



Biosecurity risk from introduced wildlife for Pilbara islands

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Gorgon Barrow Island Net Conservation Benefits Funded Project



Island surveillance

Goal: Detect NIS on Pilbara islands before establish large uncontrollable population

PROBLEM

- ~600 islands
- Dozen+ fauna NIS
- At least 5 dispersal pathways
 - Swim, raft, walk, hitchhike with recreational boaters or industry
- High-risk NIS? High-risk islands?
- Limited data

Dampier Archipelago



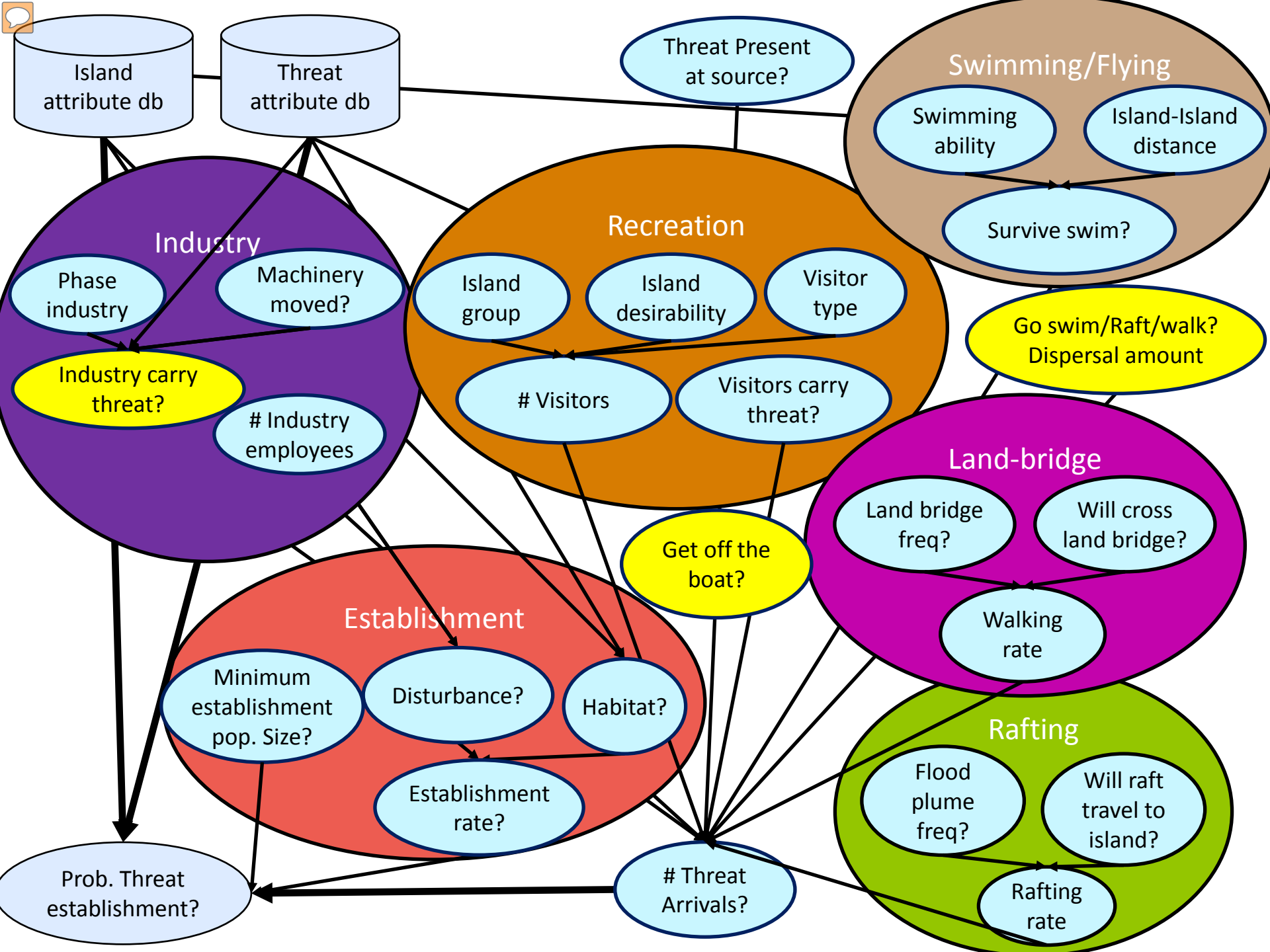
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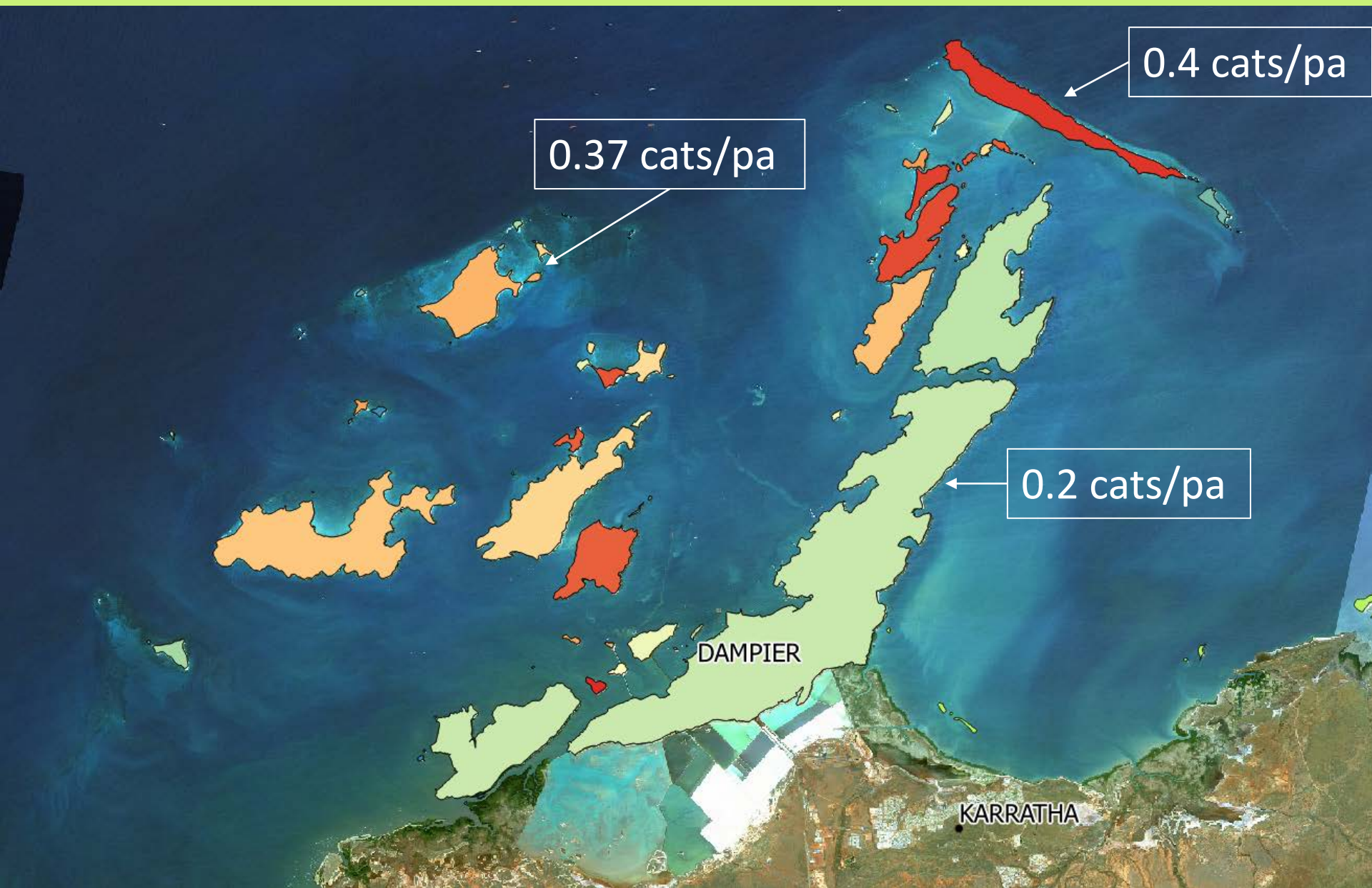


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Number of cats arriving per annum





What's next? Model validation!

- Garbage in – garbage out!
- Vague inputs for dispersal by industry
- What is the propagule pressure out of existing populations?
- Compare results against reality.



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How does this help managers?

- Resource limited
- Identify high-risk NIS
- Predict the contribution of each pathway
- Identify high-risk islands priority for surveillance



Do you have any data, anecdotes, knowledge I can use?



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Swim/fly/raft/flood input

LATIN	COMMON	Flood plume - WOULD go rafting	Land bridge - WOULD use when present	Swim - WOULD go swim	Short swim (m)	Swim - COULD SWIM short distance	Long swim (m)	Swim - COULD SWIM long distance	Max swim (m)	Swim - COULD SWIM max distance
Bos taurus	Cow	0.001	0.001	0.01	10-500	0.95	1000-3000	0.3	>3000	0.01
Canis familiaris	Dog	0.001	0.9	0.1	10-500	0.95	1000-2000	0.46	>2000	0.01
Equus caballus	Horse	0.001	0.001	0.01	10-1000	0.9	1000-3000	0.3	>3000	0.01
Felis catus	Cat	0.001	0.01	0						
Mus musculus	Mouse	0.05	0.1	0.01	10-20	0.9	20-50	0.5	>50	0.01
Oryctolagus cuniculus	Rabbit	0.1	0.1	0						
Rattus rattus	Black rat	0.05	0.9	0.1	10-500	0.72	500-1000	0.4	>1000	0.03
Vulpes vulpes	Red fox	0.001	0.9	0.1	10-500	0.95	1000-2000	0.46	>2000	0.01
Rhinella marina	Cane toad	0.9	0.9	0.5	10-2000	0.7	2000-5000	0.4	>5000	0.01
Pheidole megacephala	ABHA	0.01	0	0						
Columba livia	Pigeon	0	0	0						
Hemidactylus frenatus	Asian house gecko	0.1	0	0						

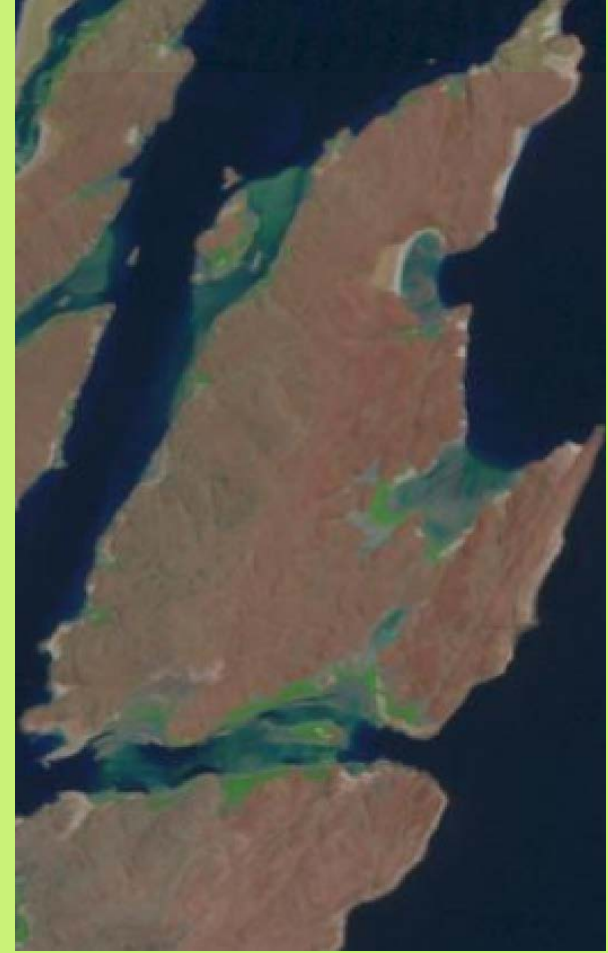
Land bridge dispersal



Neap 30% probability



Spring 9% probability



King 2% probability

Land bridge from Burrup to Dolphin ~11% probability