

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS MOLOKA'I- 2021

Hawai'i Department of Agriculture
Animal Disease Control Branch/Animal Industry

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2021 INCIDENT

- Keli‘iho‘omalu herd tested June 22, 2021
- Herd pastured in Mapulehu from December 2020 to June 2021
- Part of the herd returned to Ho‘olehua pasture in March 2021 under a Hold/Quarantine Order. Order in place due to March testing disruption caused by weather and cattle being out of feed and needing to move.



http://www.usaha.org/upload/Meetings/2017/Presentations/Schoenbaum_TB_Test_Performance_2.pdf

RECORD OF INSPECTION/QUARANTINE/PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE/SEIZURES

No. Date 3/17/2021
 Consignee
 Address Phone

Shipper/Address
 Owner Carrier Agent
 No. of Crates No. of Animals 29 Type of Animals Beef Cattle

Health Certificate Issued By
 Reason for Detention Due to weather causing dangerous travel, inability to complete herd TB testing
 Warning Issued Your cattle herd may be moved to an isolated pasture in Hoolehua until retested negative for bovine tuberculosis.

Special Instructions/Remarks You can proceed with processing your herd and moving them to Ho'olehua where they will remain under provisional quarantine/a hold order until retested for TB. During this quarantine period, you are required to comply with the following:
1) Cattle shall not be sold, removed, or added to your herd and your herd shall not mix or commingle with other cattle without the permission of the State Veterinarian.

Description of Animals 29 Angus cross cattle, varying ages, varying sex
 Disposition Hold herd in quarantine at approved Ho'olehua pasture
 Quarantine Site Owner's pasture in Ho'olehua Retest Period 5/17/21 - 6/17/21

PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:
 1. Shall be kept in quarantine (isolation) for a period of N/A days at the importer's/owner's premises or at a place approved by the State Veterinarian.
 2. Shall report immediately to the State Veterinarian or representative all instances of sick and/or dead animals occurring during required isolation period. Oahu 483-7100; Kauai (808) 483-7100; Maui County 873-3559; Hilo, Hawaii (808) 974-6503
 3. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of Chapter 16 shall be fined not more than \$10,000.00 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both. (Class C felony)

ALL INCOMPLETE RECORDS WILL BE RETURNED FOR COMPLETION
 COOPERATIVE STATE - FEDERAL TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION PROGRAM
 TUBERCULOSIS TEST RECORD

STATE Hawaii FORM APPROVED ONE NO. 85-75-004 172108

COUNTY Maui TSP SEC HERD OWNER'S NAME LAST Keli Mo'omalu Kapaana FIRST Deanna ME N/A PREVIOUS TEST DATE N/A VET CODE 30 VET 11

HERD NUMBER P.O. Box 482148 HERD OWNER'S COMPLETE ADDRESS Kaunakakai, HI 96748

LESSON TEST D-B V 96748

COUNTY Maui TOWNSHIP OR DISTRICT Molokai SEC 29 FARM NO. Naomi Kamaikai TELEPHONE NO. (808) 893-3891

REASON FOR TEST COMPLETE HERD TEST BY THE QUALITY INSPECTION SERVICE

AREA 1 RE-TEST X YES ☒ NO ☐ 30 NEG. ATIVE 29 PRACTITIONER'S NAME Naomi Kamaikai SIGNATURE Naomi Kamaikai DATE 6/22/21 HOUR 9:30

HERD ID: 3 TRACKING TAG # 1 KIND OF HERD 1 SUB-REACT 1 OBSERVATION 6/25/21 9:00

QUADRANT 1 TRACKING TAG # 1 CATTLE ☒ BEHON ☐ OTHER ☐ METHOD OF TEST 1 REACT FOR 1 ADDRESS CODE 1

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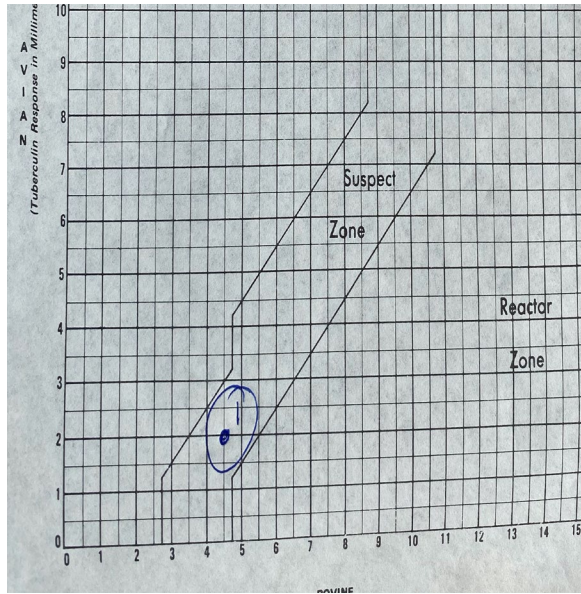
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PART 2 - STATE OFFICE

2021 INCIDENT – TB TEST

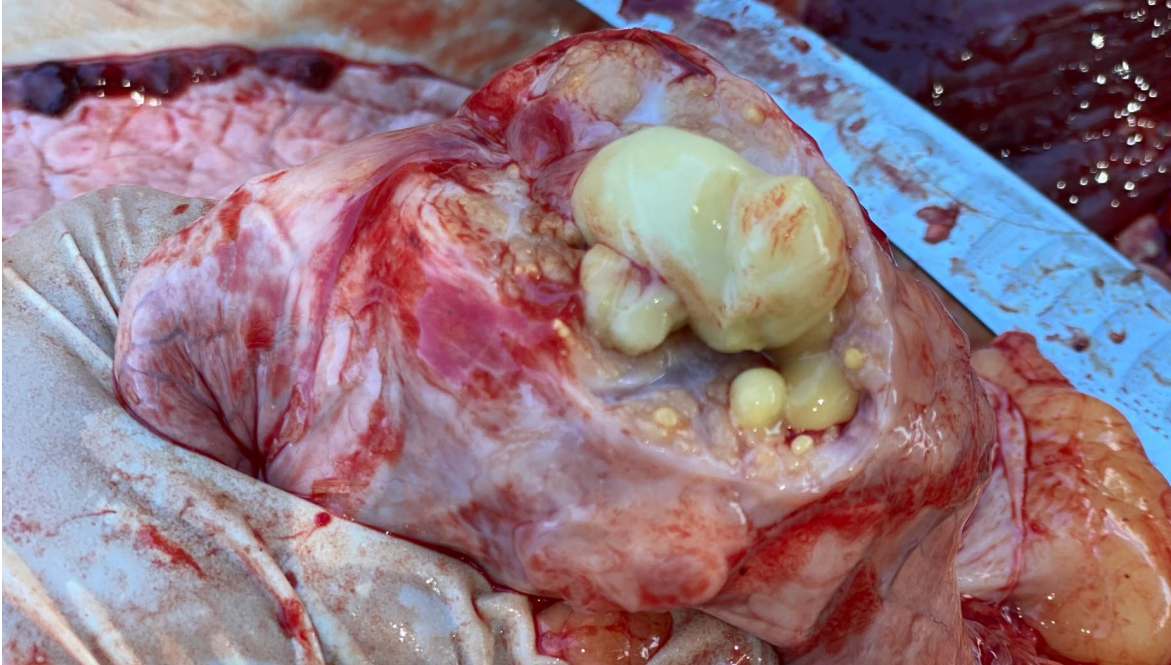
- Herd in Mapulehu
- 3/16/21 – Initial caudal fold test (CFT) performed.
- Due to the weather, unable to read the CFT scheduled for 3/19/21
- Due to the drought conditions, under a hold/quarantine order, the herd was authorized to move back to their home pasture in Ho'olehua



2021 INCIDENT – TB TEST

- Herd in Ho‘olehua
 - 6/22/21 – Thirty (30) head tested with one CFT suspect. Comparative cervical test (CCT) performed.
 - Hold order placed on herd
 - 6/25/21 – CCT test placed the cow in the suspect zone.
 - HDOA requested funds from USDA to purchase the cow as a suspect for euthanasia and further testing
 - Post-mortem examination was performed





NECROPSY FINDINGS

- ~ 3-inch diameter abscess was found in the lung and samples from the abscess and multiple lymph nodes were sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa for further testing.

NVSL TESTING/FINDINGS

- Histopathology results: consistent with mycobacteriosis
 - Microscopic evaluation of lung tissue/abscess using special stains
- **Mycobacteriosis = disease caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium* species.**
 - Various species of *Mycobacterium*
- **PCR test:** positive for ***Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex**
 - ***M. tuberculosis* complex** – group of *Mycobacterium* bacteria (*M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. caprae* etc.)
 - ***M. bovis*** affects cattle – causes **bovine TB (bTB)**
 - *M. tuberculosis* – usual cause of tuberculosis in humans
- **Bacterial culture:** pending (8 weeks to complete)
- **Genomic Testing** (Is this a Moloka'i bTB bacteria or from some other source?)

2021 INCIDENT — HISTOPATHOLOGY TEST RESULTS

Histopathology Analysis

Tissue Examined	Lymph node, thoracic
Tissue Examined	Lymph node, popliteal
Tissue Examined	Kidney
Tissue Examined	Lung

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Accession: 21-019240 Owner: [REDACTED]

Referral/Tag Number:

Tissue Examined	Lymph node, head
Tissue Examined	Lymph node, abdominal
Diagnosis	Mycobacteriosis - compatible
Diagnosis	See below
Pathologist	Ann Predgen, DVM, MPS, MS

Morphological Diagnosis:

Kidney: Multiple renal cysts (incidental lesion)

Comments:

Caseous granulomatous pneumonia with mineralization, multinucleated giant cells and rare acid-fast rods. Within the caseous debris is a fragment of plant material surrounded by Splendore-Hoeppli material.

2021 INCIDENT — PCR TEST RESULTS

Animal ID: 840003002134155 **Case #** PS-21P4972 **Sample:** 6 FORMALIN JARS **Specimen Type:** Fixed Tissue **Species:** Cattle, Mixed breed **ID Type:** Official ID devices were received with tissue attached

PCR Analysis

A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test was performed on formalin fixed tissue using primers for IS *6110* to identify *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex species, 16S rDNA to identify *Mycobacterium avium* species, and IS900 to identify *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*.

Results:

M. tuberculosis complex:

IS6110- positive

M. avium:

16S rDNA- negative

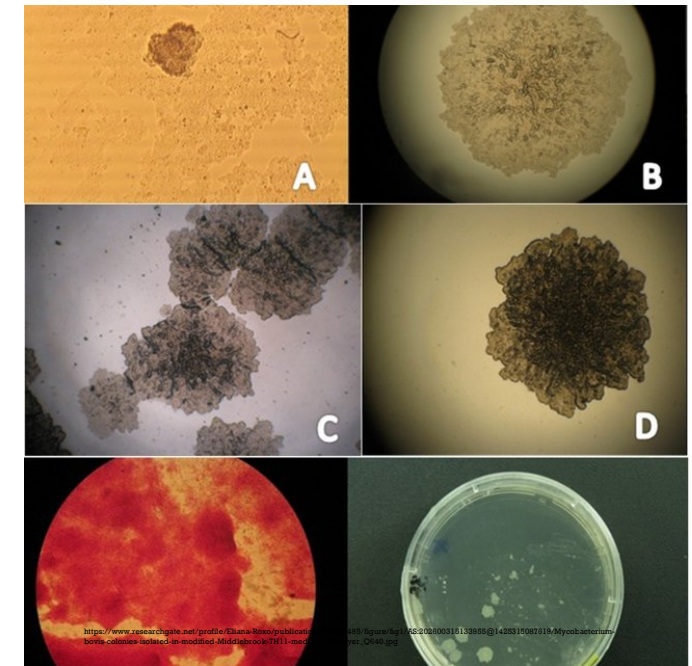
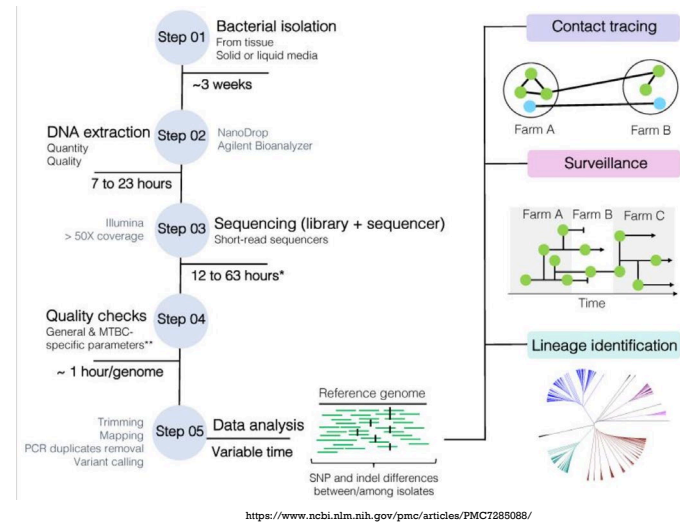
IS900- negative

Comments:

The sample was positive for *M. tuberculosis* complex IS6110 DNA, presumably from *M. bovis*.

2021 INCIDENT — OTHER TESTS

- Mycobacterium culture – *pending*
 - Slow growing
 - Up to 8 weeks
- Genomic sequencing – *pending*
 - Determines if related to other bTB positive cases on Moloka‘i



2021 INCIDENT - PLAN

- Depopulate herd
 - Molokaʻi slaughterhouse (4 weeks in August)
 - FSIS inspection
 - VMO to be present to inspect and send samples of pathology found
 - Meat from CFT negative animals that have no lesions will be slaughtered and deemed safe for human consumption
 - Clean and disinfect (C & D) premises
 - 30 days down time after C & D
 - Retest of reassembled herd 6 months and 12 months after reassembly and
- Contact herd tracing and testing

2021 INCIDENT — CONTACT HERD TESTING

Index herd =
herd that has one
or more infected
animals

Contact herd =
herd that had
comingled,
trespassed, or had
fence-to-fence contact
with the index herd

- Two contact herds have been identified
- Contact herds to be tested using the CFT

Trace-in herds =
herds that sold
cattle to the index
herd and those
cattle were found
to be infected

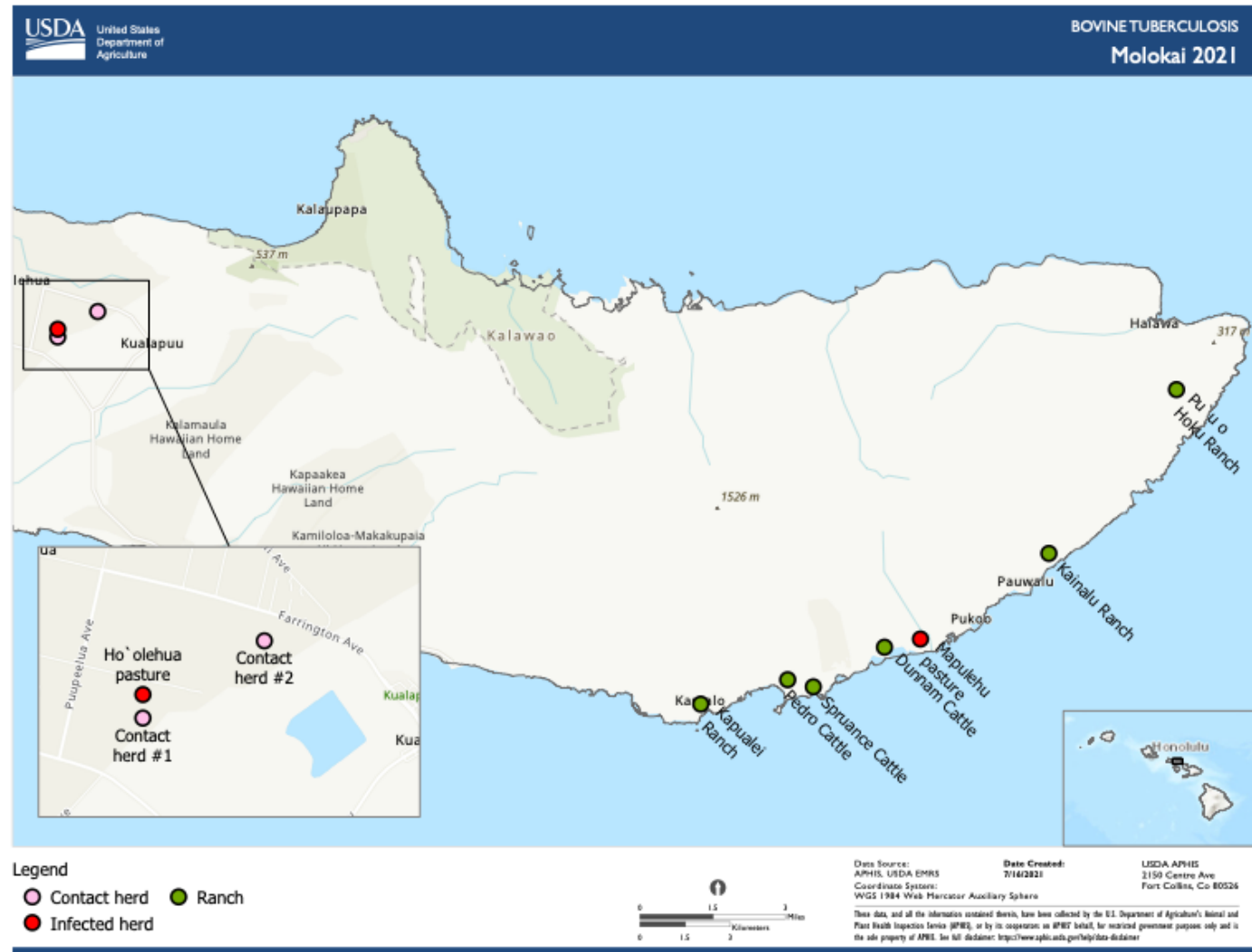
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Trace-out herds
= herds that
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from the index
herd

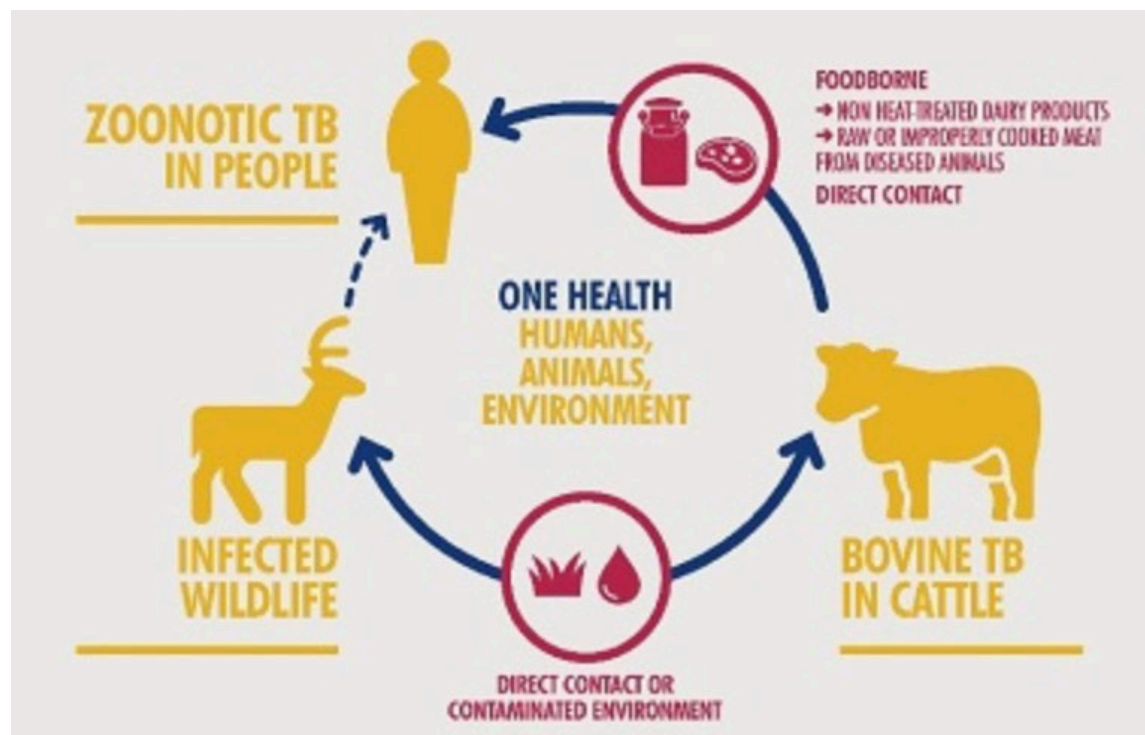
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2021 INCIDENT - MAP

- Green dots – cattle herds located east of Kamalō that are TB tested annually



BOVINE & HUMAN TUBERCULOSIS



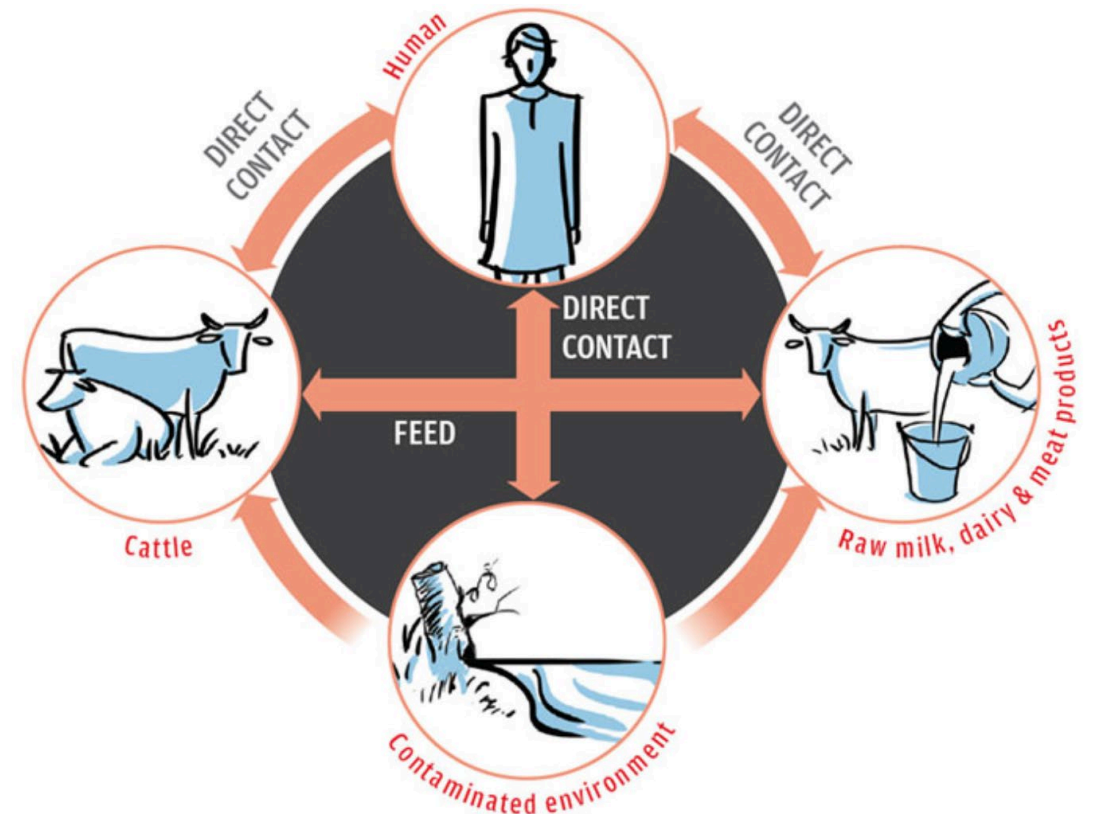
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- In 2016, World Health Organization estimated over 140,000 people get sick with and more than 12,000 people die each year to **bovine tuberculosis (bTB)**²
 - Mostly in Africa and South-East Asia
- ~1.5-2 million people die each year from **tuberculosis (*M. tuberculosis*)** of the approximately **2 billion infected persons worldwide (approx. 25% of world population)**¹
- **4 million new cases of tuberculosis in 2019**
- bTB was a major public health problem prior to pasteurization and eradication efforts
- Outbreak in dairy and beef herds continue to occur sporadically in the U.S. (Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Hawai'i)

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

- **Transmission**

- Exposure to infected blood, mucus, urine, milk saliva, feces or tissues
- Examples:
 - Inhalation of aerosolized particles from infected animal
 - Ingestion of contaminated milk or food
 - Wounds
 - Contact with contaminated inanimate objects (fomites)



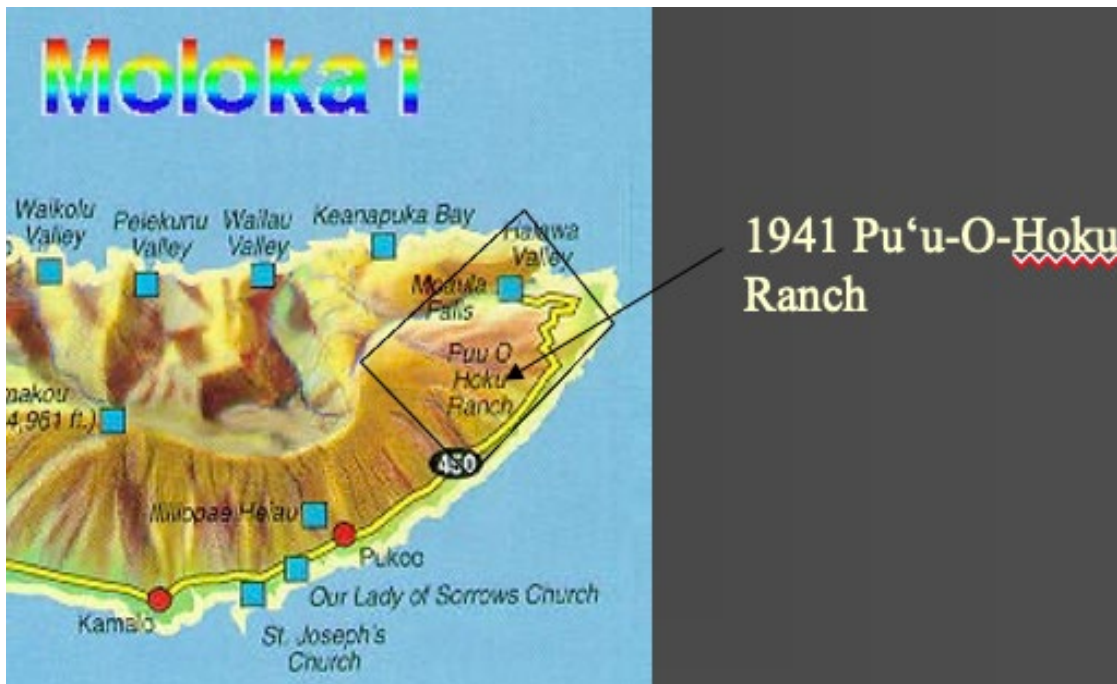


BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

- Granulomas (tubercles)
 - Appearance – yellow, caseous, calcified
 - Abscess look-a-like
- Chronic and slow progressive onset
- Clinical signs vary widely
 - Enlarged lymph nodes
 - Breathing difficulties
 - Coughing
 - Weight loss etc.



HISTORY OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ON MOLOKA'I



First known infection of bTB on Moloka'i (Pu'u O Hoku Ranch)

Infection confirmed in feral cattle as they were being hunted/depopulated

1965 to 1985

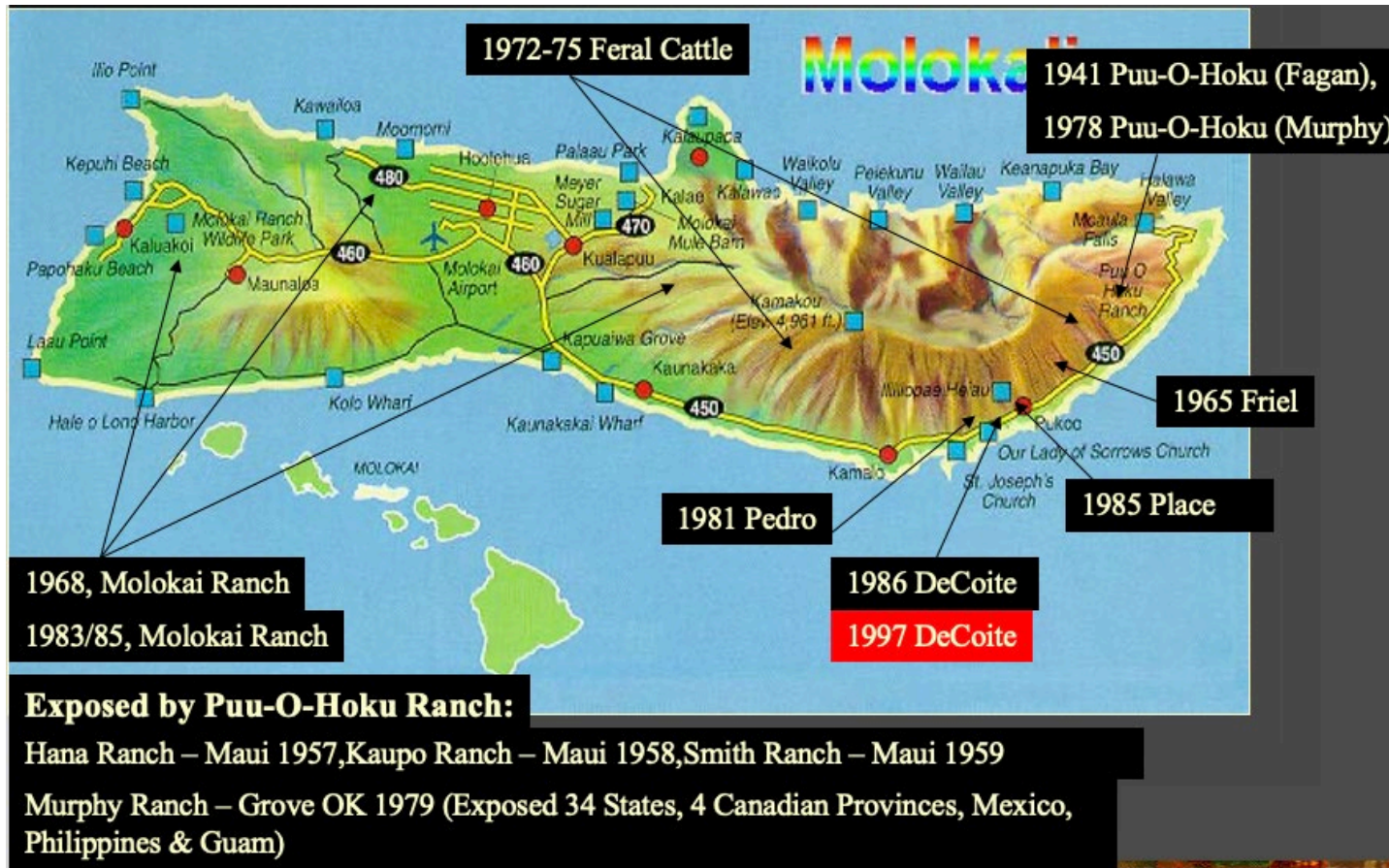
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1974 to 1976

Multiple ranches, predominantly on East Moloka'i, were infected --> tested --> depopulated --> reinfected

HISTORY OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ON MOLOKA'I

- Affected and exposed cattle herds





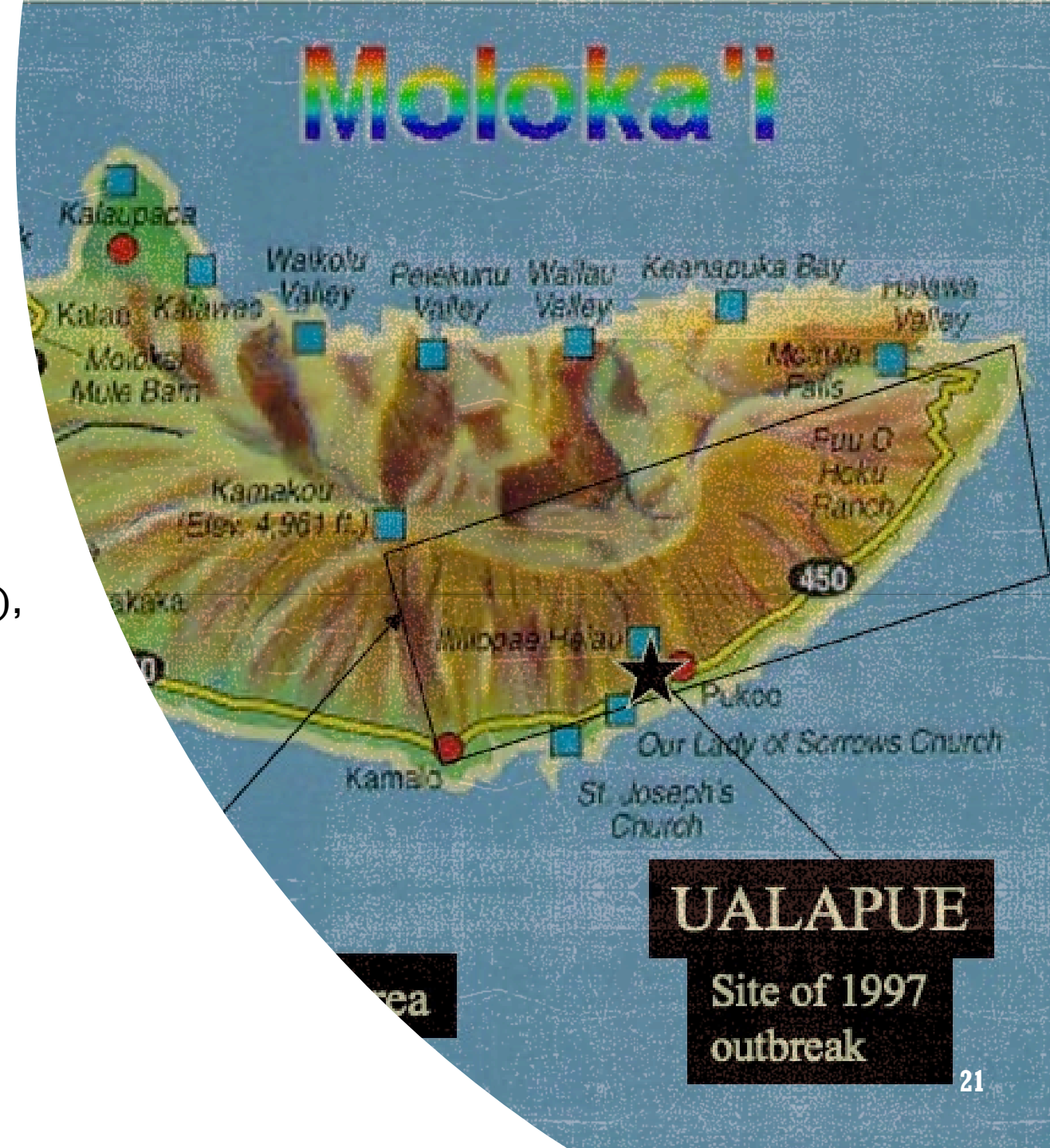
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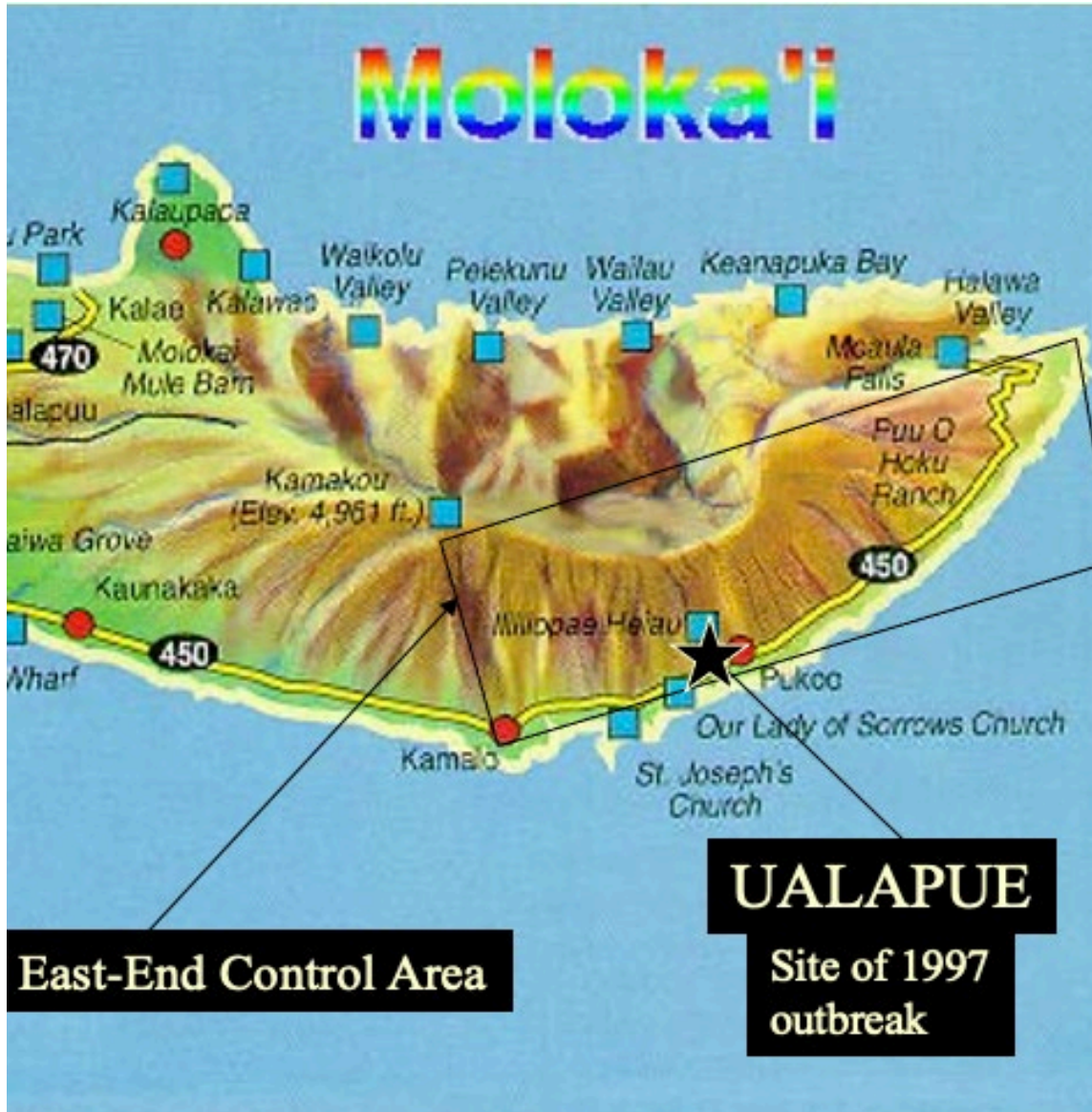
(1985) HISTORY OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ON MOLOKA'I

- **1985-1987 – Decision to depopulate all cattle on the island of Moloka'i**
 - 9472 head depopulated
 - \$3,387,986 in indemnity paid
 - Legal challenges
 - 9 head mycobacteriosis suggestive/compatible
 - One year completely vacant of cattle
 - Second year – steers only, slaughtered after one year
 - After two years, breeding cattle allowed to return (cattle tested before repopulation and again after one year on Moloka'i)
 - At that time wildlife determined/considered not to be a reservoir for infection

(1997) HISTORY OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ON MOLOKA'I

- 1997 – Infected cow found at slaughter, originating from 'Ualapu'e
 - Herd tested and depopulated (450 head), no additional lesioned animals found
 - Investigation involved 25 herd tests on Moloka'i and Maui
 - 4922 head tested
 - No additional infected animals found





(1998 ON) MOLOKA'I BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PLAN

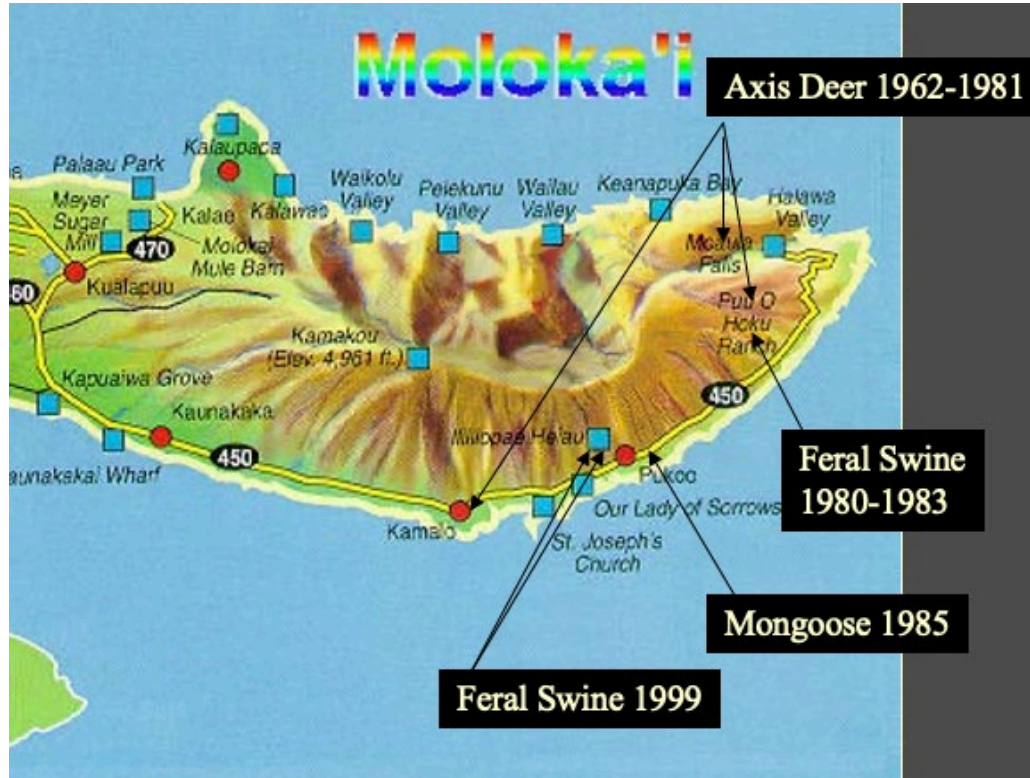
- Movement of cattle, goats, and captive axis deer from the east end of Moloka'i restricted since 1997 (State permit required for all movements)
 - Must have negative CFT (caudal fold test)
 - OR, cattle/goats/deer for movement must be tested negative within 30 days prior to movement
 - Herds within a 2-mile radius of bTB infected wildlife are subject to complete herd tests
 - Home slaughters require post-mortem examination by State livestock inspector
- Hunter assisted wildlife surveillance survey – 1998 to 2020

WILDLIFE SURVEILLANCE STUDY – 1998 TO 2012, 2019-2020

- Local hunters paid \$25-50 stipends to submit head and plucks from:
 - Axis deer
 - Feral swine
 - Feral goats
- State livestock inspector traps and submits tissues from mongoose
- Goal of 300 head of each specie followed by an assessment to determine risk for reinfection in cattle



WILDLIFE SURVEILLANCE STUDY – 1998 TO 2005



1962 to 1981

Axis Deer – five positive cases



1985

Mongoose – a pool of three animals sampled in 1985 from the same location an infected cow was found produced a single *M. bovis* colony



1981

Feral swine – 20% of feral swine tested at Pu'u O Hoku Ranch were infected

- Subsequent to finding 60 lesioned head of cattle during the depopulation of the ranch

A photograph showing a small, dark-colored helicopter with a white stripe on its side, landing in a dense, green forest. A person in an orange jumpsuit is standing near the helicopter, and another person in a green jumpsuit is standing in the foreground. The helicopter is a small, dark-colored model with a white stripe on the side.

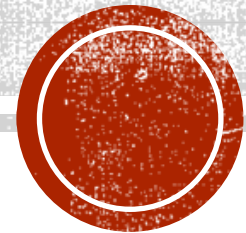
Ualapue 1997 Index Cow

Map of the Ualapue area showing the 1997 Index Cow location. The map includes geographical features like streams (Waiman, Moaula, Papaloa, Waialeale, Waialeale, Waialeale, Waialeale), gulches (Waiakulani, Mooloa Falls, Wawala, Waialeale), and ranches (Puu O Hoku Ranch, Pedro - Pau O Hoku Lease, Pedro - Dunbar Lease, Gary Galiber, Maria Hustace, Decoite - Ualapue, Decoite - Friel Lease, Edmund Word, Pedro - Bishop Estate, Clarence Kali Likane, Knapalei Ranch, Other Farms). The 1997 Index Cow is marked with a blue star near Ualapue. Other locations marked with red stars include Pelekunu, Papaloa Valley, Moaula, Papalo, Halawa, and Waialeale. The map also shows roads, trails, hydrology, forest reserves, and the Motokai Ranch.



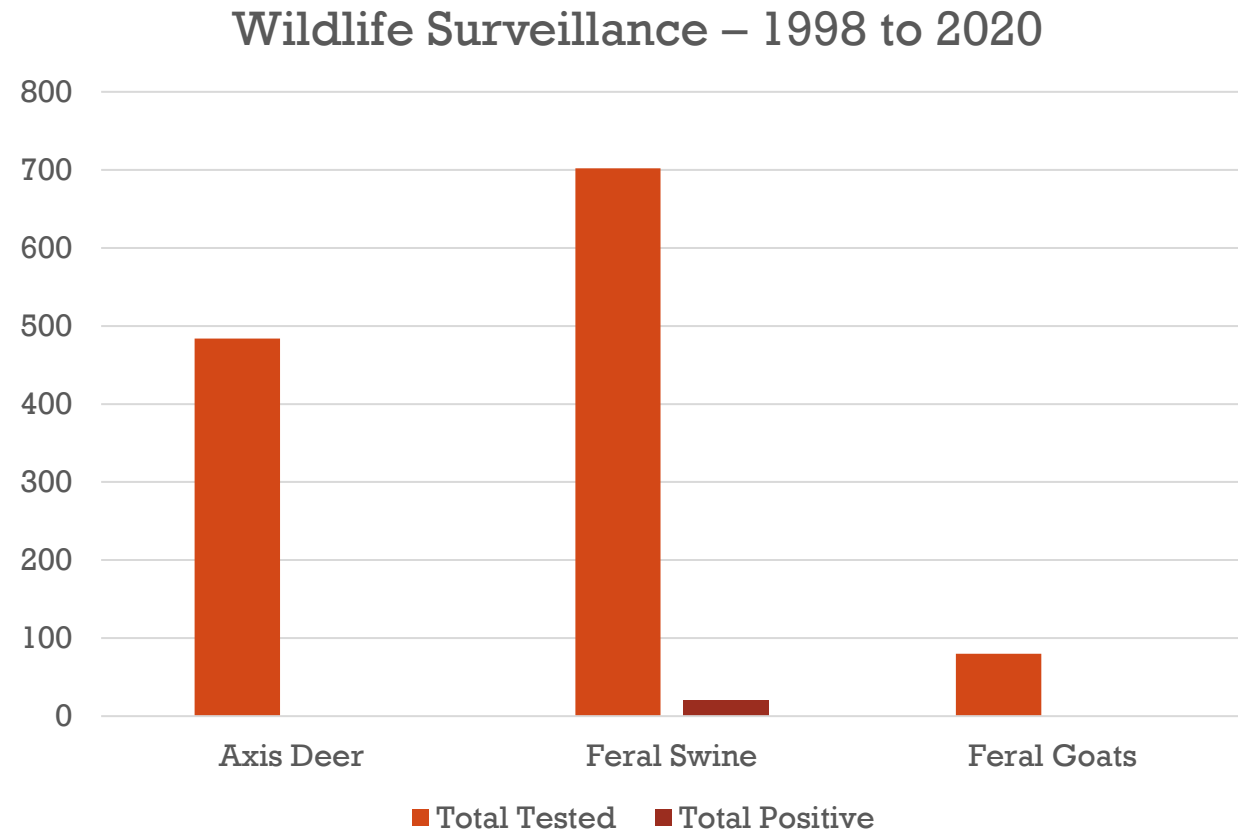
Wildlife Survey from Remote Areas- Pelekunu Valley

WILDLIFE SURVEILLANCE STUDY



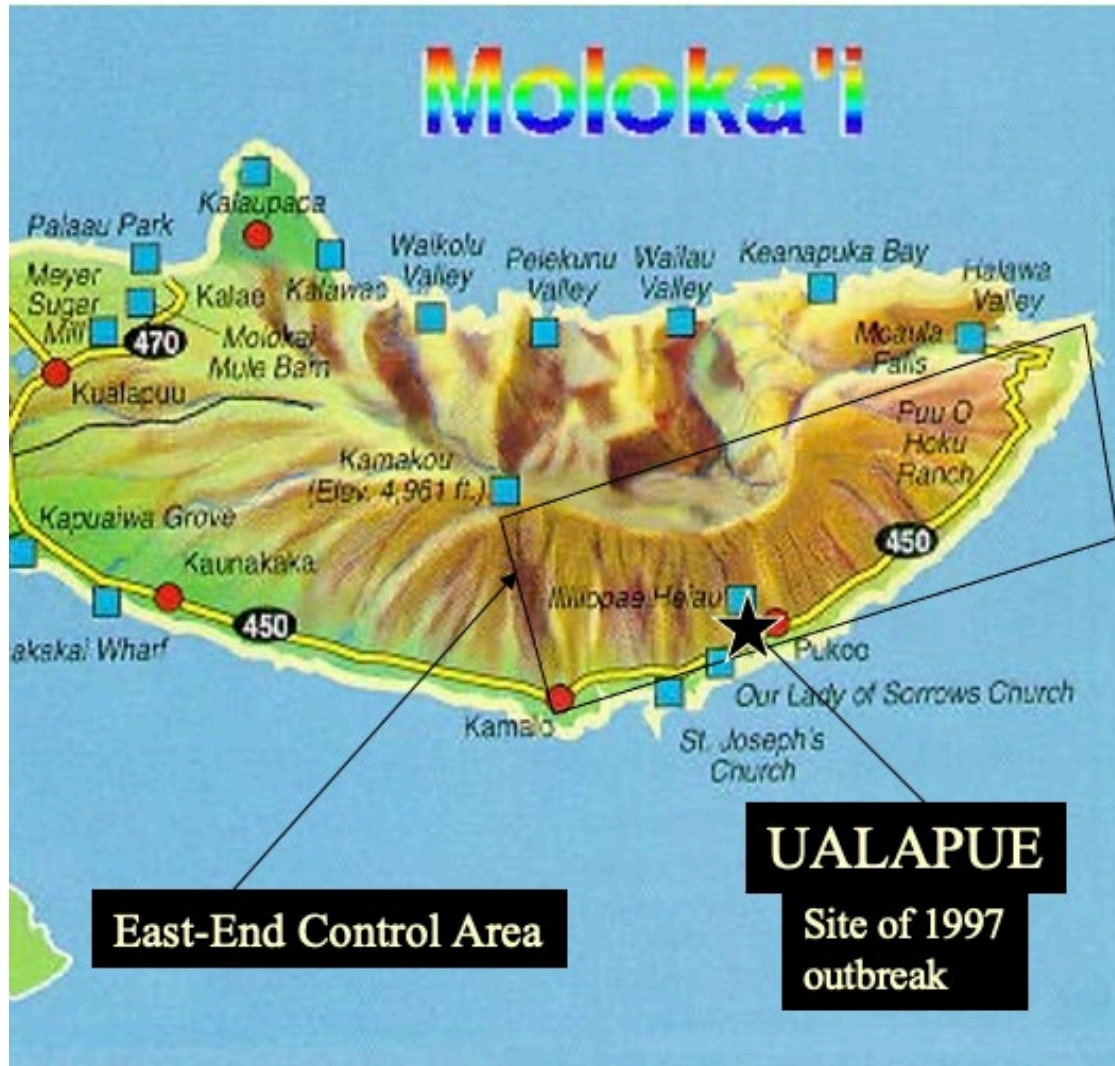
WILDLIFE SURVEILLANCE STUDY – 1998 TO 2020 RESULTS

- Feral pigs:
 - 702 tested
 - 20 *M. bovis* positive (2.85% prevalence rate)
- Axis deer:
 - 484 tested
 - 0 positive
- Feral goats:
 - 80 tested
 - 0 positive



POSITIVE WILDLIFE CASES - MAP





CATTLE MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS

- East end Moloka'i herds allowed to move direct to slaughter or anywhere if they have a complete herd test in the past 12 months OR tested negative for TB within 30 days prior to movement
 - Since 1997
- Feral swine and axis deer not allowed to be transported west of Kamalo
- No additional impact on cattle movement intrastate or interstate as a result of this herd infection

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS IN WILDLIFE

2019-2020 wildlife surveillance did not detect infected wildlife

- Objective: to determine if bTB still existed

Vaccine research – ongoing

- Several papers in Spain where bTB is highly prevalent among the European wild boar

Moloka'i feral swine sent to Colorado and then to Iowa for research

- Comparing Moloka'i feral pigs with those in the continental U.S. regarding bTB (immune response, diagnostics. Etc.)
- Initial objective: come up with an oral vaccine

How do we eradicate bTB in wildlife? Where do we go from here?

REFERENCES

- 1) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3087418/>
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