

WEST NILE DISEASE: SORVEGLIANZA INTEGRATA IN REGIONE  
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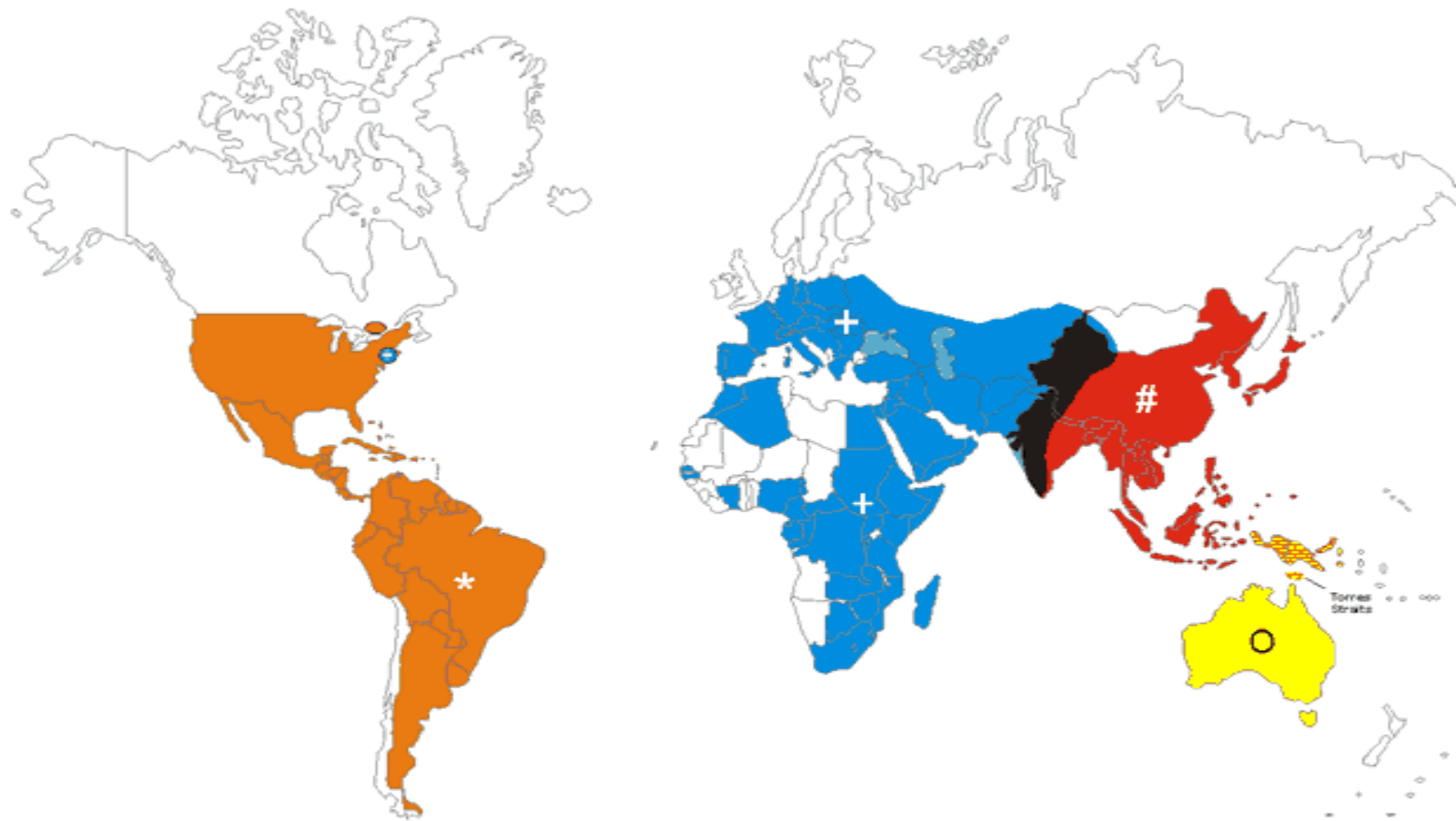
# Epidemiologia delle infezioni da flavivirus negli ultimi dieci anni in Nord Italia.

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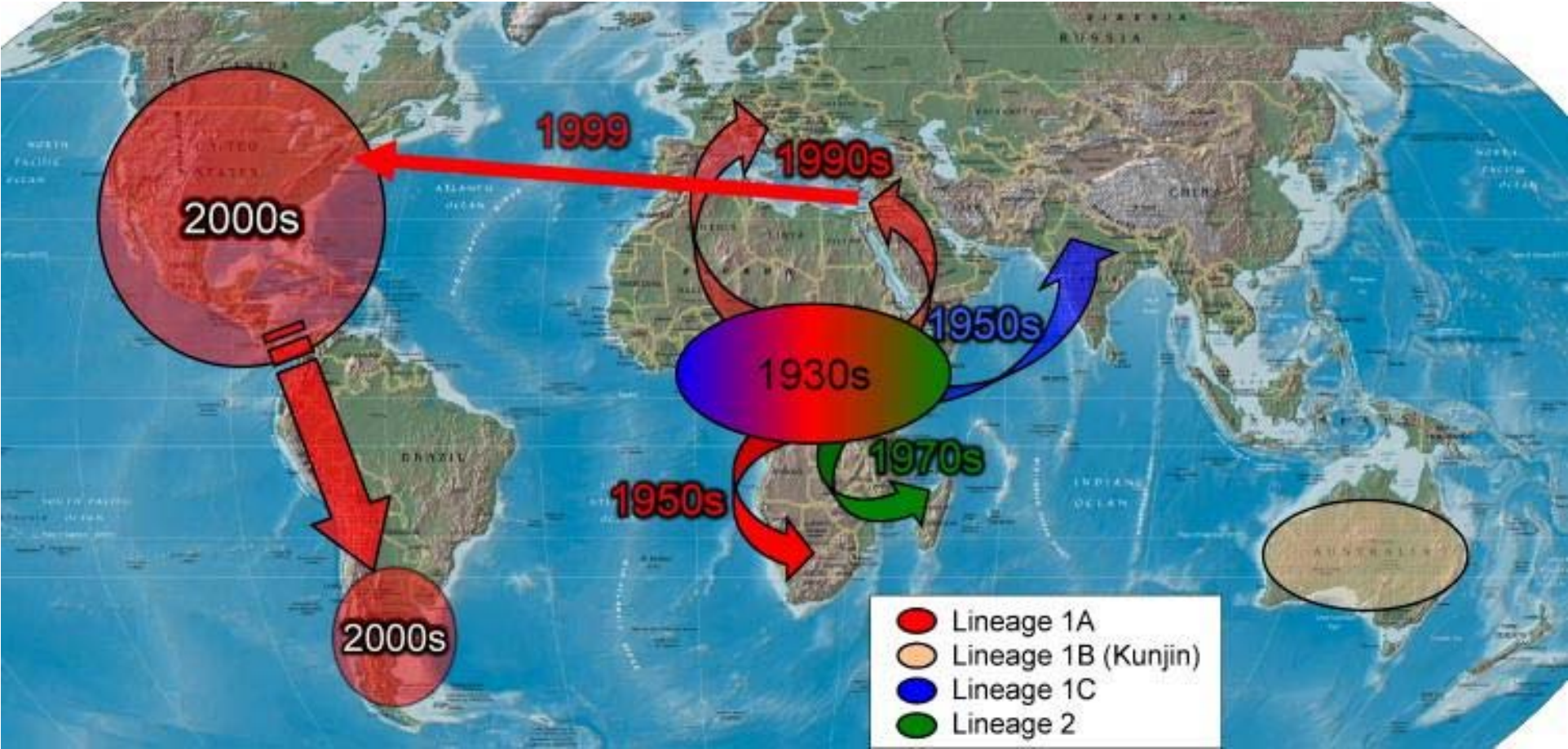
# Flavivirus trasmessi da zanzare

Virus	Principali specie vettrici	Serbatoi	Diffusione
Dengue	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Ae. albopictus</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp	Uomo	Africa, Americhe, Asia
Encefalite della Murray Valley	<i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Volatili	Australia, Nuova Guinea
Encefalite giapponese	<i>Culex tritaeniorhynchus</i> , <i>Culex</i> spp.	Volatili, maiali	Asia
Encefalite St. Louis	<i>Culex pipiens</i> <i>Culex nigripalpus</i> <i>Culex</i> spp.	Volatili	Americhe
Febbre gialla	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes africanus</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp.	Primati	Africa, America centro-meridionale
Ilheus	<i>Psorophora ferox</i> , <i>Psorophora</i> spp <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	Volatili (selvatico)	Americhe
Kunjin	<i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Volatili	Australia, Nuova Guinea
Rocio virus	<i>Ochlerotatus scapularis</i> , <i>Psorophora ferox</i>	?	Brasile
Spondweni	<i>Mansonia africana</i> , <i>M uniformis</i> altre specie	?	Sud Africa
Usutu	<i>Culex</i> spp.	Volatili	Africa, Europa
Wesselsbron	<i>Aedes</i> spp.	Volatili, mammiferi	Africa del Sud
West Nile	<i>Culex</i> spp.	Volatili	Tutto il mondo
Zika	<i>Aedes africanus</i> , <i>Ae luteocephalus</i> , <i>Ae aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp	Primati	Africa Sud-Est Asiatico

# The Geographic Distribution of the Japanese Encephalitis Serocomplex of the Family Flaviridae, 2000.



- St. Louis encephalitis
- \* Rocio and St. Louis (Brazil)
- + West Nile virus
- # Japanese encephalitis
- West Nile and Japanese encephalitis
- Japanese and Murray Valley encephalitis
- Murray Valley and Kunjin



Da Weaver and Reisen 2010

## Japanese encephalitis, countries or areas at risk\*



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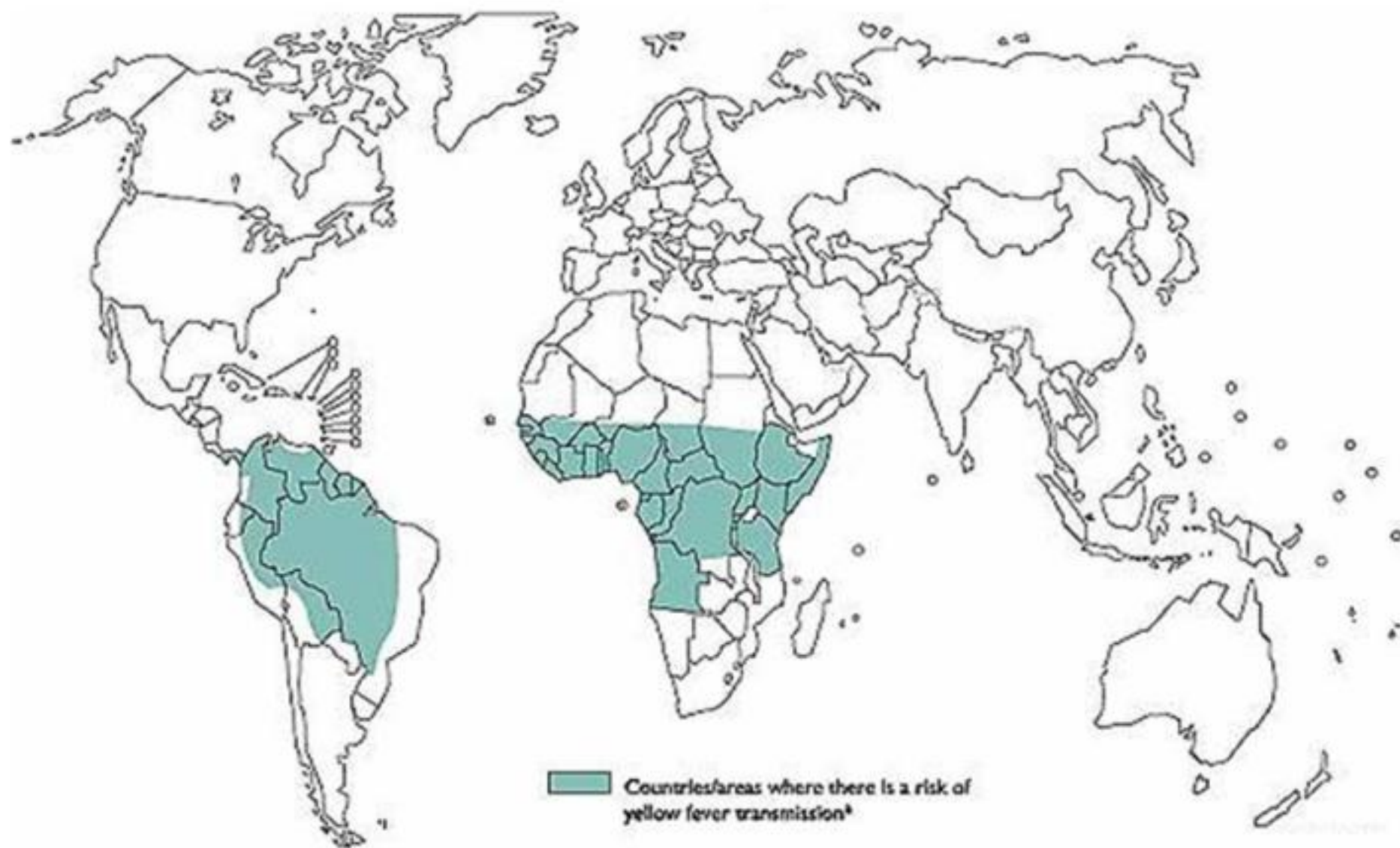
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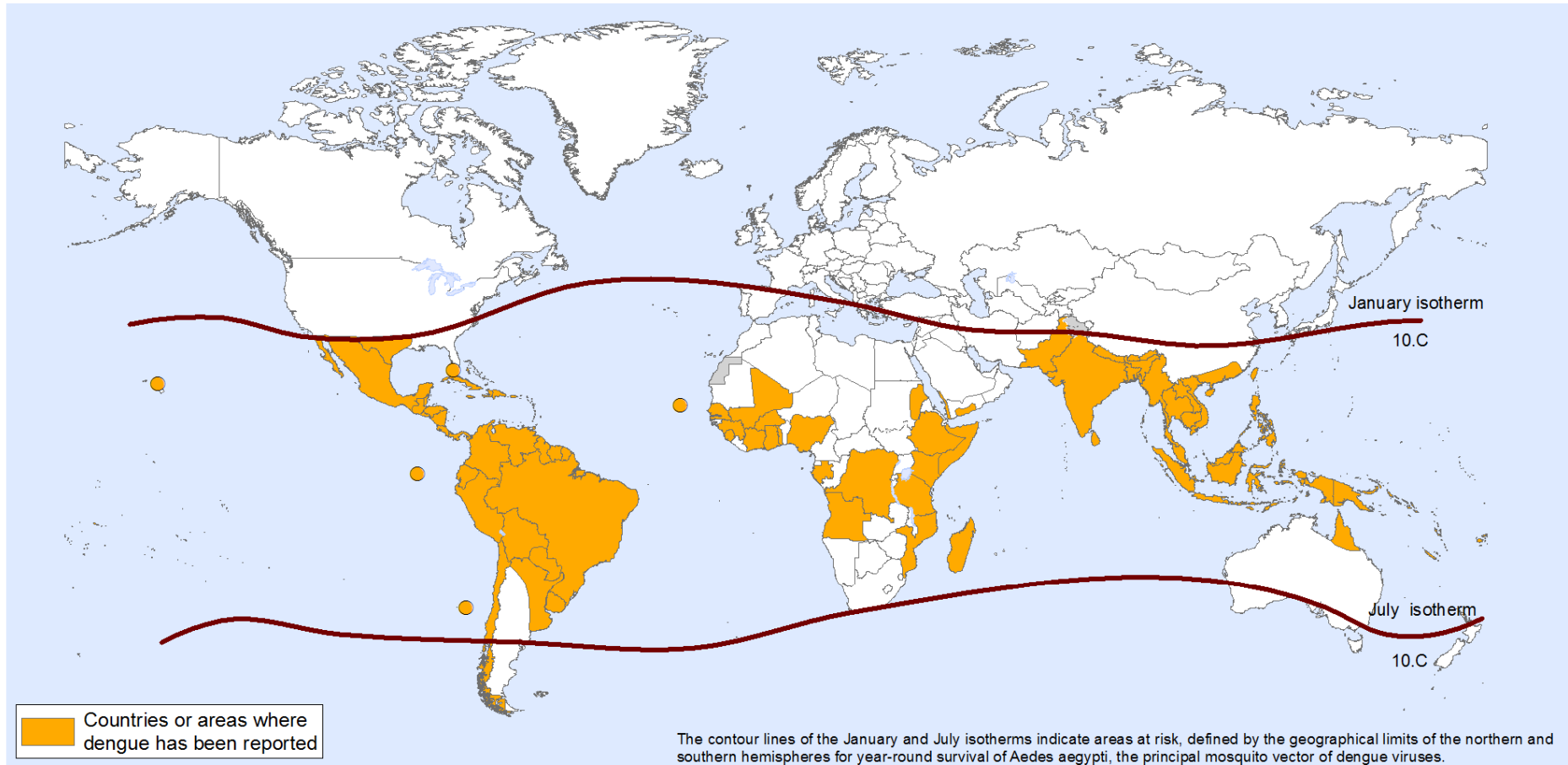


## Areas at risk of Yellow Fever transmission



\* Either yellow fever has been reported or the presence of vectors and animal reservoirs creates a potential risk of infection (considered to be endemic areas).

## Dengue, countries or areas at risk, 2013



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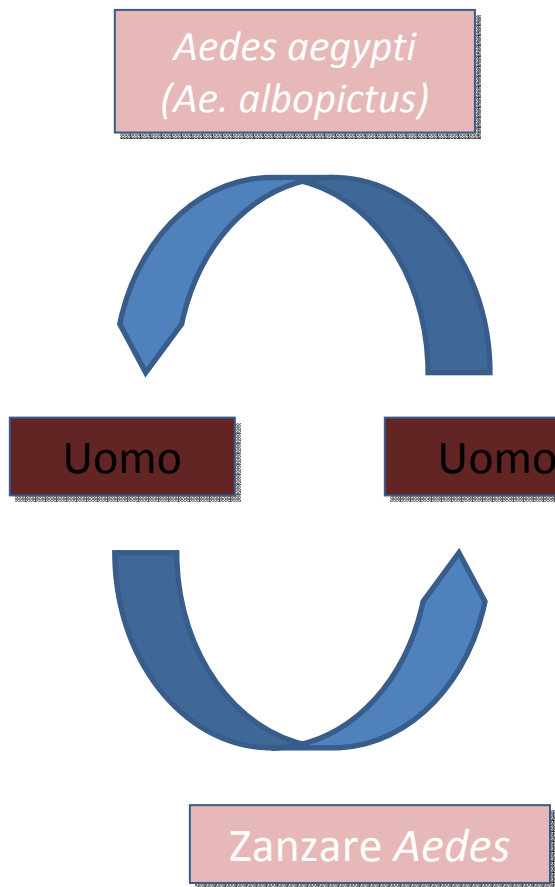
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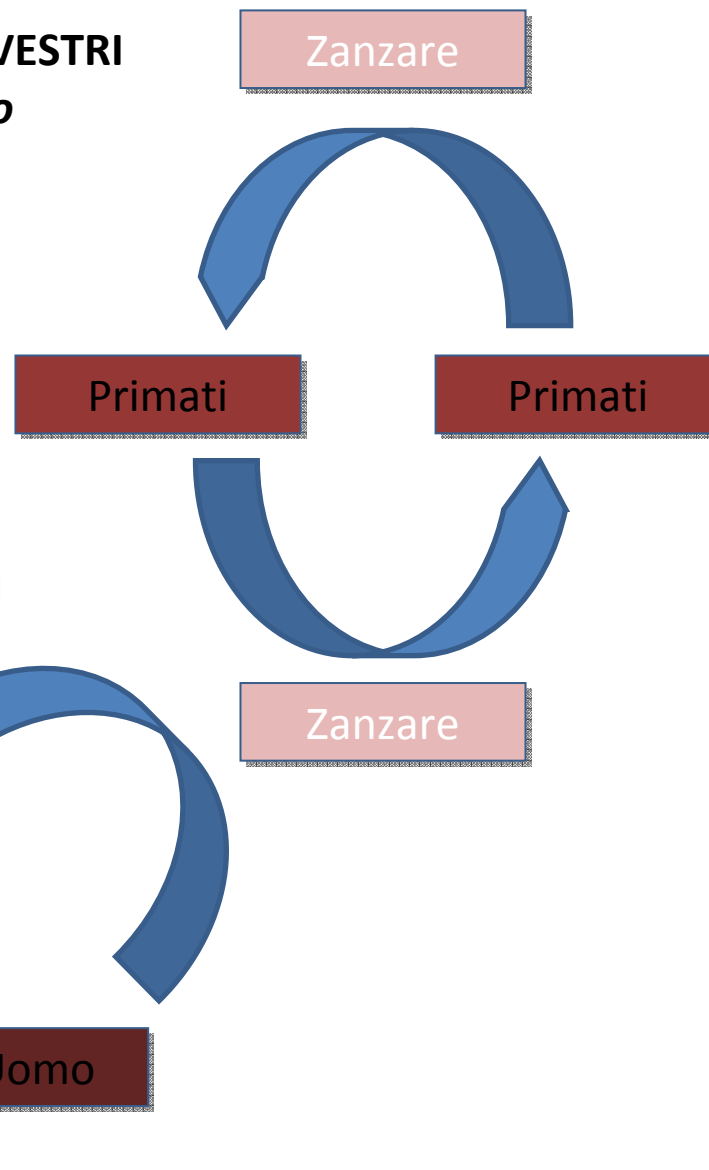
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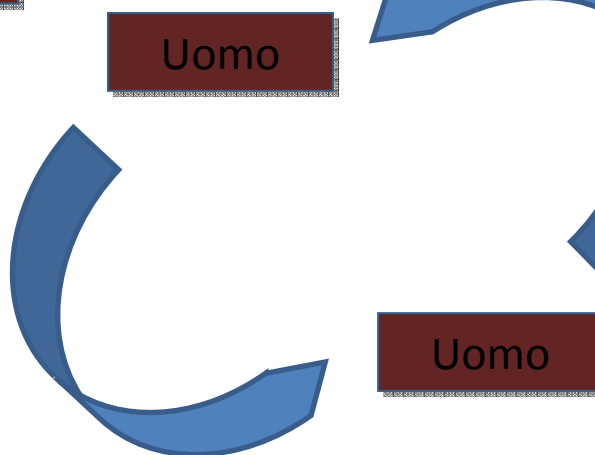


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*Ciclo enzootico*  
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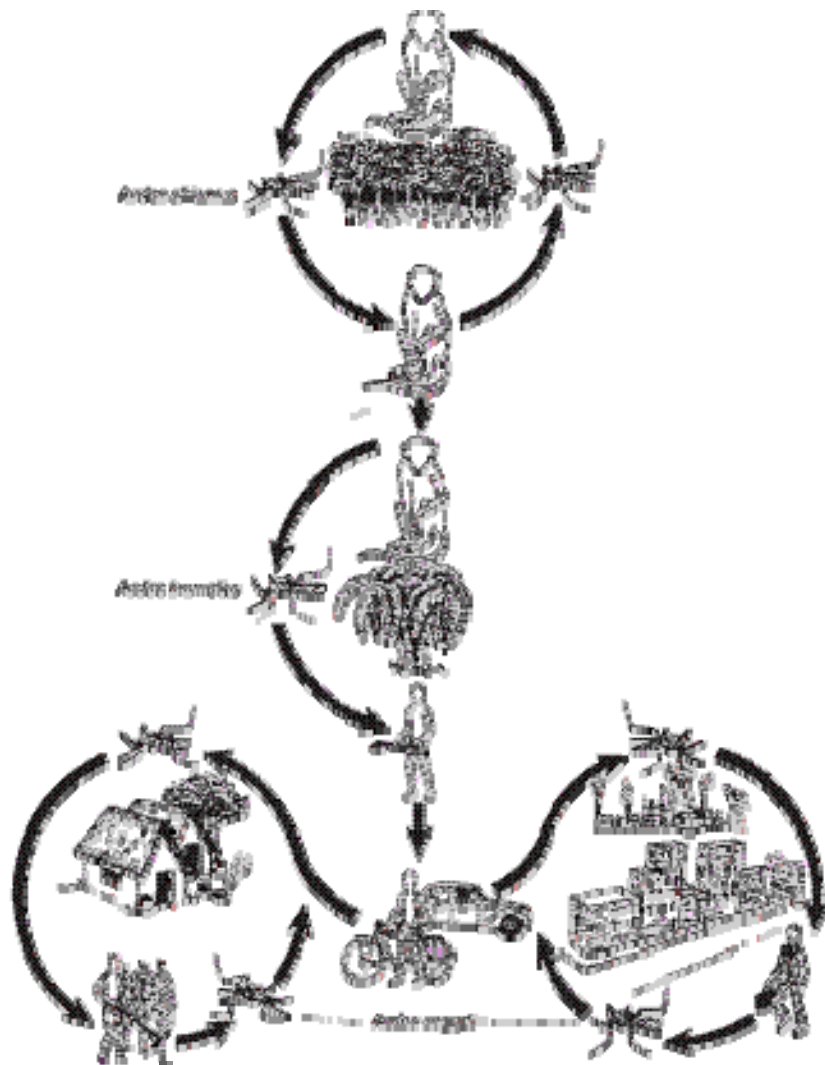
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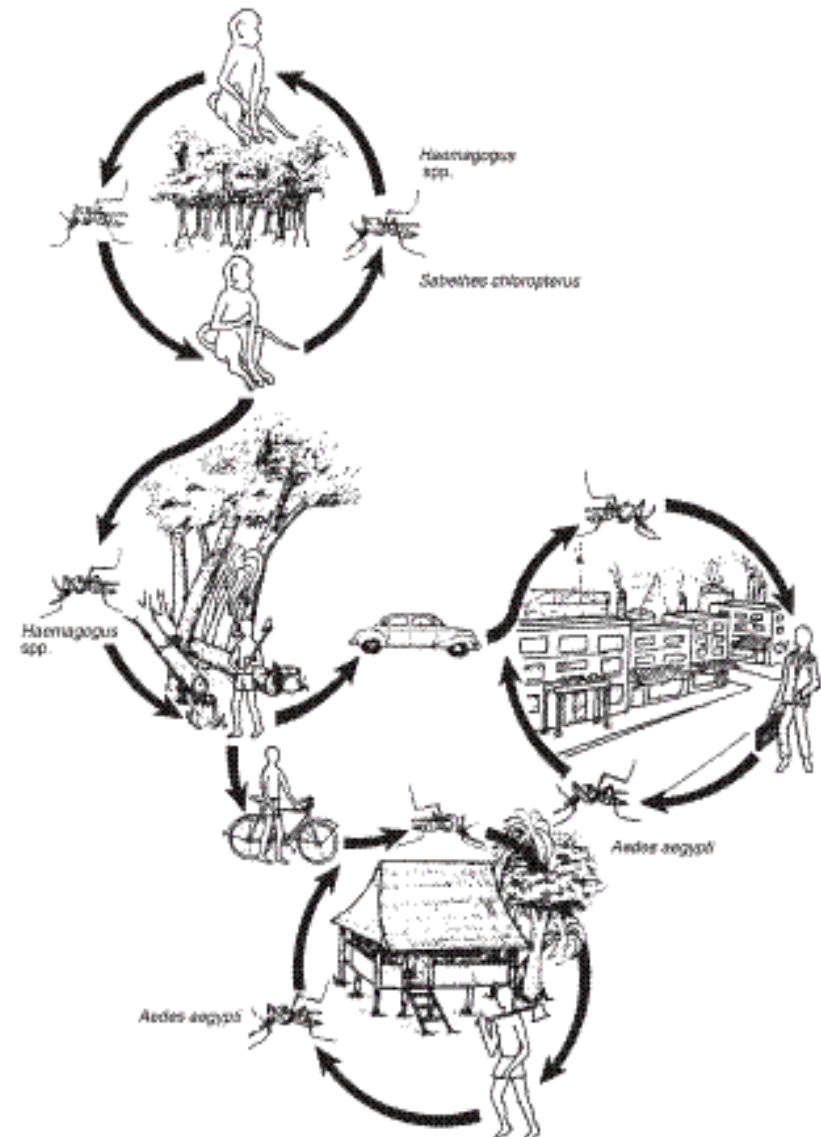


# Jungle, rural and urban transmission cycles of yellow fever

## Africa



## Central and South America



# Fattori influenzanti

## CRESCITA DEMOGRAFICA

(ANTROPIZZAZIONE, DEFORESTAZIONE)

## GLOBALIZZAZIONE

(TURISMO, AFFARI, IMMIGRAZIONE, TRASPORTI)

## CAMBIAMENTI CLIMATICI

(PIOVOSITÀ, TEMPERATURE, PROLUNGAMENTO DELLA STAGIONE  
FAVOREVOLE)

ATTIVITÀ OUTDOOR

# Vie di importazione in Europa

1. Viaggiatori viremici
2. Commercio di vertebrati potenzialmente infetti (zoo, animali domestici, bestiame)
3. Introduzione di zanzare infette (larve, uova, adulti) con aereoplani navi, autoveicoli.
4. Uccelli migratori infetti (WNV)

Da Hubalek 2006

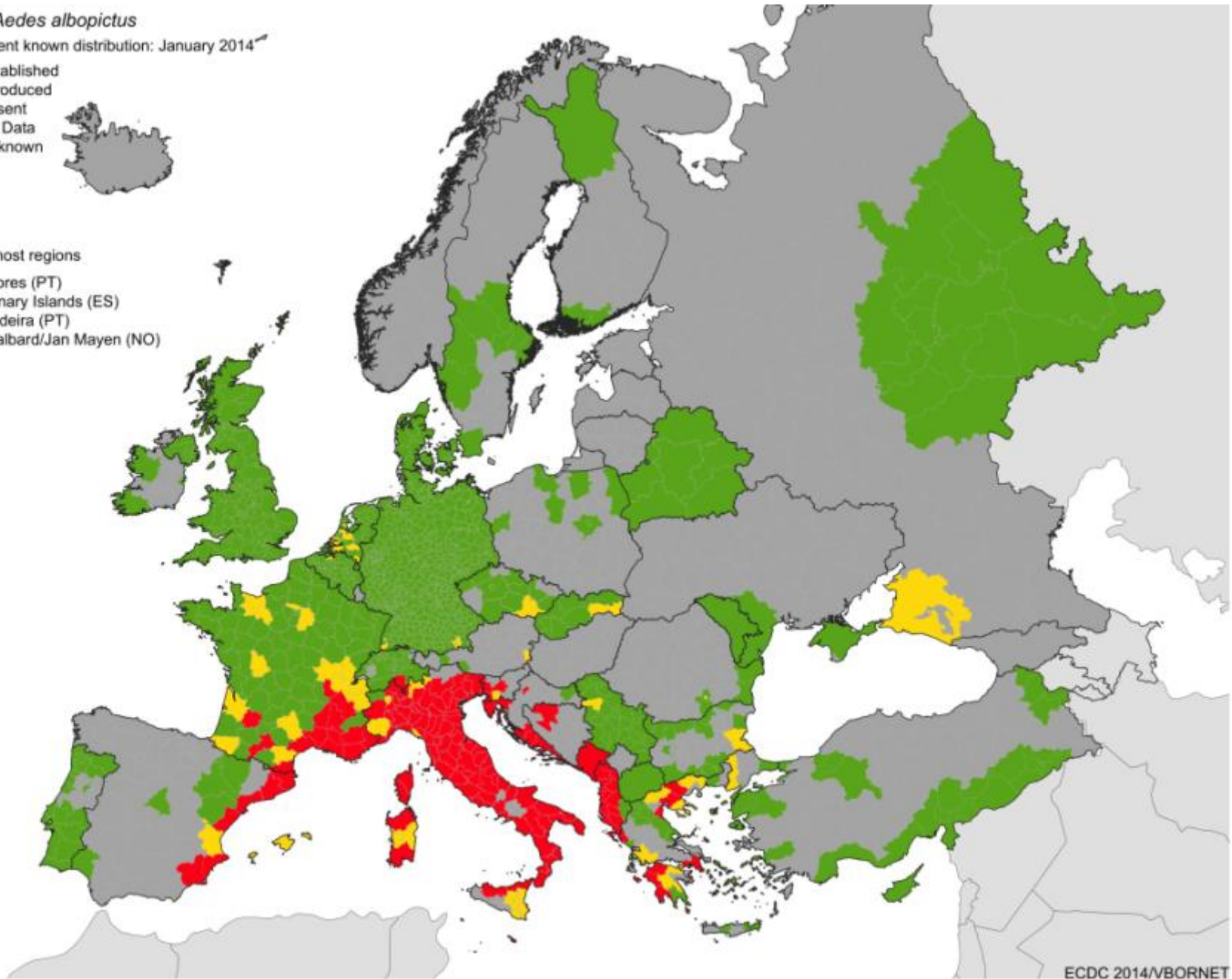
*Aedes albopictus*

Current known distribution: January 2014

- Established
- Introduced
- Absent
- No Data
- Unknown

Outermost regions

- Azores (PT)
- Canary Islands (ES)
- Madeira (PT)
- Svalbard/Jan Mayen (NO)



*Tabella 1. Casi importati di febbre Chikungunya e Dengue in Italia, nel 2011-2013*

Regione	2011		2012		2013	
	Chikungunya	Dengue	Chikungunya	Dengue	Chikungunya	Dengue
Piemonte	0	1	0	5	0	12
Lombardia	1	3	0	25	2	42
P.A. Trento	0	0	0	0	0	1
Veneto	0	11	5	12	0	17
Friuli Venezia Giulia	0	4	0	0	0	0
Emilia-Romagna	1	16	0	11	1	24
Toscana	0	5	0	10	0	15
Umbria*	0	0	0	1	0	0
Marche	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lazio*	0	4	0	14	0	25
Puglia	0	3	0	0	0	5
Sicilia	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totale</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>142</b>

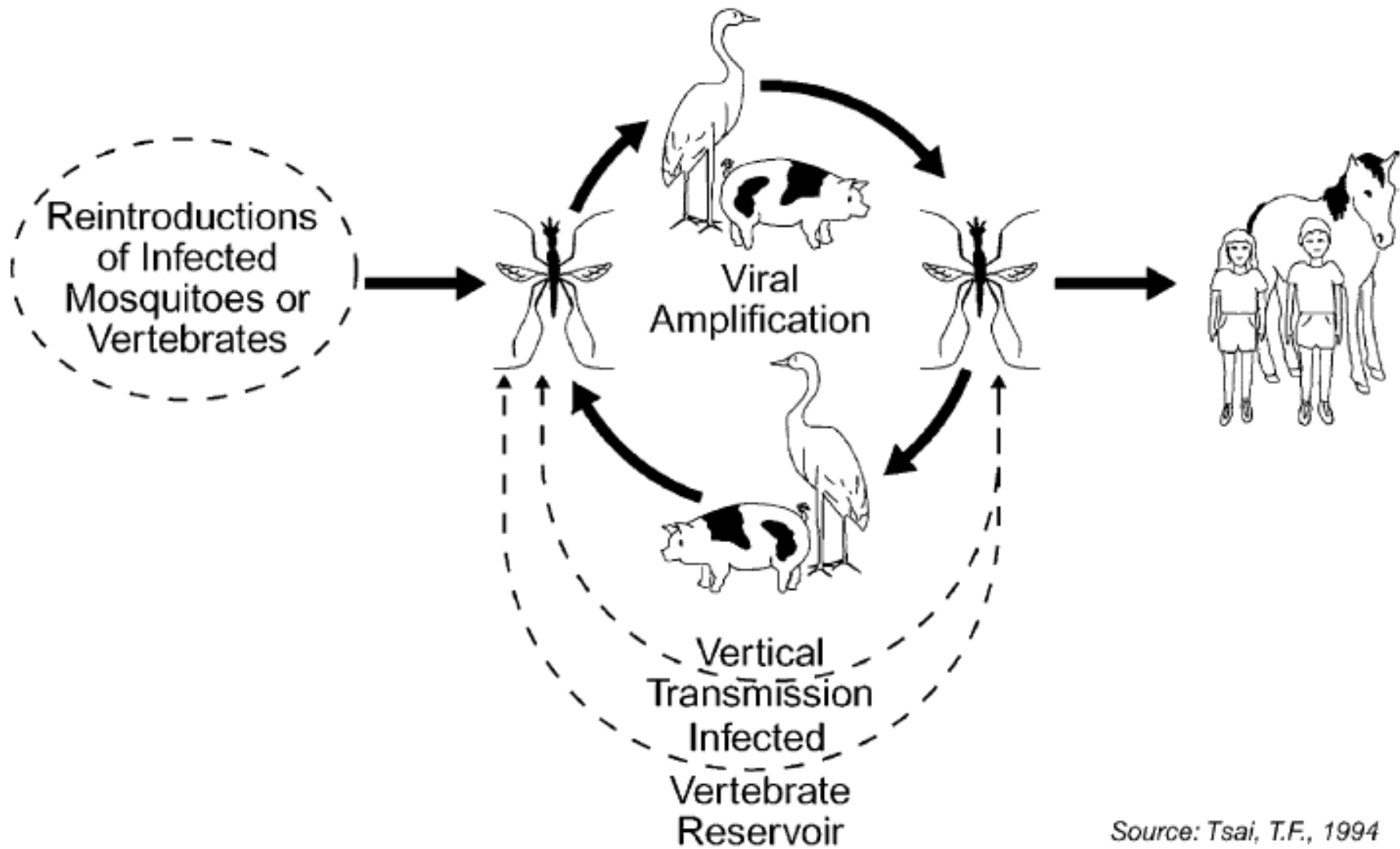
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Dati dalla circolare del Ministero della Salute "Sorveglianza dei casi umani delle malattie trasmesse da vettori con particolare riferimento alla Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika virus e West Nile Disease - Giugno 2014"

Zanzara tigre non è il principale vettore di DENV (trasmesso principalmente da *Aedes aegypti*)

Trattamenti adulticidi attorno ai casi umani importati





# Usutu virus

Since 2009, both systems recorded the circulation of Usutu virus (USUV), a flavivirus closely related to WNV with a not yet defined pathogenic capacity

Vectors: mosquitoes especially *Culex* (*Culex pipiens*)

Reservoirs: wild birds

Possible mass mortality in birds (blackbird)(Austria 2001).

WNV differential diagnosis (it can be cross-reactive also in PCR)

Human disease: 2 cases of encephalitis reported in immunosuppressed individuals in Italy in 2009 (Pecorari et al. 2009, Cavrini et al. 2009)

Anti-USUV response in healthy persons were recorded in ER, 4/359 in 2009; 14/6000 in 2010-11 (Gaibani et al. 2012, Pierro et al. 2013)

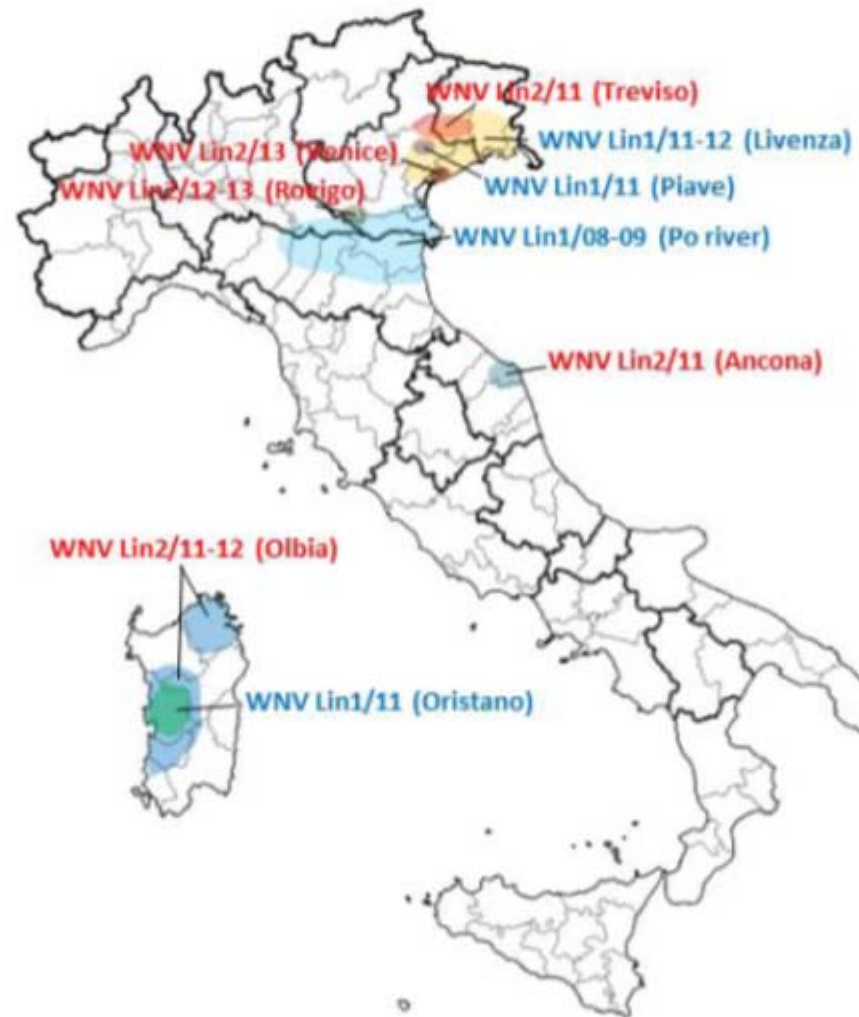


# Isolates of West Nile virus from hematophagous arthropods (1999)

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol5no5/hubalek.htm#Table%201>

Mosquitoes species	N°	Paesi	Mosquitoes species	N°	Paesi
<i>Culex antennatus</i> <sup>a</sup>	6	Egypt, Madagascar	<i>Aedes albothorax</i>	1	Kenya
<i>decens</i> group	8	Madagascar	<i>cantans</i>	7	Slovakia, Ukraine, Bulgaria <sup>b</sup>
<i>ethiopicus</i>	1	Ethiopia	<i>caspius</i> <sup>a</sup>	1	Ukraine
<i>guiarti</i>	1	Côte d Ivoire	<i>circumluteolus</i>	2	South Africa, Madagascar
<i>modestus</i>	3	France, Russia	<i>excrucians</i>	1	Ukraine
<i>neavei</i>	4	Senegal, South Africa	<i>juppi+caballus</i>	1	South Africa
<i>nigripes</i>	1	Central African Republic	<i>madagascarensis</i>	1	Madagascar
<i>perexiguus</i>	1	Israel	<i>vexans</i>	3	Senegal, Russia
<i>perfuscus</i> group	3	Central African Republic, Senegal	<i>Anopheles brunnipes</i>	1	Madagascar
<i>pipiens</i> <sup>a</sup>	7	South Africa, Egypt, Israel, Romania, Czechland, Bulgaria <sup>b</sup>	<i>coustani</i>	1	Israel
<i>poicilipes</i>	29	Senegal	<i>maculipalpis</i>	1	Madagascar
<i>pruina</i>	1	Central African Republic	<i>maculipennis</i>	3	Portugal, Ukraine
<i>quinquefasciatus</i> <sup>a</sup>	7	India, Pakistan, Madagascar	<i>subpictus</i>	1	India
<i>scottii</i>	1	Madagascar	sp.	1	Madagascar
<i>theileri</i> <sup>a</sup>	4	South Africa	<i>Mimomyia hispida</i>	8	Senegal
<i>tritaeniorhynchus</i> <sup>a</sup>	3	Pakistan, India, Madagascar	<i>lacustris</i>	4	Senegal
<i>univittatus</i> <sup>a</sup>	51	Egypt, Israel, South Africa, Madagascar	<i>splendens</i>	6	Senegal
<i>vishnui</i> <sup>a</sup> group	6	India, Pakistan	sp.	2	Senegal
<i>weschei</i>	1	Central African Republic	<i>Aedeomyia africana</i>	1	Senegal
sp.	3	Egypt, Algeria, Cent. African Rep.	<b>Soft ticks species</b>		
<i>Coquillettidia metallica</i>	1	Uganda	<i>Argas hermanni</i> <sup>a</sup>	3	Egypt
<i>microannulata</i>	1	South Africa	<i>Ornithodoros capensis</i> <sup>a</sup>	5	Azerbaijan
<i>richiardi</i>	5	South Russia, Bulgaria <sup>b</sup>	<b>Hard ticks species</b>		
<i>Mansonia uniformis</i>	1	Ethiopia	<i>Hyalomma marginatum</i>	5	Astrakhan, Azerbaijan
<i>Aedes aegypti</i> <sup>a</sup>	1	Madagascar	<i>detritum</i>	1	Turkmenistan
<i>africanus</i>	1	Central African Republic	<i>Rhipicephalus turanicus</i>	1	Azerbaijan
<i>albocephalus</i>	35	Madagascar	<i>muhsamae</i>	1	Central African Republic
			<i>Amblyomma variegatum</i>	1	Central African Republic
			<i>Dermacentor marginatus</i> <sup>a</sup>	1	Moldavia

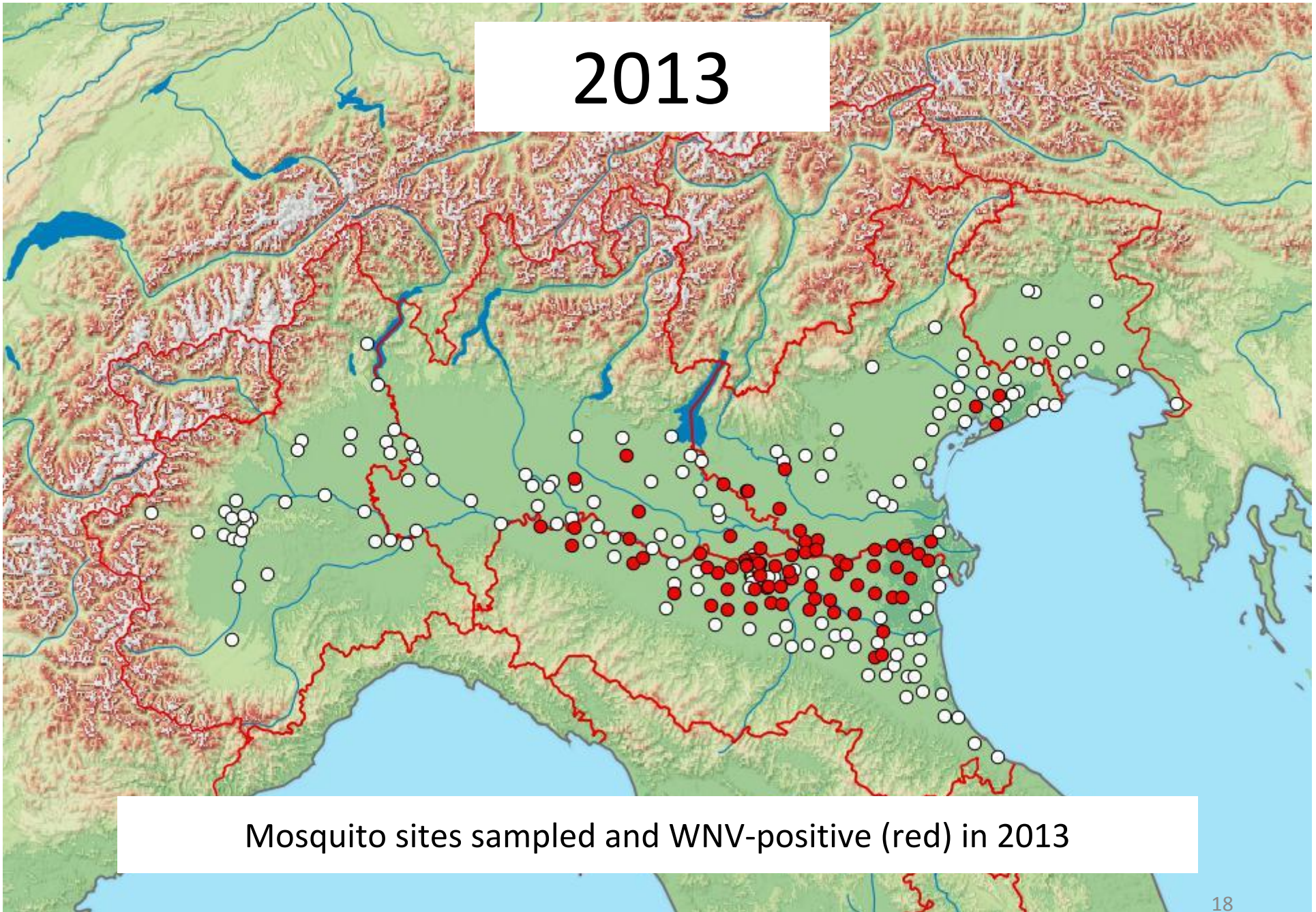
**Figure 2.** Map of Italy showing the areas where different WNV strains were detected in the period from September 2008 to August 2013. WNV lineage 1 strains are indicated in blue; WNV lineage 2 strains are indicated in red.





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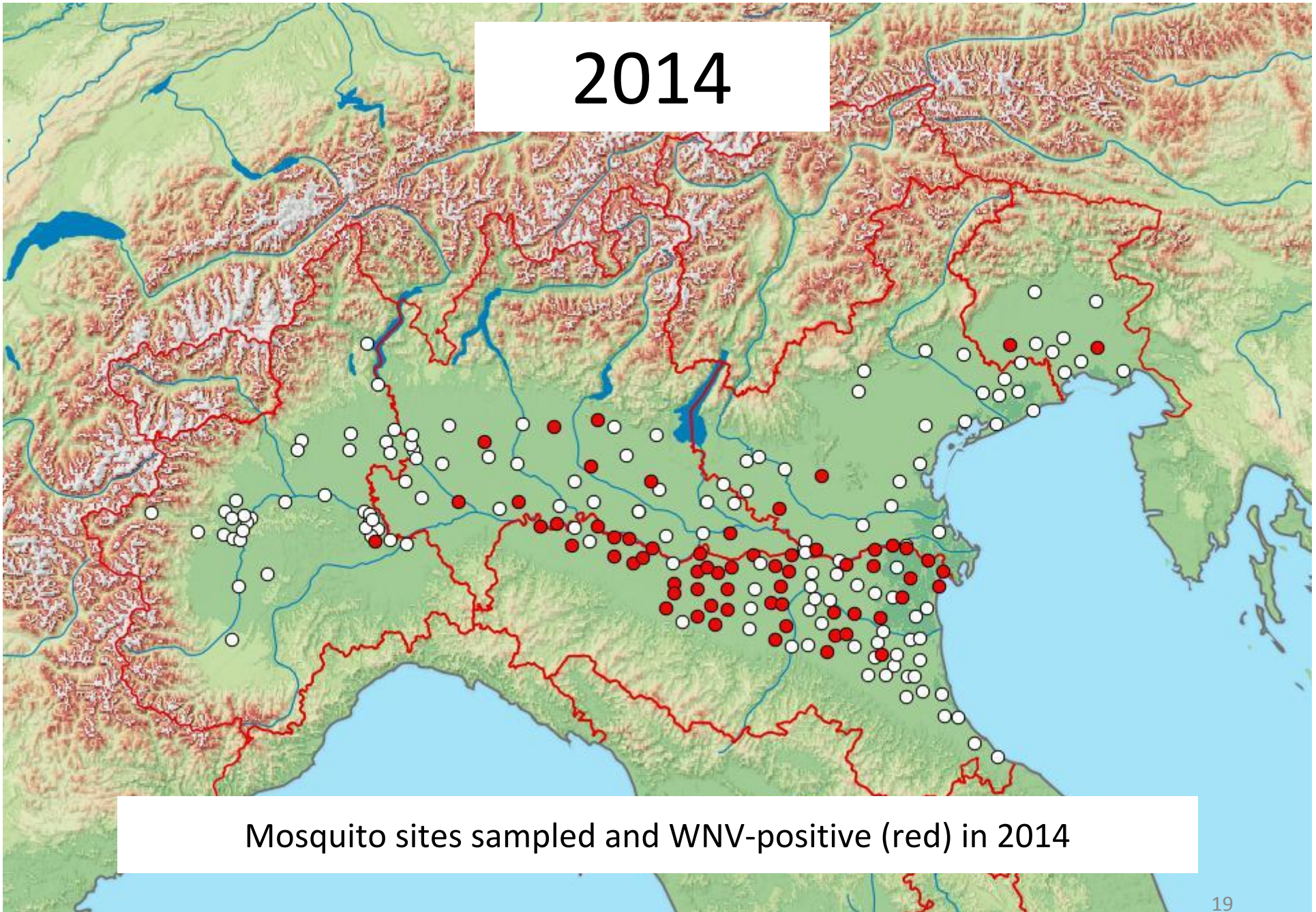
Mosquito sites sampled and WNV-positive (red) in 2013





2014

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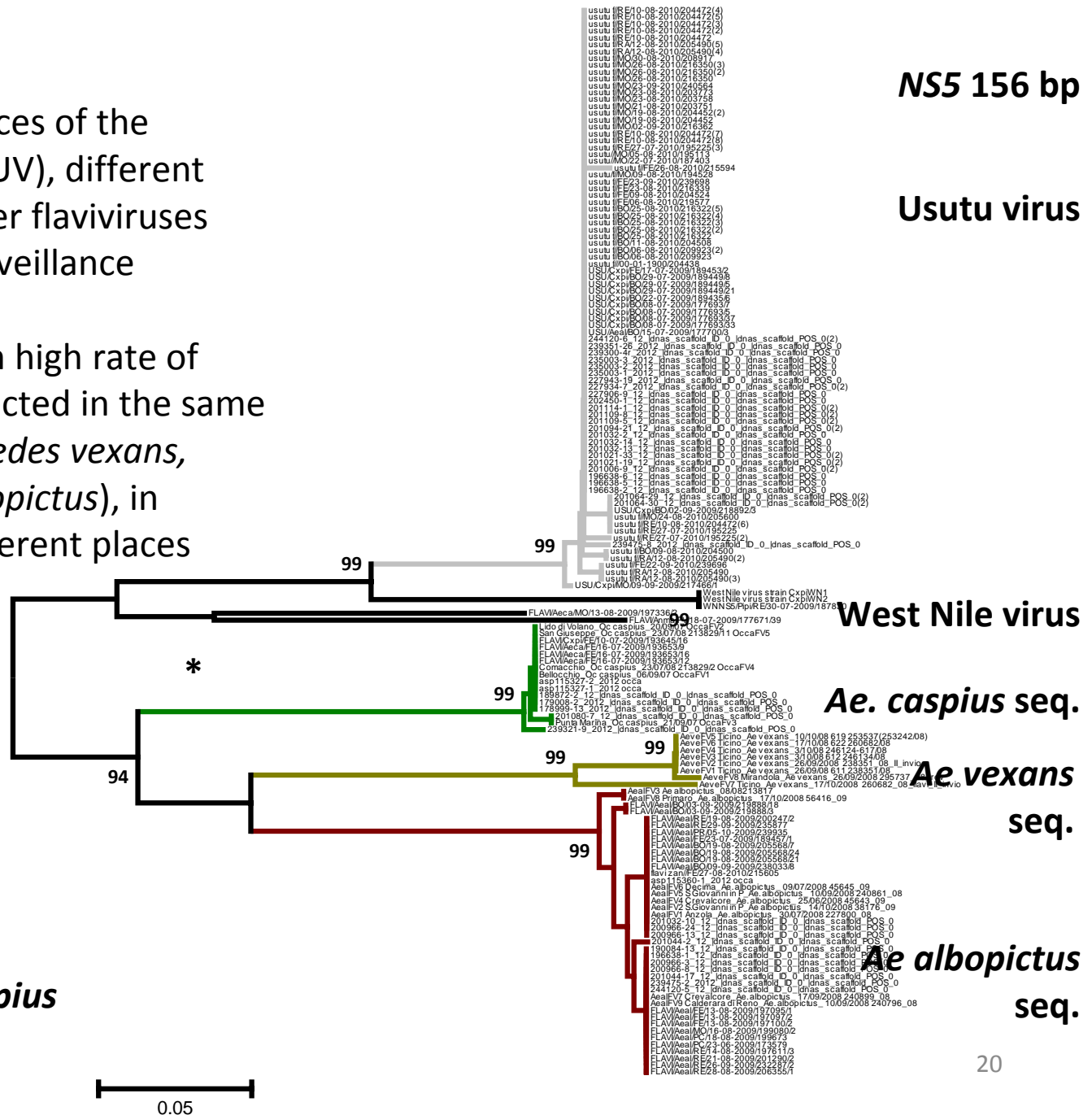


# Unexpected results

In addition to the sequences of the surveyed virus (WNV, USUV), different sequences related to other flaviviruses were detected during surveillance

Groups of sequences with high rate of identity were mainly detected in the same species of mosquitoes (*Aedes vexans*, *Aedes caspius*, *Aedes albopictus*), in different years and in different places strongly suggest the presence of viruses not yet discovered.

\* Two sequences *Ae. caspius* *An. maculipennis*

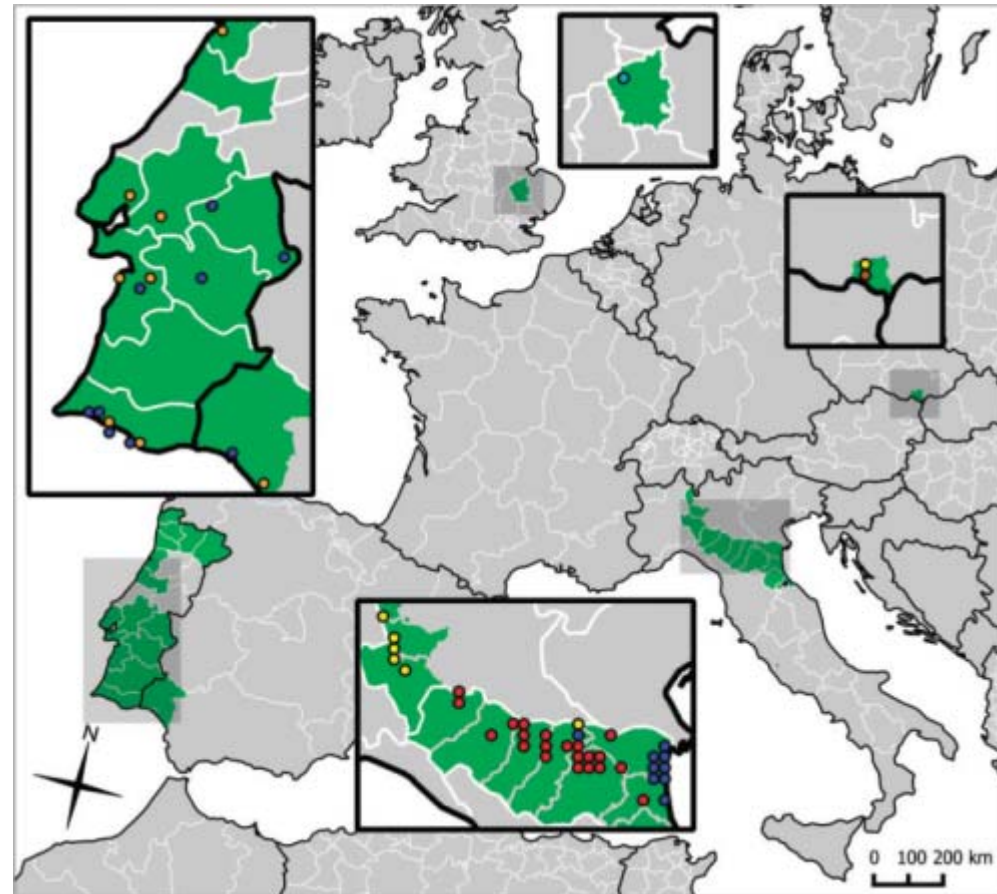




## Mosquito-only flavivirus

- Interestingly similar sequence were detected from other groups in Europe, in similar surveillance plans in different mosquito species.
- Six groups of sequences were detected
- The sequences from *Aedes albopictus* are related to a virus isolated in Japan in 2009
- Isolation of Ochlerotatus flavivirus was successful in Portugal and Spain

Calzolari et al. 2012 JGV



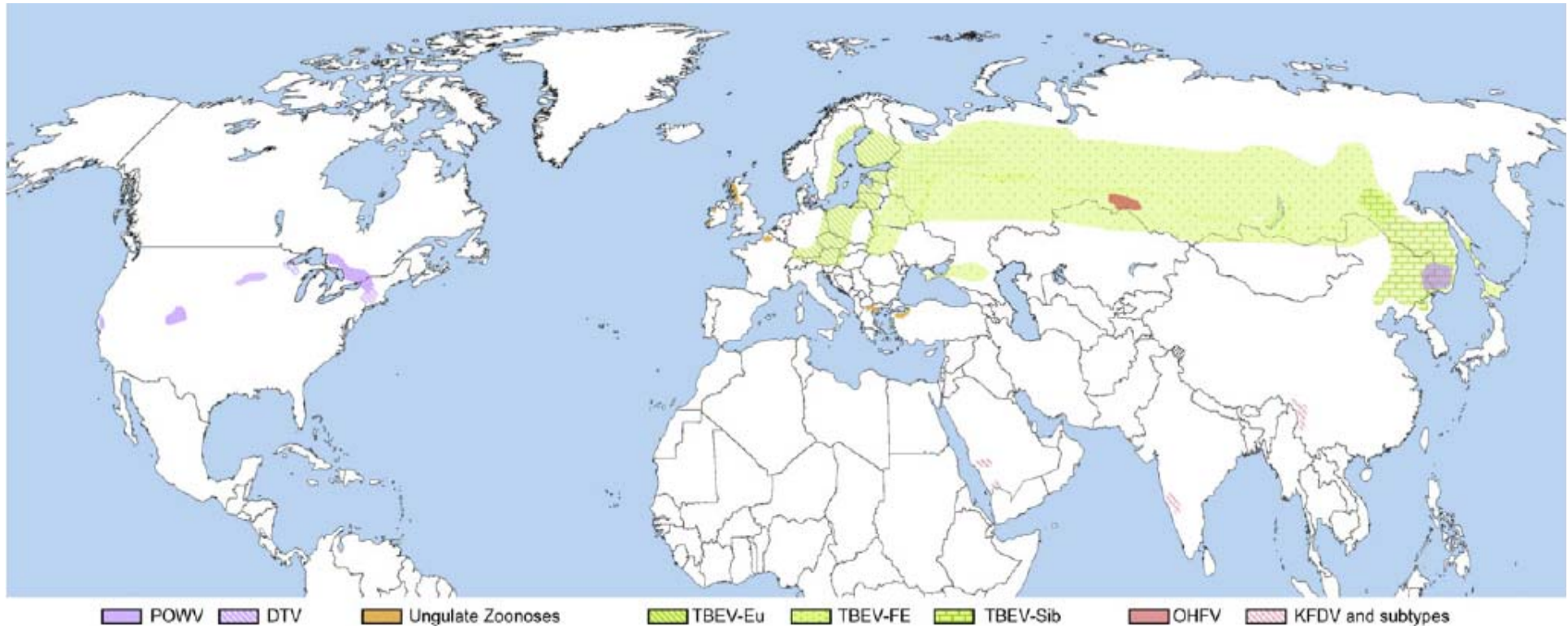
**Table 2.** Characteristics of the reported MOFs with the reference to the mosquito species, number, period, area and environment of detection

Virus	Mosquito species	No. detections (in GenBank)	Collection period	Collection years	Country	Collection area	Environment
<i>Aedes flavivirus</i>	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	32 (29)*	June–October	2008, 2009, 2010	Italy	Pianura Padana	Floodplain
<i>Ochlerotatus flavivirus</i>	<i>Aedes caspius/detritus pipiens/perexiguus/theileri</i>	33 (22)†	March–October	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	Italy, Portugal, Spain	Lidi Ferraresi, Algarve, Alentejo, Andalusian	Inland and tidal wetland
<i>Aedes vexans flavivirus</i>	<i>Aedes vexans</i>	9 (9)‡	July–November	2008, 2009	Czech Republic, Italy	Pianura Padana, South Moravia	Inland wetland
Czech <i>Aedes vexans flavivirus</i>	<i>Aedes vexans</i>	4 (4)§	August	2009	Czech Republic	South Moravia	Pond
<i>Culex theileri flavivirus</i>	<i>Culex theileri</i>	15 (9)¶	March–October	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	Portugal, Spain	Alentejo, Algarve, Centro, Ribatejo Andalusian	Inland and tidal wetland
<i>Aedes cinereus flavivirus</i>	<i>Aedes cinereus</i>	17¶	June–July	2010	UK	Cambridgeshire	Inland wetland

## Conclusioni

- E' possibile l'introduzione di nuovi flavivirus in Nord Italia, alcuni dei più pericolosi per l'uomo possono essere trasmessi dalla zanzara tigre
- Esiste un grande varietà di flavivirus, non necessariamente patogeni, già presente sul nostro territorio
- WNV ed USUV circolano regolarmente in Nord Italia
- La sorveglianza entomologica è in grado di rilevare la presenza ed il periodo di circolazione dei flavivirus

# Tick-transmitted Flavivirus



Flavivirus del  
nuovo mondo:  
USA  
Powassan virus  
Deer Tick virus

Louping Ill  
Greek goat  
encephalitis  
Turkey sheep  
encephalitis

TBE: 3 sotoogruppi:  
Europeo  
Russo (Far East)  
Siberiano

Flavivirus che causano  
malattie emorragiche:  
Omsk Haemorrhagic Fever  
(Russia)  
Kysanur Forest Disease  
(India)



# Tick-transmitted Flavivirus- human diseases

Table 1

Major tick-borne flaviviruses of medical significance including principal tick vector and vertebrate host(s)

Virus (Abbreviation)	Subtypes	Principal Vector	Intermediate Host(s)	Case Fatality Rate <sup>b</sup>
Tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV)	European subtype	<i>Ixodes ricinus</i>	Field mice, other rodents	0.5%–2%
	Far Eastern subtype	<i>I persulcatus</i> (also <i>Haemaphysalis concinna</i> )		5%–20%
	Siberian subtype	<i>I persulcatus</i> (also <i>H. concinna</i> )	1%–3%	
Omsk hemorrhagic fever virus (OHFV)		<i>Dermacentor reticulatus</i>	Voles, muskrats	0.5%–3%
Kyasanur Forest disease virus (KFDV)		<i>H spinigera</i>	Rodents, shrews, birds, monkeys	2%–10%
	Alkhurma hemorrhagic fever virus (AHFV)	Unknown	Unknown (suspect goats, sheep and/or camels)	25%
Powassan virus (POWV)		<i>I cookei</i> (North America), <i>H longicornis</i> (East Asia)	Groundhogs, woodchucks, foxes, squirrels, skunks	20%
	Deer tick virus (DTV)	<i>I scapularis</i>	White-footed mice	Unknown
Louping ill virus (LIV) <sup>a</sup>	Greek goat encephalitis virus (GGEV) Turkish sheep encephalitis virus (TSEV) Spanish sheep encephalitis virus (SSEV)	<i>I ricinus</i>	Mountain hares, sheep, goats, grouse	Very rare



# Tick Borne Encephalitis

piccolo Flavivirus (WN, DengueV, YFV, JEV)

1 filamento RNA positivo, racchiuso da un capsid composto da una proteina (proteinaC) ed un envelope di due proteine (proteina E e prM/M) associate alla membrana.

3 sottogruppi che cross-reagiscono sierologicamente: Europa e Paesi Baltici; Russia; Siberia orientale

L'uomo si infetta con la puntura di una zecca infetta (99% dei casi), ma solo 1% dei casi sviluppa una encefalite grave.

E stata dimostrata anche la trasmissione tramite il consumo di latte di capra non pastorizzato (Slovenia, Ungheria, Repubblica ceca)

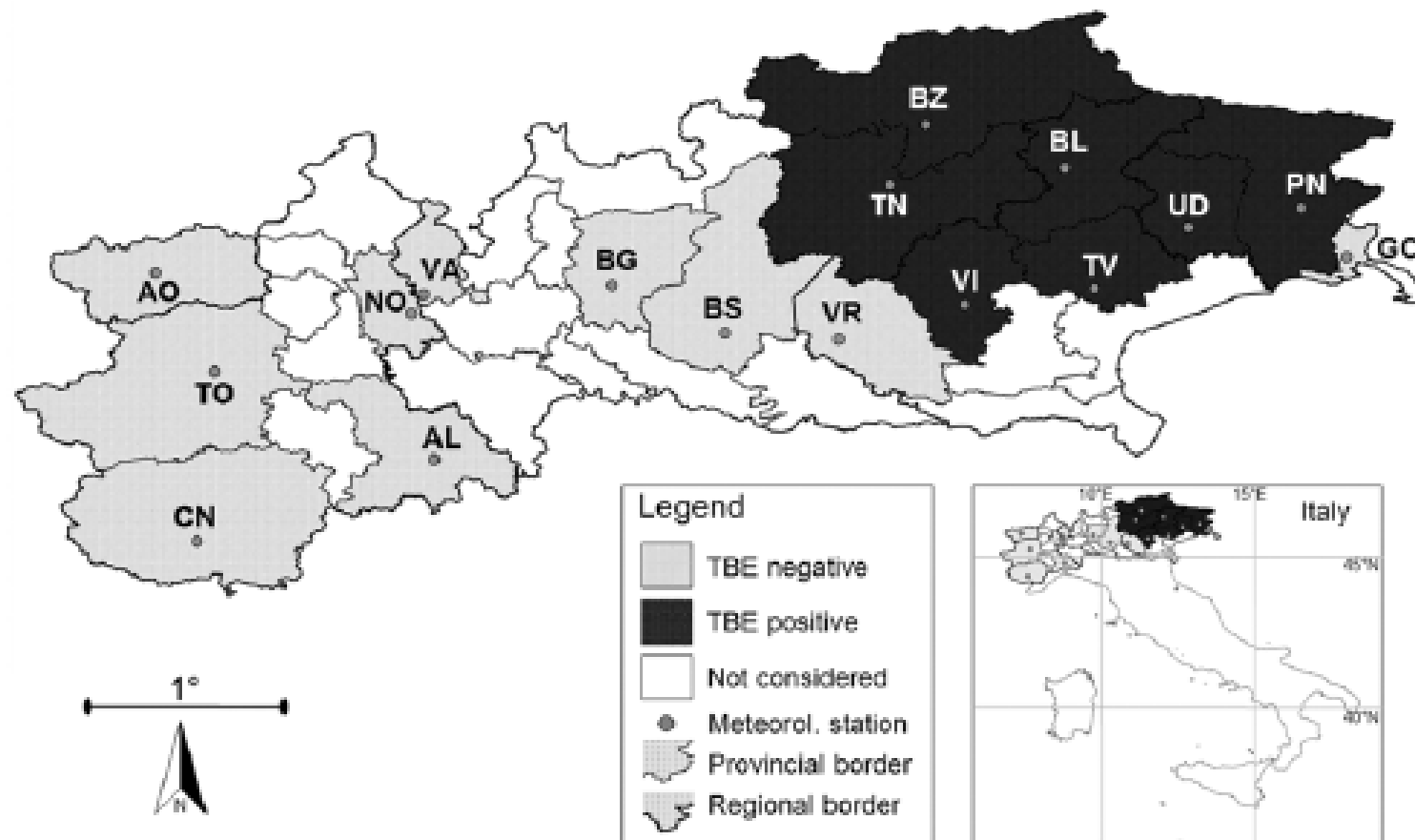


*Ixodes ricinus*: zecca dei boschi



# TICK-BORNE ENCEPHALITIS

TBE Upsurge in Northern Italy



**Figure 1. TBE-positive and TBE-negative provinces in northern Italy.** (AL = Alessandria; AO = Aosta; BG = Bergamo; BL = Belluno; BS = Brescia; BZ = Bolzano; CN = Cuneo; GO = Gorizia; NO = Novara; PN = Pordenone; TN = Trento; TO = Torino; TV = Treviso; UD = Udine; VA = Varese; VI = Vicenza; VR = Verona).

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piccoli roditori *Apodemus e Clethrionomys* :

- ospiti con viremia di una certa durata e con titoli virali elevati
- un numero sufficiente di nuovi ospiti suscettibili

ospiti di grosse dimensioni (caprioli, cinghiali, lepri):

- mantenimento di un elevato numero di zecche nell'ambiente
- viremia di breve durata o inesistente

#### Wild animals



Ticks can become airborne: they bite birds and bats.



Many ground-dwelling animals attract ticks: various species of mice and lizards.



Hosts below and above ground could be: mole, weasel, marten, badger, porcupine, squirrel.



Predators and prey alike attract ticks: insectivores like hedgehog or shrew, but also fox and hare.



Ticks also feed on larger mammals: wild boar, mouflon, roe deer and red deer.



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