

Risk based surveillance systems

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Regulator's Conundrum

Biosecurity
Regulator

Protect us from Pests:

- Agriculture / Industry
- Human Health
- Environment

but

Facilitate Trade

- Don't Cost too Much
- Don't Take too Long
- Don't Impede Trade

Where should you look?

Australian 2012-2013 Annual Biosecurity Report

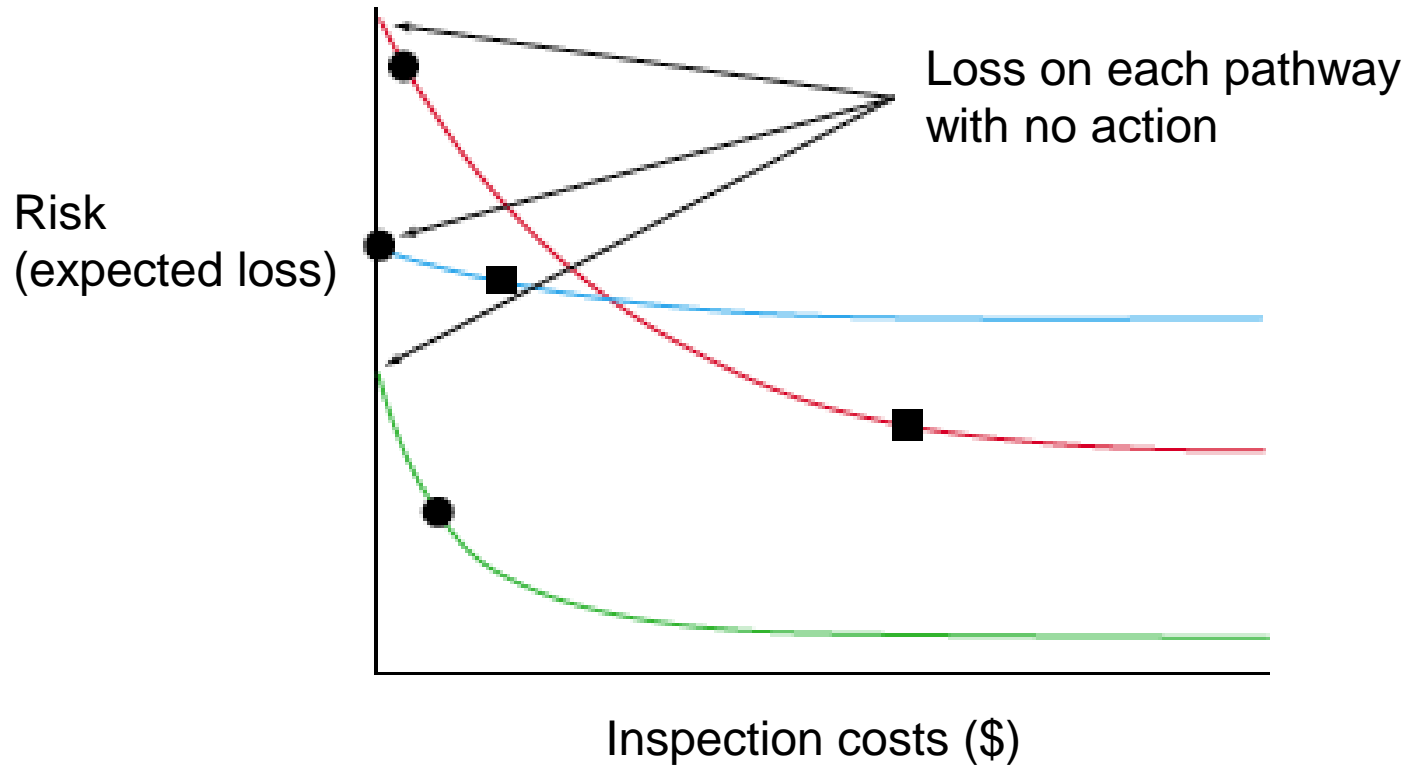
- 16 200 000 Air passengers
- 186 580 000 Mail Articles
- 16 300 First-port visits
- 645 000 Air Freight Consignments (< \$1000)
- ... etc

Multiple objectives

- Find as much as possible
- Learn as quickly as possible
- Deter

The underlying principle

Maximise risk-reduction per \$ spent



- **When You Have No History:** Collect Data and Use It
Continuous Sampling Protocols (CSP)
- **When You Have History:** Analyse and Mine It
Inference and Data Mining
- **Build History:** Compile Data and Scan for Emerging Threats
International Biosecurity Intelligence System

Allocating surveillance resources to reduce ecological invasions: maximizing detections and information about the threat

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Collecting inspection data

Abstract. Allocating resources to detect invasive pests, diseases, and pathogens on exposure pathways requires a trade-off between the need to detect as many contaminated items as possible and the need to acquire knowledge about contamination rates. We develop a model and an algorithm that provide guidance for the allocation of inspection resources across multiple dynamic pathways in cases where not every item can be inspected. The model uses a null hypothesis that the contamination rate of a pathway is above a specified level: a risk cutoff. Pathways with a risk above the cutoff are fully inspected, and those with a risk below the cutoff level are monitored at a rate that would detect a change of the risk to being above the cutoff level with high probability. We base our decision on the 95% upper confidence limit for the contamination rate. We demonstrate via simulations and a data set that focusing inspection resources on specific pathways can result in substantially more effective intervention, and that the reduction in overall effectiveness of monitoring low-risk pathways need not be substantial. Use of the model demands the selection of the risk cutoff, and this limit can be set according to projected consequences.

Robinson et al.
Ecol. Applic. (2011), 21, 1040-1047.

Inspection systems to

- Intercept
- Learn
- Deter

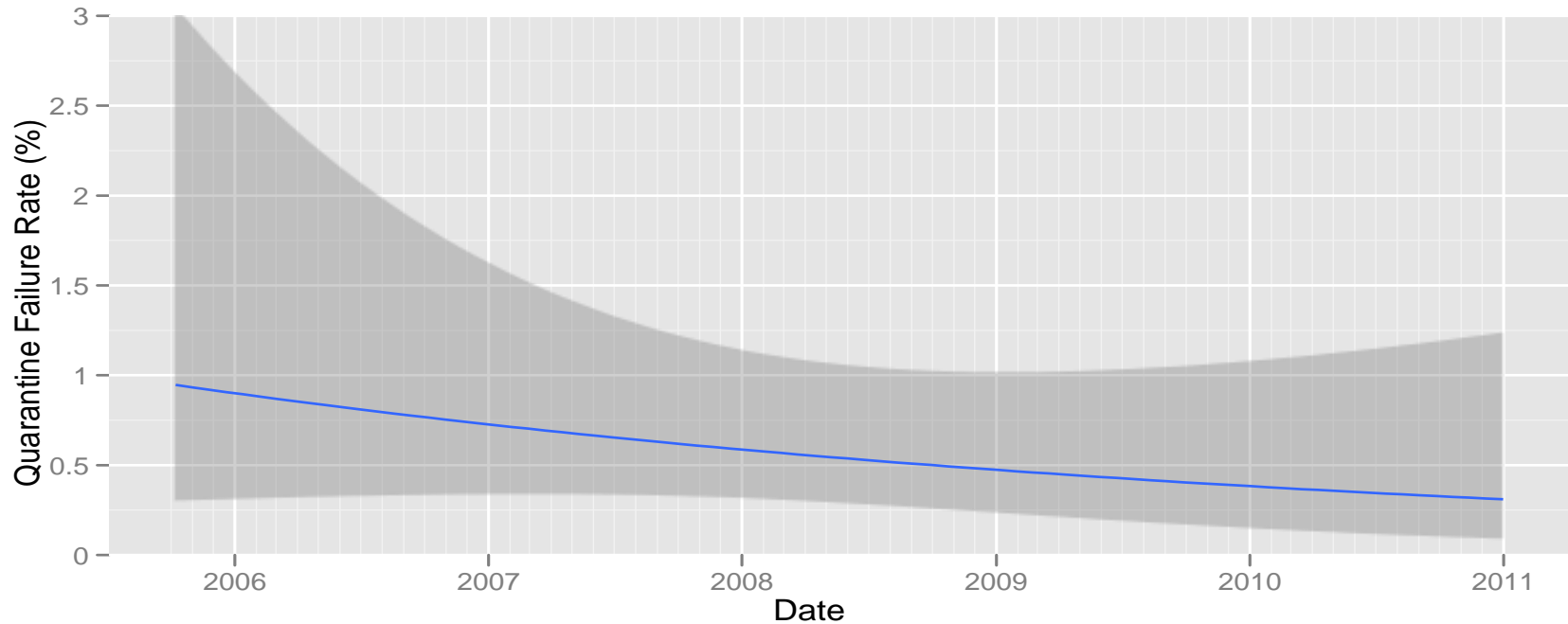


Pathway is in one of two modes: census, or sample.

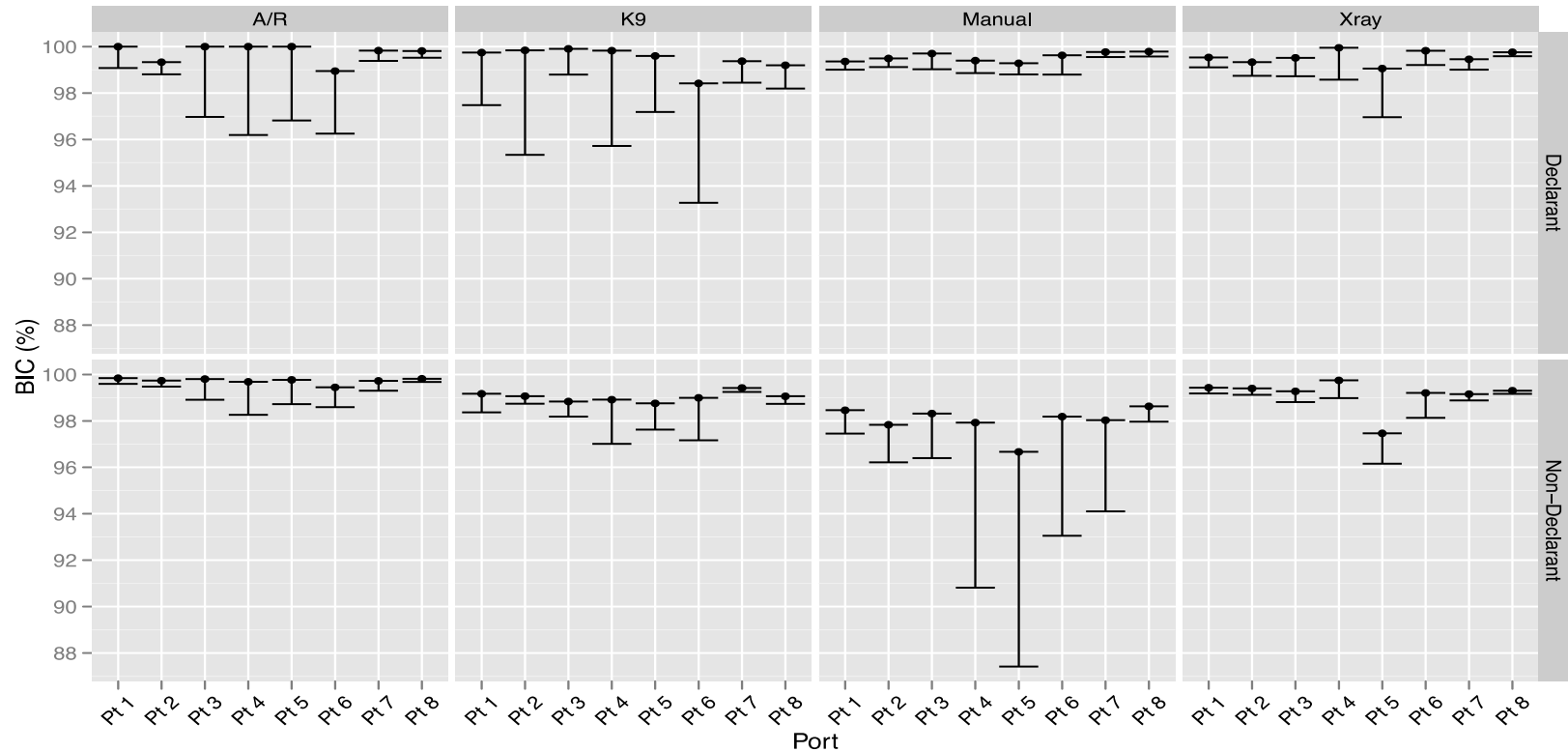
1. In **census mode**, inspect all items. Switch to sample after **c** consecutive passes.
2. In **sample mode**, inspect **$f\%$** of the items, randomly selected. Switch to census upon any fail.

Start in census mode.

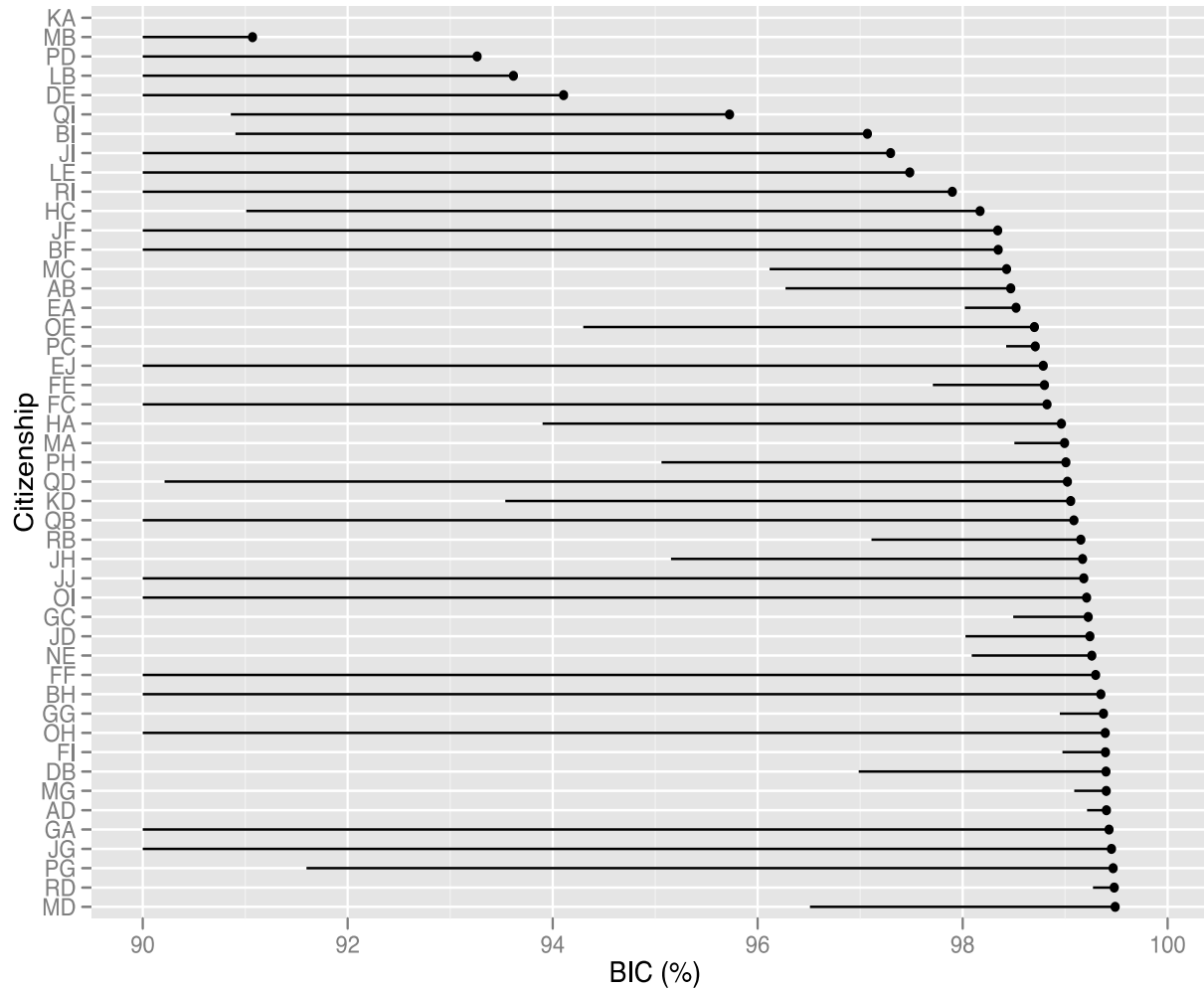
Data analysis (dried apricots)



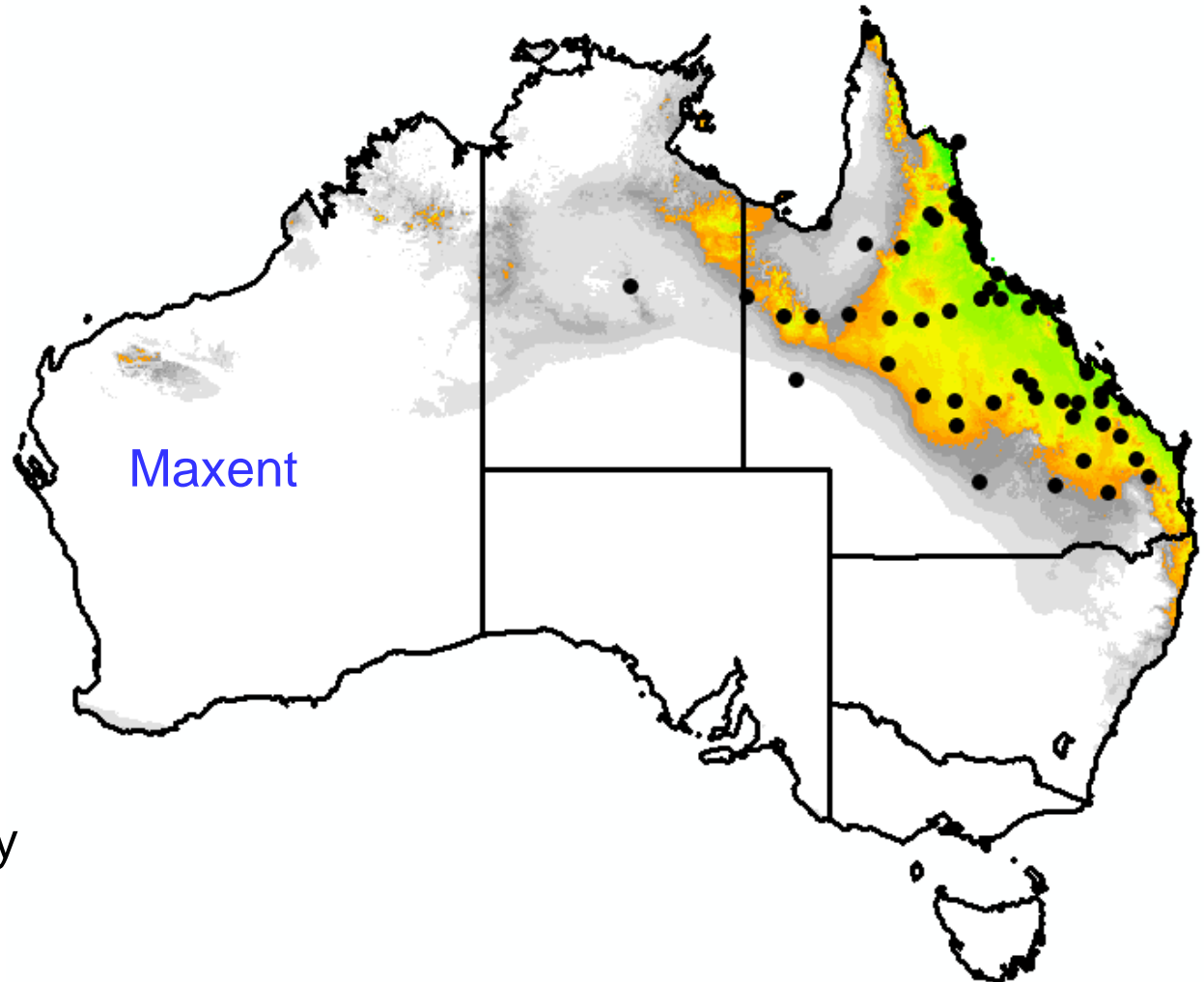
Reporting: Failure rate by Port, Channel, and Declaration



Data mining: e.g., profiling / compliance



Data mining e.g. species distribution modelling



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Software for Biosecurity Intelligence

ProMED



GPHIN



WDIN



BioCaster



EpiSPIDER



HealthMap



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Comparison of Web-Based Biosecurity Intelligence Systems: BioCaster, EpiSPIDER and HealthMap

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Keywords:

BioCaster; EpiSPIDER; HealthMap; automated biosecurity intelligence; open-source information

Summary

Three web-based biosecurity intelligence systems – BioCaster, EpiSPIDER and HealthMap – are compared with respect to their ability to gather and analyse information relevant to public health. Reports from each system for the period

- IBIS gathers open-source intelligence on aquatic animal, terrestrial animal and plant health issues
- Articles are validated by the user community
- Open community, anyone can join
- Users can suggest their own subjects and search terms
- Users are also able to review ‘raw’ articles and make decisions about whether or not to 'publish' them
- Simple alert function to get a ‘daily digest’ email of promoted articles of interest



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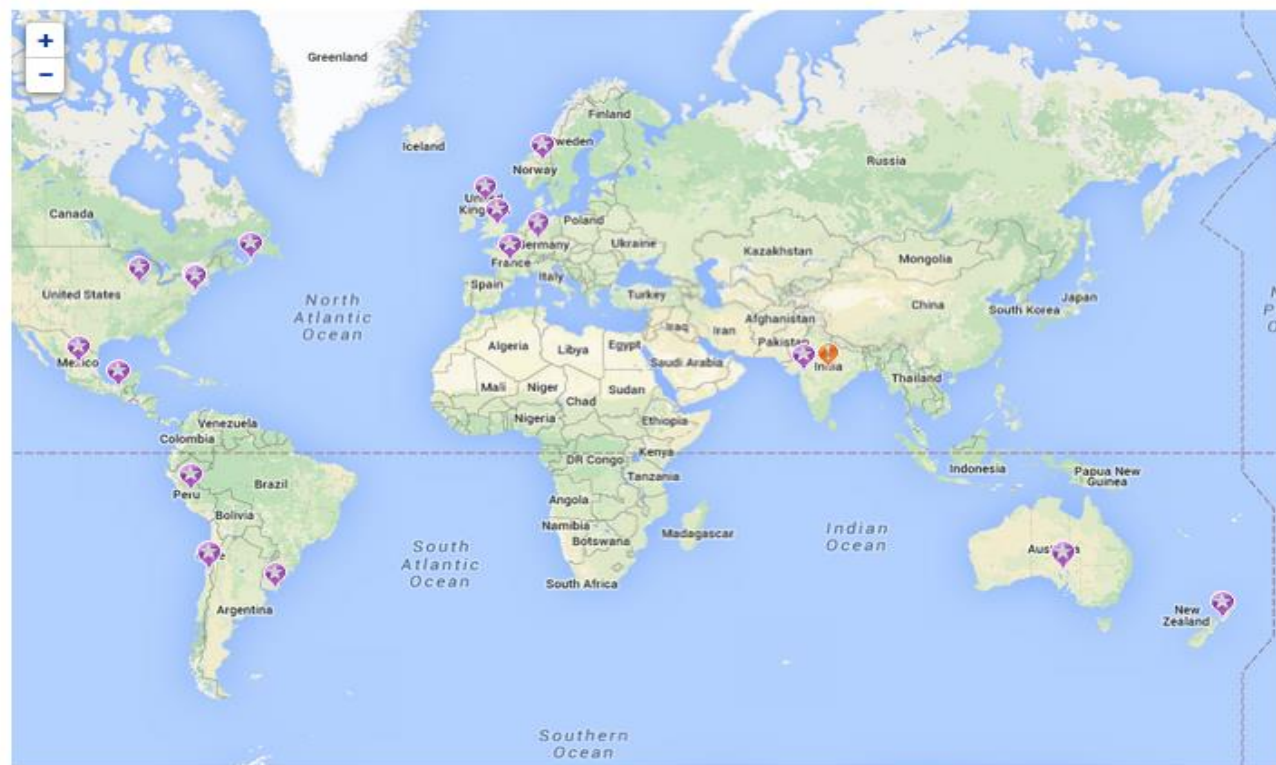
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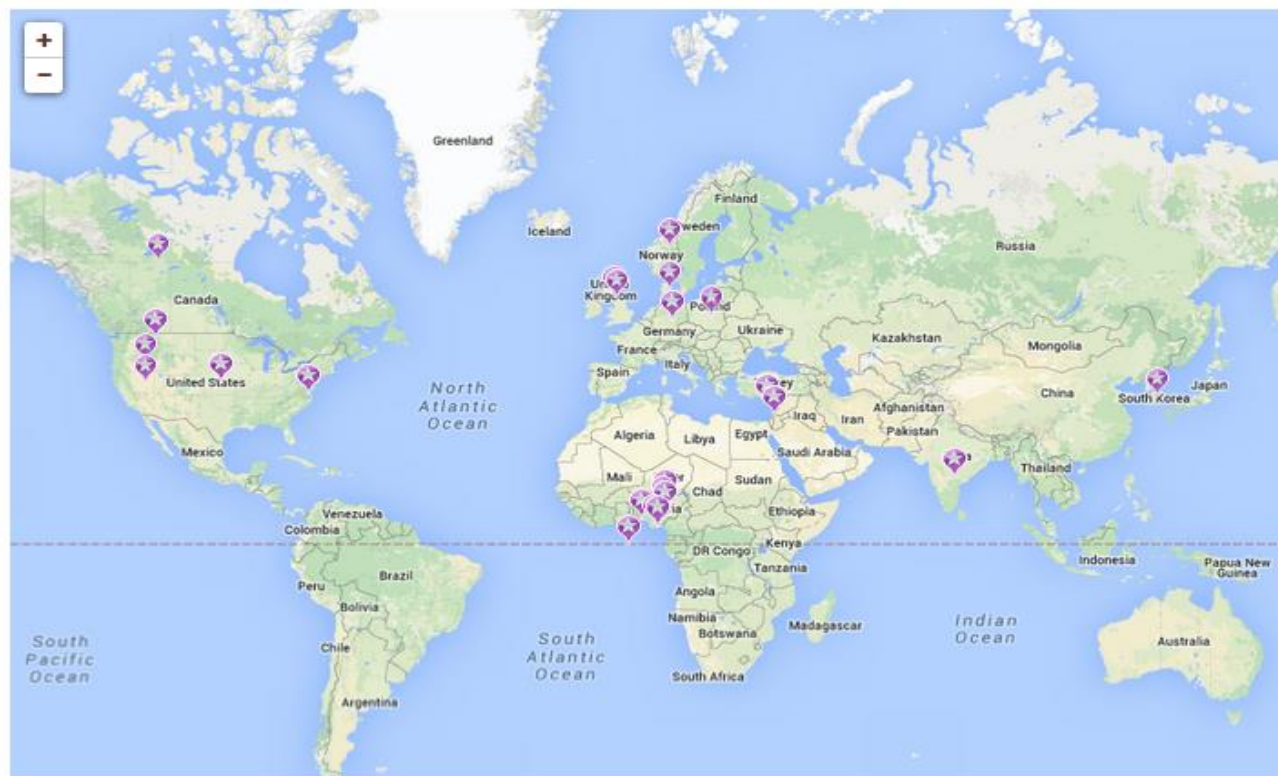
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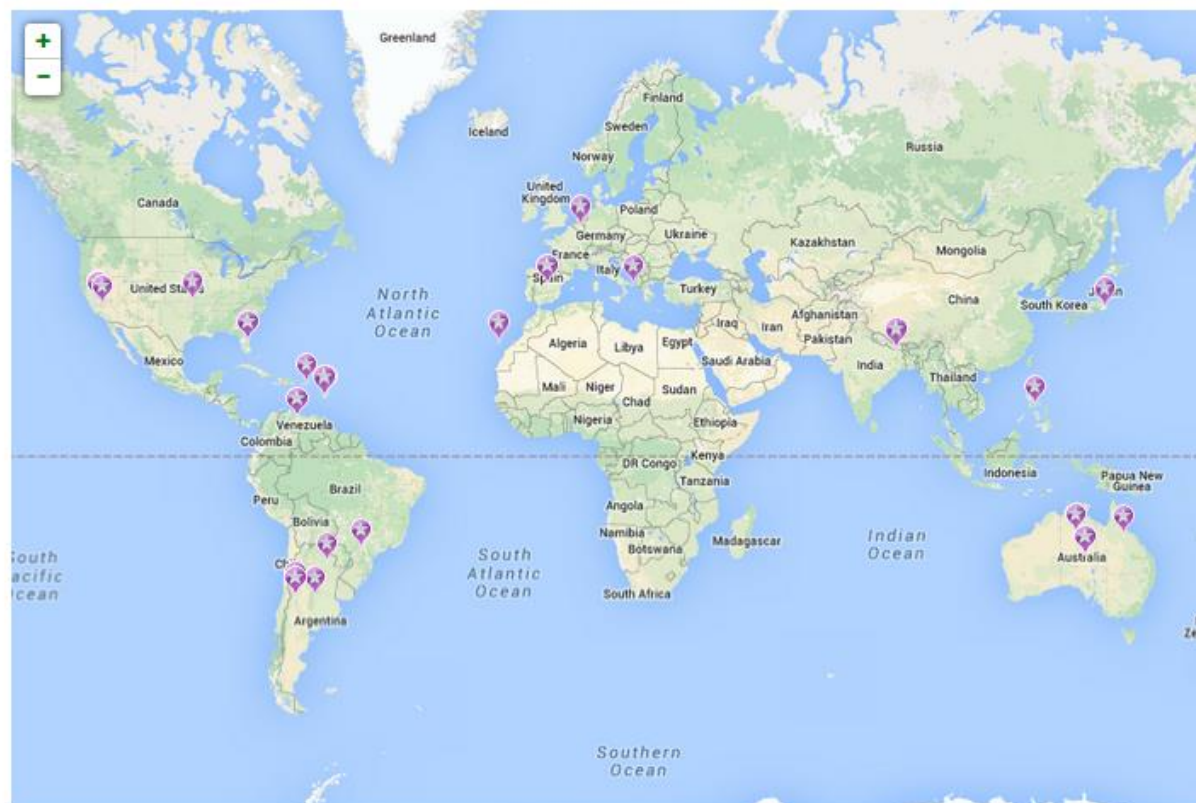
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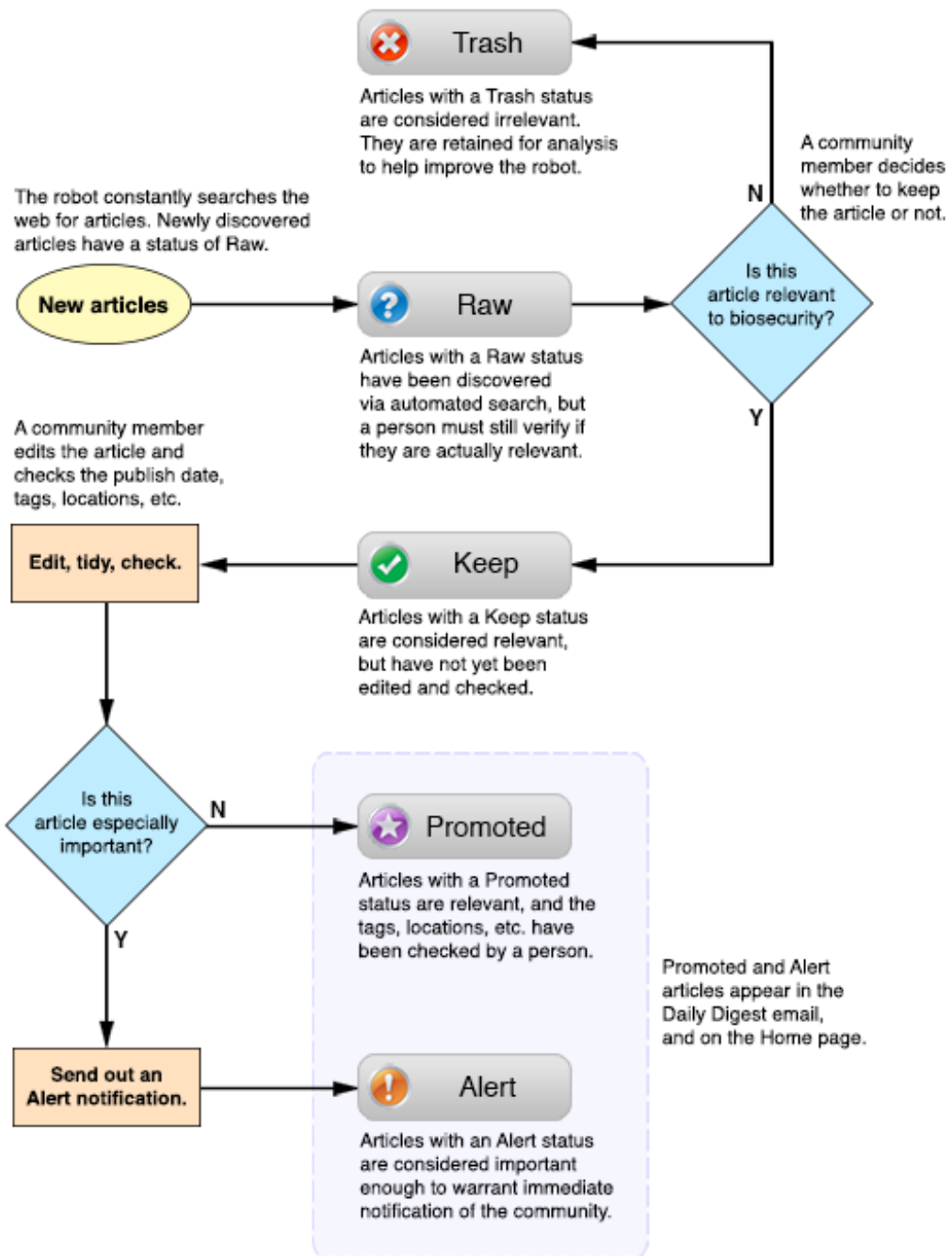
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Workflow

Some of the search sources

- Google: news, blogs, web, scholar
- Microsoft academic
- News sources: CIDRAP
- Journals: e.g. Emerging infectious diseases
- OIE alerts, ProMED, UC Davis FMD news
- Social media: Twitter

Article publication process



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Using internet intelligence to manage biosecurity risks: a case study for aquatic animal health

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ABSTRACT

Aim AquaticHealth.net is an open-source aquatic biosecurity intelligence gathering and analysis application. The system collects information in much the same way as other similar systems (e.g. HealthMap, BioCaster). However, the information collected undergoes minimal automated analysis, and analysis is largely left to AquaticHealth.net's users. The result is an automated system of intelligence gathering, combined with a manual system of intelligence analysis. This approach relies on a large number of users, and so AquaticHealth.net relies on an open-intelligence analysis method: any user can publish their own analyses for all to see and analyse further. By combining automated data collection and human analysis, AquaticHealth.net will provide fast and accurate forecasts, accompanied with nuanced explanations. These methods can be applied to other areas of biosecurity and disease surveillance.

Lyon et al. (2013) Div. Distrib. 19, 640-650.



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Challenges for the future

- Developing and maintaining an engaged user community
- Dealing with inaccurate material
 - Current approach: promote comment and discussion
- Social media: can we find the relevant information?
 - Do people 'tweet' relevant biosecurity information?
- Search engine optimisation
- Site performance
- Turning intelligence into action

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