

THEME: TOWARDS GEO ENABLED ECONOMY

RISK ZONE MODELLING OF VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS (KALA-AZAR) DISEASE IN BIHAR USING REMOTE SENSING AND GIS

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Disease Scenario & Vulnerability

World Scenario

WHO: 12 million people are affected by leishmaniasis in 88 countries, 72 of which are developing countries. The overall incidence of VL is 500,000 and an estimate of 40,000 to 80,000 deaths a year. More than 90 per cent of the world's cases of VL are in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sudan and Brazil.

The global estimate for the incidence and prevalence of Kala-azar cases per year is 0.5 million and 2.5 million, respectively.

Indian Scenario

The incidence of kala-azar in India is among the highest in the world. Kala-azar is widely prevalent in **Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar**

Pradesh in eastern States of the

country.

48 districts have been declared endemic:

Estimated165.4 million population at risk in 4 states.

Disease transmission

- Through bite of infected *P.argentipes*
- Leishmanial form enters the gut
- In gut of sandfly, leishmanial form develops and multiplies by binary fission and large number of flagellates are produced.
- When infected *P.argentipes* bites uninfected people, disease may be transmitted.







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Sandfly Characteristics

- All species of sandflies feed on plant sugar and the females often feed on vertebrate hosts including man. (hop & Fly)
- Prefers to rest in indoors, about 8-10 times higher in cattle dwellings than in human dwellings (soil cracks, mud walls, crevices etc).
- The species is more active during he second and third quadrants of night with greater biting preferences
- The species is mainly zoophilic preferring to feed on cattle blood (67%), the second preference being that of human (15.5%).
- Vector: Leishmania donovani
- **Parasite: T**ransmitted by female *Phlebotomus argentipes* sand flies.





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OBJECTIVES

- Understanding of epidemiology and its significance
- Identification of geo-environmental and climatic variables
- Mapping of geo-environmental parameters using high resolution satellite data
- Development of multivariate regression models
- Development of software package incorporating multivariate regression models and geospatial modeling (Fuzzy logic) for the estimation of village wise Kala-azar genic conditions



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STUDY AREA

Previous study:-

- Endemic area of Vaishali district (5 villages)
- Non-endemic area of Lohardaga district (5 villages)

Present study:-

 Endemic area of Vaishali district having 70.08 sq. km comprising of 12 blocks covering all villages.







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INPUT data

IRS LISS III, IV and Cartosat-1 data (two seasons) Collateral data (administration, disease incidence, climate data etc...

Ground truth collection



Sample sites of endemic area Vaisali District, Bihar Sample sites of non-endemic area Lohardagga dist, Jharkhand

Crop Calendar in endemic foci

	Jamiary	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Rice												
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Banana												
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## Percentage sown area cropwise in endemic study area.

Kharif Crop	<u>Babi</u> Crop	Summer Crop
Rice(low lying areas) 70% Sugarcane(low lying areas) 10% Maiza(upland areas) 15% Arhan(upland areas) 5%	Wheat 55% Maize 10% Tobacco 20% Potato 10% Moong dal 5%	Vegetables – gourd, cucumber, <u>parwal</u> ladyfinger etc.

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<u>Thematic layers</u> Land use / Land cover Wet lands Normal Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) Drainage/water bodies DEM Soil map

<u>Climate data</u> Rainfall Temperature Humudity Disease data Incidence Man-hour-Density Administrative layers State boundary District boundary Village boundary Village locations Settlement area Infrastructure Road Rail

Attribute Information Peri-domestic vegetation Population data Type of dwellings Nature of dwellings Crop calendar





**Mixed Dwellings** 



Abundance of peri-domestic vegetation





## Association of P. argentipes with the common vegetation types as observed in field survey

Plant Species	Sites positive for vector	Endemic sites	Non- endemic sites	R2 value	P-value
Banana	Present Absent	20 3	2 38	39.63	<0.01
Bamboo	Present Absent	16 4	1 24	24.17	<0.01
Sugarcane	Present Absent	18 2	3 21	23.25	<0.01
Maize	Present Absent	17 2	2 24	26.84	<0.01
Peridomestic Edible Vegetation	Present Absent	18 4	4 36	28.92	<0.01
Grasses	Present Absent	45 5	4 45	53.03	<0.01





#### Correlation of vector density with different land cover and environmental variables in all sites in both areas

Environmental Variables	Endemic sites	Non-endemic sites	Pearson' s coeff. of correlatio	p-value
Temperature (C)	23.83(7.33)	25.71(8.51)	<b>D</b> .532	<0.01
Humidity (%)	65.22(6.11)	56(9.19)	0.567	<0.01
Water body (area)	1.81(3.95)	2.04(1.54)	0.18	0.170
Orchard/Settleme	16.44(13.88)	4.11(3.21)	0.734	<0.01
Crop	43.01(13.74)	15.9110.52)	0.537	<0.01
Dry Fallow	9.04(7.00)	23.56(16.01)	-0.433	<0.001
Moist Fallow	24.00(12)	34.45(7.87)	0.657	<0.001
Mean NDVI	0.57(0.025)	0.107(0.091)	-0.253	0.051
Max. NDVI	0.41(0.085)	0.49 (0.088)	-0.210	0.108
Min. NDVI	-0.21(0.075)	-0.32(0.13)	0.439	<0.01
Standard Deviation of NDVI	0.084(0.020)	0.108(0.063)	-0.265	0.041

Six models were generated and the various coefficients estimated and best model is presented here. According to this model, the predicted vector density in terms of MHD is given by the following equation:

Z = - 42.23 + (Temp. x 0.597) + (Humd. x 0.684) – (dry fallow x 0.170) + (NDVI x 11.44)

Where Z is the estimated manhour-density. Comparison of MHD observed versus MHD calculated in Vaishali district for the year 2007







## MODEL RESULTS AND EQUATIONS

Multivariate Regression Equation for Vector MHD

#### MHD = - 42.23 + (Temp. x 0.597) + (Humd. x 0.684) – (Dry fallow x 0.170) + (Min. NDVI x 11.44)





## OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE PACKAGE

Visualisation of all variables (spatial and charting) Attribute editing Shape file editing Book keeping of Disease incidence data Multi-variate regression analysis Regression model run Fuzzy membership model spatial model Village wise Kala-azar genic condition estimation





# THANKS