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THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF URBAN AREAS IN EUROPE TO VECTOR- BORNE DISEASES SPREAD BY THE ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO



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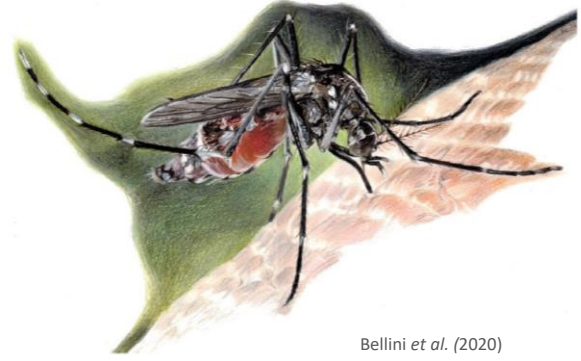
ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO
Aedes albopictus



TRIAD*

* meaning a "group of three",
Chikungunya–Dengue-Zika (CDZ)





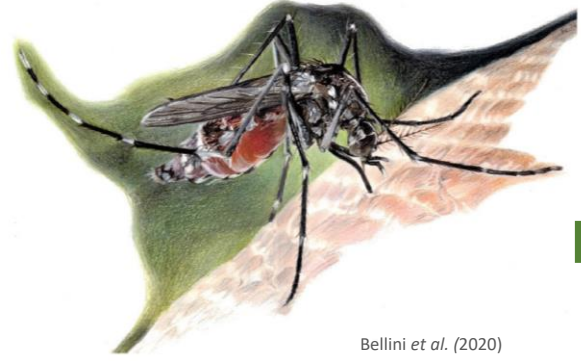
Bellini *et al.* (2020)

Fig. 1. Female Asian tiger mosquito during blood meal (drawing by Elisa Canaglia).

- Origin in Southeast Asia
- Colonized all continents, except Antarctica
- In Europe since 1979 (Albania), Italy in 1990
- Competent vector for dengue, Zika and Chikungunya
- Outbreaks in Croatia, France, and Italy in last decade
- Increase in environmental suitability due to climate change

Urban areas are particularly vulnerable:

- supply of mosquito breeding sites in man-made water containers and through irrigation
- heat island effect, higher urban temperature amplifies climate change
- availability of potential hosts and dynamics of urban movements - increased risk of disease spread



Bellini et al. (2020)
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Spread of the species.
 How and why?

Globalization
 International trade



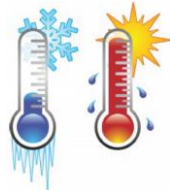
Environmental
 suitability



Live plants



Tyres

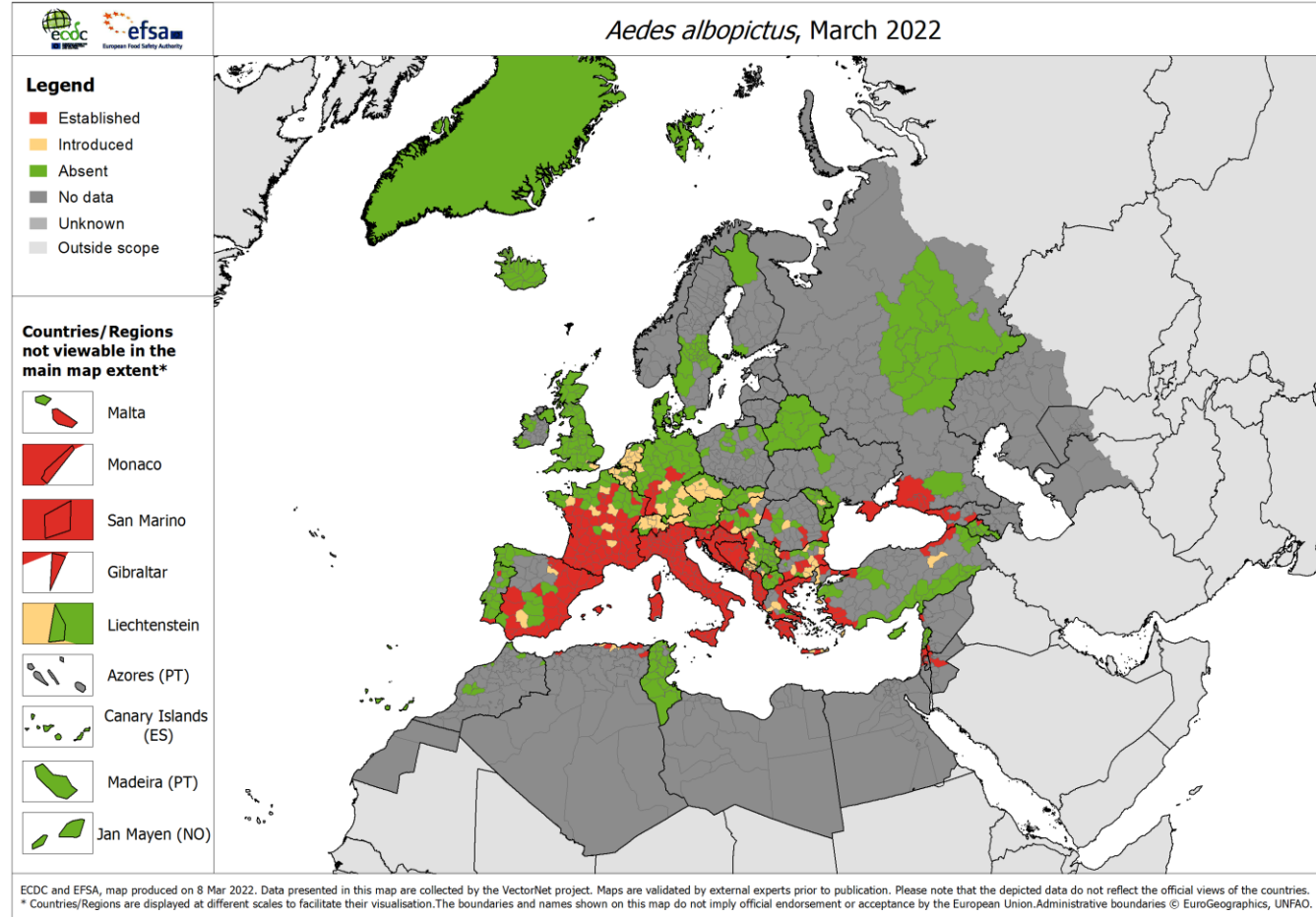


Temperature



Rainfall

Established in 30 European countries



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/aedes-albopictus-current-known-distribution-march-2022>

- ✓ Assess the environmental suitability for the establishment of the species in Europe
 - *Consensus between existing models*

- ✓ Assess the suitability to the mosquito in large urban areas in Europe
 - *Present-day conditions and future climatic scenarios (2050)*

- ✓ Investigate the relation between international trade & mosquito dispersion
 - *Potential for mosquito introduction via imported goods*

Environmental suitability in Europe

Data from existing models in Europe (7 present, 5 future)

Transform in binary scale (absence/presence)

Harmonize spatial resolution (25 km)

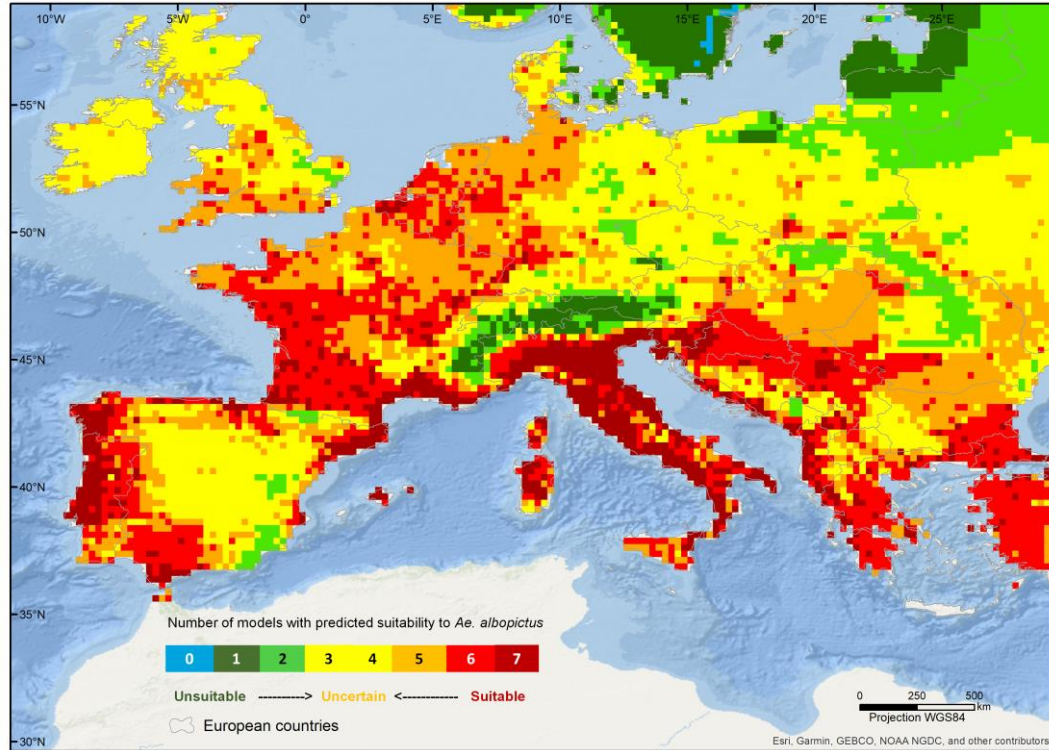
Identify common and divergent areas/patterns

Classify consensus level and uncertainty

Identify future trajectories (2 timeframes)

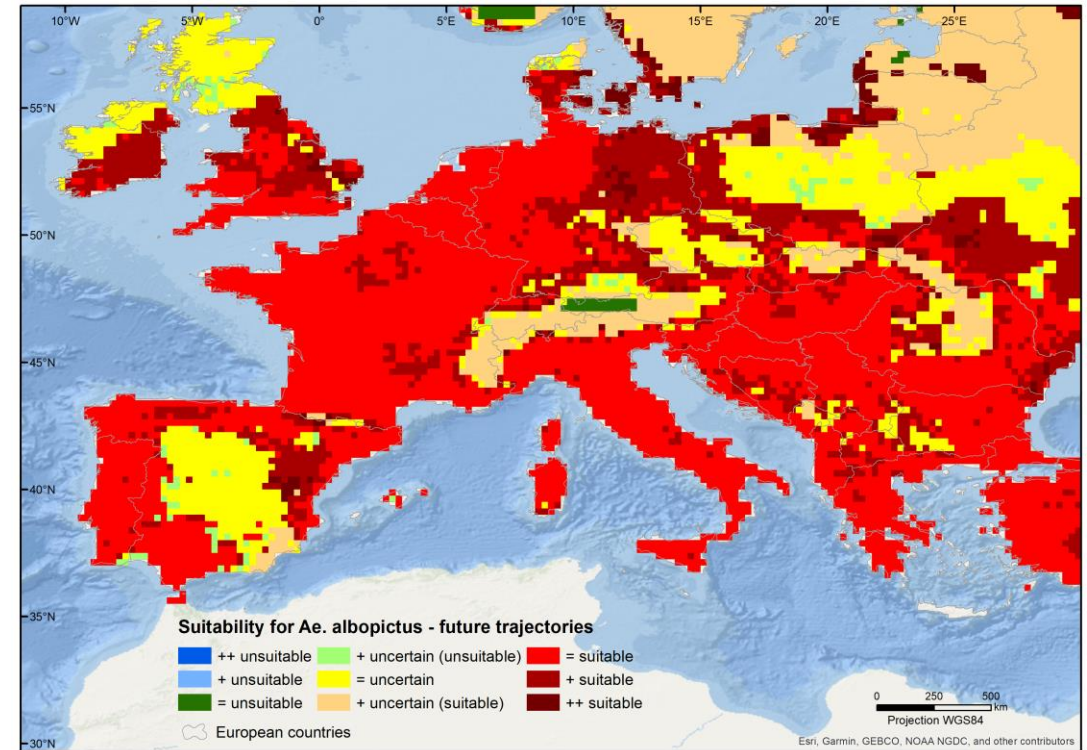
References models	Geog. coverage	Spatial resolution	Present-day period	Future period	Scenario	Modelling technique
Caminade et al. (2012) ¹⁹	Europe	0.25° ~ 25 km	1960–2009	2030–2050	SRES A1B	GIS-based (overwintering and seasonal activity); Multi-criteria decision analysis
Campbell et al. (2015) ⁸	Global	0.16666° ~ 18 km	1950–2000	2041–2060	SRES B1	MaxEnt
Ding et al. (2018) ¹¹	Global	0.05° ~ 5 km	1970–2000			Support vector machine (SVM); Gradient boosting machine (GBM); random Forest (RF)
Kraemer et al. (2015 ¹² , 2019 ⁵)	Global	0.04166° ~ 5 km	1960–2014	2050	RCP 6.0	Boosted regression trees (BRT)
Proestos et al. (2015) ⁷	Global	0.46875° ~ 50 km	2000–2009	2045–2054	SRES A2	Fuzzy-logic
Rogers (2015) ⁵²	Global	0.5° ~ 55 km	1961–1990	2080 (estimated for 2050 by linear interpolation)	SRES B1	K-means clustering; Nonlinear discriminant analysis
Santos and Meneses, (2017) ¹³	Global	30 arc-sec ~ 1 km	1950–2000			MaxEnt

Categories	Present (7 models)	Future (5 models)
Unsuitable, low uncertainty	5 to 7 models agree unsuitable	4 to 5 models agree unsuitable
High uncertainty	Only 3 or 4 models agree	Only 2 or 3 models agree
Suitable, low uncertainty	5 to 7 models agree suitable	4 to 5 models agree suitable



Present conditions

Areas of high uncertainty (high disagreement between models) mainly in eastern Europe, northern Britain, Ireland and central Spain.



Future trajectories

Suitable regions will encompass 21% more area, adding to the 47% of the continent that is suitable nowadays.

Suitability in urban areas

Functional Urban Areas
(> 250.000 people)

Predominant class of suitability within FUA boundaries

Expected change in suitability (present-future)

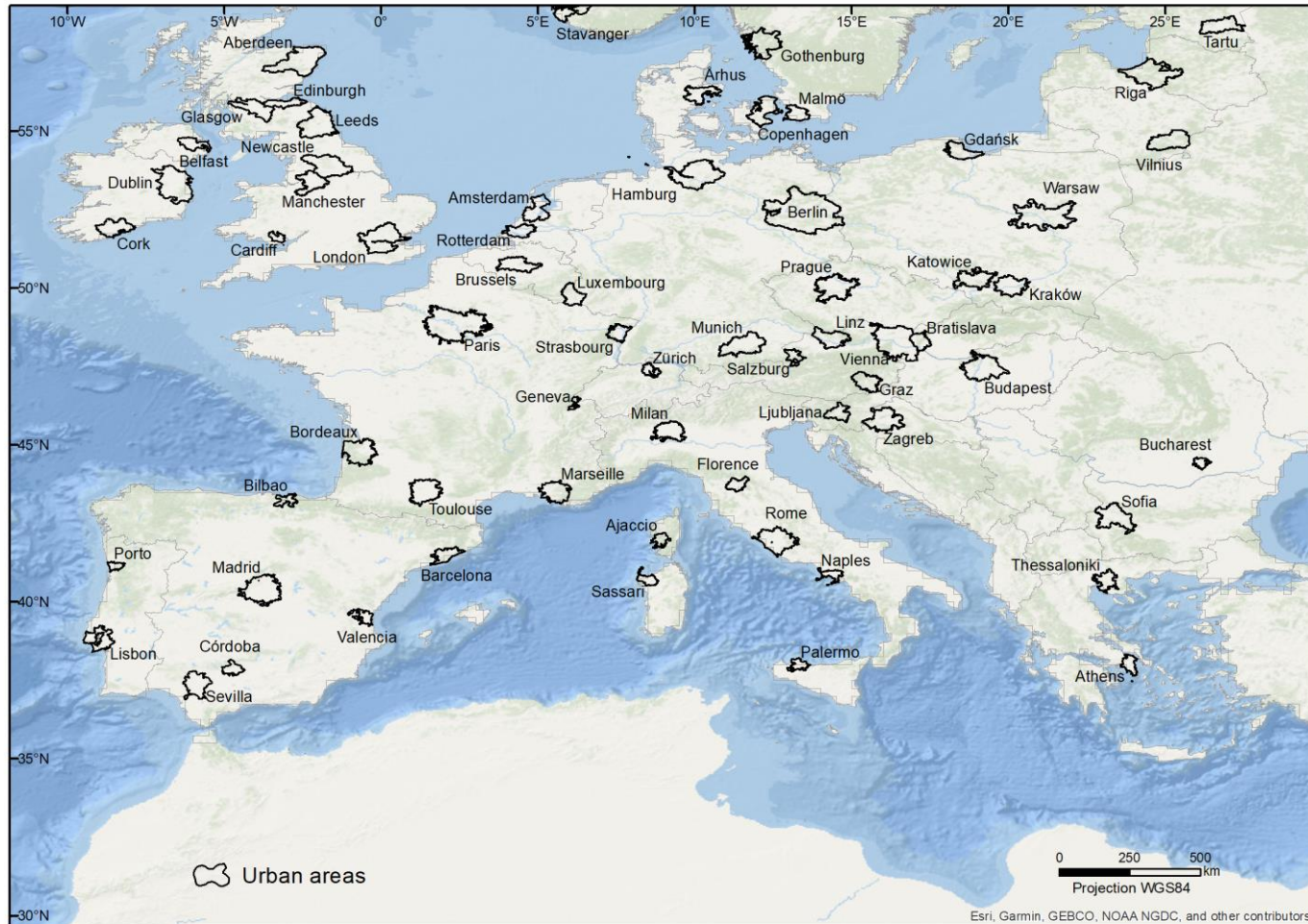
Worst-case scenario (most unfavourable change in suitability class)

- Suitability class per 25 km cell, 3 major categories (traffic light scheme)
- Spatial overlap between cells and urban areas boundaries (majority)
- *Worst-case scenario* – 1/3 urban area covered by a more unfavorable variation than given by the baseline

Traffic-light scheme

	Most favorable situation from the human viewpoint (unsuitable with low uncertainty)
	High uncertainty, regarding either suitability and unsuitability
	Most negative situation, with suitability for the mosquito being consensual across models

Functional urban area (FUA) - a city and its commuting zone. A densely inhabited city and a less densely populated commuting zone whose labor market is highly integrated with the city (*OECD, 2012*).



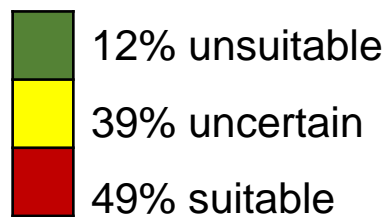
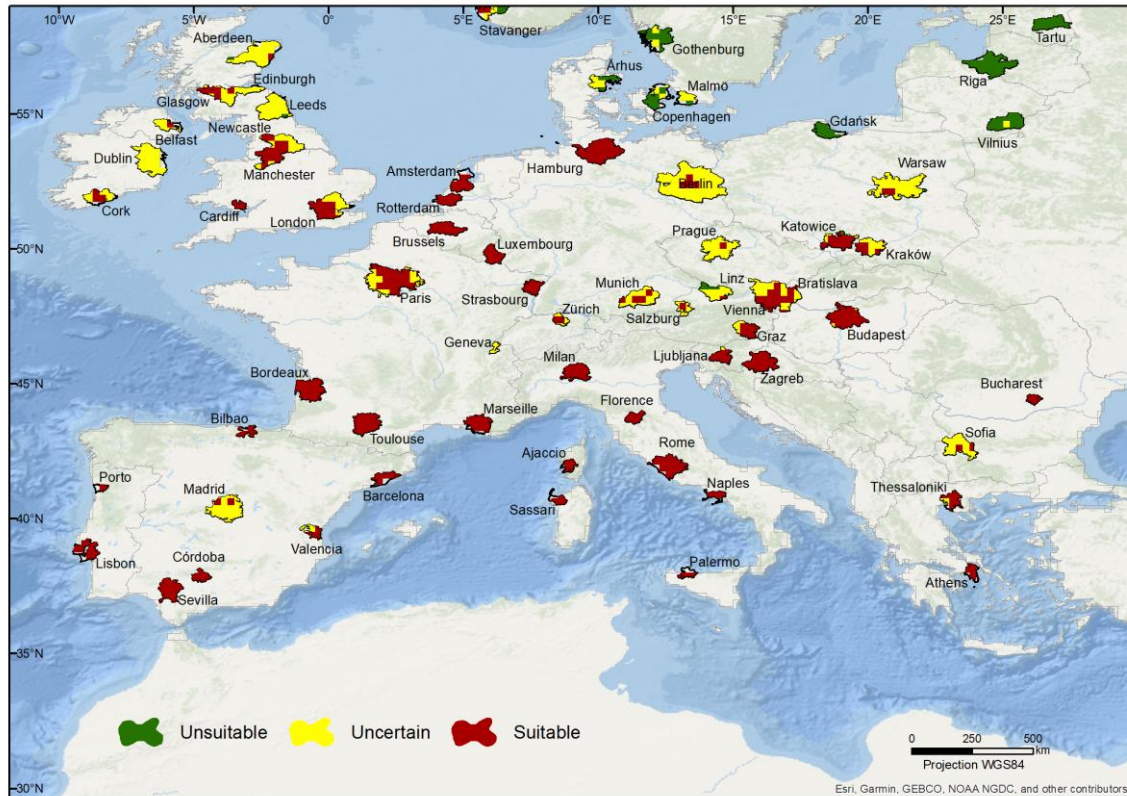
62 metropolitan areas

- Large metropolitan (above 1.5 million people)
- Metropolitan (250.000 to 1.5 million people)

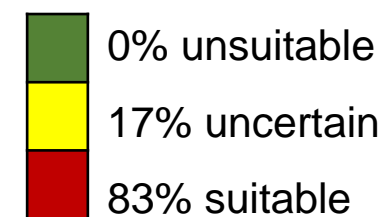
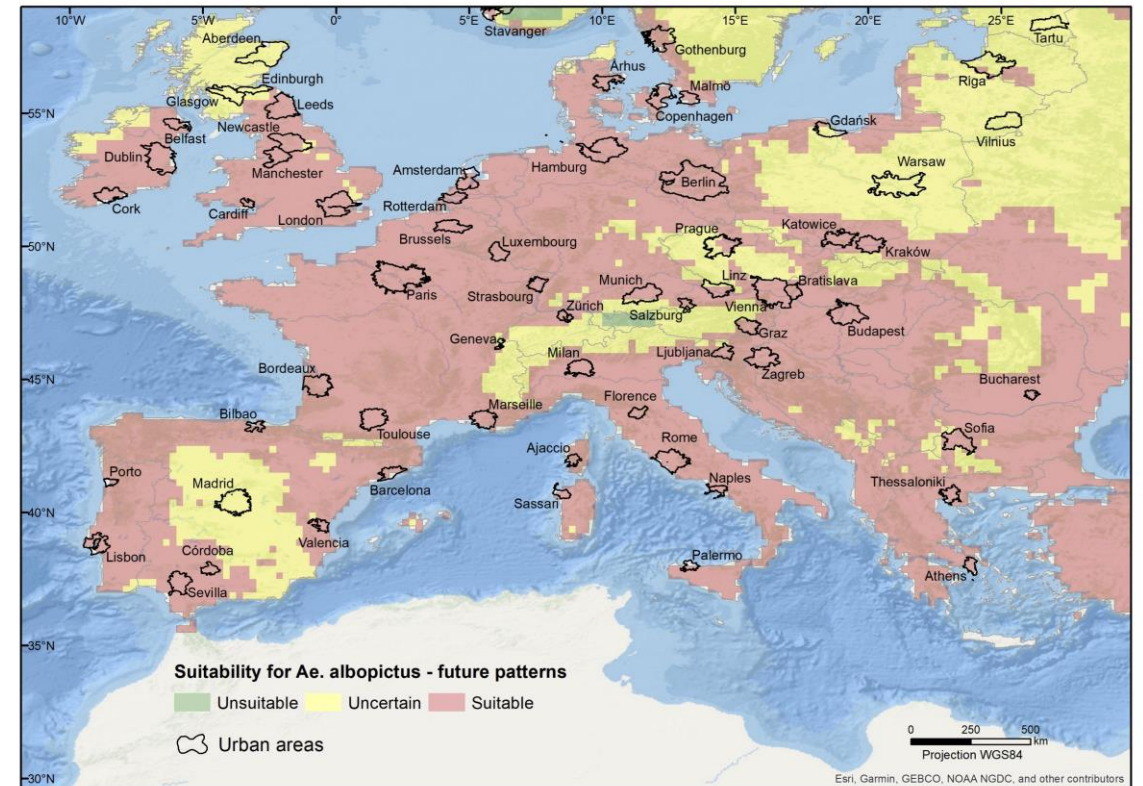
3 medium-size urban areas

- 3 medium areas (100.000 to 250.000 people),
 in Corsica, Sardinia and Estonia

Present conditions



Future conditions



Main city (country)	P	F	Main city (country)	P	F	Main city (country)	P	F
Aberdeen(UK)	●	●	Glasgow (UK)	●	●	Prague (CZ)	●	●
Ajaccio (FR)	●	●	Gothenburg (SE)	●	●	Riga (LV)	●	●
Amsterdam (NL)	●	●	Graz (AT)	●	●	Rome (IT)	●	●
Århus (DK)	●	●	Hamburg (DE)	●	●	Rotterdam (NL)	●	●
Athens (EL)	●	●	Katowice (PL)	●	●	Salzburg (AT)	●	●
Barcelona (ES)	●	●	Kraków (PL)	●	●	Sassari (IT)	●	●
Belfast (UK)	●	●	Leeds (UK)	●	●	Sevilla (ES)	●	●
Berlin (DE)	●	●	Linz (AT)	●	●	Sofia (BG)	●	●
Bilbao (ES)	●	●	Lisbon (PT)	●	●	Stavanger (NO)	●	●
Bordeaux (FR)	●	●	Ljubljana (SI)	●	●	Strasbourg (FR)	●	●
Bratislava (SK)	●	●	London (UK)	●	●	Tartu (EE)	●	●
Brussels (BE)	●	●	Luxembourg (LU)	●	●	Thessaloniki (EL)	●	●
Bucharest (RO)	●	●	Madrid (ES)	●	●	Toulouse (FR)	●	●
Budapest (HU)	●	●	Malmö (SE)	●	●	Valencia (ES)	●	●
Cardiff (UK)	●	●	Manchester (UK)	●	●	Vienna (AT)	●	●
Copenhagen	●	●	Marseille (FR)	●	●	Vilnius (LT)	●	●
Cordoba (ES)	●	●	Milan (IT)	●	●	Warsaw (PL)	●	●
Cork (IE)	●	●	Munich (DE)	●	●	Zagreb (HR)	●	●
Dublin (IE)	●	●	Naples (IT)	●	●	Zürich (CH)	●	●
Edinburgh (UK)	●	●	Newcastle	●	●			
Florence (IT)	●	●	Oporto (PT)	●	●			
Gdansk (PL)	●	●	Palermo (IT)	●	●			
Geneva (CH)	●	●	Paris (FR)	●	●			

Unsuitable ●
 Uncertain ●
 Suitable ●

- Cities located in northern Europe expected to undergo the most severe changes (from unsuitable to suitable)

Arhus, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Stavanger

- Cities of central Europe, Great Britain and Ireland are expected to become suitable (from uncertain today)

Berlin, Dublin, Geneva, London, Prague, Vienna

- Uncertainty remains in the future for cities such as:

Edinburgh, Madrid, Munich, Warsaw

International trade & mosquito dispersion

Collection of international trade data (imports)



Live plants, New tyres, Used tyres

Year of *Aedes albopictus* introduction

Trade indicators
(volume of imports, % from countries with the species, trend in 15 years...)

Geographic proximity

Climatic similarity



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Aedes albopictus (Asian tiger mosquito, forest day mosquito, mosquito tigre, moustique tigre, tiger mosquito, tigermücke, zanzara tigre)

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Arthropoda	Insecta	Diptera	Culicidae

System: Terrestrial

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Data
***Aedes albopictus* - current known distribution: March 2022**
Map - 12 Apr 2022
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ITC TRADE MAP
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Product ... 0602 - Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings and slips;
 Country Portugal
 Partner All
 Country Group None
 Partner Group None

other criteria Imports Yearly time series by country Direct data Quantities Primary unit

List of supplying markets for a product imported by Portugal
 Product: 0602 Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn (excluding bulbs, tubers, ...)

Table Graph Map Companies

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Bilateral 4 digits	Exporters	2017	2018	2019	2020
		Imported quantity, Tons	Imported quantity, Tons	Imported quantity, Tons	Imported quantity, Tons
	World	38,358	33,952	35,750	33,343
	Spain	23,289	18,589	19,813	18,695
	Netherlands	9,392	10,429	11,757	10,672
	Italy	2,277	2,628	2,170	1,588
	United Kingdom	448	130	274	805
	Poland	2	102	10	261
	Germany	648	769	763	938
	Belgium	133	190	251	149
	China	29	22	17	58

- ✓ Imports per country (destiny) per product
- ✓ Multiple source countries
- ✓ Monthly data (volume, tons/kgs/units)
- ✓ Period: 2004 – 2019
 - Mann-Kendall & Sen's slope



Pre-processing and harmonizing



International Trade data	Country 1 File1 File10	2010-M04	...NA	#run loop to find the elements indexed and convert value	Exporters	2015-M11	2015-M12
		Imported quantity	Units	for (i in 1:length(var_list\$var1)) {	Country 1	80	150
	Country 26 File1 File10	1500	Kilograms	#Process each value in position given by var1 and var2	Country 2	900	300
	Country 79 File1 File10	200	Units	merged_df[var_list\$var1[i],var_list\$var2[i]] <-	Country 9	500	20
		4.5	Tons	merged_df [var_list\$var1[i],var_list\$var2[i]]/1000	World	1480	470
				}			

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Automated cleansing and harmonization of international trade data

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Live
plants

- **76 destinations**
 - 2-83 source countries
- **53 with *Ae. albopictus***
 - 31 < 2004
 - 22 ≥ 2004
- **23 without *Ae. albopictus***



New
Tyres

- **77 destinations**
 - 8-89 source countries
- **55 with *Ae. albopictus***
 - 32 < 2004
 - 23 ≥ 2004
- **22 without *Ae. albopictus***

Austria
 Bulgaria
 Canada
 Costa Rica
 Czechia
 Germany
 Greece
 Honduras
 Croatia
 Laos
 Malta
 Morocco
 Netherlands
 Portugal
 Romania
 Russia
 Seychelles
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 Slovakia
 Sweden
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 Turkey
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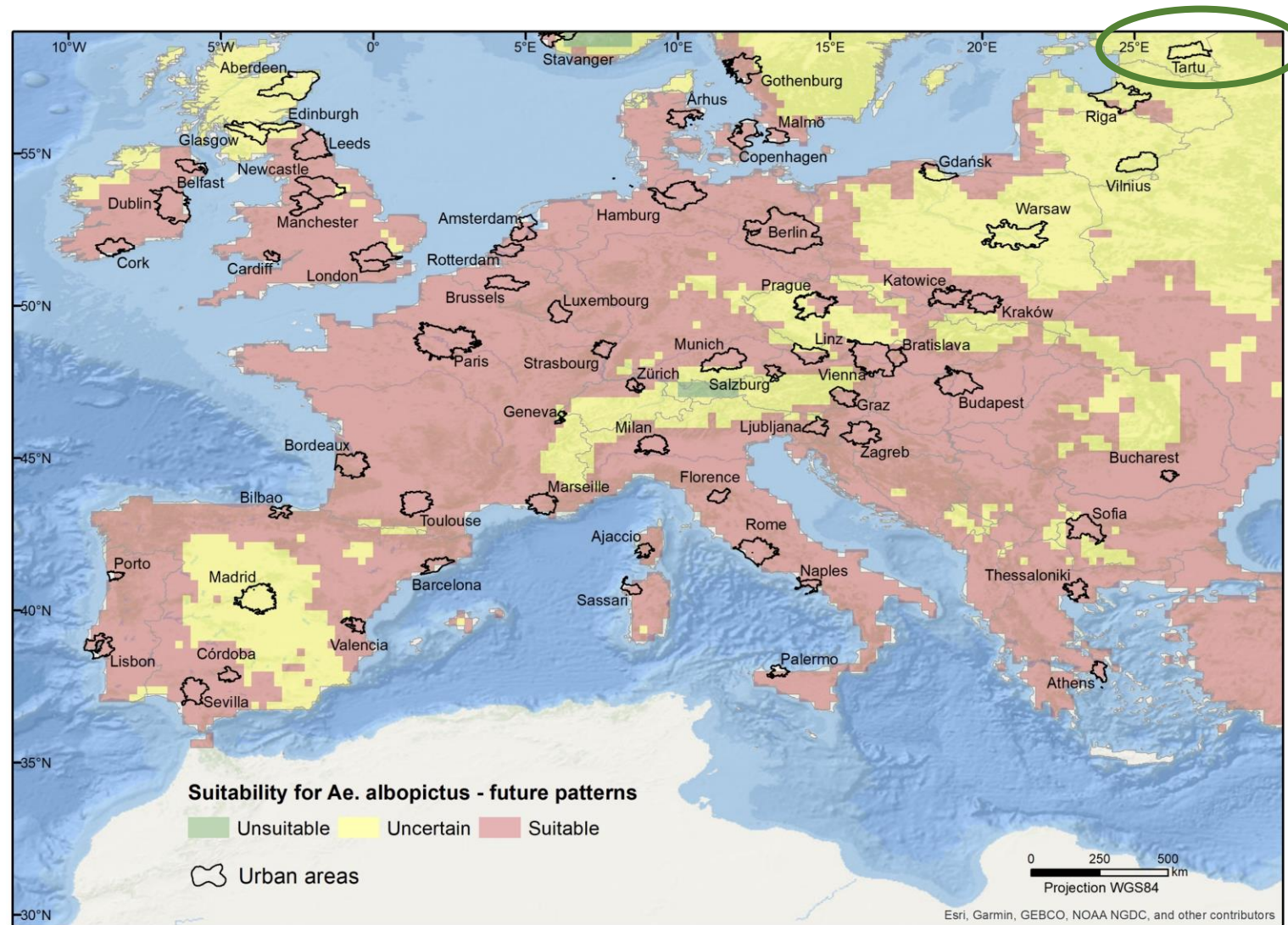


Used
Tyres

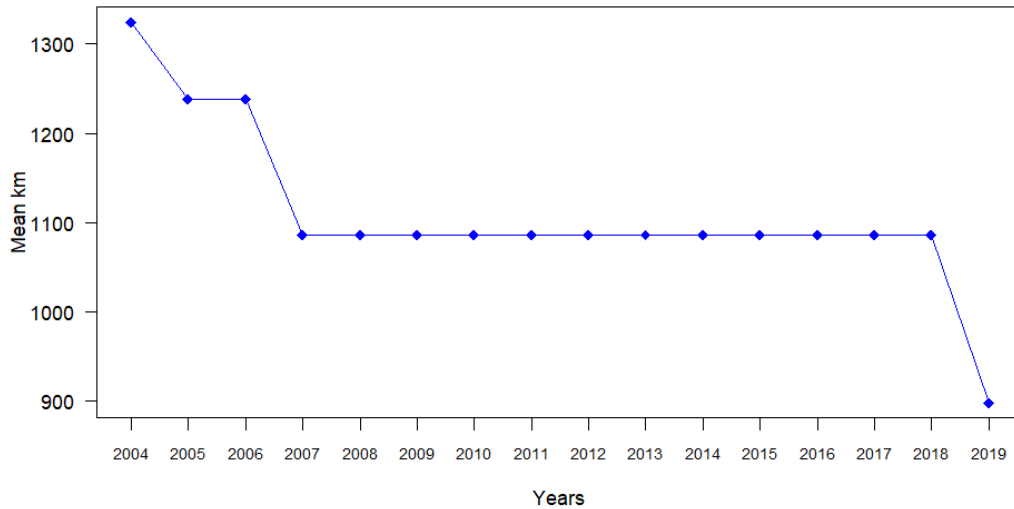
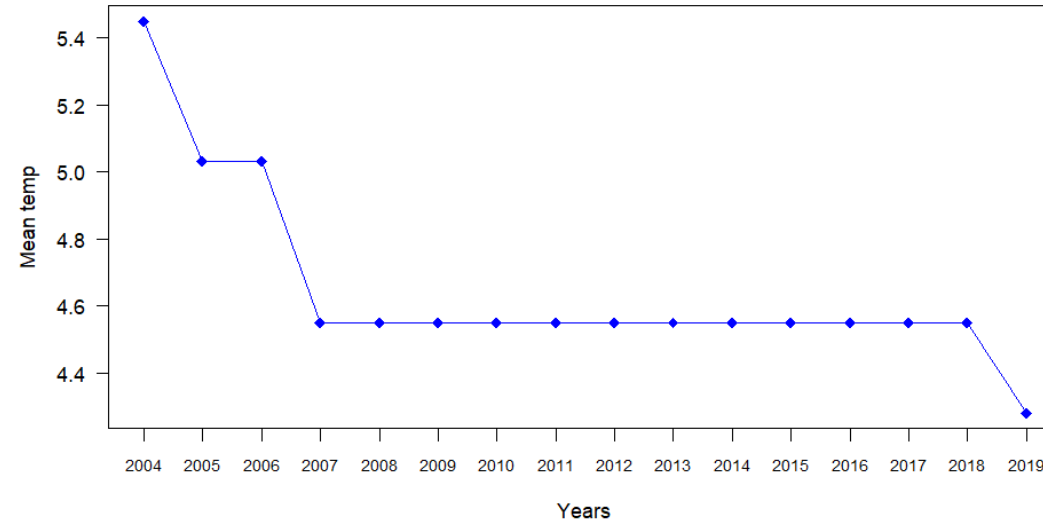
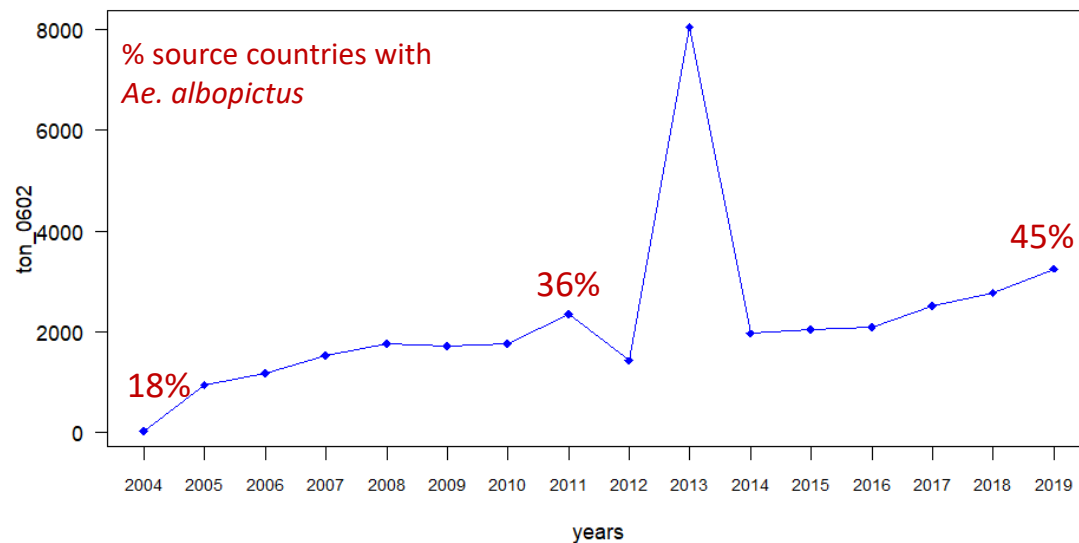
- **79 destinations**
 - 1-74 source countries
- **56 with *Ae. albopictus***
 - 33 < 2004
 - 23 ≥ 2004
- **23 without *Ae. albopictus***

Angola
 Belarus
 Bolivia
 Chile
 Cyprus
 Denmark
 Egypt
 Estonia
 Finland
 Ireland
 Kenya
 Latvia
 Lithuania
 Luxembourg
 Peru
 Poland
 Senegal
 United Arab Emirates
 Uganda
 United Kingdom
 Ukraine
 Zimbabwe

ESTONIA



ESTONIA

Mean geographical distance between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*Mean temperature difference between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*Total volume of imported live plants from countries with *Ae. albopictus*, per year

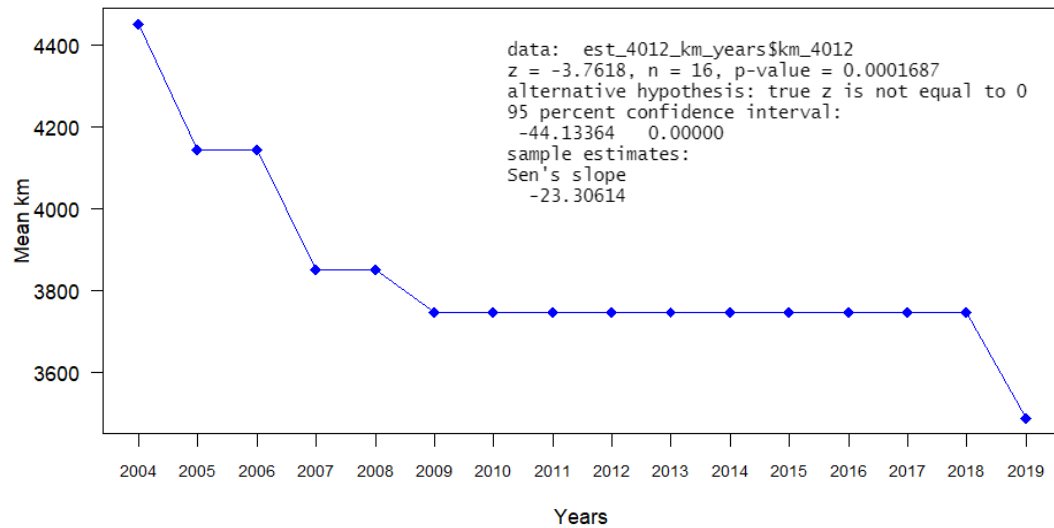
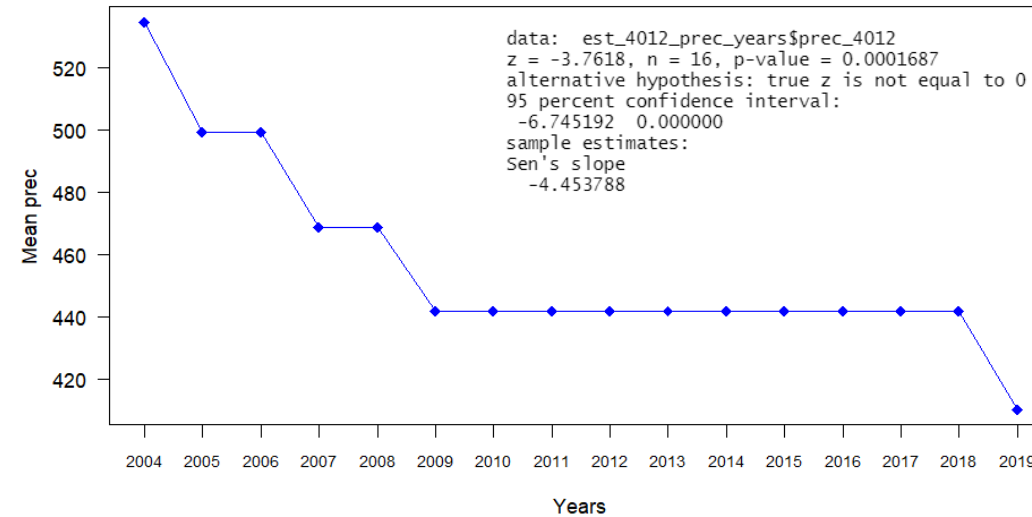
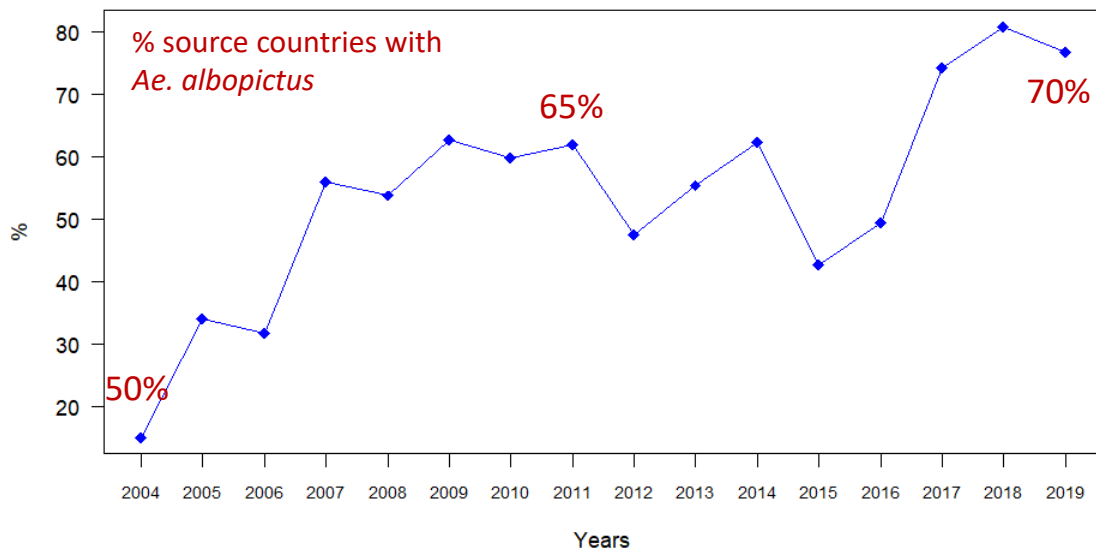
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sample estimates:
Sen's slope
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- Ascending (positive) trend
- Statistically significant
- High magnitude

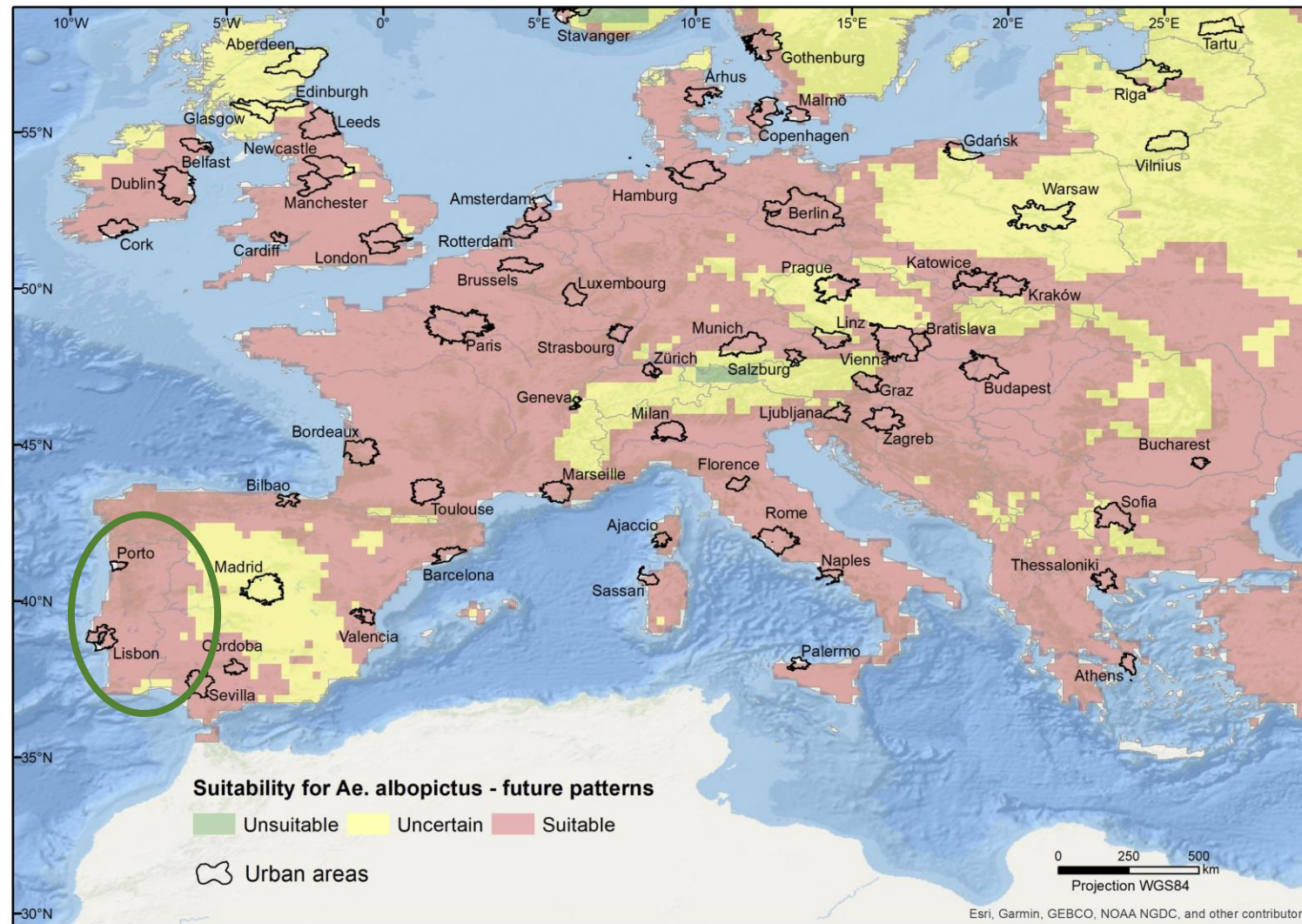
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Mean geographical distance between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*Mean precipitation difference between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*Annual imports of used tyres from countries with *Ae. albopictus* (%)

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- Ascending (positive) trend
- Statistically significant
- Low magnitude

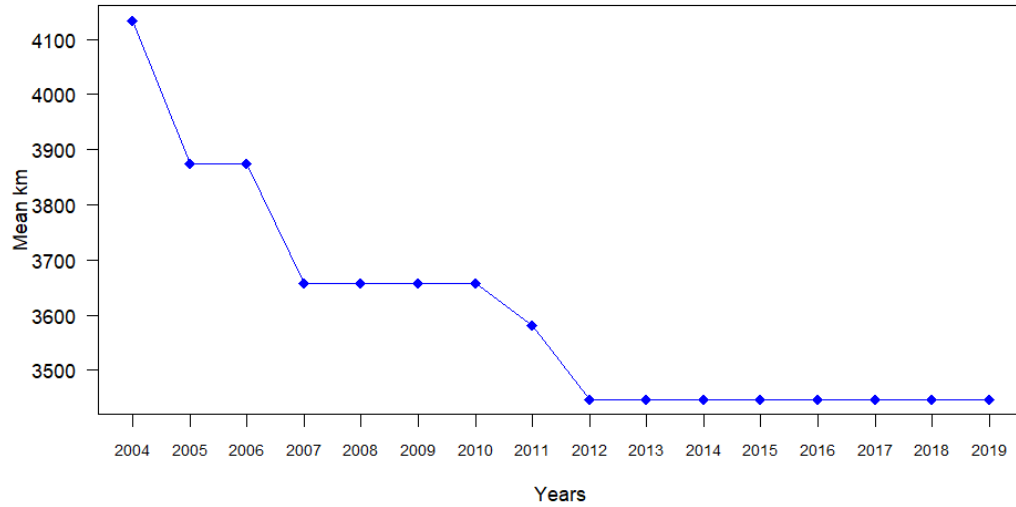
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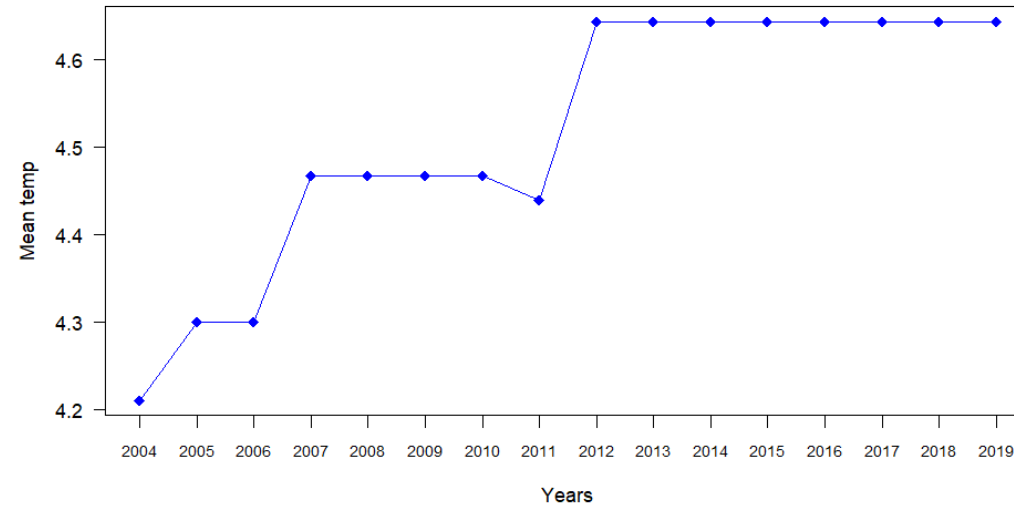
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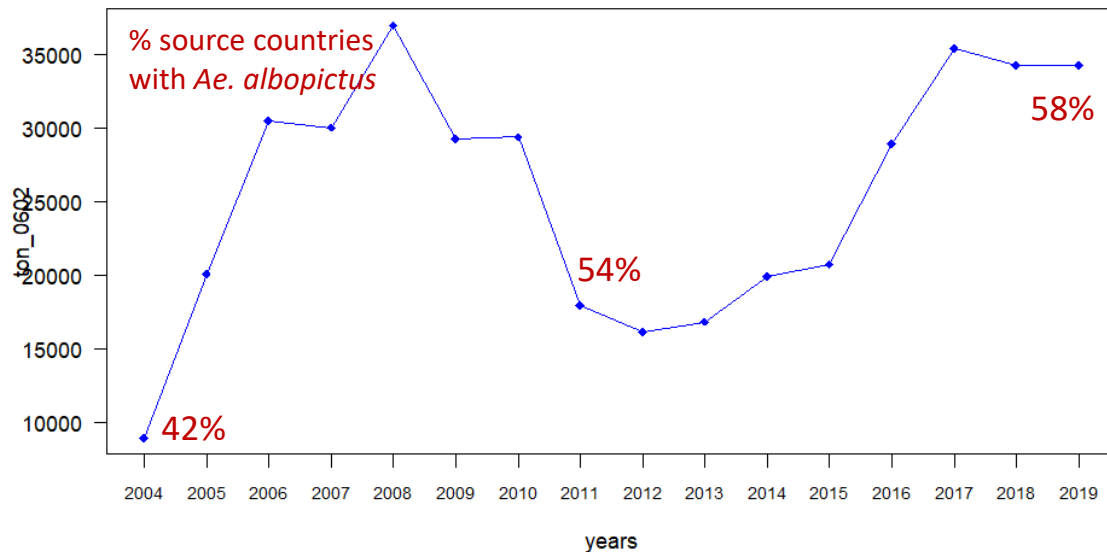
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Mean temperature difference between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*



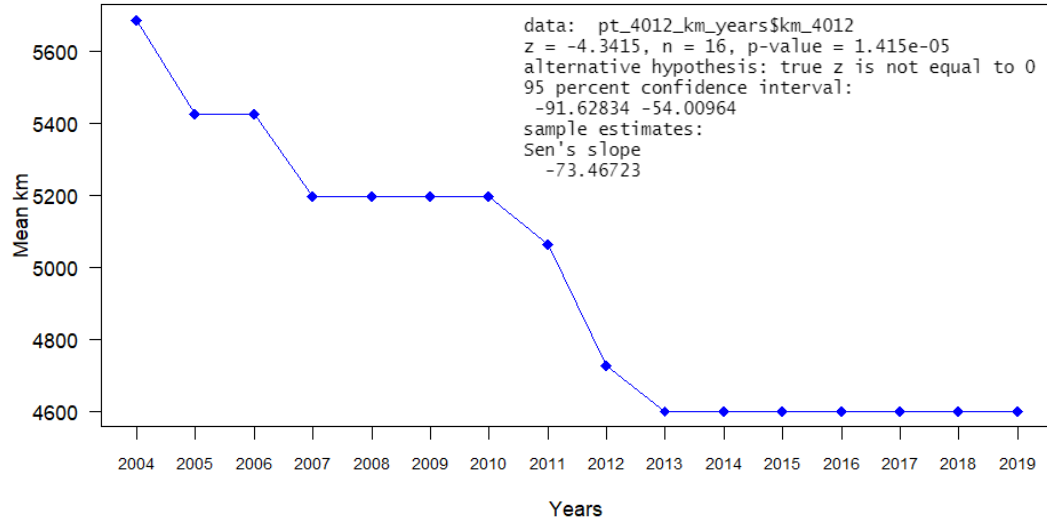
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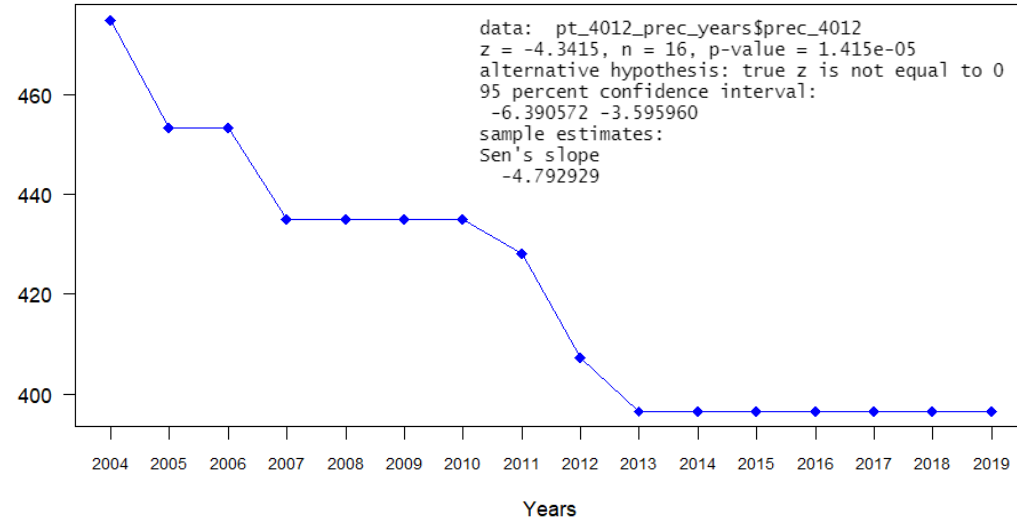
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- Ascending (positive) trend
- Not statistically significant

Mean geographical distance between exporters with *Ae. albopictus*



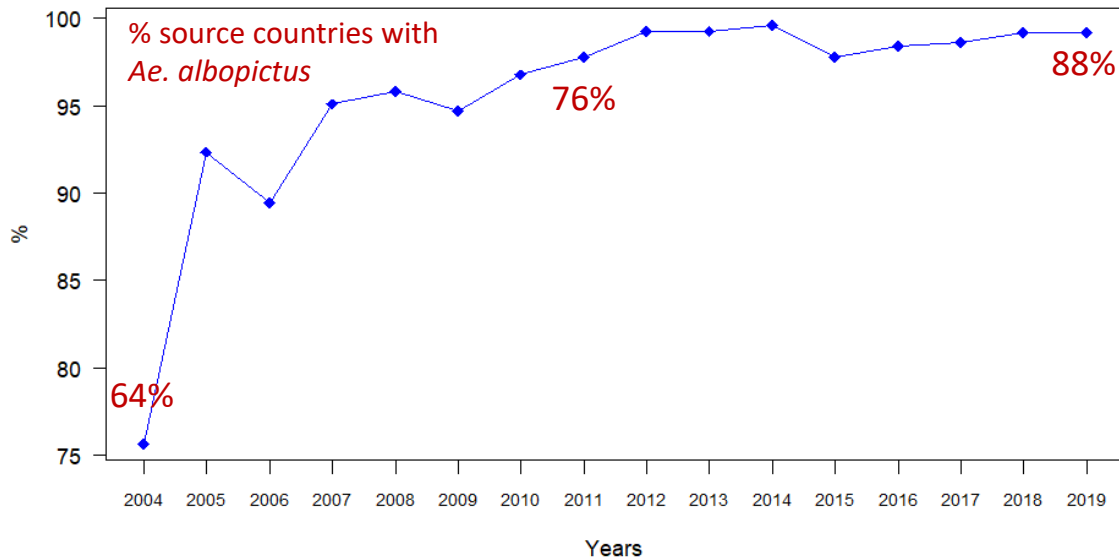
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Annual imports of used tyres from countries with *Ae. albopictus* (%)



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 sample estimates:
 Sen's slope
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- Ascending (positive) trend
- Statistically significant
- Low magnitude

Suitability to Aedes albopictus

- ✓ Nowadays, West and South Europe suitable. Climate change will aggravate conditions (increase suitability)
- ✓ In about 30 years, *Ae. albopictus* will find suitable areas in 68% of the European continent
- ✓ Suitability to *Aedes albopictus* in Europe raises public health concerns. Need to monitor and control vectors

Urban areas

- ✓ 83% of urban areas (out of 65 analyzed) predicted as suitable in the future (2050). None unsuitable
- ✓ Tartu (Estonia) uncertain
- ✓ Uncertainty reflects the divergence between estimations (half of them estimate suitability)

International trade

- ✓ Species dispersal via live plants and tyres
- ✓ Proportion of source countries (imports) with *Ae. Albopictus* increased over time
- ✓ Geographic distance decreased, climatic similarity increased
- ✓ Probability of species introduction influenced by trade flows (?)

Thank you!

