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INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE PACIFIC EUROPEAN UNION – PACIFIC REGION COOPERATION

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The Think Tank: Identify benefits for EU/Pacific cooperation in addressing ID issues

Participants: 50

Public health actors,
scientists

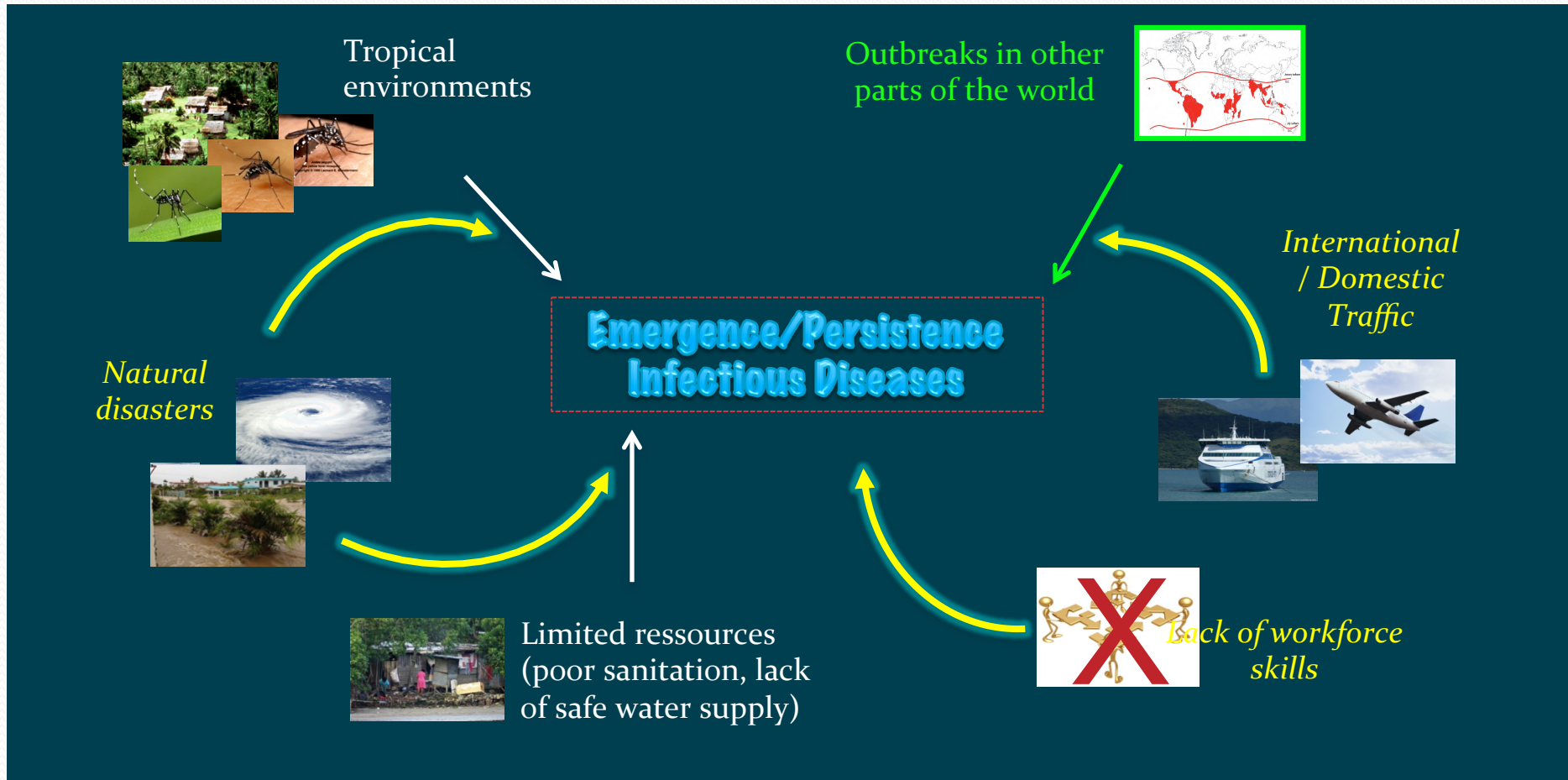
Countries/Territories

Pacific (12), Europe (3)



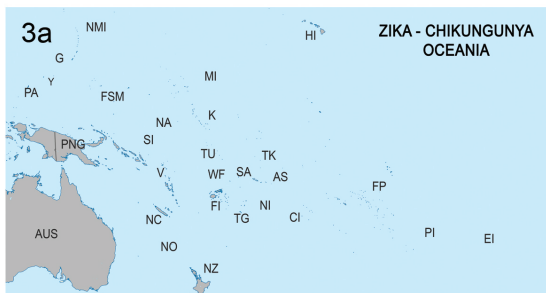
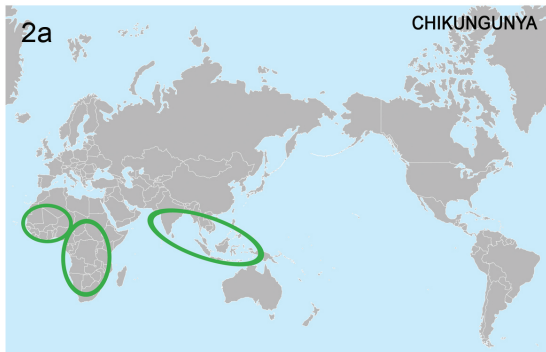
Why the think tank?

Pacific islands: a context conducive to the emergence of infectious diseases (ID)

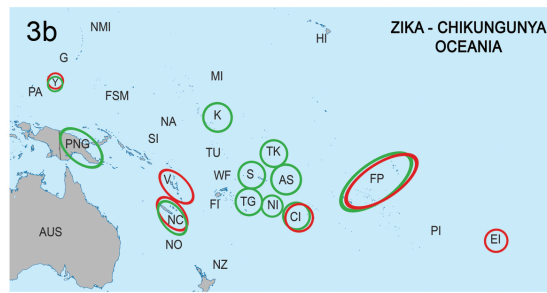
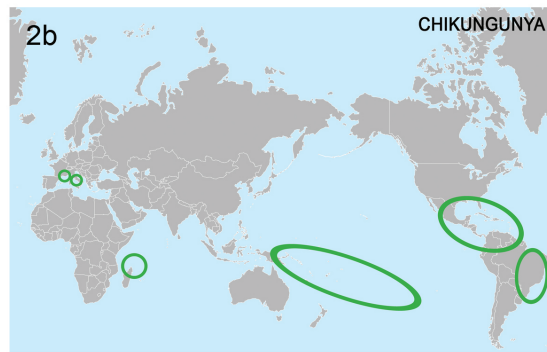


What is the situation of infectious diseases in the Pacific: example of the emergence of arboviruses

Up to 2005



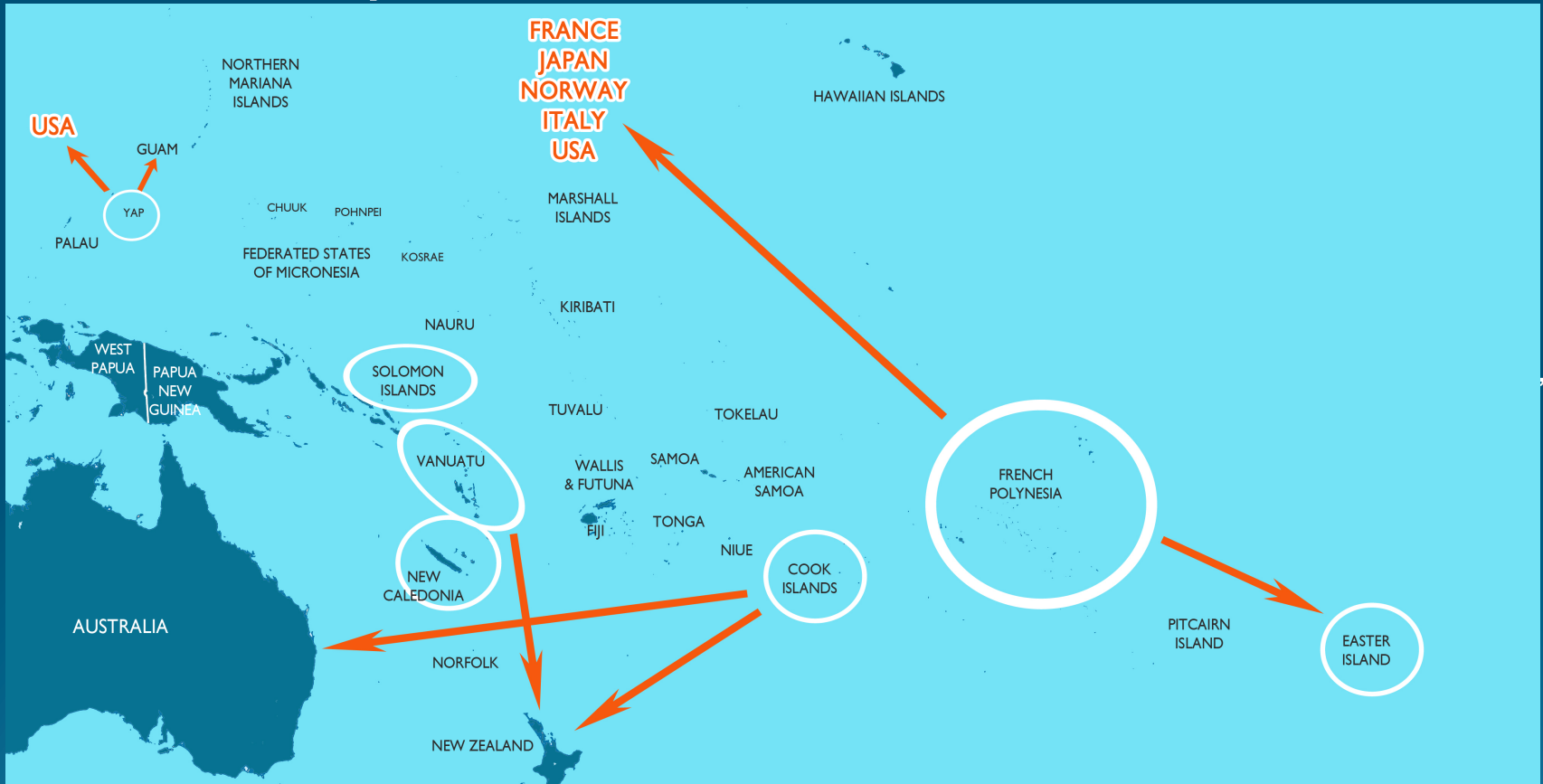
Emergence 2005 - 2015



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The Lancet 2015, in press

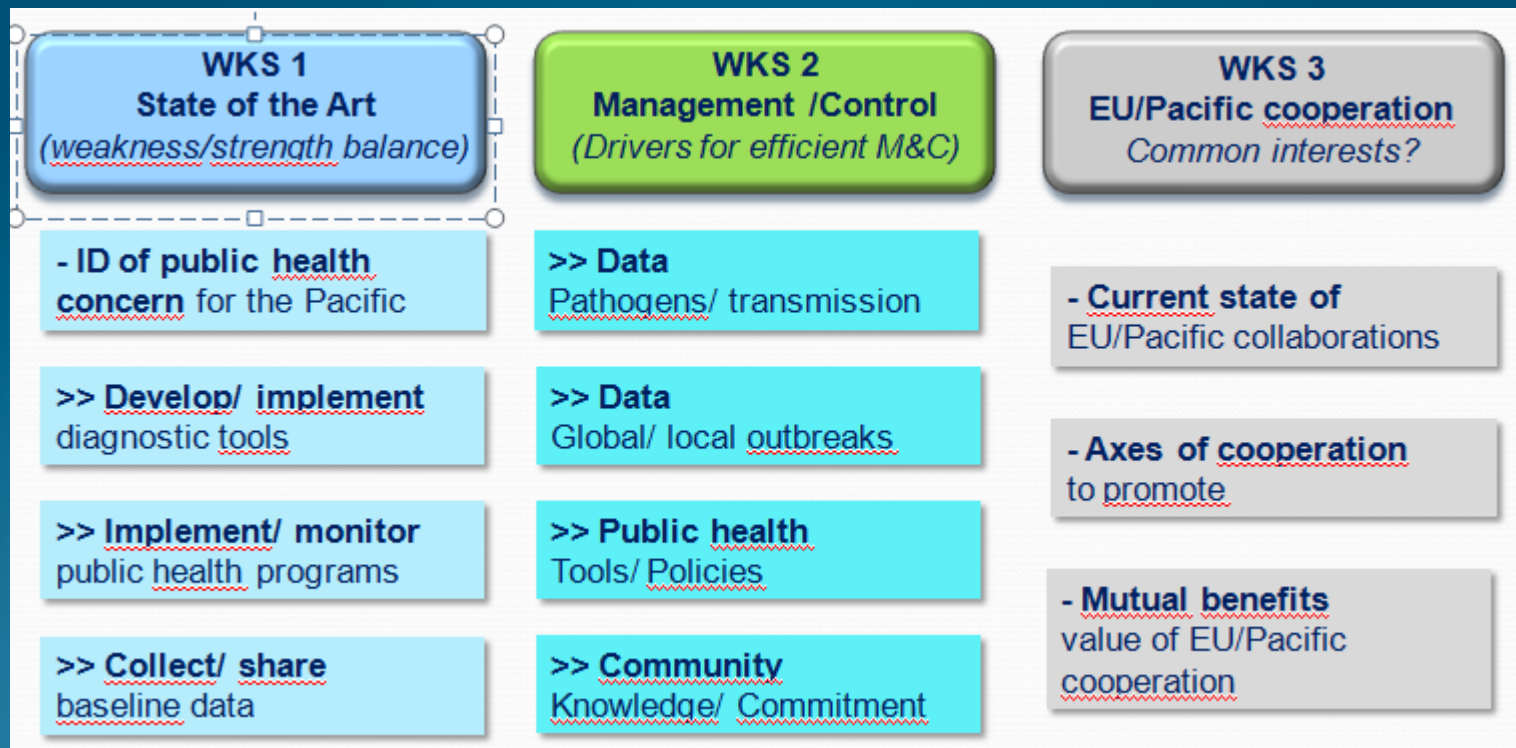
Outbreaks of ID in the Pacific: a Threat for Europe!

« Exportation » of Zika virus



How did we achieved this Think Tank ?

Three workshops to identify: knowledge gaps, needs, cooperation axes





Pacific challenges

- Different health authorities
- Different health strategies and recommendations
- Different languages (English, French, local languages +1.200)
- Different cultures
- Remote areas
- Poor or no access to health care facilities in most of the island
- Lack of available data : which are the circulating pathogens ++
+ ?
- Different funding capacities (developed and developing countries)
- Collaboration with different reference centers
 - CDC, Australia, NZ, France
 - Lack of centralization of data
- Coordination :
 - WHO – SPC
 - But : no global authority



Outcomes: Priorities for the Pacific

- **Data collection / data sharing / quality of data**
- **Using knowledge / information to improve the surveillance/ management/control of ID in the Pacific**
- **Implement or improve diagnostic capacity, especially on site**
- **Field work (pathogens, clinics, transmission drivers)**
- **Field /academic work to be translated in public health actions/policies**

Outcomes from the Think Tank: EU/Pacific, shared interests

For Europe

Improve the knowledge on ID that could be a threat for EU

Get real-time indicators to assess the risk for ID to be introduced into Europe from the Pacific

Take advantage of the epidemiological context of the Pacific to conduct "Pilot studies"

For the Pacific

Improve the scientific knowledge on ID affecting the Pacific

Benefit from the scientific expertise of Europe for capacity building in the Pacific

Benefit from the innovation capacity and financial means of Europe