# The Animal / Human Interface- from Wildlife Trade to Avian Influenza: A Global Perspective on Implications for the US

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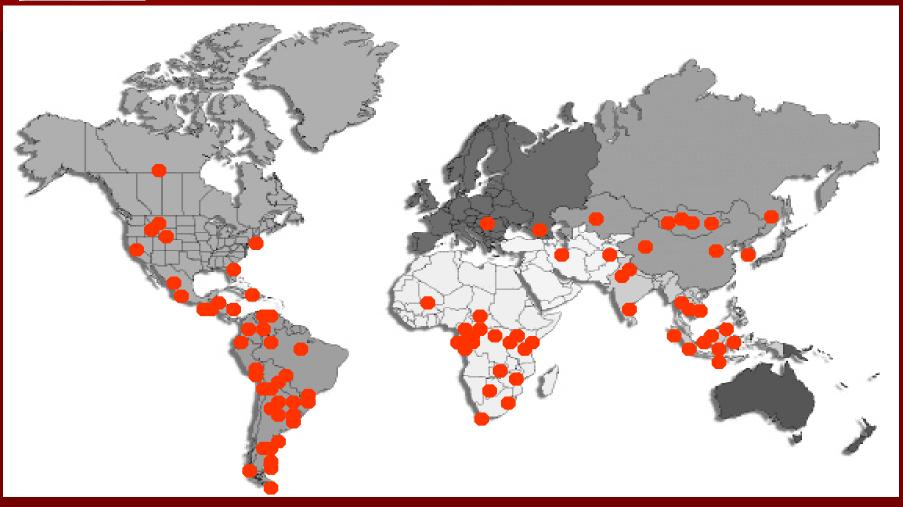




Founded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society

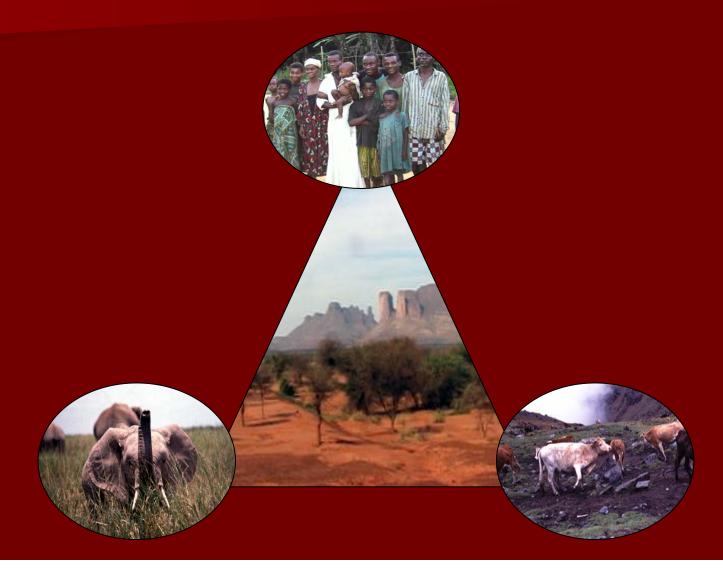


### Global Health Program





### The Human, Wildlife, Livestock, Interface







Agricultural practices

Human encroachment into natural habitats

Population growth

Globalization of trade



infectious disease emergence **Extensive** antibiotic use

Deforestation



(International travel

Climate change

Cohabitation of agricultural species and wildlife

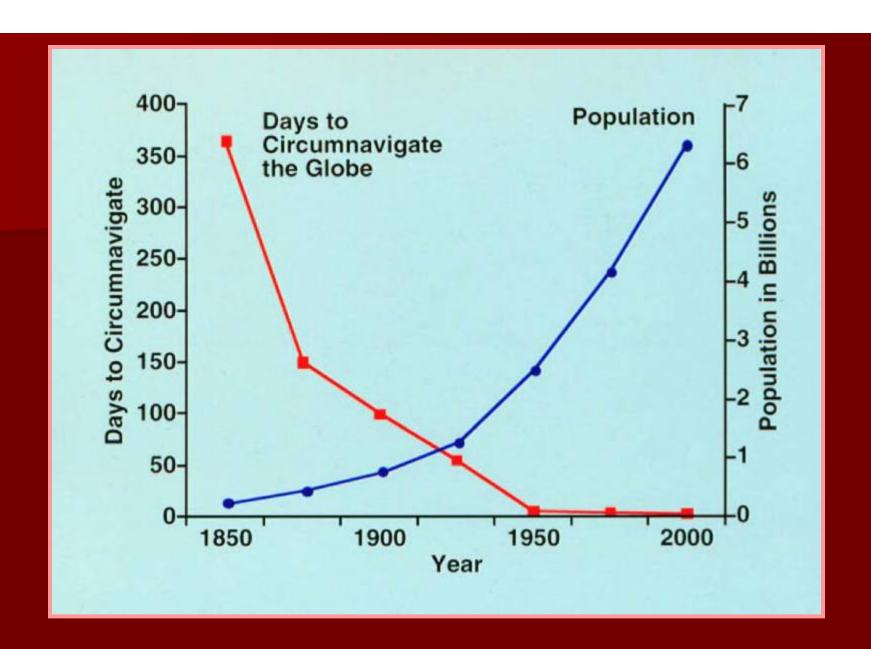
**Bioterrorism** 



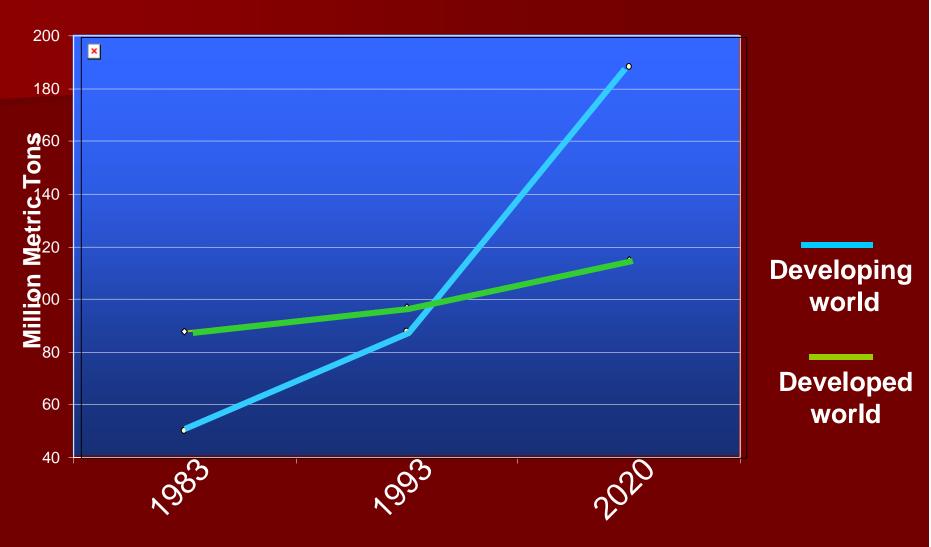
**Biodiversity-related** 

### Emerging Infectious Diseases

- 26% of human deaths are caused by infectious diseases globally (World Heath Report, 2004).
- Over 60% of pathogens are zoonoses (pathogens transmissible between animals and humans).
- Over 70% of zoonoses arise from interactions with wildlife.
- 96% of IUCN listed wild mammals threatened by disease shared these diseases with domestic animals (Pederson et al, 2007).



### World Meat Consumption: 1983-2020



Source: IFPRI, "Livestock to 2020: The Next Food Revolution"

FAO Annual Data. Total meat consumption for 1983 and 1993 are three-year moving averages. 2020 projections come from IFPRI's global model, IMPACT

### Public health and education

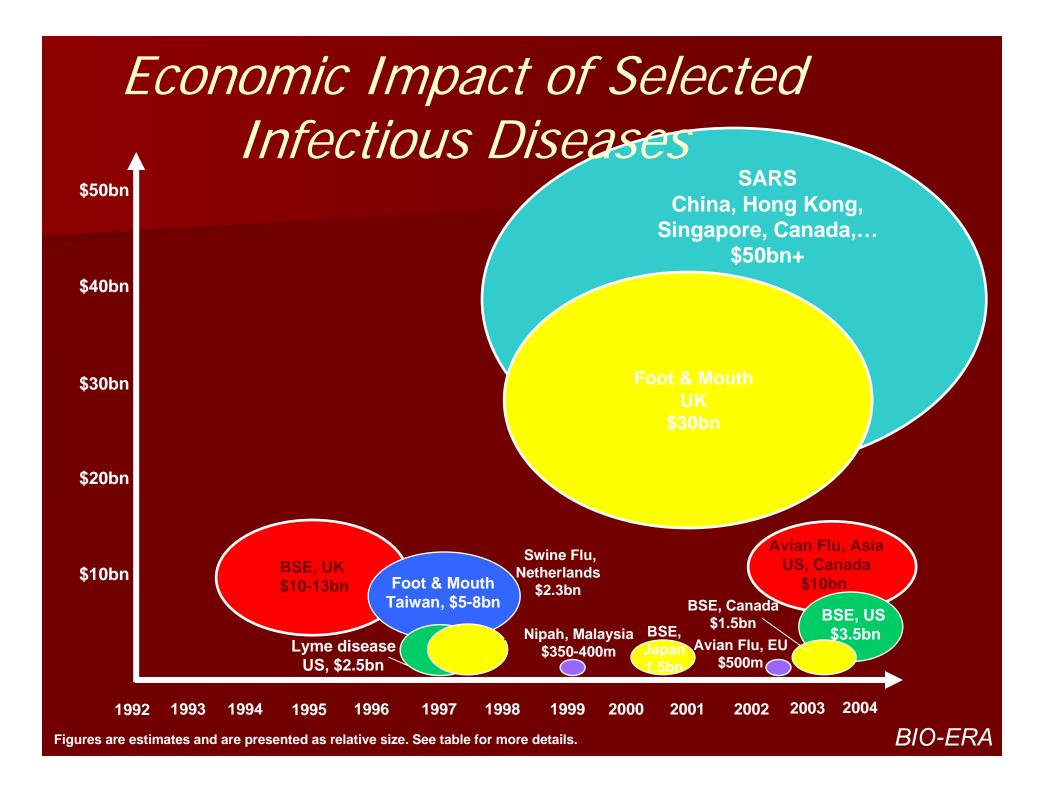




### Outbreak prevention via vaccination

- Vaccine development (NIH VRC, NIH NIAID)
  - Efficacy and safety
  - Delivery
  - Target populations
    - Priority great ape populations
    - Non-target species



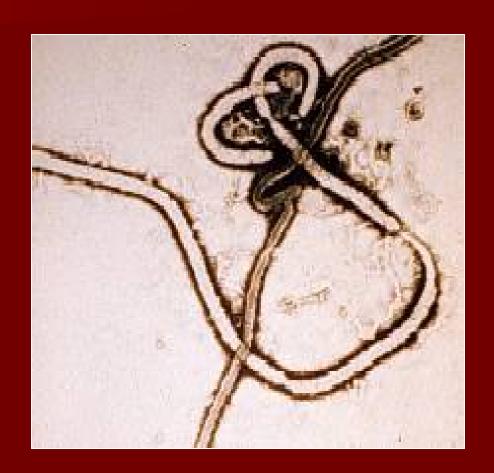


### The Human, Wildlife, Livestock, Interface

- Path forward:
  - Integrated approach to health solutions
  - Ongoing, open communication
  - Global information network
  - Professional cross-pollination
  - Identify loopholes

### Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever

- The largest health threat to great apes in Central Africa
- Highly infectious
  - 50-90% mortality
- Est. 5,000 gorillas killed in 2005 epizootic
- Zoonotic



### Great Ape Health Program







Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention























### Wildlife disease outbreak investigations -an early warning tool-



### Animal Health for the Environment And Development

- 13 existing and proposed Transfrontier Conservation Areas covering 1.2 million km of Southern Africa
- Rationale dominated by ecological and tourism considerations
  - Restoring free movement of large wild mammals particularly elephant
  - Free movement of tourist across international borders
  - Fostering cooperation between countries
     Peace Parks
- Concerns include spread of disease among wildlife, livestock, and wildlife; and affecting the livlihoods of agro-pastoralists living within the historically separated parks

### Animal Health for the Environment And Development

#### As The Fences Come Down

Emerging Concerns in Transfrontier Conservation Areas





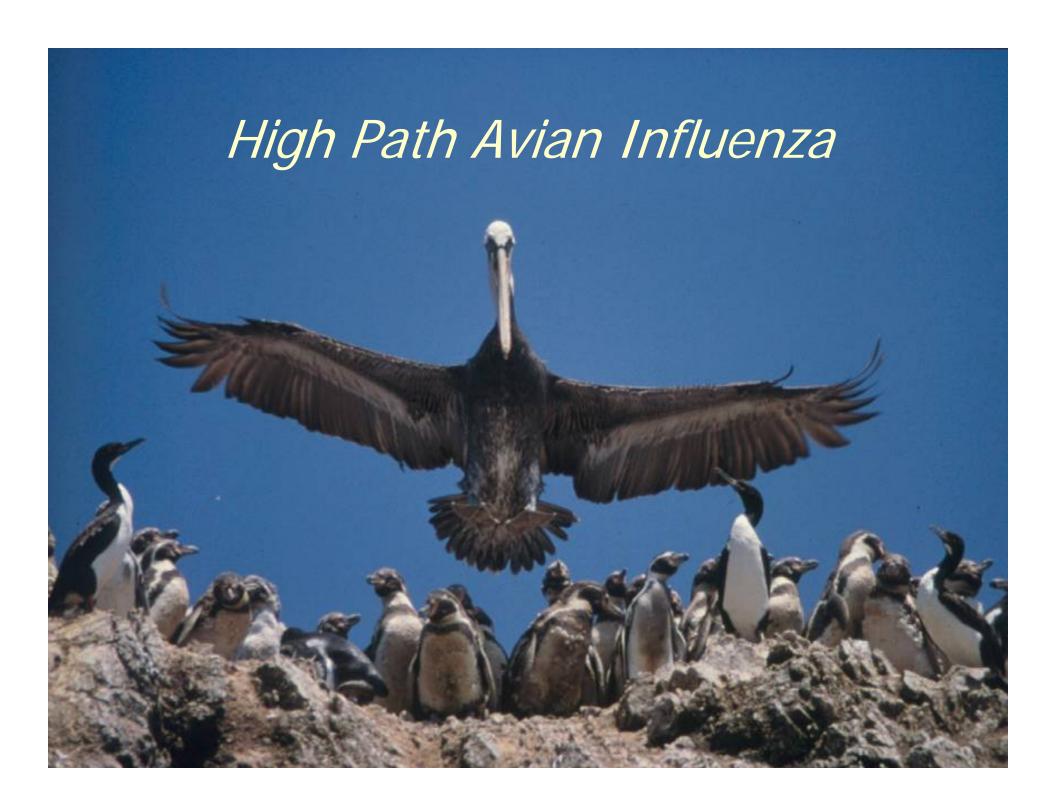
The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area and a Proposed Conceptual Framework for Progress

by the Animal Health for the Environment And Development—Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (ANEAD-GLTFCA) Working Group











## Global Avian Influenza Network for Surveillance (GAINS)

























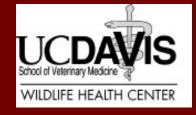
















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- Encouraging transdisciplinary approach to emerging infectious diseases
- Encouraging open data sharing
- Encouraging capacity building to respond to disease
- Encouraging awareness regarding health threats associated with the wildlife trade.



### Wildlife Trade

#### Annual wildlife trade

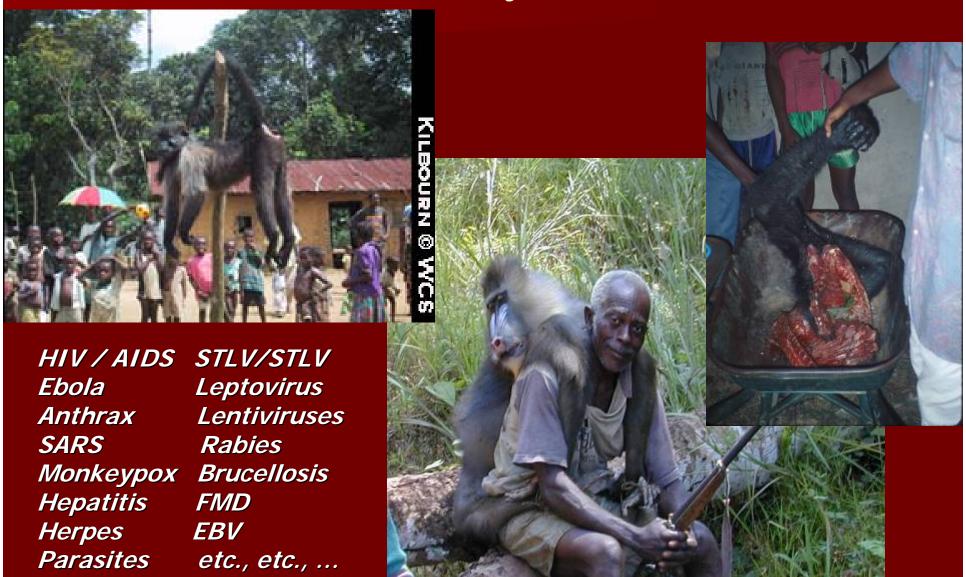
- 40,000 live primates
- 4 million live birds
- 640,000 live reptiles
- 350 million live tropical fish
- USD 4.2 billion a year (USFWS)





### Wildlife Trade

2,000,000,000 Lbs meat / year (Central Africa alone)



### Wildlife Trade

■ The United States is one of the largest consumers of wildlife products

North America has been introduced to diseases such as SARS, monkeypox, heartwater and Newcastle disease via the wildlife trade

Wildlife products are reaching US markets

### NY Bushmeat Trade Health Committee

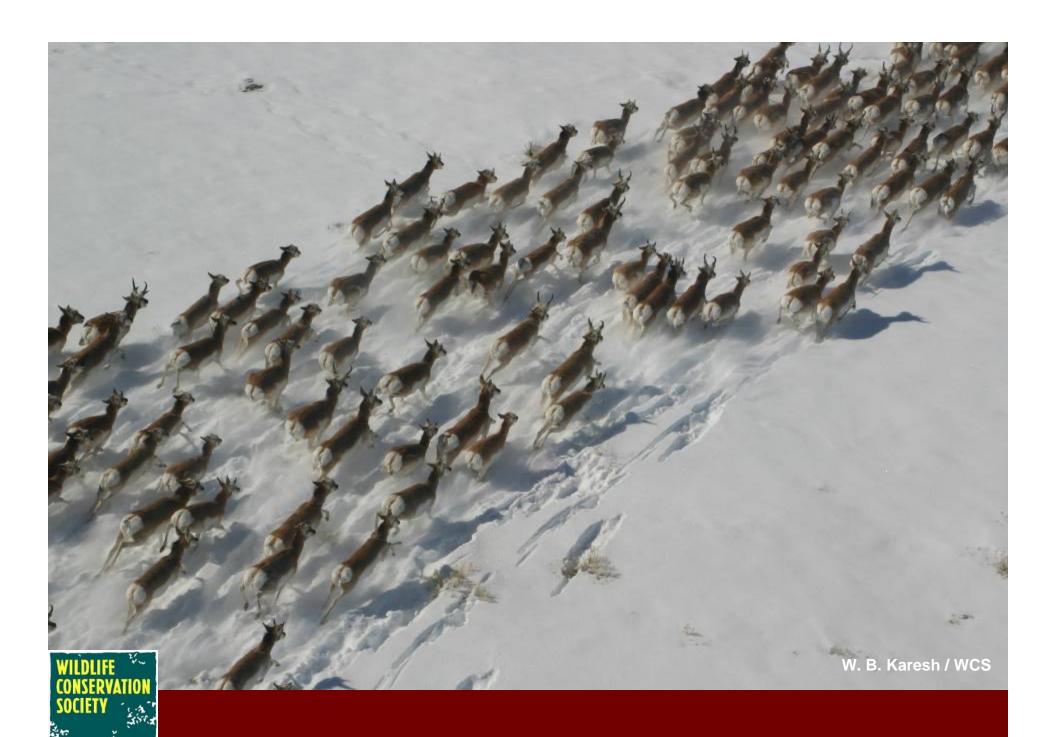
- Wildlife Conservation Society
  - Global Health Program, Hunting and Wildlife Trade Program
- USDA APHIS SITC
- US Centers for Disease Control
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bushmeat Crisis Task Force
- NYS Agriculture and Markets
- NYC Department of Health
- NYC Parks and Recreation
- US Customs and Border Protection
- USDA-SITC leading multi-agency cooperative effort to improve illegal trade interception

### Current WCS Market Testing

- Afghanistan
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Laos PDR
- Vietnam
- Peru









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