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Presentation outline

General Introduction

Structures including the RAHCs

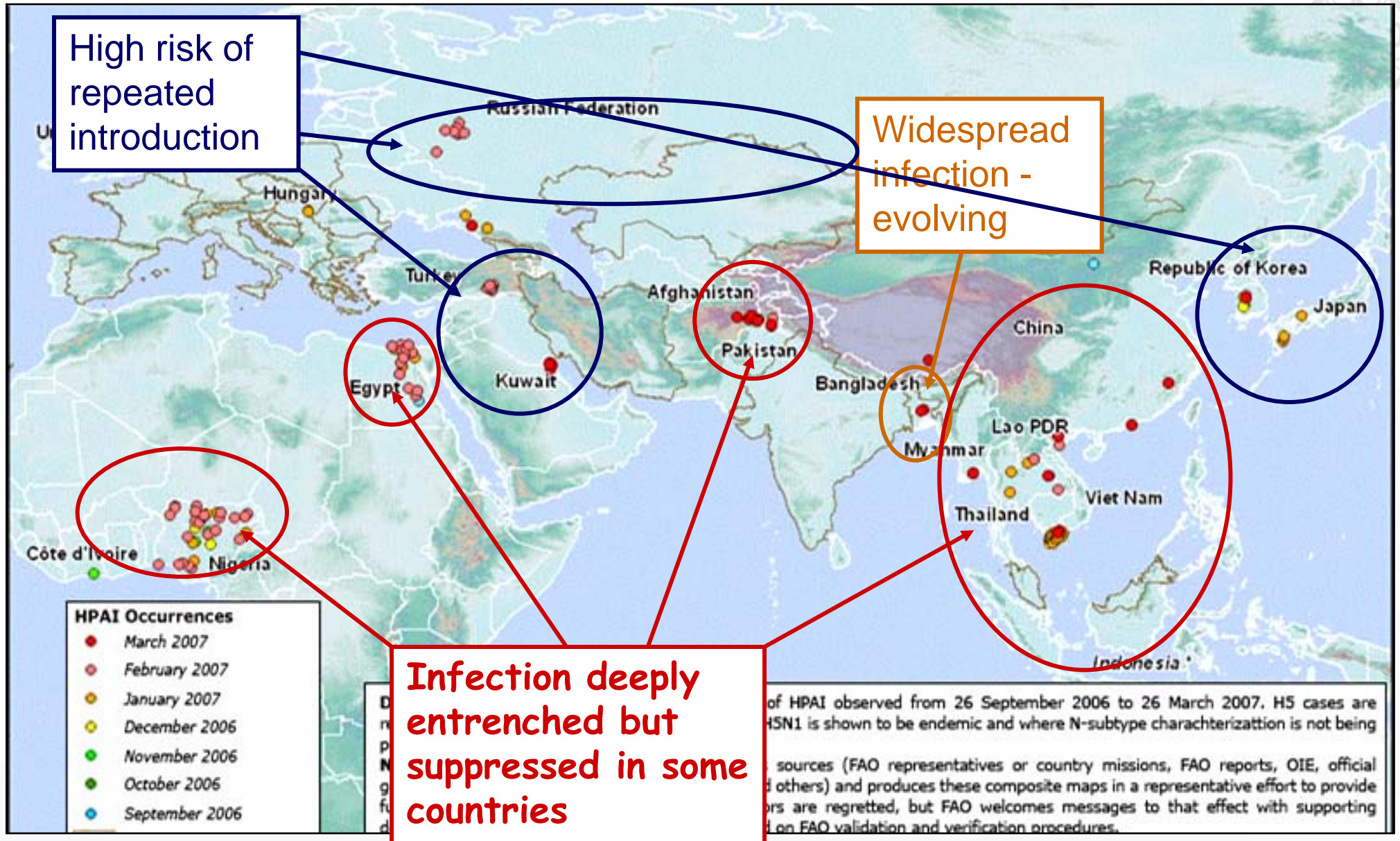
Key (Core) Activities of the ECTAD Unit -
RAHC

Expectations



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

- Unique epizootic caused by a H5N1 HPAI virus, emerged in eastern Asia more than five years ago. Public Health significance, threat of human influenza pandemic, socio-economic impact and livelihood issues driving force behind global response.
- Currently, HPAI is widespread in parts of Asia, Europe and Africa, causing high mortality and socio-economic dislocation.
- Disease currently reported in 11 African Countries.
- H5N1 human infections & fatalities-globally: 234 deaths out of 369 cases by end of February 2008 - 63.4% case fatality rate.



FAO HPAI STRATEGY



- HPAI prevention and control strategy developed by FAO & OIE in collaboration with WHO in 2005. In line with GF-TADs. Revised 2007.
- Vision: Reduce HPAI circulation in poultry in order to decrease risk to public health, safeguard poultry trade & protect livelihoods = Partly contributing to attainment of MDG



Regional Animal Health Centres

- Created on a joint initiative of the FAO, AU-IBAR and OIE. The centres will help coordinate and harmonize actions taken to control HPAI and other TADs.
 - The complementarities of each institutions mandate to improve animal health in Africa (FAO/OIE) at the global level and AU-IBAR at the continental level.
- This will contribute to provide a strong foundation for collaboration pursued within the framework of the GF-TADs

Emergency Centre for the Control of transboundary animal Diseases (ECTAD)



- The FAO Director General established in 2004, the emergency centre for the control of transboundary animal diseases (ECTAD). The focal point of this initiative is to bring the technical and operational capabilities of FAO together so as to effectively control HPAI and other TADs due in part to the enormity of the avian influenza crisis.
- Decentralized Units will be attached to the RAHCs and at country level in specific instances to carry out the mandate established by the DG of FAO







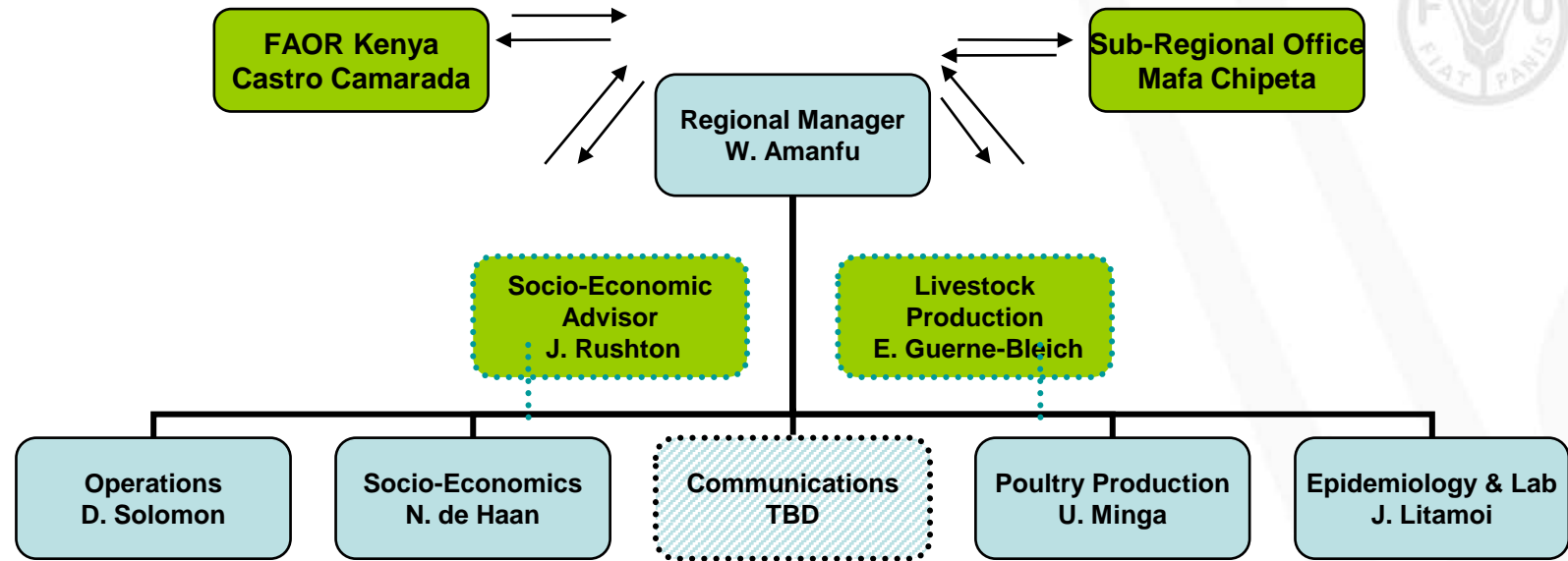
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-  ECOWAS
-  CEMAC
-  IGAD/EAC
-  SADC



ECTAD Unit of RAHC Nairobi



What are we aiming for ?

A strong    working in close partnership with Countries and Regional Organizations

- Paradigm shift in disease control by sound epidemiological knowledge and analysis
- Progressive control of transboundary animal diseases including HPAI



Indicator diseases for RAHCs

- **NENA** - HPAI, FMD, rinderpest, PPR, sheep pox, Lumpy skin Disease
(Tunis)
- **Tropical Africa**
HPAI, FMD, rinderpest, CBPP, PPR, ASF, RVF, Newcastle disease (Nairobi/Bamako)
- **SADC**
HPAI, FMD, CBPP, ASF, Newcastle disease

RAHC-KEY ACTIVITIES



- **Establish contacts and networks within the region with relevant partners**
- **Consolidate regional data on HPAI /TADs status**
- **Assist in the identification of inputs required for effective epidemiological/surveillance field activities**
- **Support countries to establish appropriately trained rapid response teams for HPAI and other TADs**



RAHC -ACTIVITIES

- **Assist in the development of national risk assessments, contingency planning for emergency preparedness**
- **Support the strengthening and maintenance of epidemiological, diagnostic laboratory and wild life surveillance networks established during implementation of TCP/RAF/3017**



EXPECTATIONS

- Working Relationships

- with National counterparts,

- ECTAD Unit of RAHC-Nairobi,

- USAID Contractors/Partners in country specific HPAI prevention and control project specified

- Work plans finalized: roles and responsibilities and timelines agreed



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