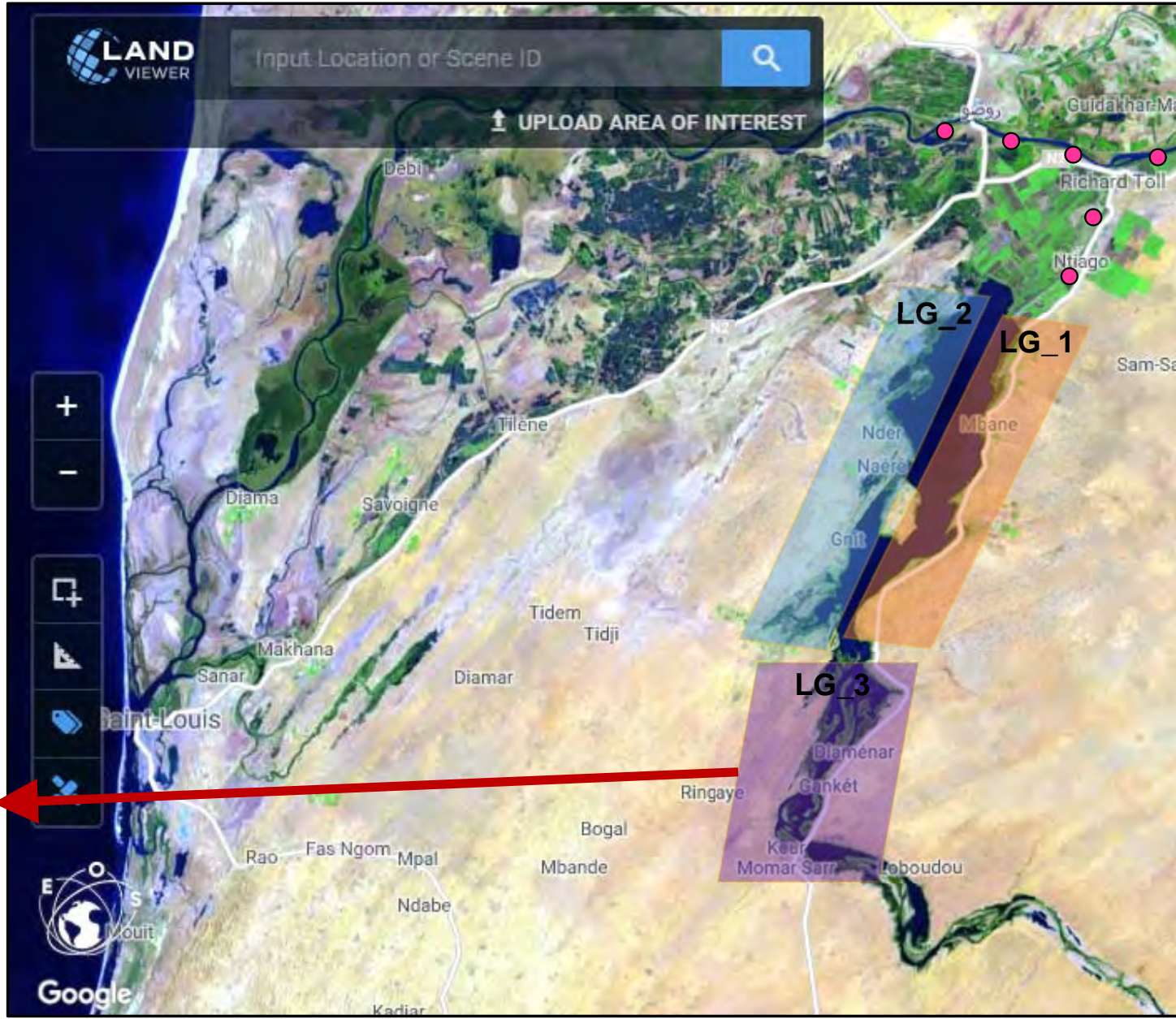
## 244 from Richard Toll

- 176 rats *A. niloticus* (0%)
- 43 mice *M. huberti* (0%)
- 19 shrews *Crocidura* spp. (0%)
- 6 gerbils *Taterillus* spp. (0%)

## 427 from Lake Guiers

- 324 mice *M. huberti* (58.6%)
- 81 rats *A. niloticus* (6.2%)
- 22 shrews *Crocidura* spp. (31.8%)

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Host	Liver	Intestine
<i>A. niloticus</i> ad (n=7)	1/7 (14.3%) >61	0/7
<i>M. huberti</i> juv (n=25)	14/25 (56.0%) 42 (7->61)	6/25 (24.0%) 3.5 (1-8)
<i>M. huberti</i> ad (n=55)	49/55 (89.1%) >61 (1->61)	38/55 (69.1%) 9 (1->61)





Results

# Schistosoma - Human data

## Intestinal schistosomiasis

### Kato-Katz

PCR 23 miracidia from 4 individuals

#### Richard Toll 2016-2017

13.3% (45/338) – 10.5% (35/333)

#### Barkedji 2016-2017

0% (0/314) – 0% (0/347)

## Urogenital schistosomiasis

### Urine filtration

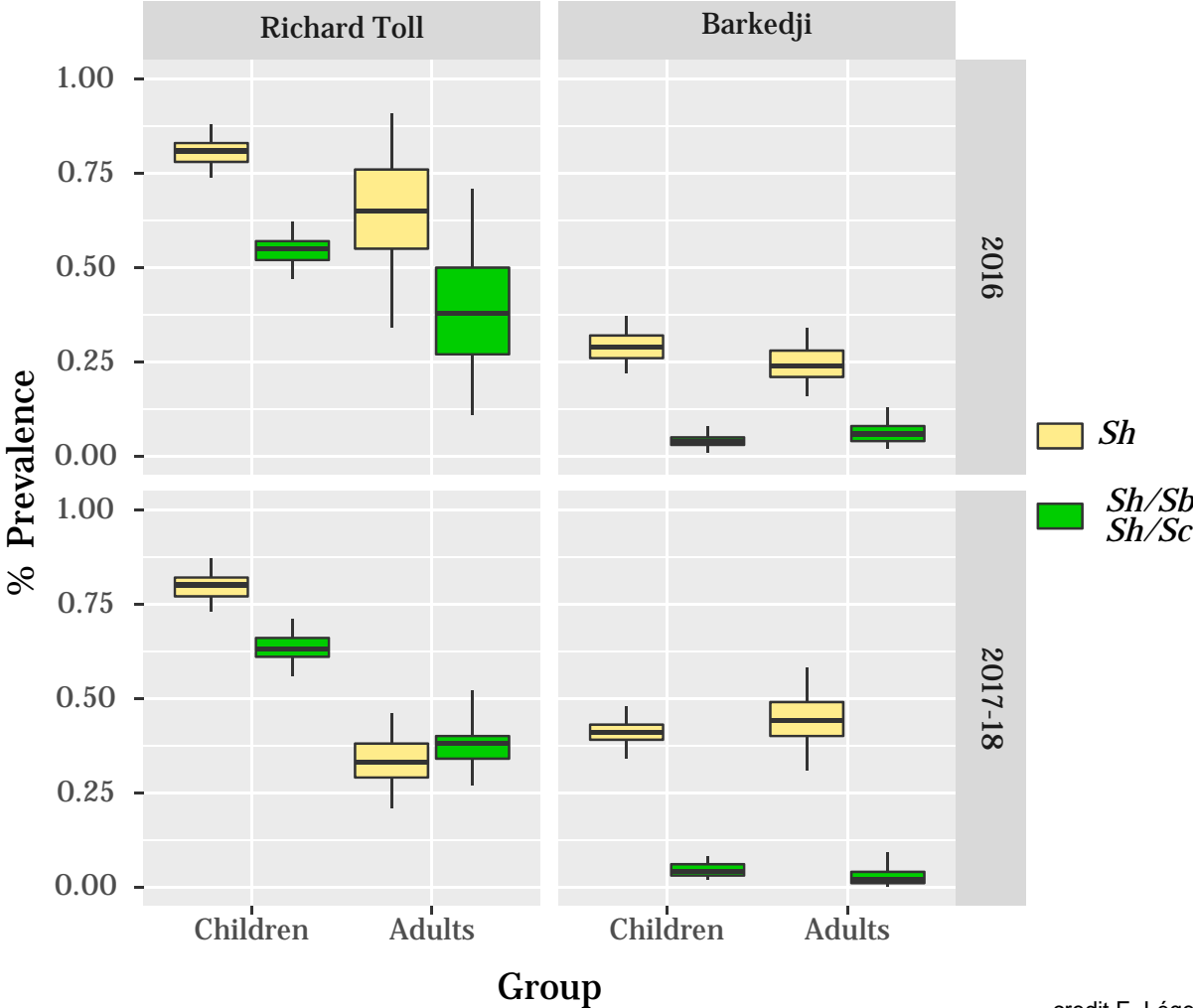
PCR 2,582 miracidia from 472 individuals

#### Richard Toll 2016-2017

70.1% (277/395) – 64.1% (304/474)

#### Barkedji 2016-2017

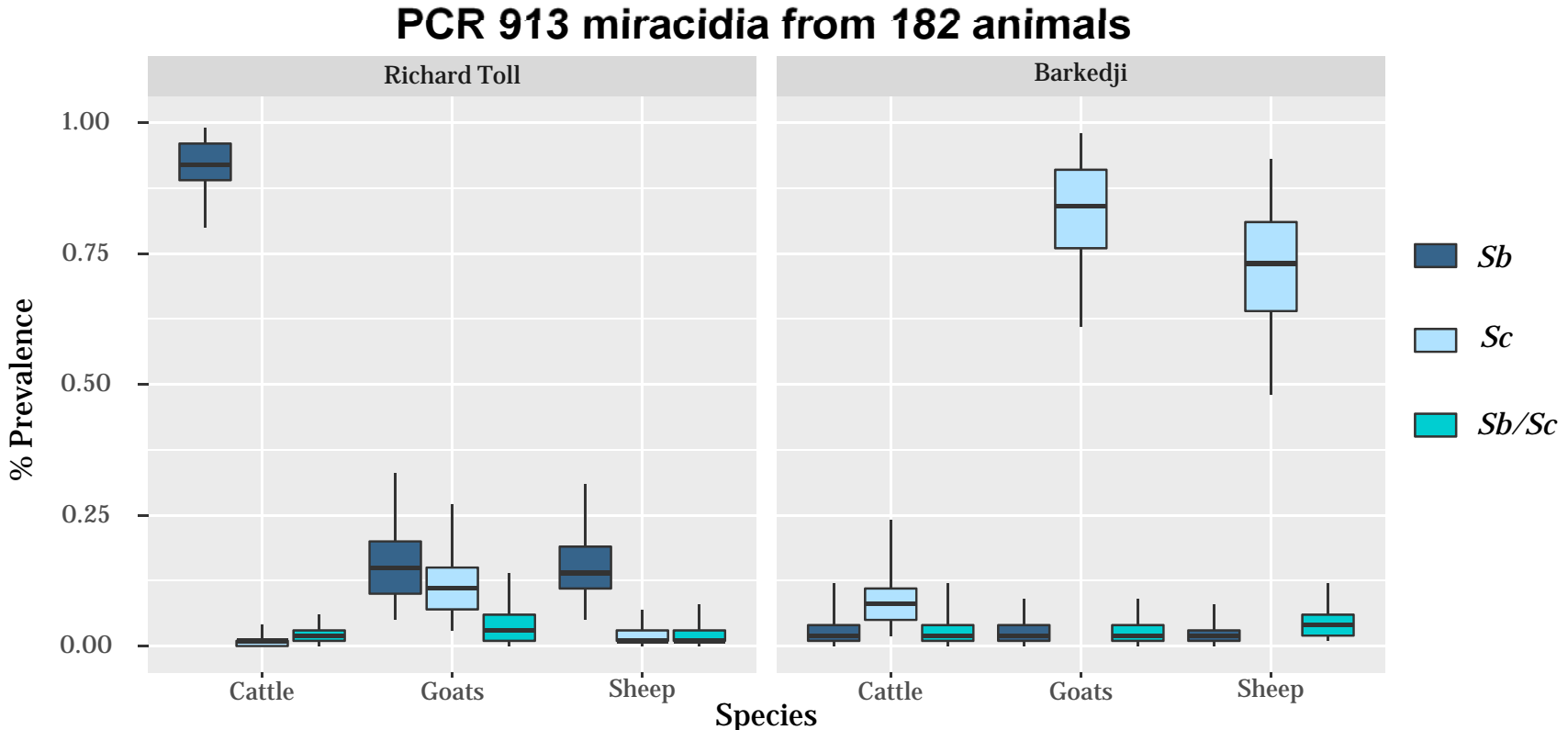
22.7% (70/308) – 34.6% (141/408)



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# Results

# Schistosoma - Livestock data



94%



26%



16%



9%



86%

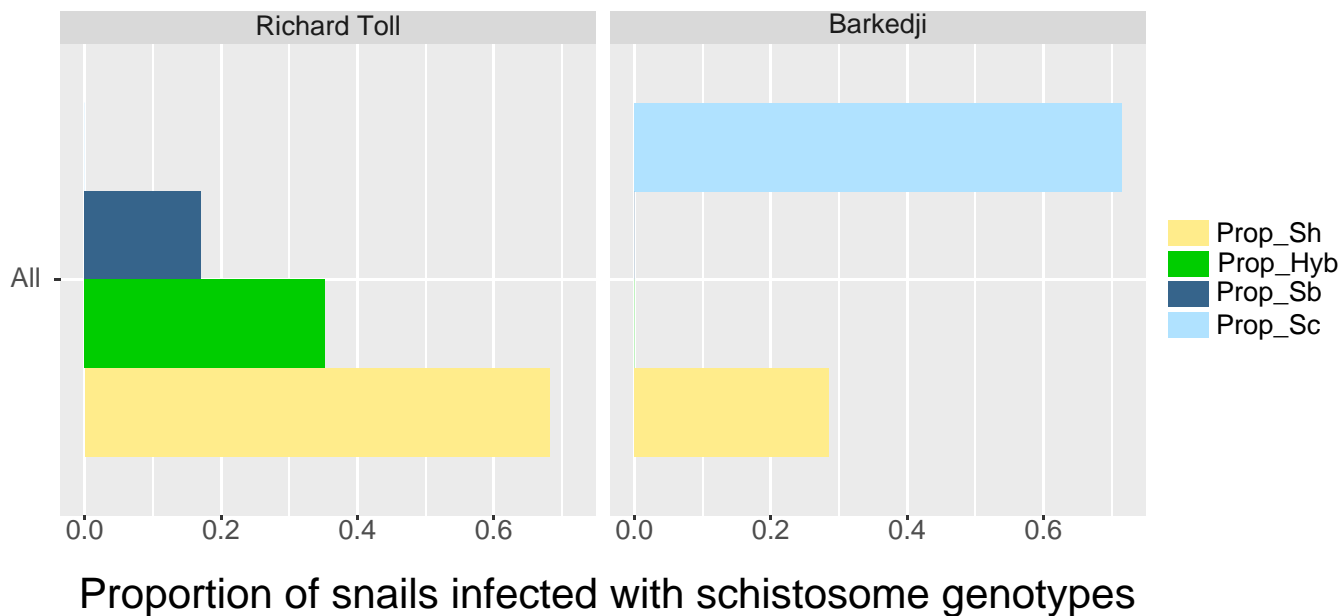


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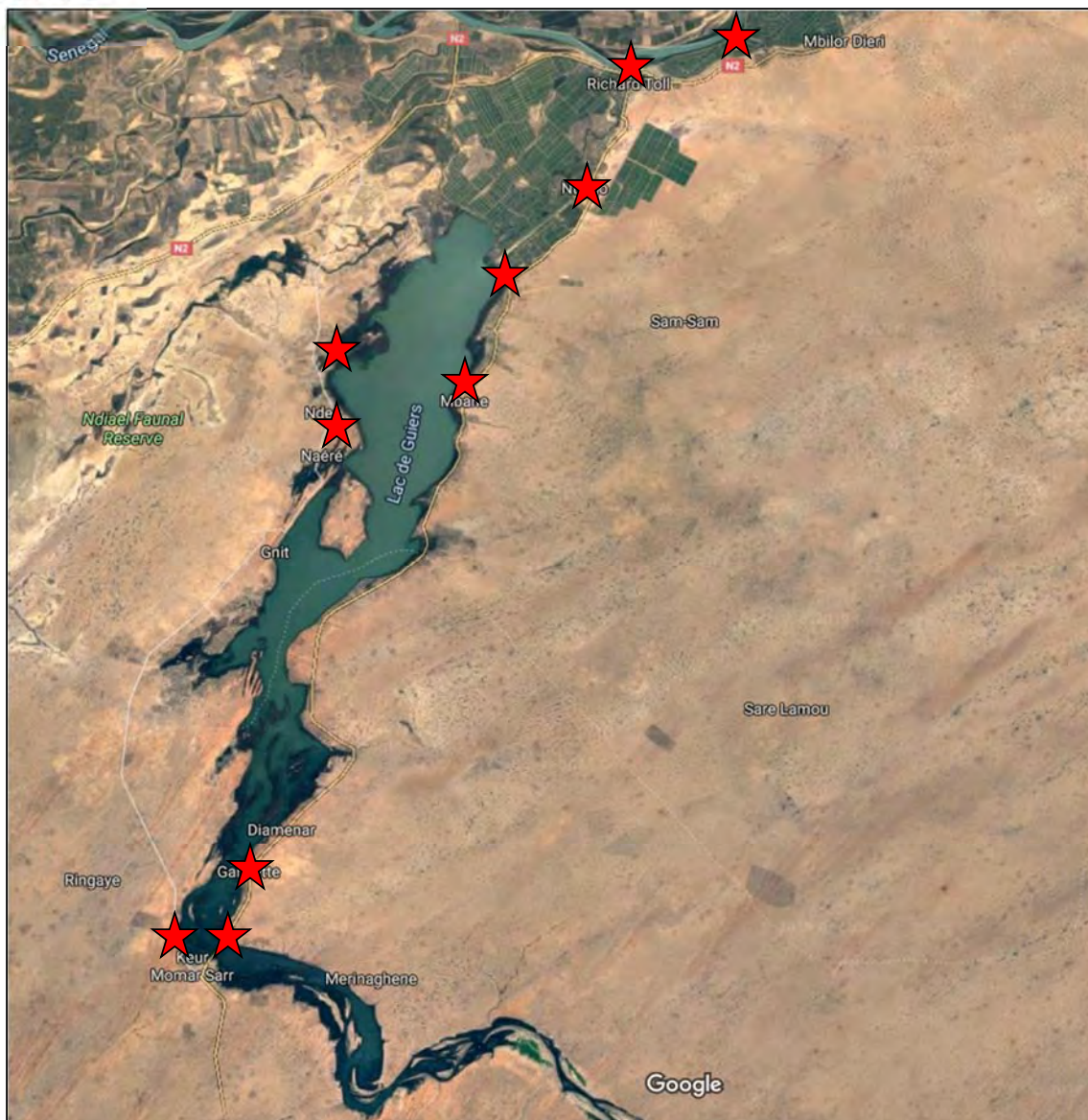
# Results *Schistosoma* - *Bulinus* snail data



Overall prevalence **3.71%** in Richard Toll and **0.49%** in Barkedji  
PCR 660 cercariae from 109 *Bulinus* snails



# Results



## ***S. mansoni* N = 43**

ITS rDNA (914 bp)

mtDNA (3,933 bp)

26 *M. huberti*

3 *A. niloticus*

7 *H. sapiens*

7 *B. pfeifferi*

## ***S. haematobium* group N = 52**

ITS rDNA (928 bp)

mtDNA (1,773 bp)

### ***S. bovis* N = 22**

7 *A. niloticus*

7 cattle

3 sheep

1 goat

4 *Bulinus* spp.

### ***S. haematobium* N = 10**

6 *H. sapiens*

4 *Bulinus* spp.

## ***Sh/Sb* hybrids N = 20**

11 *H. sapiens*

1 *M. huberti*

8 *Bulinus* spp.

# Reading the entrails of chickens: molecular timescales of evolution and the illusion of precision

Dan Graur<sup>1</sup> and William Martin<sup>2</sup>

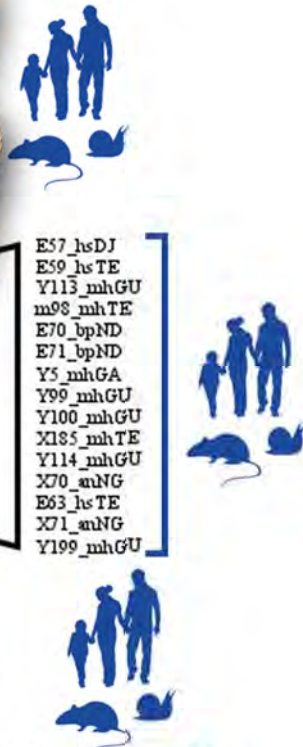
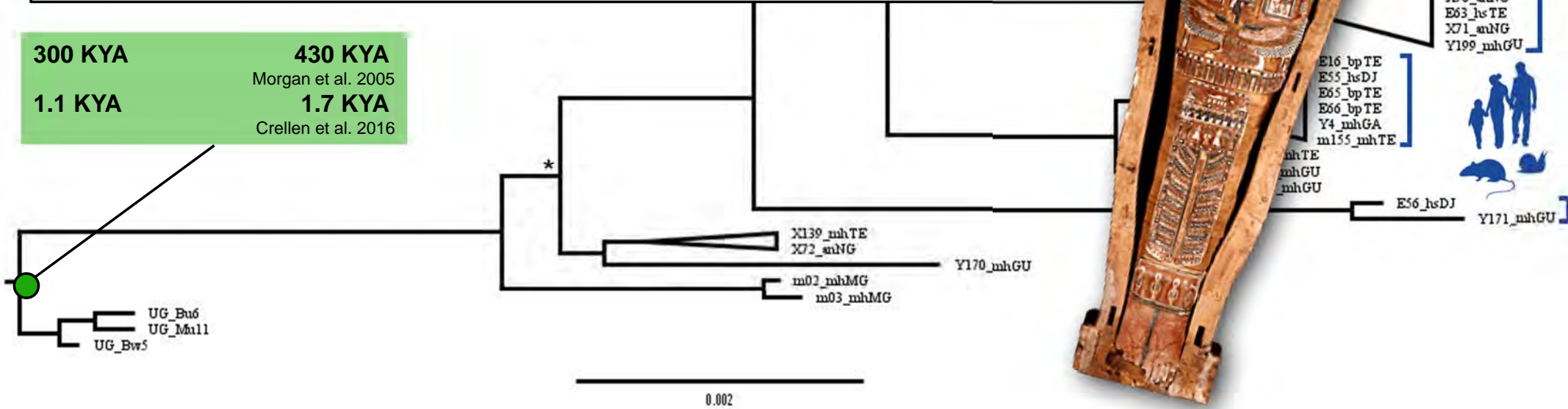
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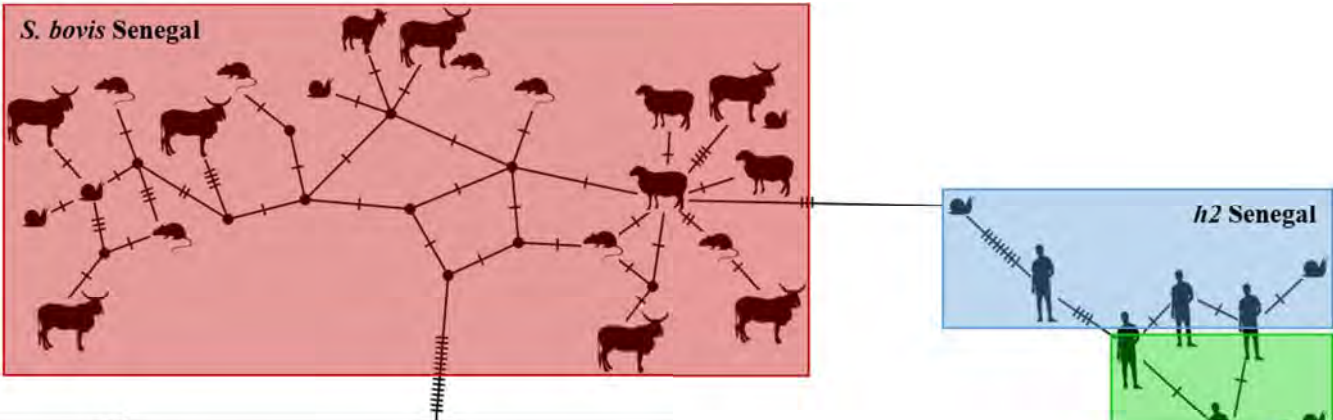
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1.1 KYA

430 KYA  
Morgan et al. 2005

1.7 KYA  
Crellen et al. 2016



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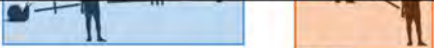
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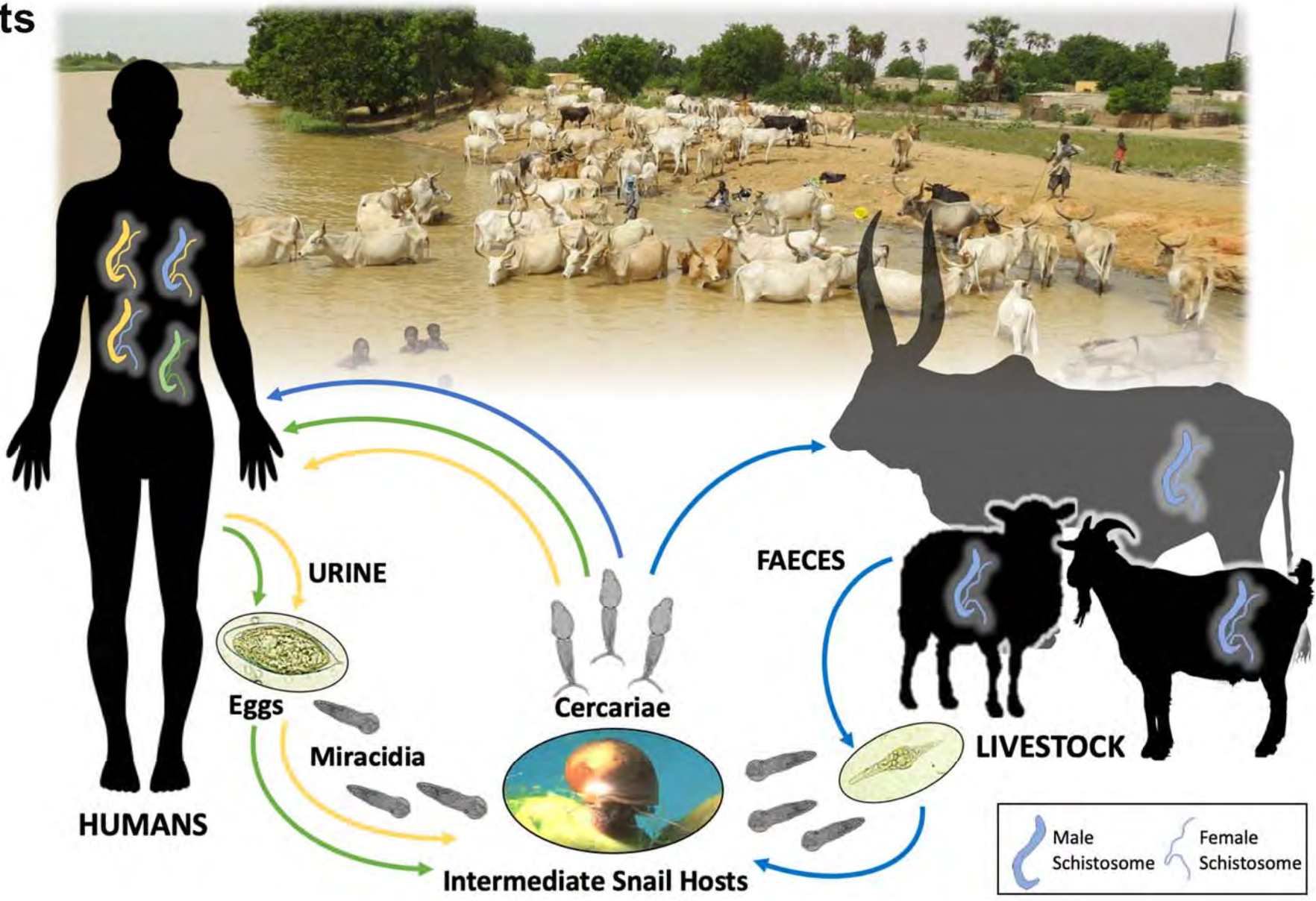
## Whole-genome sequence of the bovine blood fluke *Schistosoma bovis* supports interspecific hybridization with *S. haematobium*

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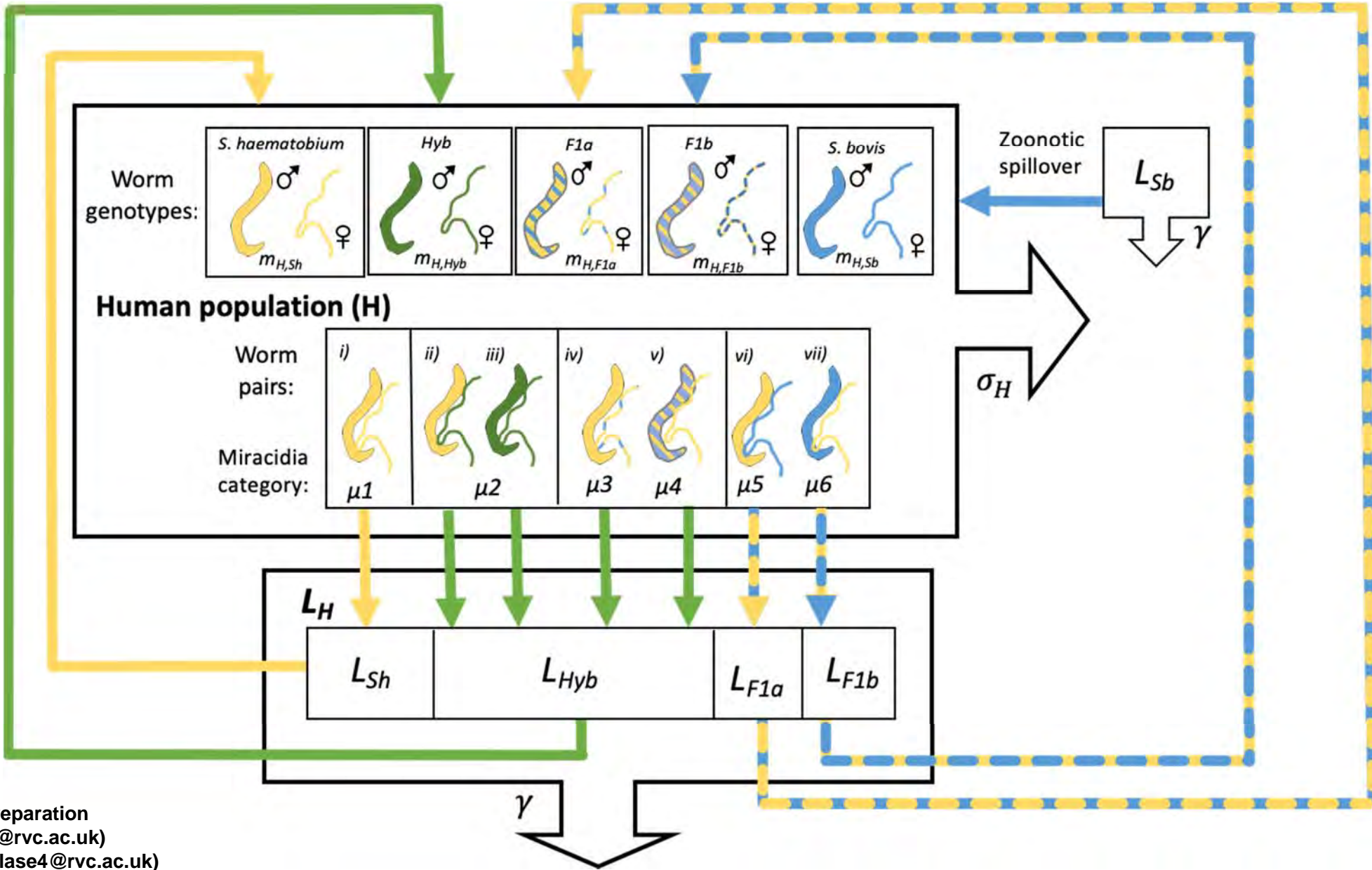


*S. haematobium* Senegal

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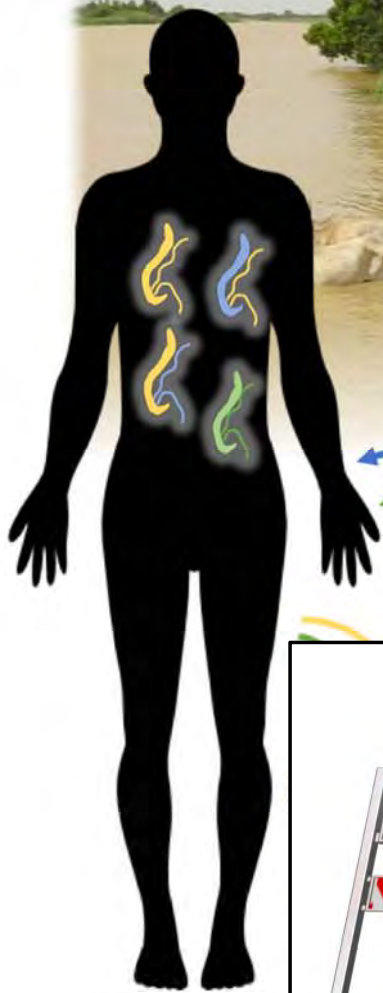
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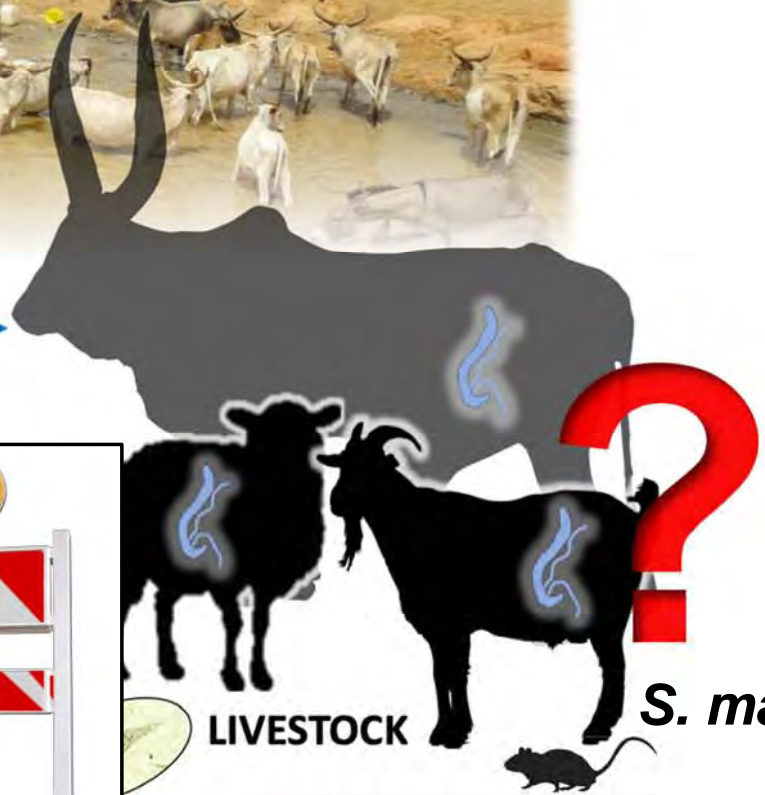
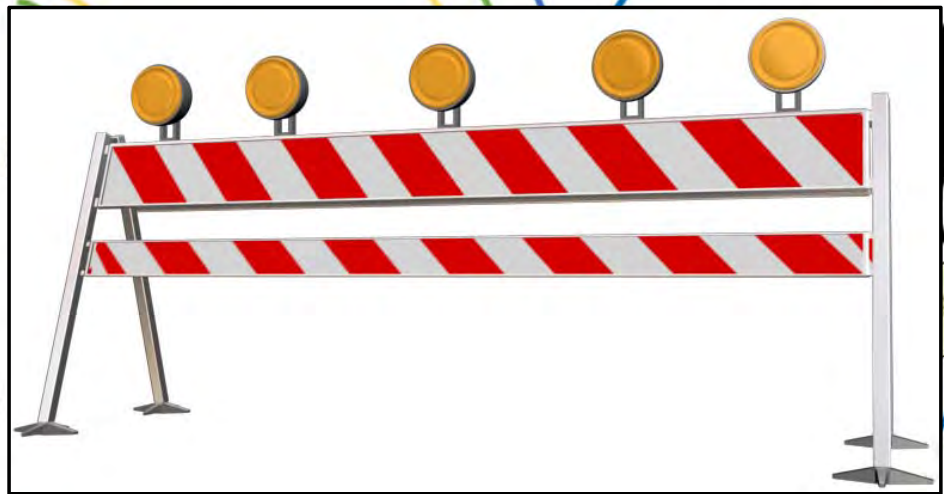
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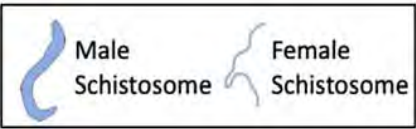


HUMANS



LIVESTOCK

*S. mansoni*



# Significance

Government/NGO programmes

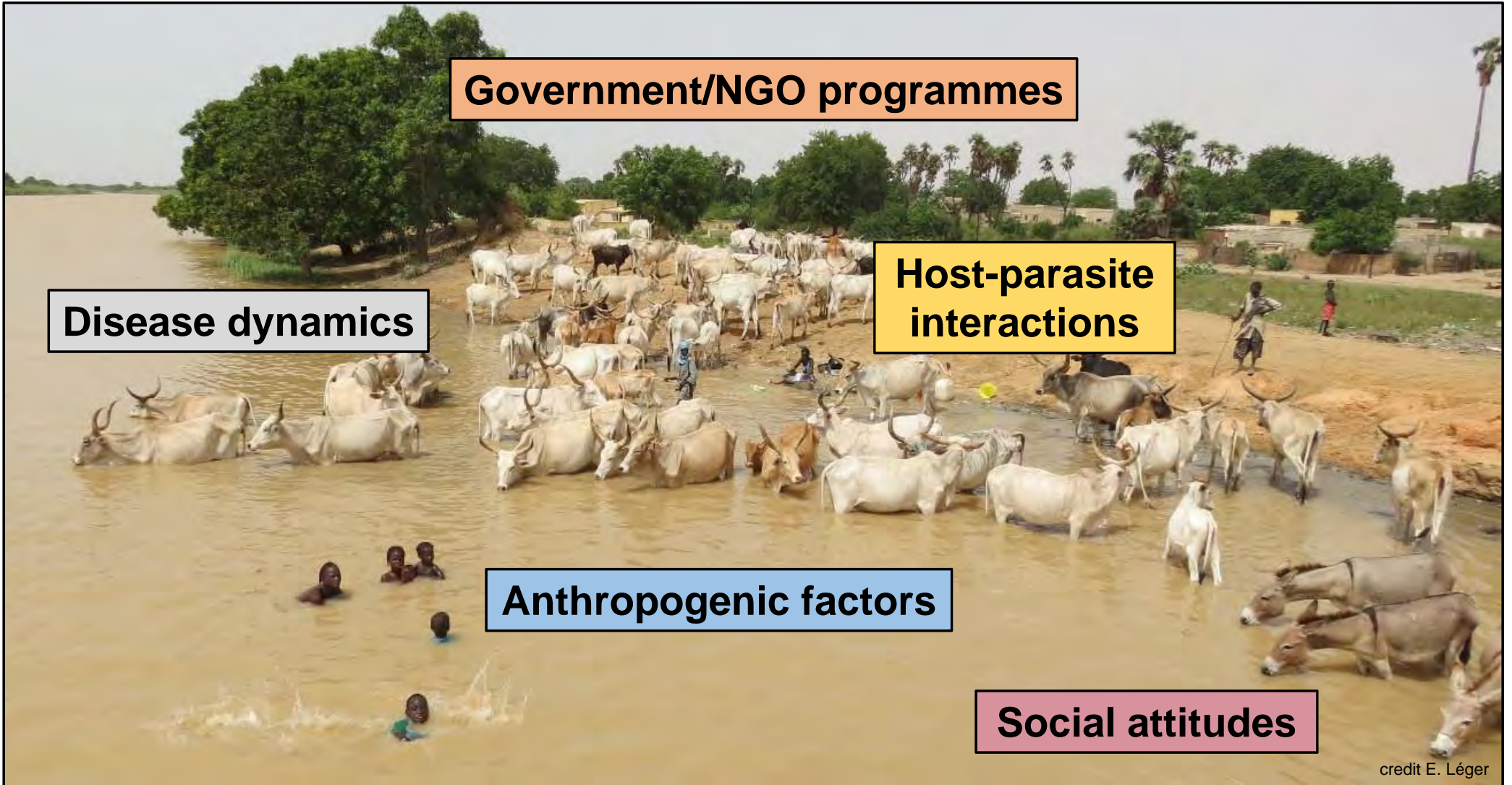
Disease dynamics

Host-parasite interactions

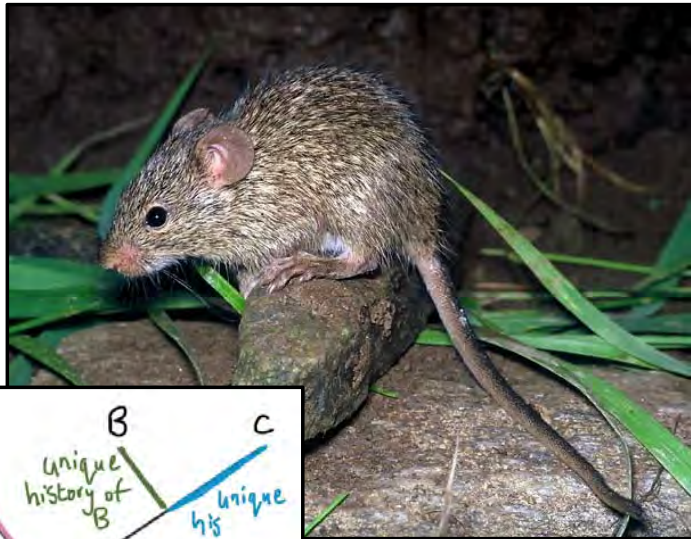
Anthropogenic factors

Social attitudes

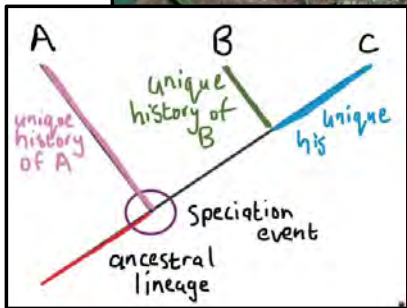
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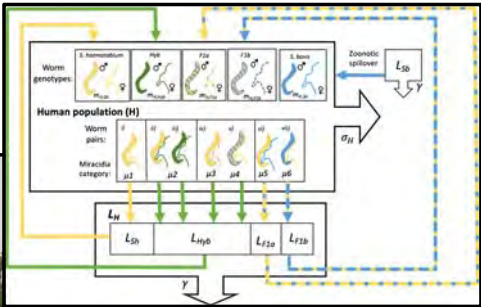
# In a nutshell...



Zoonotic reservoir VS Accidental host  
in the transmission of schistosomiasis



Apparent multi-host spectrum of  
*Schistosoma* hybrids as a cover up



# Future work?

Schwan et al. (2012). PloS NTDs 6.

Species	Total	Caught Inside	Caught Outside
<i>Mastomys natalensis</i>	430	414 (96%)	16 (4%)
<i>Mastomys erythroleucus</i>	80	5 (6%)	75 (94%)
<i>Mastomys huberti</i>	55	1 (2%)	54 (98%)
<i>Crocidura olivieri</i>	57	42 (74%)	15 (26%)
<i>Praomys daltoni</i>	50	30 (60%)	20 (40%)
<i>Rattus rattus</i>	29	28 (97%)	1 (3%)
<i>Arvicanthis niloticus</i>	16	1 (6%)	15 (94%)
<i>Taterillus gracilis</i>	7	0	7 (100%)
<i>Acomys airensis</i>	5	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
<i>Mus musculoides</i>	4	0	4 (100%)
<i>Gerbillus campestris</i>	1	0	1 (100%)
<i>Crocidura viaria</i>	6	0	6 (100%)
<i>Crocidura fulvastra</i>	3	0	3 (100%)
<i>Crocidura sp.</i>	1	1 (100%)	0
	<b>744</b>	<b>524 (70%)</b>	<b>220 (30%)</b>

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**Fig. 1** Colonization of Senegal by the black rat, based on historical data. Gray areas represent the approximate distribution over time (see main text for dating and references). Note the disappearance of black rats along the Senegal River following the decrease in river-based trade after the 1930s (shaded area).



## Material and Methods

Lucaccioni et al. (2016). PloS One 11.

### Study Area and Sampling

A total of 32 localities were prospected, based on previous knowledge on the black rat distribution [21] in Southeastern Senegal (Fig 1).

### Rodent Data Collection

Small mammals were caught in single capture live traps between May 2012 and April 2015, indoors in 27 human settlements (villages or towns; hereafter referenced as localities), as *R. rattus* is strictly commensal (i.e. confined to human buildings) in Sahelo-Sudanian West Africa [21]. We used both Sherman folding box traps (8 × 9 × 23 cm; H.B. Sherman Traps, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida, USA) and wire-mesh live traps (8.5 × 8.5 × 26.5 cm; locally made). Typically

1659: First European settlement

1800-1890: Other European ports



1850-1950: Expansion of river trade

1930-1990: Expansion of overland trade



1990: Extension of tarred roads to the northeast

1995: Extension of tarred roads to the southeast



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