



Ecosystem Change and Human Health: An Overview of the HEAL Program

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Environmental Change as Public Health Risk



Roadmap

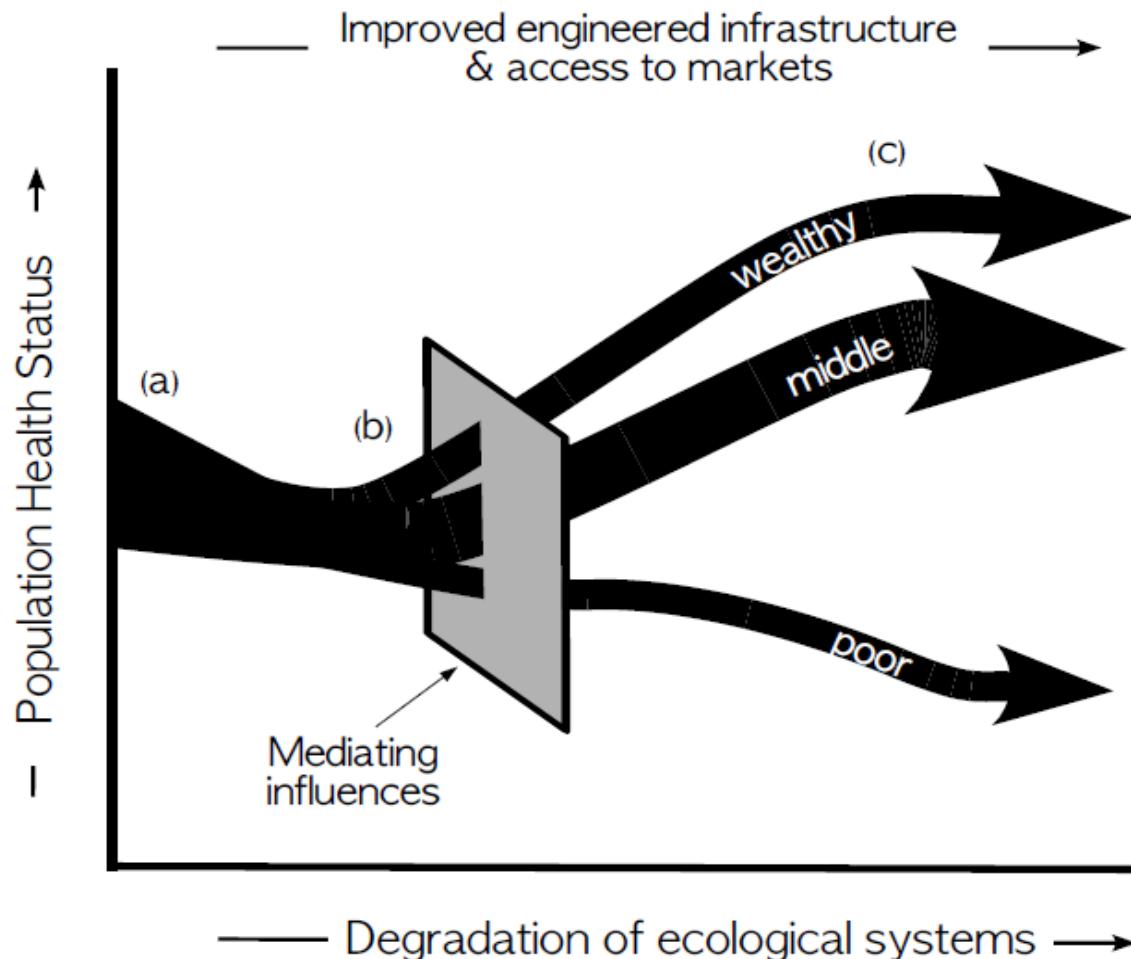
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Human health impacts of ecosystem alteration

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Environmental Change

- Wildlife population collapse

Changes in Food Supply

- Reduced access to animal-source foods

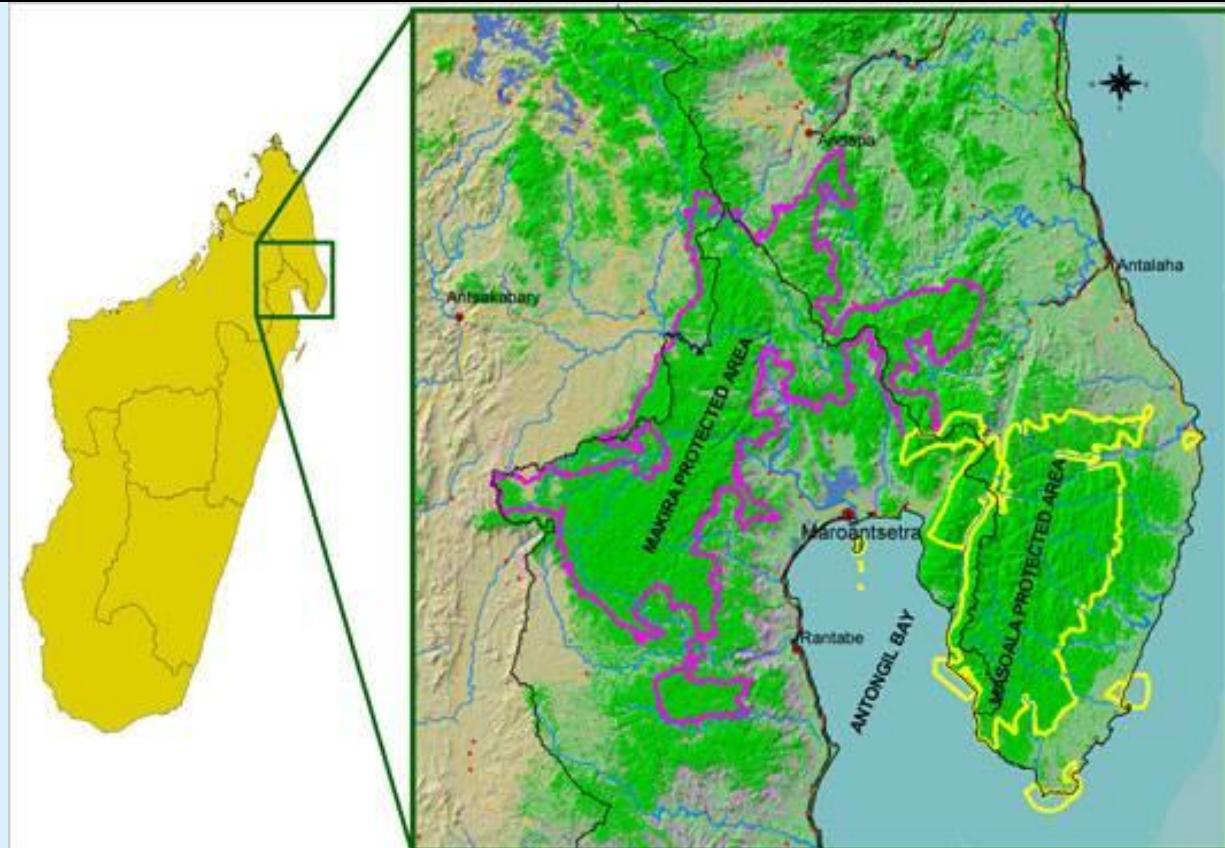
Changes in Nutrient Intake

- Micronutrient and vitamin intake decreases

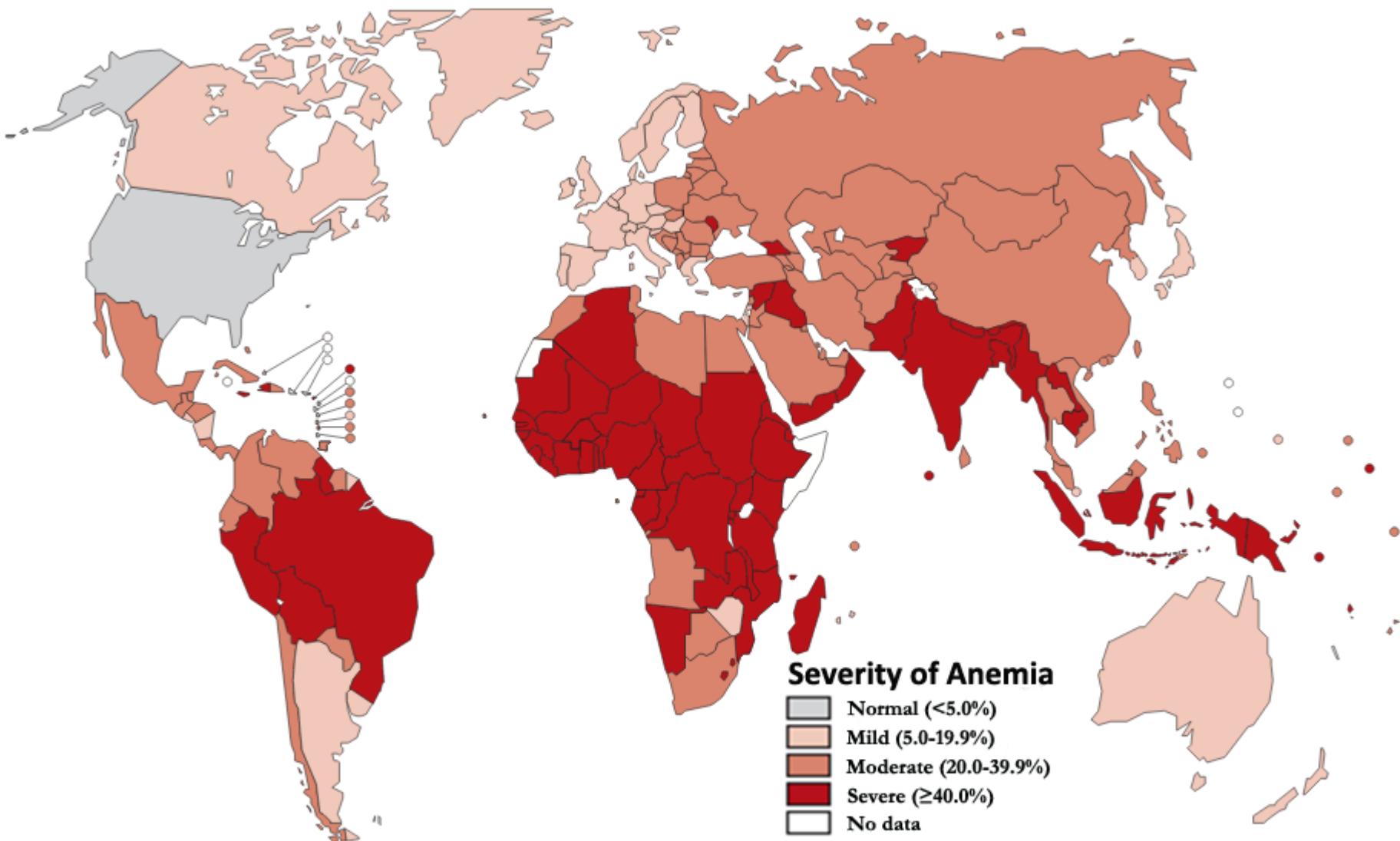
Health Impacts

- Increased incidence of anemia

Makira Region, NE Madagascar



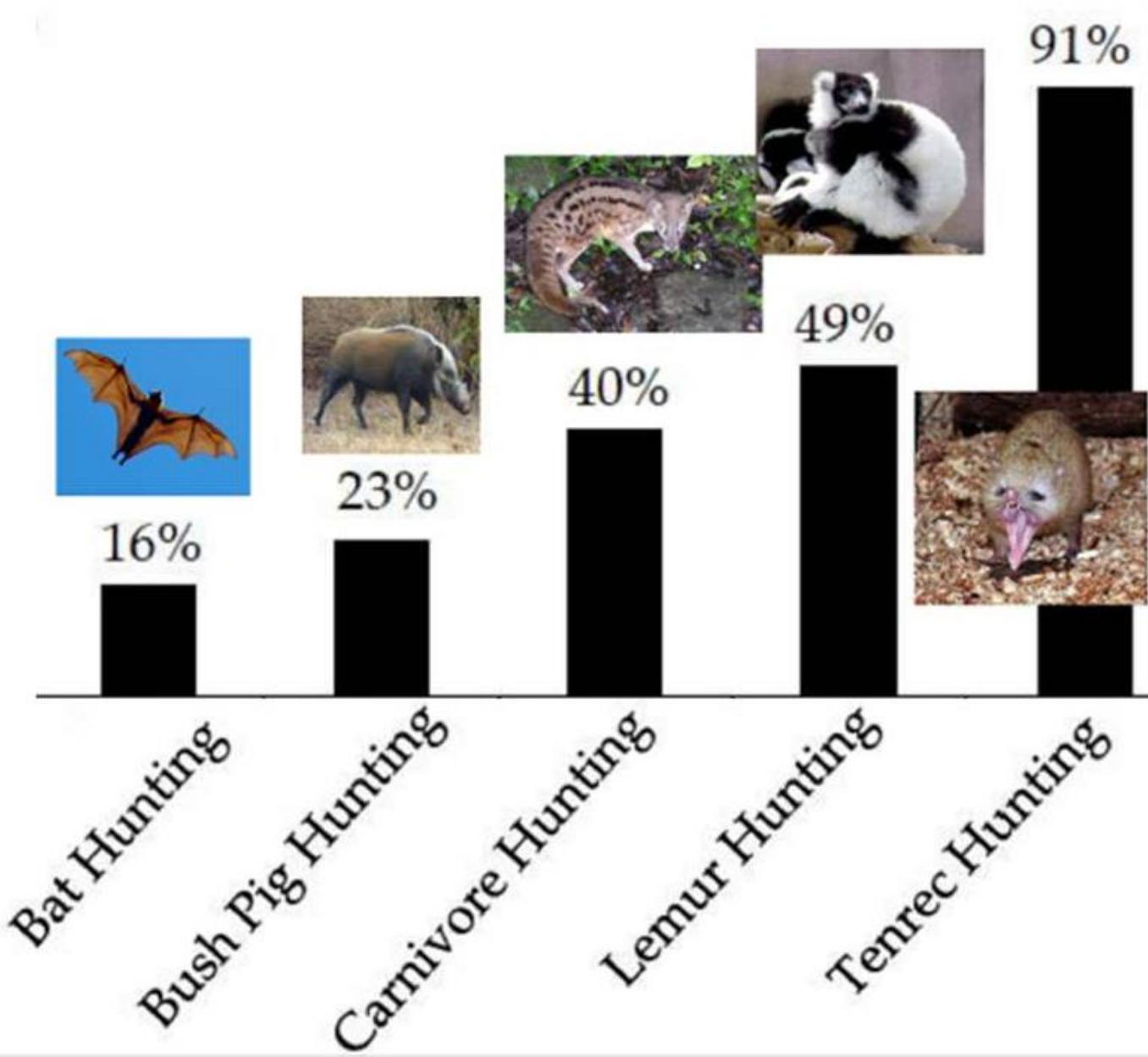
Global Prevalence of Anemia



Forest Foods

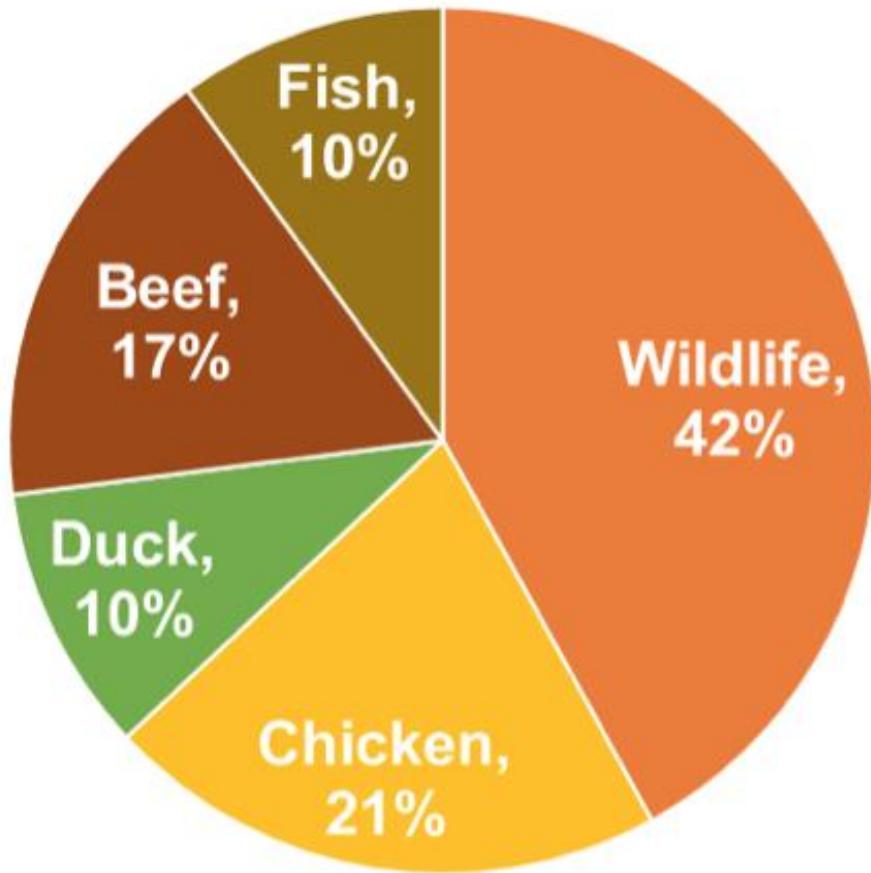


Wildlife Consumption

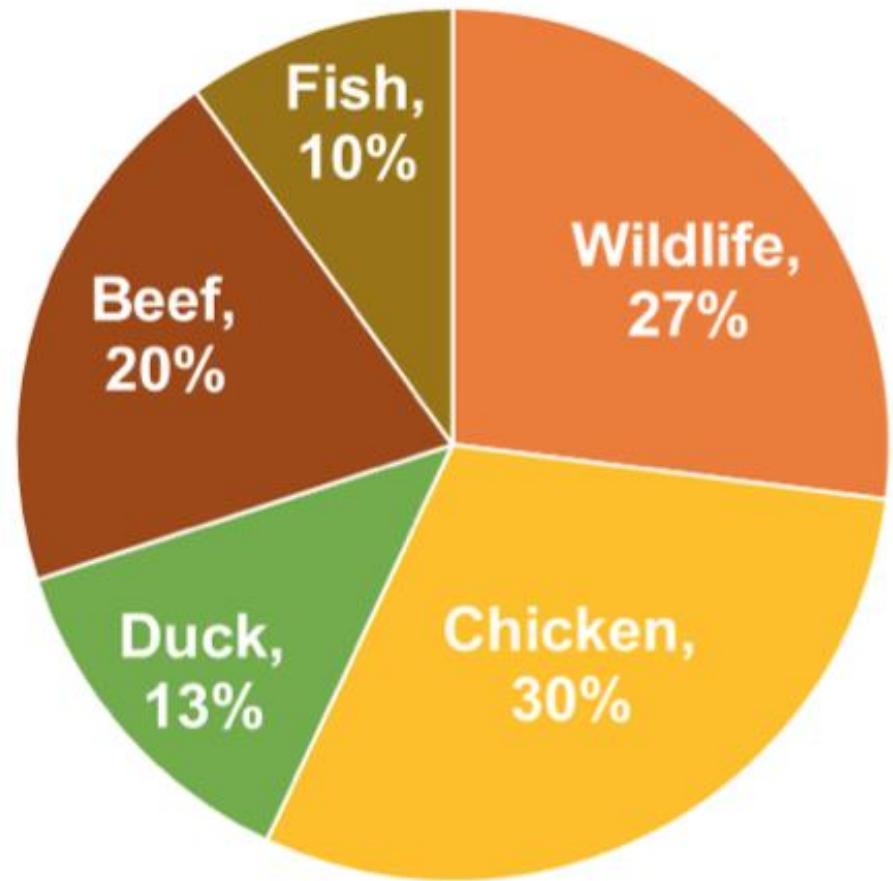


Reliance on Animal Source Foods

Poor Households

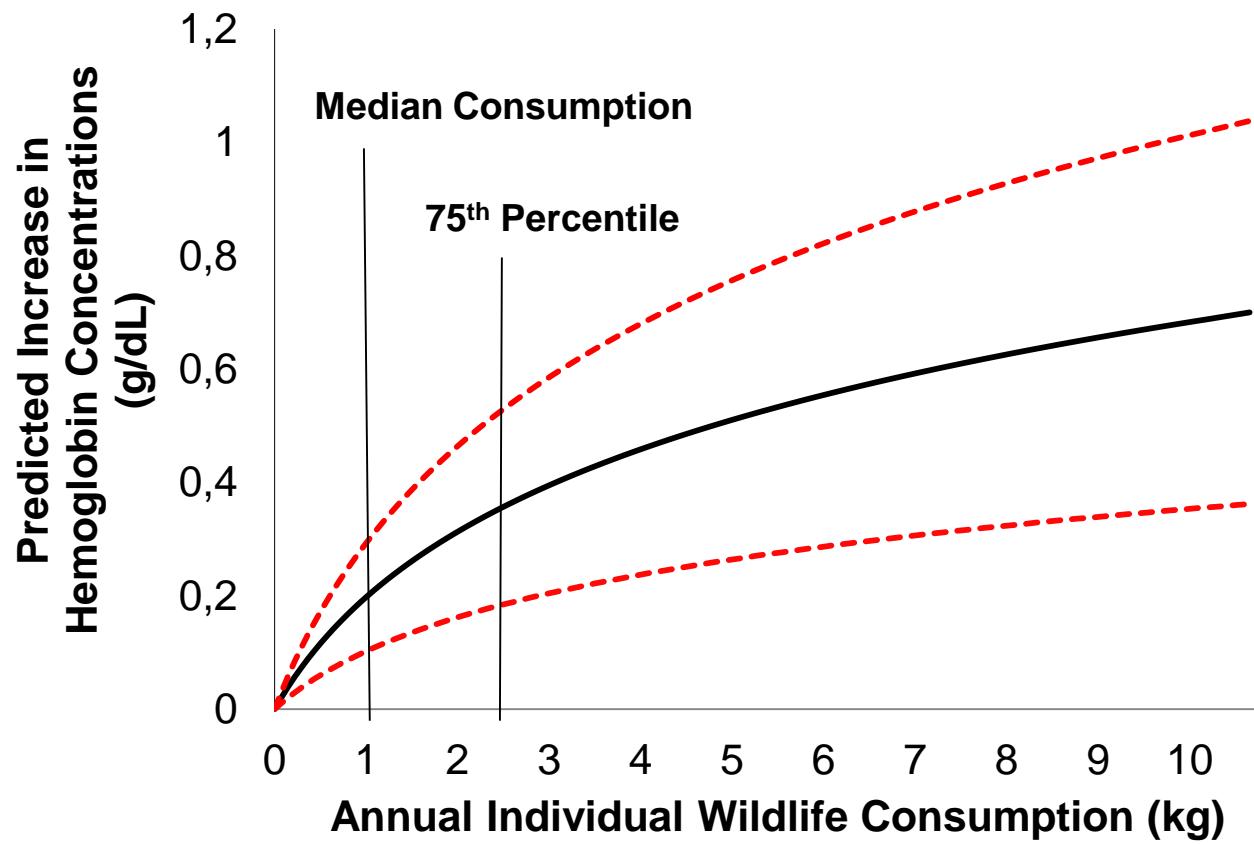


Rich Households



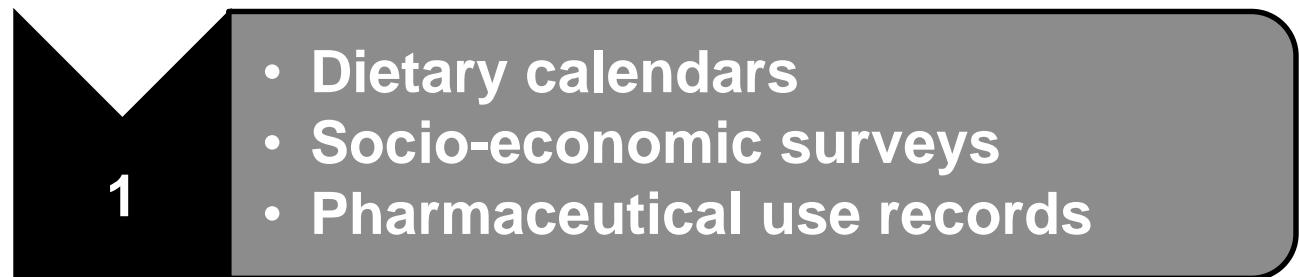
Benefits of wildlife consumption to child nutrition in a biodiversity hotspot

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Health Methodology

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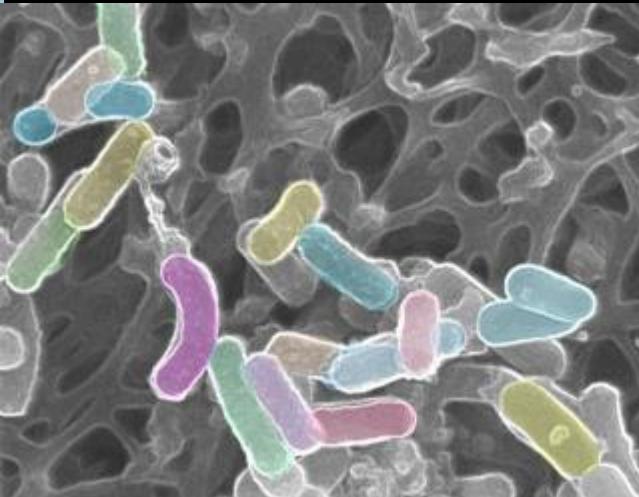
CLINICAL VISIT



FIRST / LAST



Biological Samples



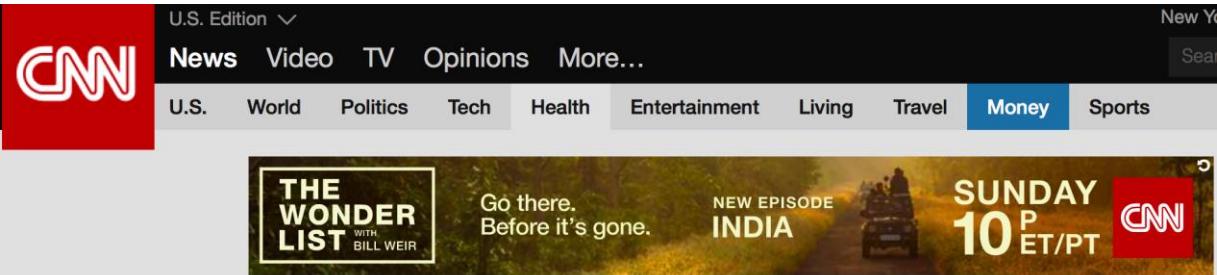


Zoonotic Disease Sampling



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Madagascar plague outbreak kills 40, says WHO



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Experts raise alarm as plague kills dozens in Madagascar

By [Faith Karimi](#) and [Emil Hellerud](#), CNN

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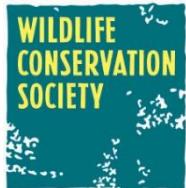
Infectious disease

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Environmental Change

- Climate change and fishery collapse

Changes in Food Supply

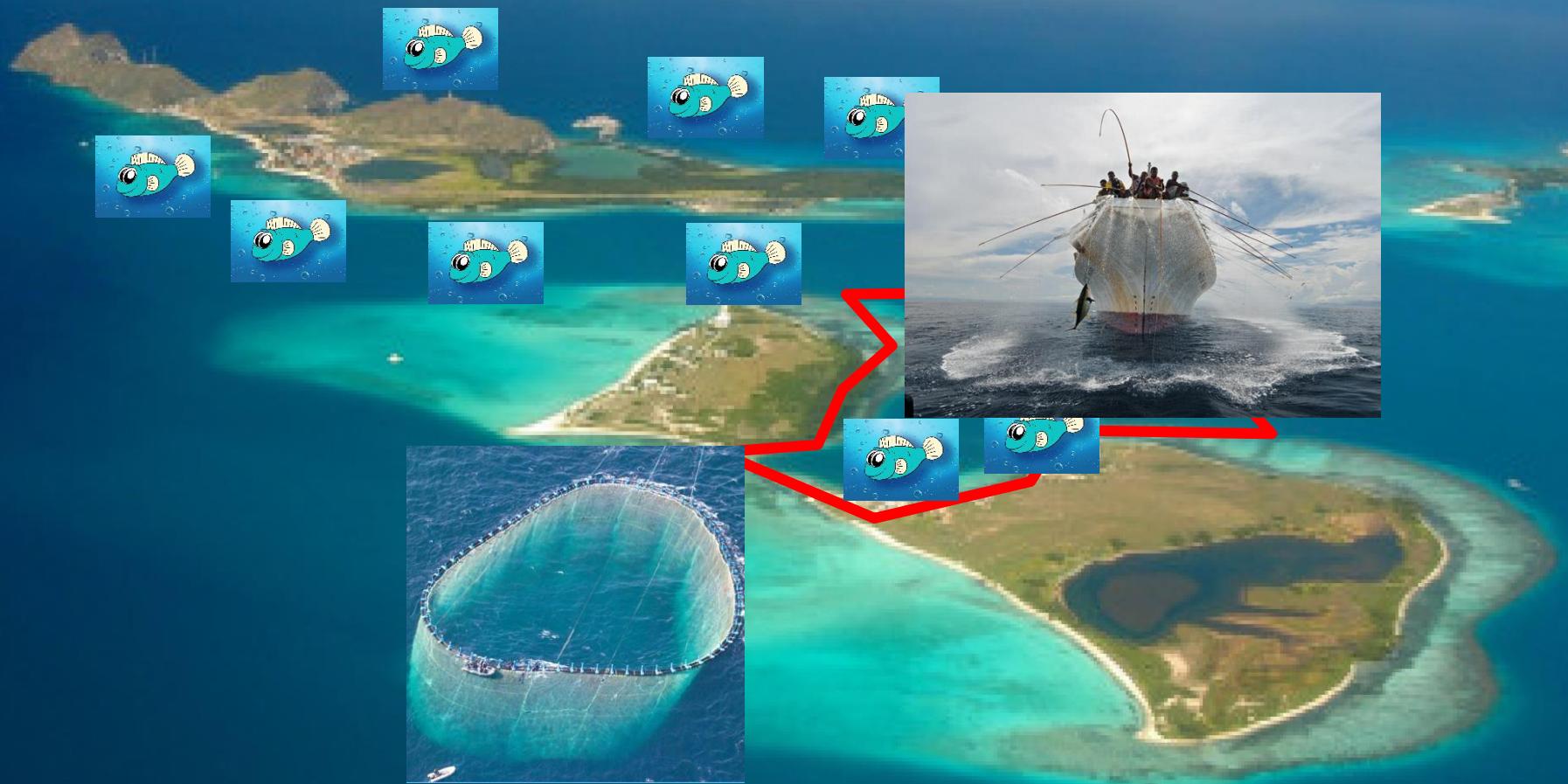
- Change in the size and location of the fishery

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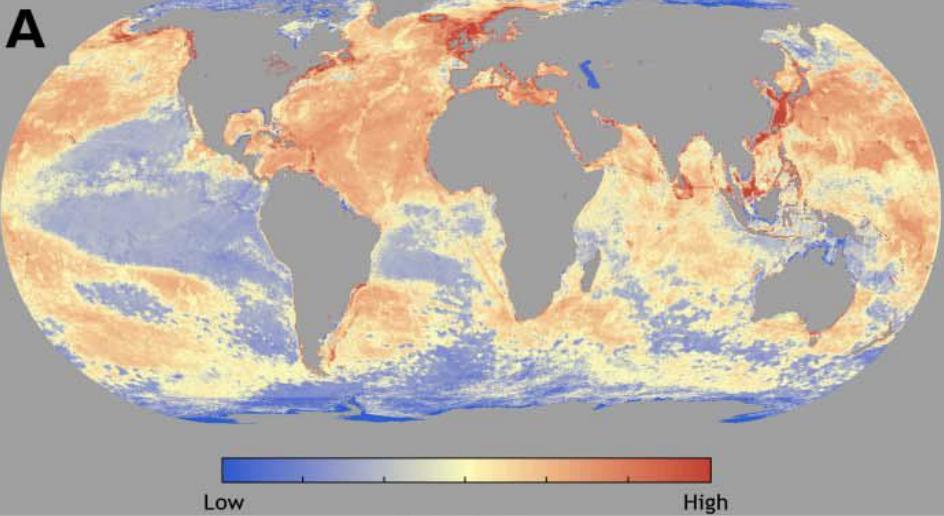
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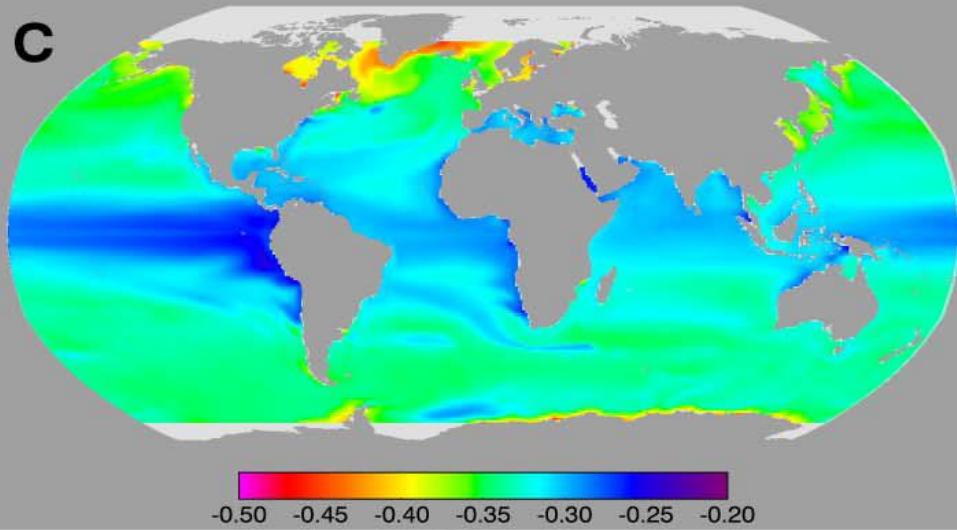
- Increased micronutrient deficiencies and metabolic diseases



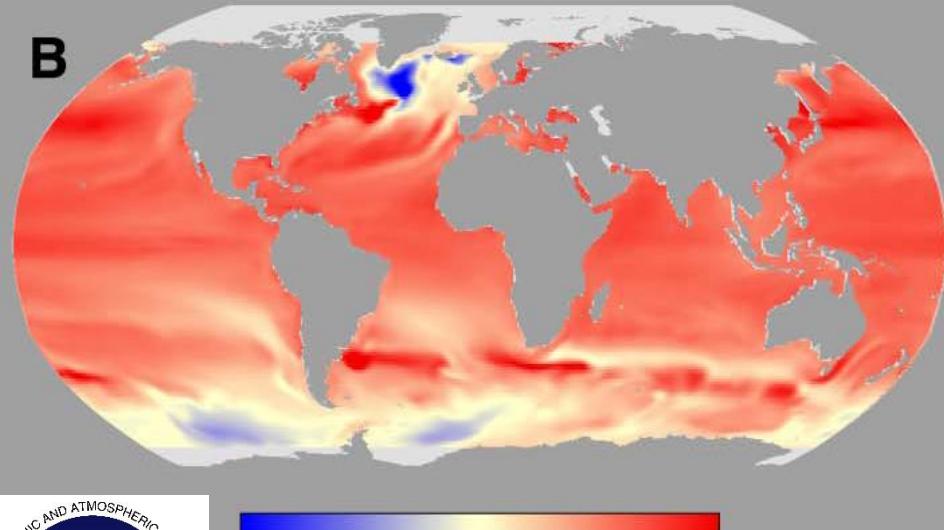
Our Future Oceans



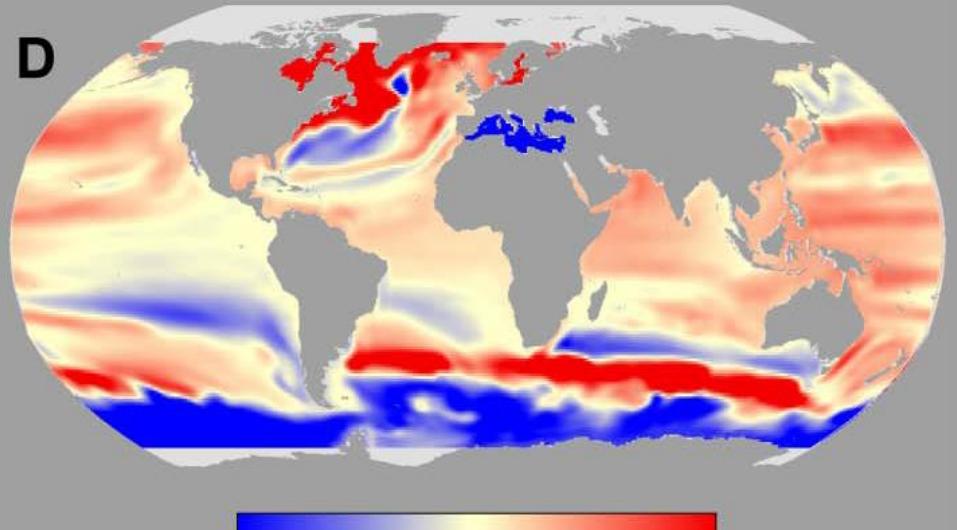
Overfishing



Ocean Acidification



Temperature Rise



Sea Level Rise

Environmental Change

Wildlife Population Collapses

Climate Change and Fishery Collapse



Changes in Food Supply

Reduced access to ASF

Change in amount and location of fishery



Changes in Nutrient Intake

Reduced Fe, Zn, fatty acids, Vit. A & B12



Health Impacts

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and metabolic diseases

Policy Impact



Intergovernmental Platform on
Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services



Convention on
Biological Diversity



World Health
Organization



Thank You!

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