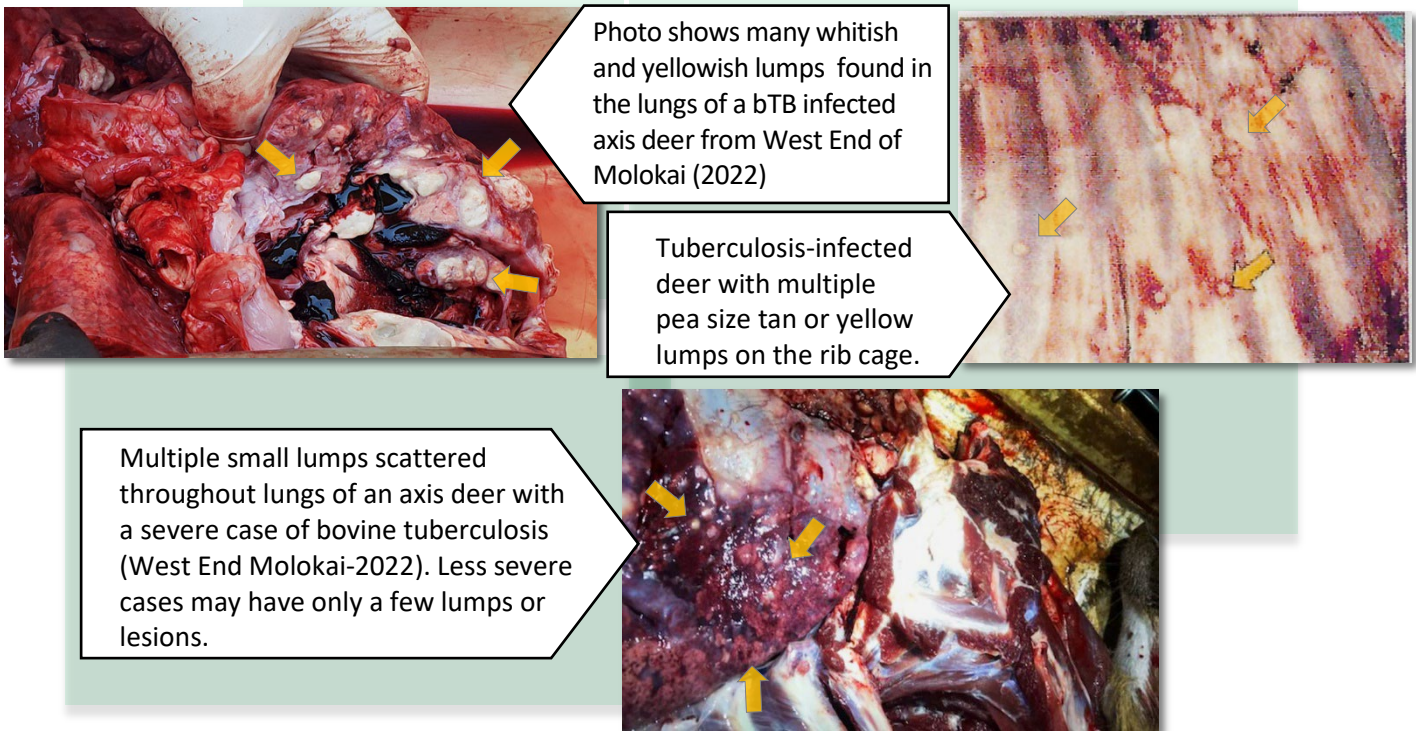


Bovine Tuberculosis Wildlife Information for Hunters



Bovine tuberculosis (bTB) is an infectious, chronic, bacterial disease that can infect many species of animals and humans. On Molokai bTB has been found in cattle, axis deer, feral swine and mongoose. Recently, bTB was detected in cattle, domestic swine and axis deer.

The following pictures show what might be seen in a carcass of an infected feral pig or Axis deer.



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It is unlikely that a person would contract bTB from field dressing or eating thoroughly cooked meat of an infected animal. However, always exercise care when handling tissue that could be infected and do not consume meat from carcasses with abnormal conditions.

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