



# ESTIMATING LEPTOSPIROSIS BURDEN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ITS FUTURE EVOLUTION BASED ON CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS

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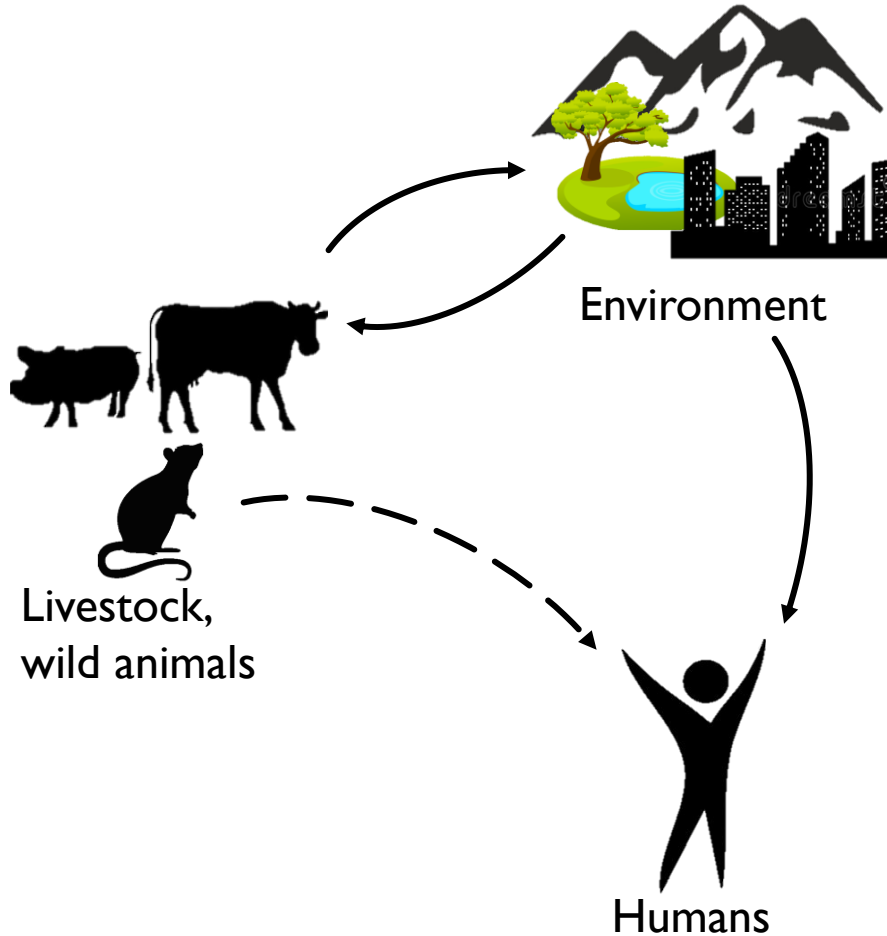
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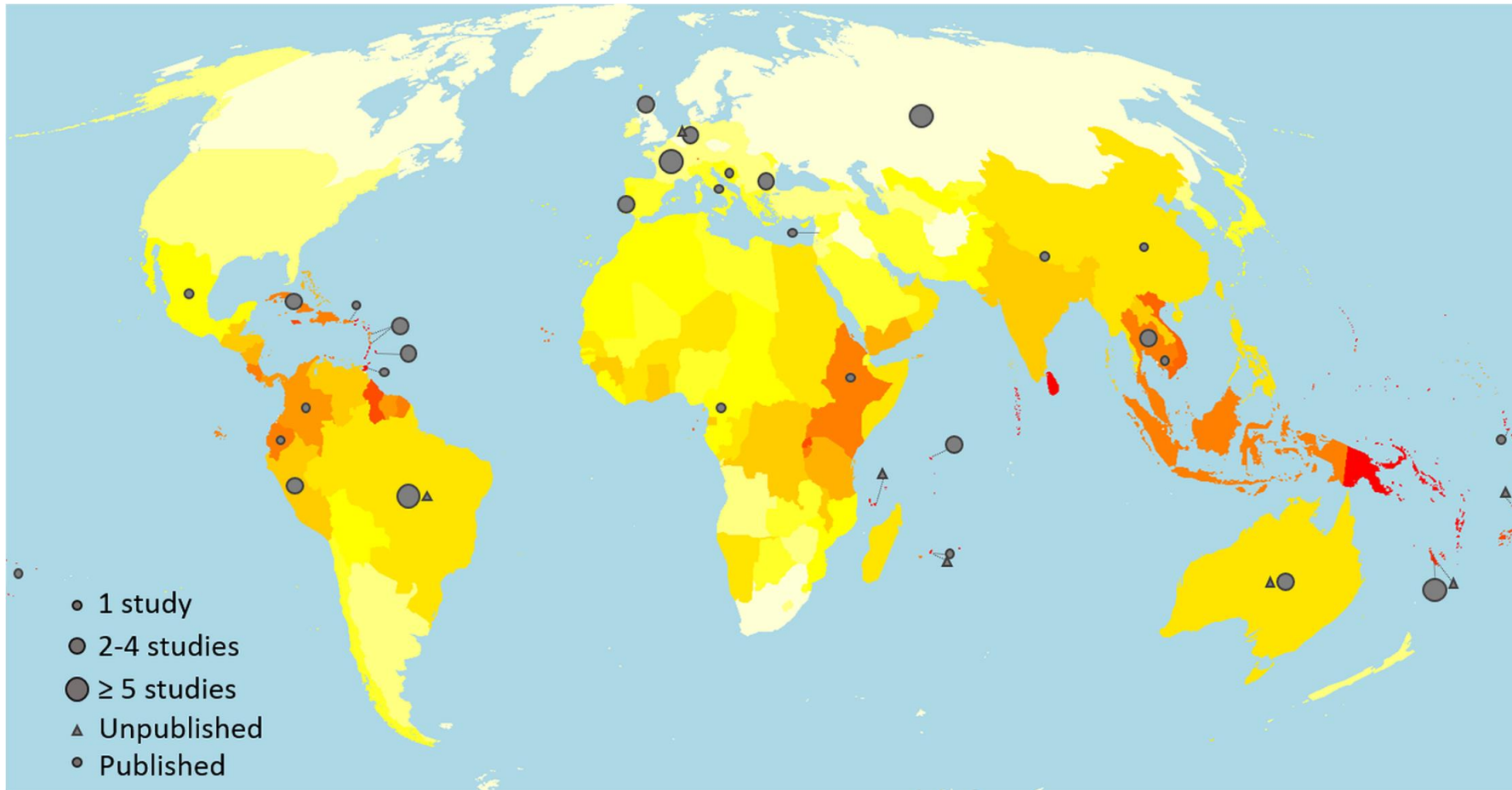
# CONTEXT : Leptospirosis, a zoonotic disease



Caused by **pathogenic leptospires** (bacteria)

- Grow in the in the kidney tubules of animals that act as **reservoir**
- **Shed into the environment** through urine
- **Survive in water and soil** for weeks to months
- **Human infection mostly occurs through contaminated environment**

## CONTEXT : Leptospirosis in Southeast Asia



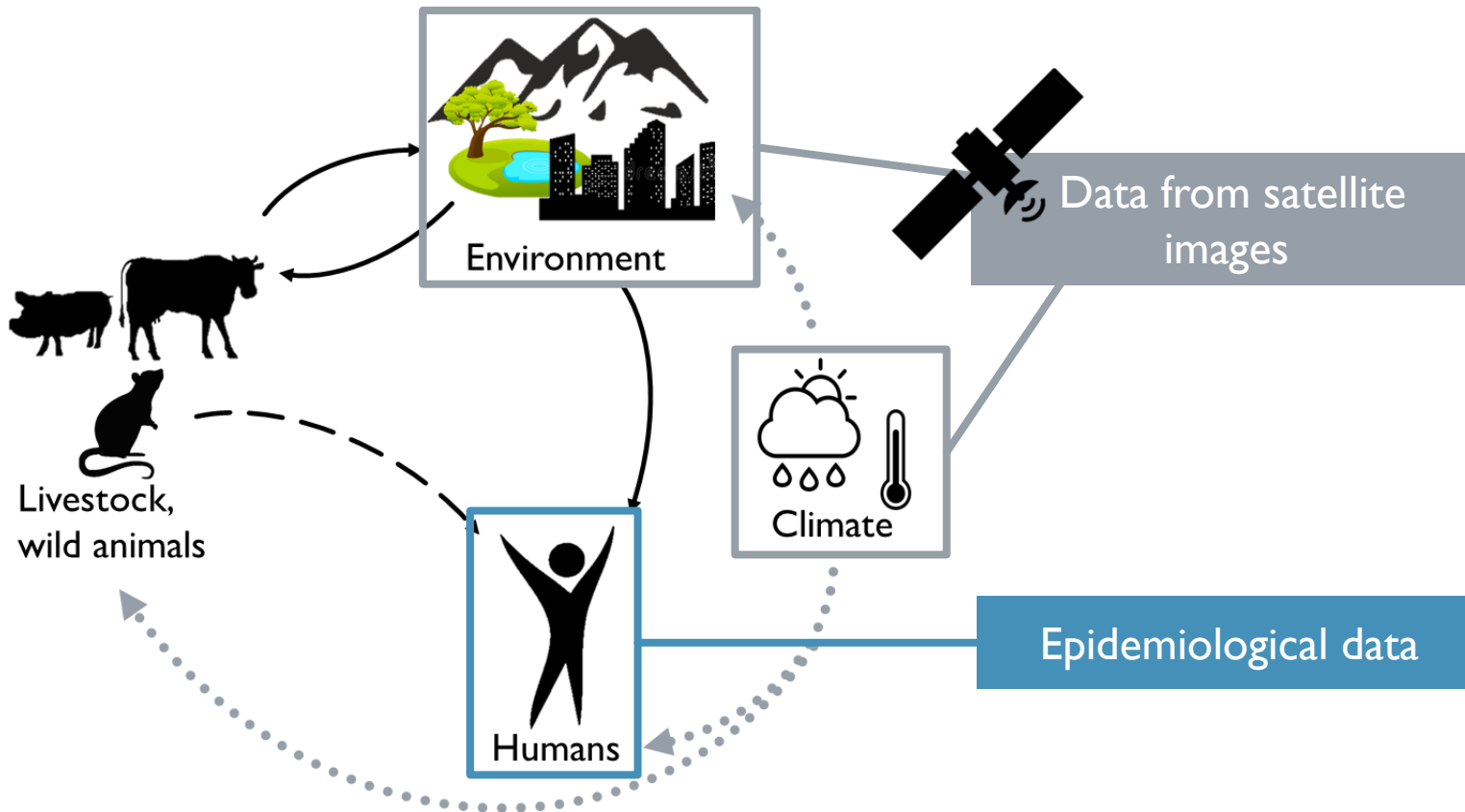
### In Southeast Asia :

- Endemic with estimated high incidence
- Mainly occupational
- Remains under-reported and poorly documented
- Favorable environment and climate for leptospirosis outbreaks

Estimated annual morbidity of leptospirosis by country or territory. Annual disease incidence is represented as an exponential colour gradient from white (0–3), yellow (7–10), orange (20–25) to red (over 100), in cases per 100,000 population. (source: Costa et al., 2015)

# CONTEXT:

## Using remote sensing to inform on the environmental risk of leptospirosis



Climate and environment impact :

- the survival of the leptospire
- the behaviors of reservoirs animals and human populations
- the exposure of human populations



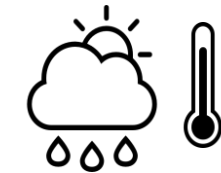
Data from satellites images are promising tools to study leptospirosis burden

# OBJECTIVES

## 1. Identify environmental and climate determinants of leptospirosis in Southeast Asia

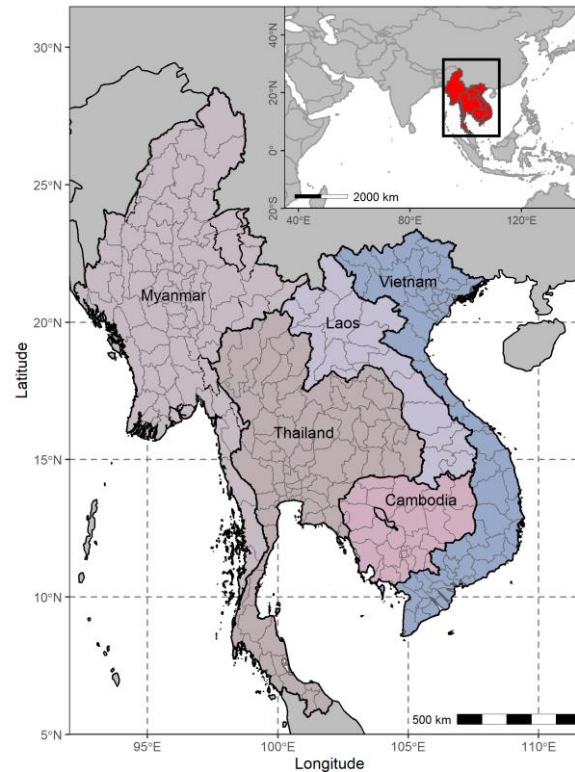


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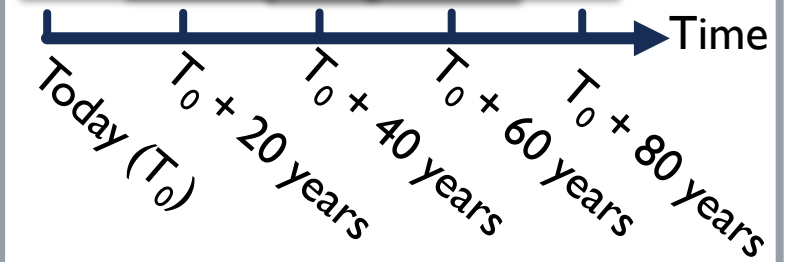
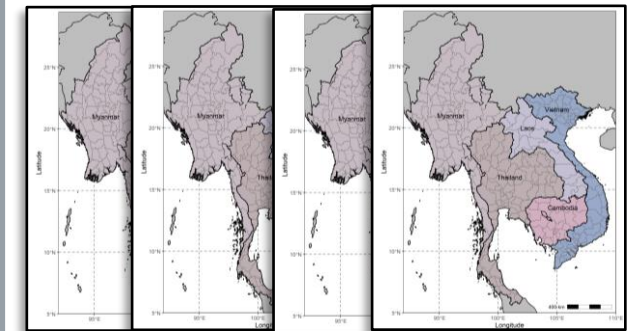


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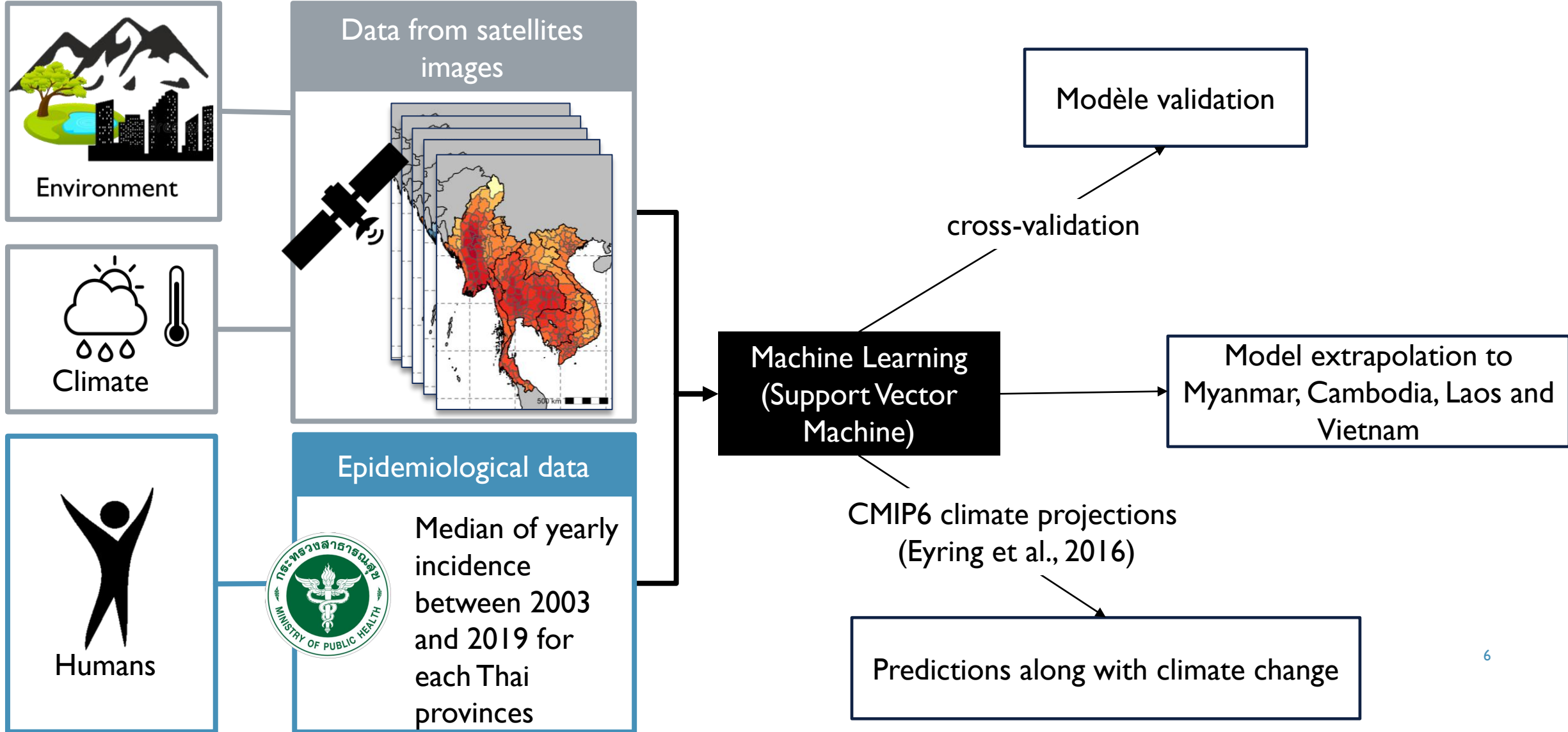
## 2. Estimate leptospirosis burden in Southeast Asia



## 3. Predict its evolution along with climate change

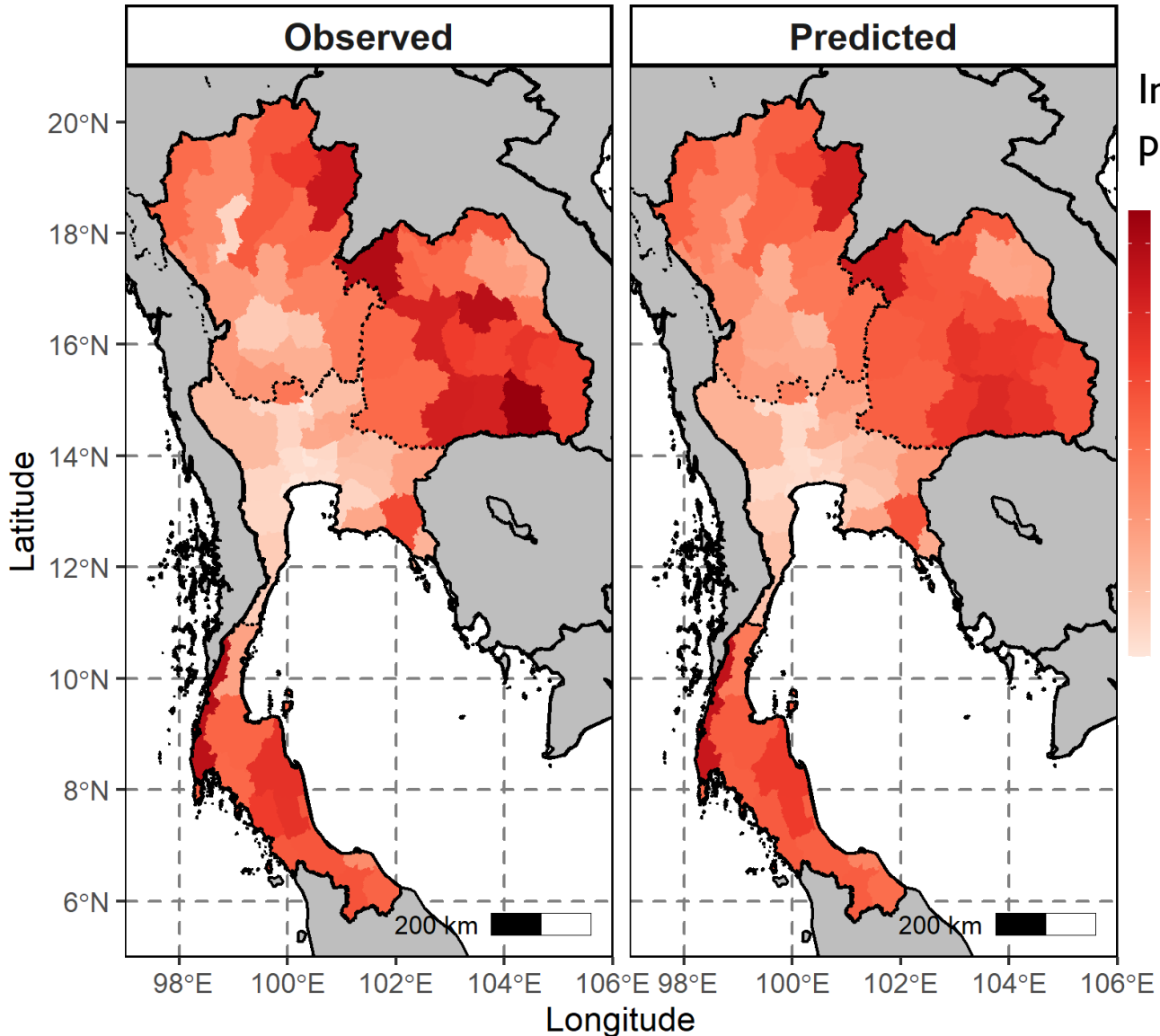


# METHODS

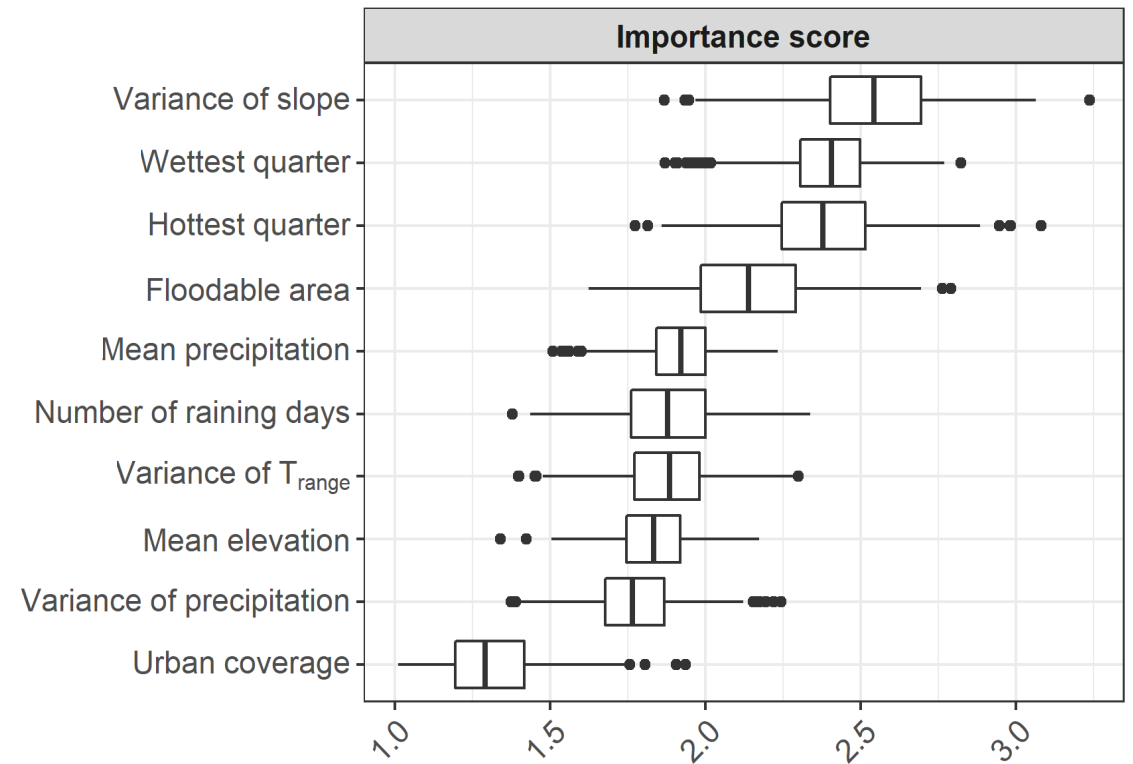


# RESULTS

## Environmental determinants



Observed and predicted incidence for the actual period (2003-2019)

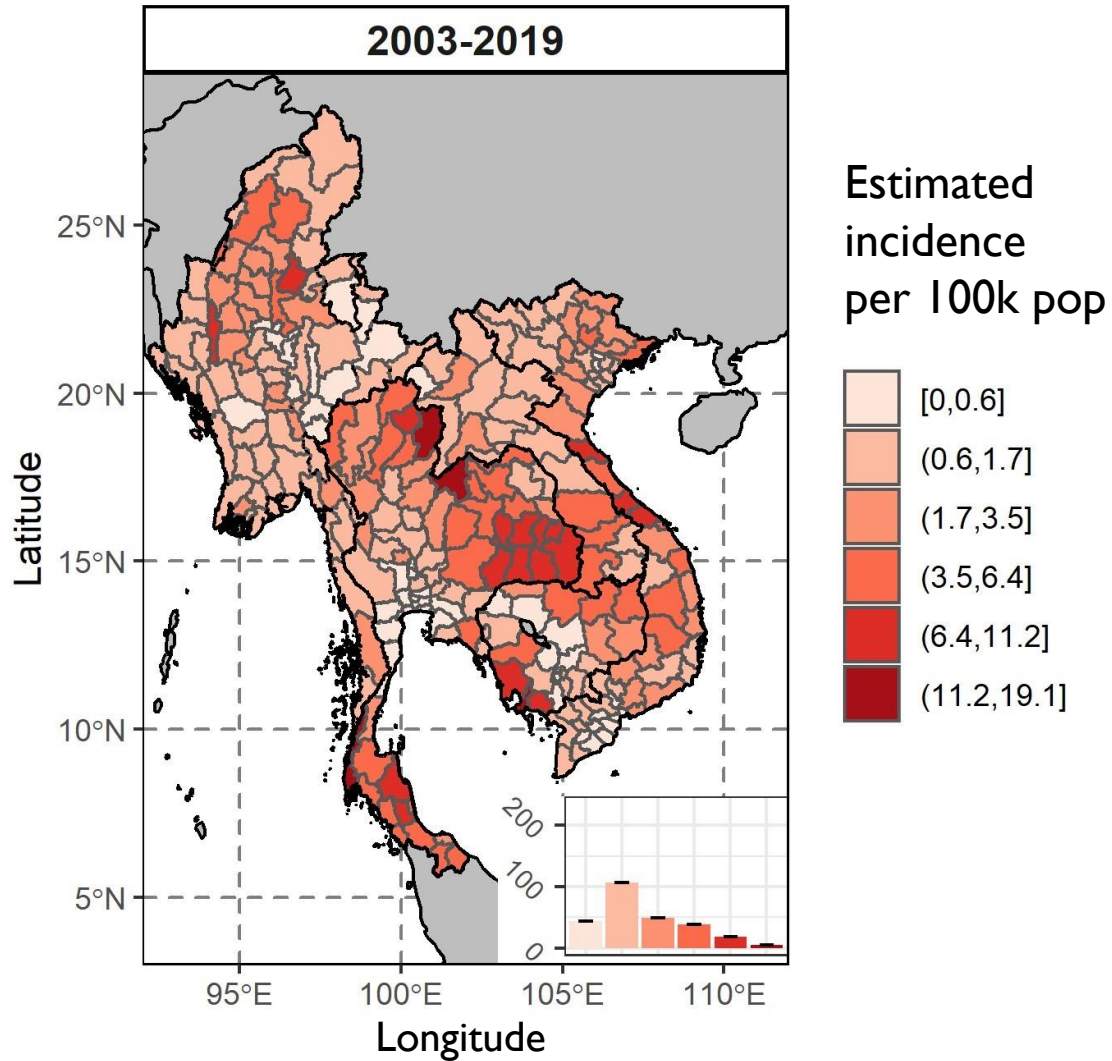




# RESULTS

Environmental determinants

Estimating leptospirosis burden



Distribution of leptospirosis in Southeast Asia.

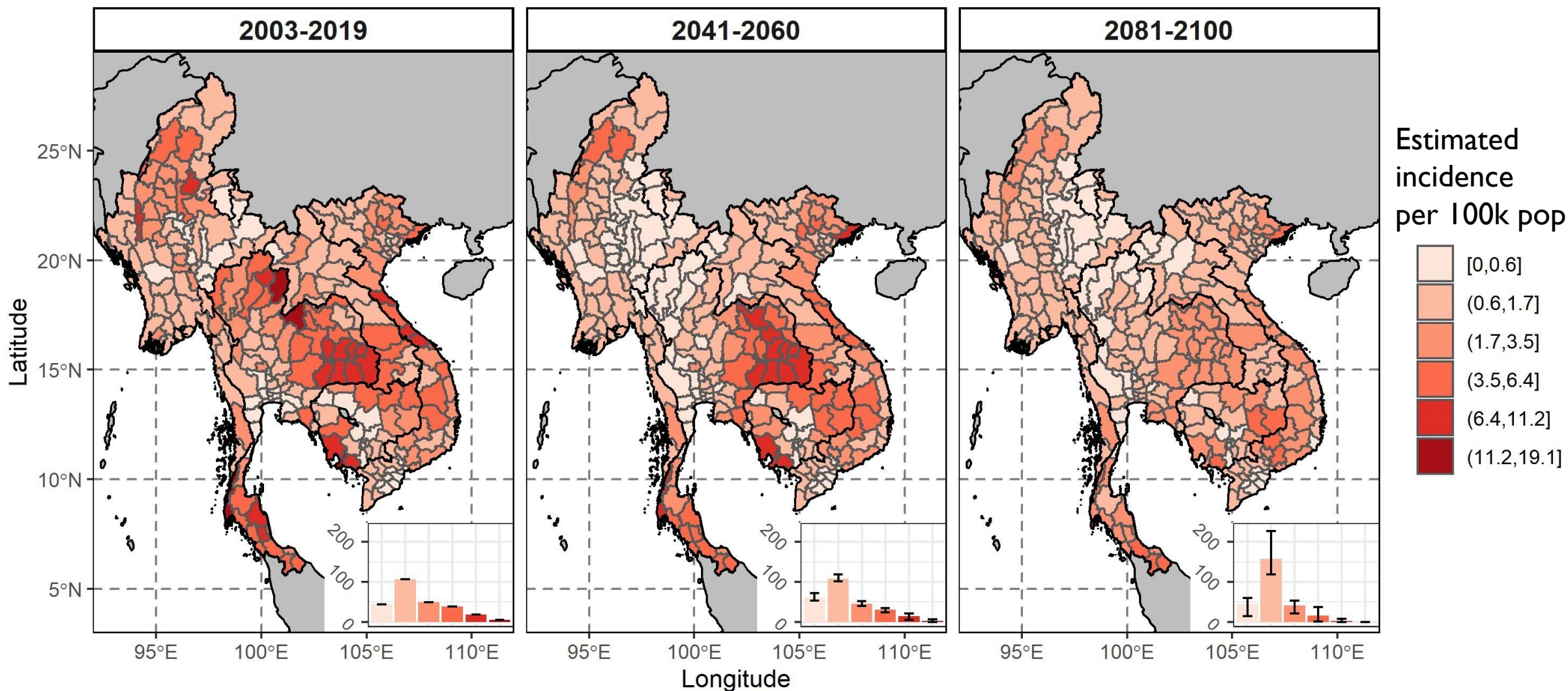


# RESULTS

Environmental  
determinants

Estimating  
leptospirosis burden

Response to  
climate change



Distribution of leptospirosis in Southeast Asia and its predicted evolution under the no-climate policy scenario (SSP5-8.5) of climate change.

# DISCUSSION

## A robust model of leptospirosis distribution

- Accurately estimate Leptospirosis in Thailand
- Rely on **landscape and climate data available at large extent**
- Highlights the **importance of climate** on the disease distribution

# DISCUSSION

## A robust model of leptospirosis distribution

### Unravelling leptospirosis distribution in Southeast Asia

- First estimates of **leptospirosis burden at local scale** encompassing 5 countries of Southeast Asia
- **Neglect behavioral and socio-economics aspects** shown to impact leptospirosis incidence
- True burden **likely underestimated** in countries less informed than Thailand

# DISCUSSION

A robust model of leptospirosis distribution

Unravelling leptospirosis distribution in Southeast Asia

Predict the evolution of the distribution along with climate change

- Leptospirosis globally decreases with climate change
- Spatio-temporal aggregation likely **hide localized extreme climate event** in the future that would trigger outbreaks
- Climate projections globally **agree on the temperature trend but not for precipitation trends**
- Models predictions are only driven by climate projections but **modification of the landscape and development of the countries** could also impact the distribution




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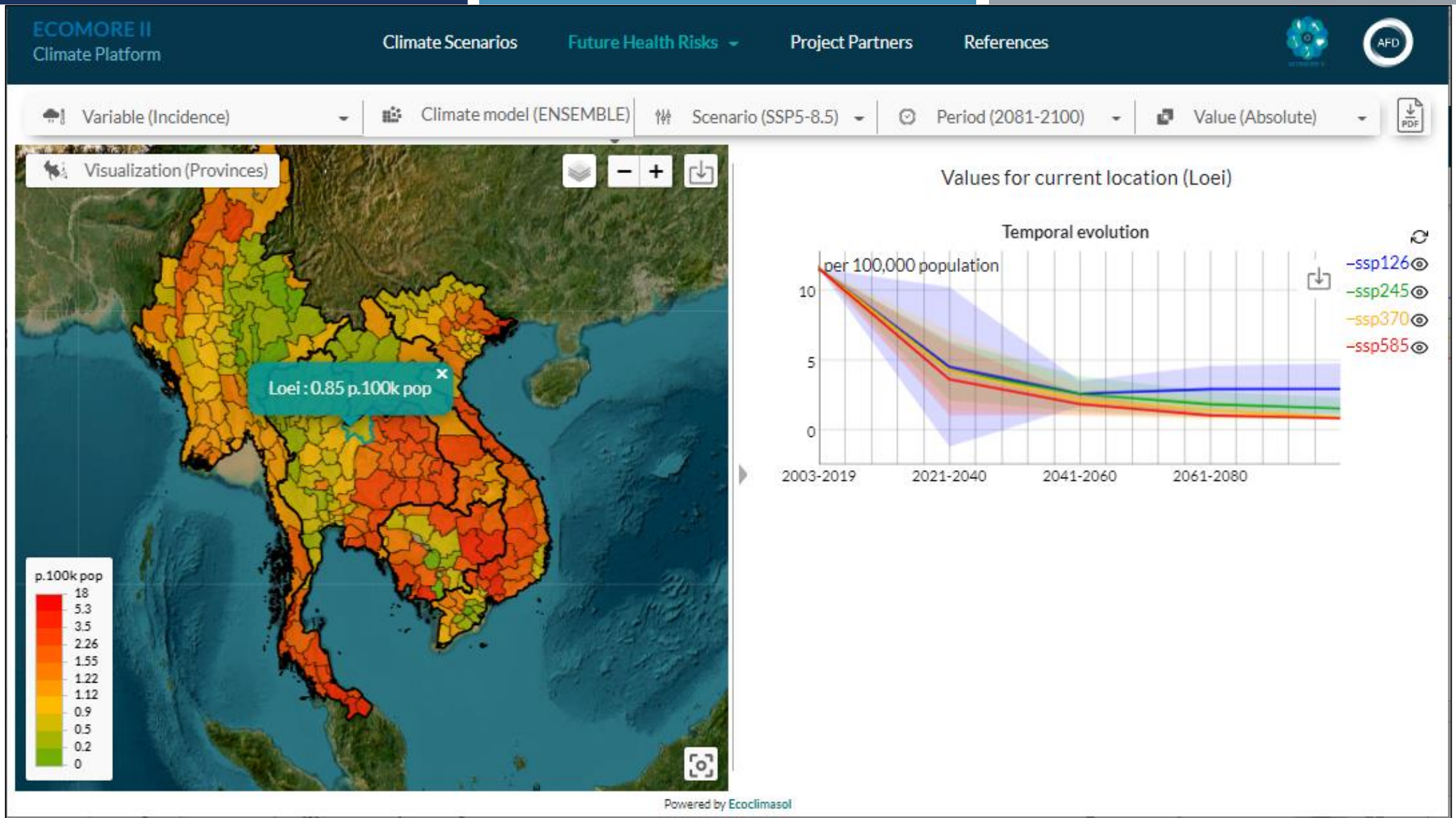
Aedes mosquitoes density  
Leptospirosis distribution

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Variable (Incidence)

Climate model (ENSEMBLE)

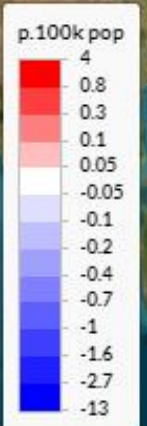
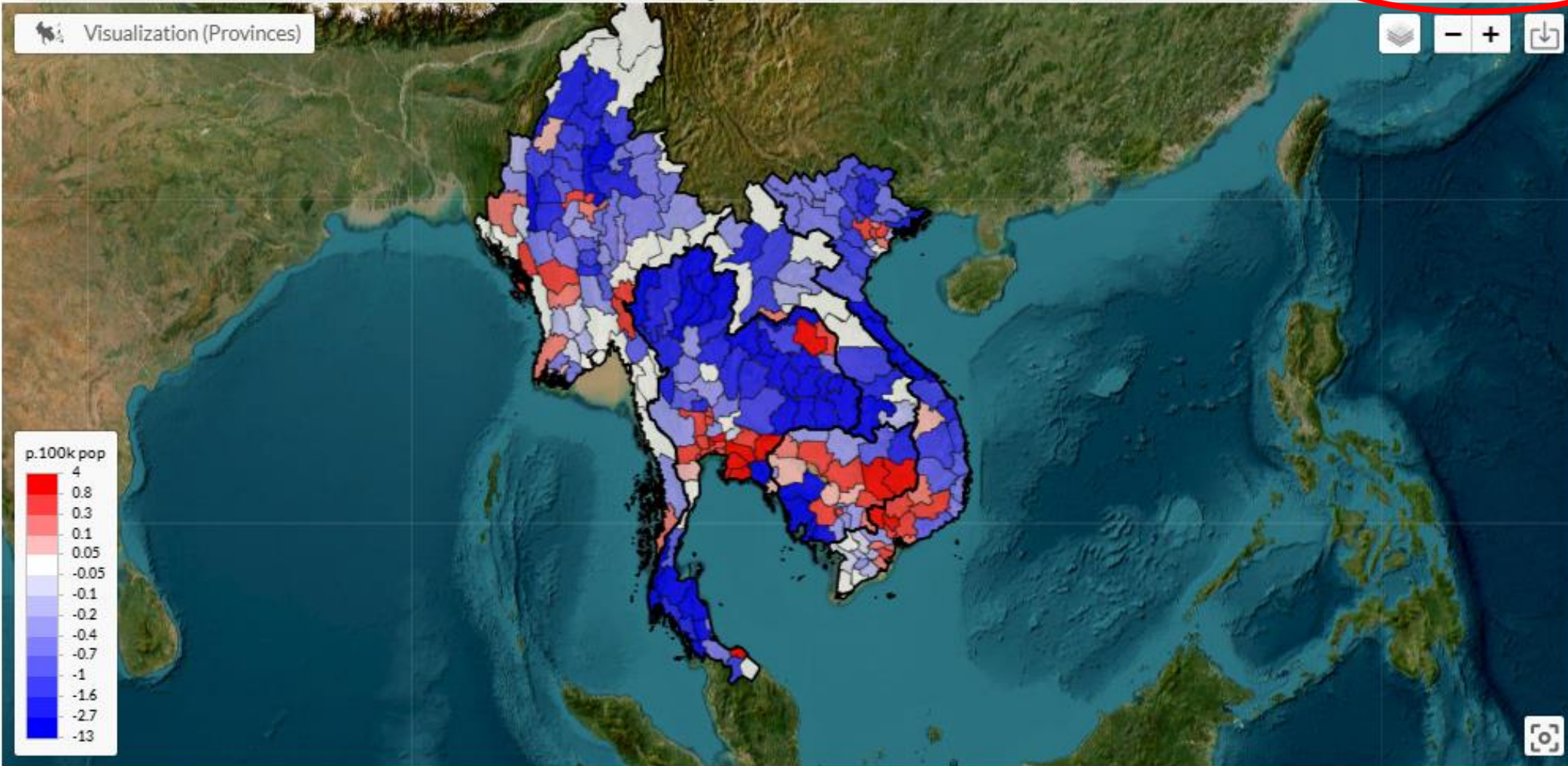
Scenario (SSP5-8.5)

Period (2081-2100)

Value (Anomalies)



Visualization (Provinces)



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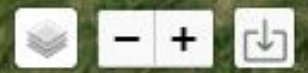
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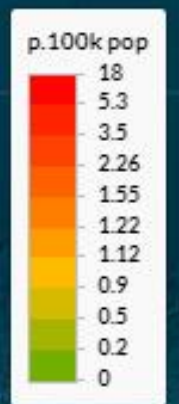
Value (Absolute)



Visualization (Provinces)



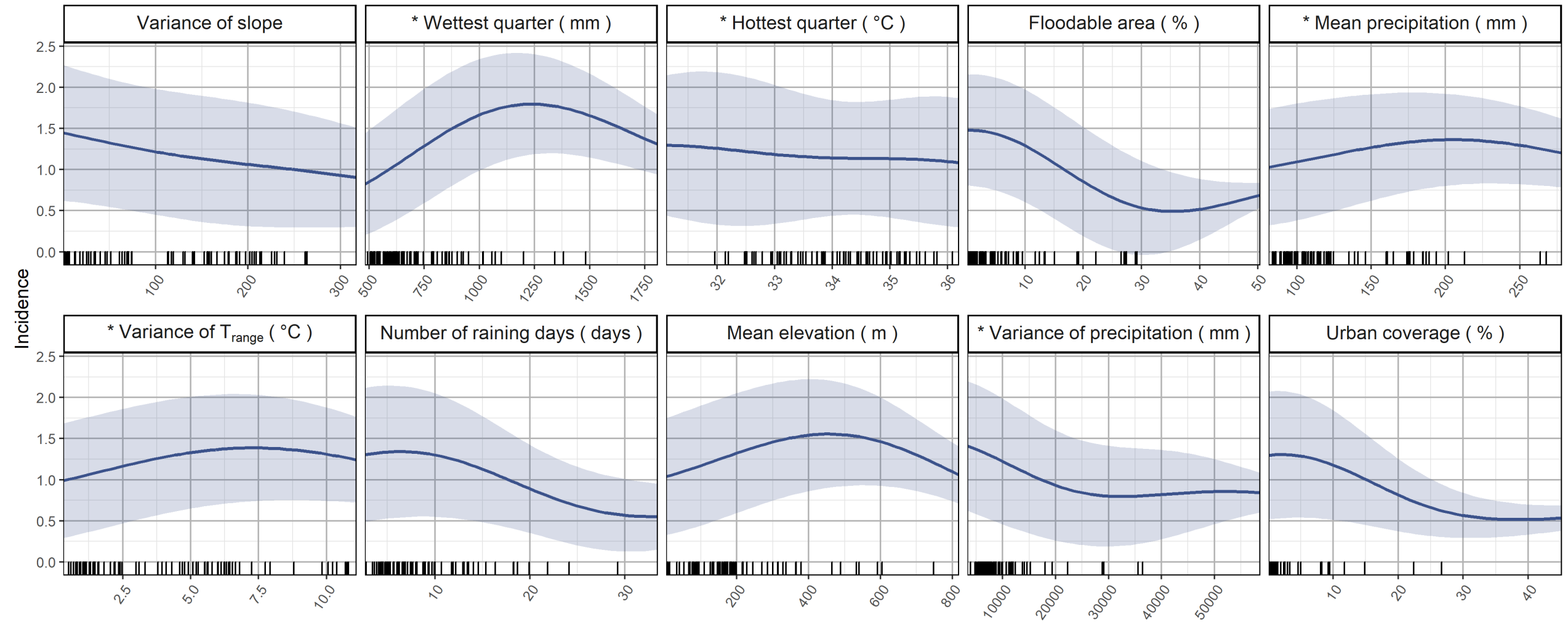
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 Partial dependancy  $\pm$  sd    |    Observed variables values    \* CMIP6 Projected climate variables

## National surveillance of leptospirosis in Thailand

