



# Rift Valley Fever Control

## CRVOI: The regional strategy example in the Indian Ocean



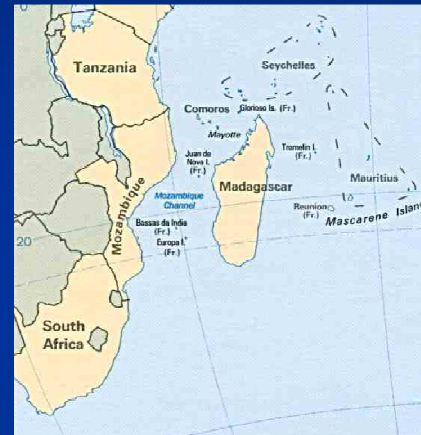
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## ■ CRVOI

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# Definition (1)

- **CRVOI:** *Centre de Recherche et de Veille sur les maladies émergentes dans l'Océan Indien*  
*Center for research and intelligence of emerging diseases in the Indian Ocean*
- **Scientific Association, born in 2007, between:**
  - French State (Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and Research)
  - Institutions of Réunion (Regional concil and District concil)
  - 8 scientific French organizations (CNRS, CIRAD, INRA, IRD, INSERM, InVS, Pasteur Institute, AFSSA)
  - Réunion University
  - Regional Hospital Center of Réunion
  - Medical Doctor Association of Réunion

# Definition (2)

## ■ CRVOI action program:

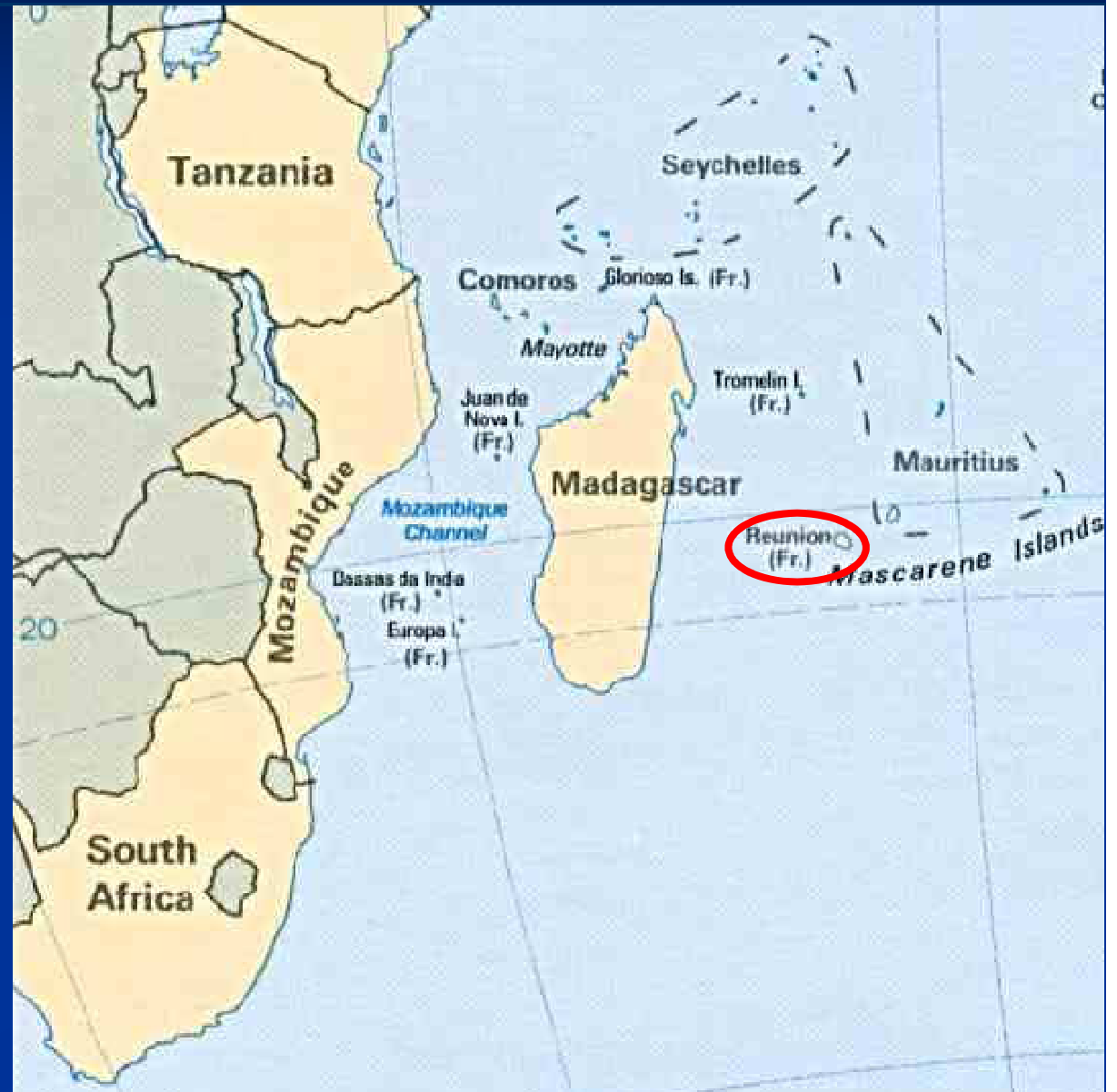
- Multidisciplinary investigation on infectious diseases of interest for the Indian Ocean Area
- Training sessions: Master, PhD and seminars
- Technical and scientific intelligence (“data mining”) on infectious diseases of interest for the Indian Ocean Area
- Regional co-operation on emerging infectious diseases with the other Indian Ocean countries.

## ■ Team:

- Pr Koussay Dellagi (Director)
- 15 enthusiastic researchers or technicians

# Localization

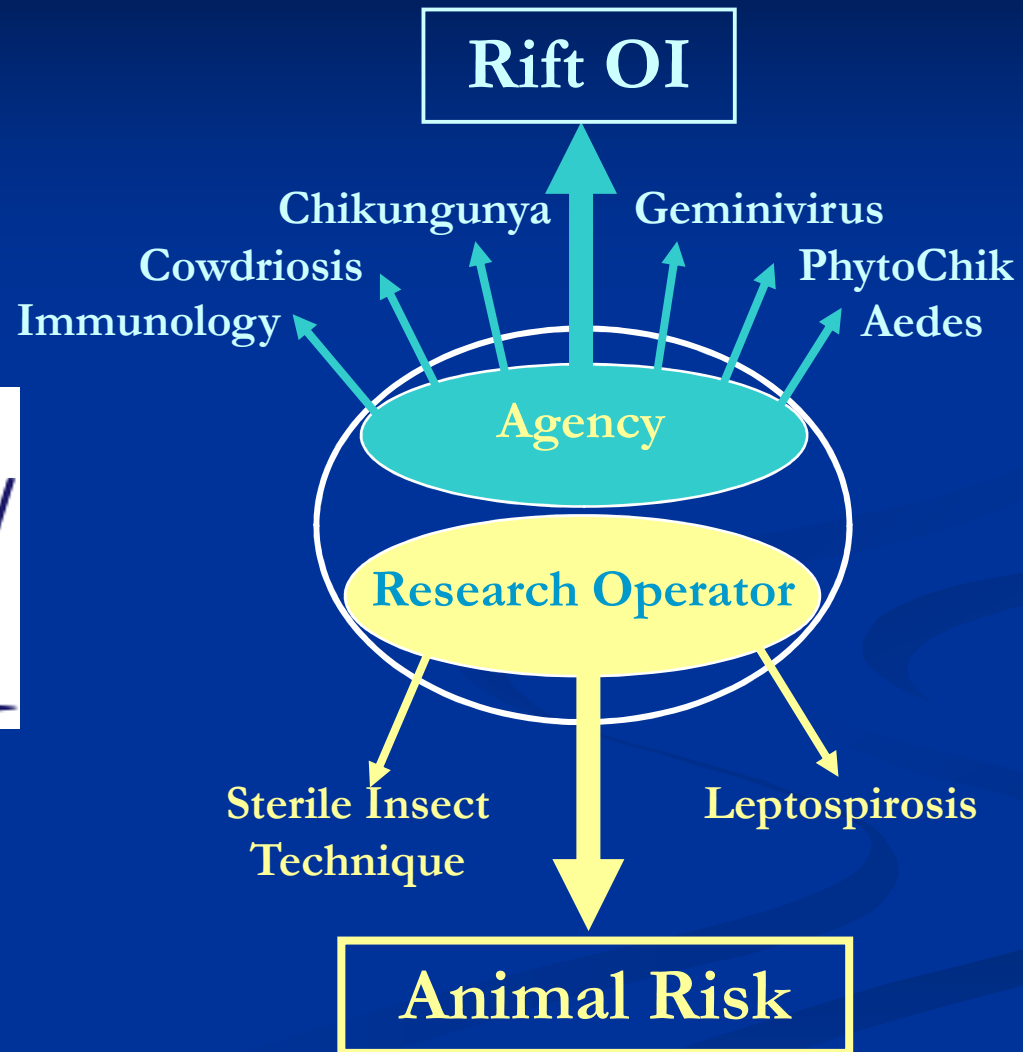
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# Functions

- **Leadership/Coordination** of the research projects driven by CRVOI members'
- **Agency:** invitation to tender for research projects on emerging diseases with regional partners (ex: Rift OI)
- **Research Operator:** CRVOI is carrying 3 (almost 4) research projects (ex: Animal Risk)

# Projects





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- **One particular project: Animal Risk**

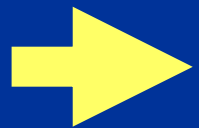
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# Context (1)

- **Animal Risk** = *Scientific Cooperative Program on Animal Emerging Diseases*
- **Context:**
  - Global warming
  - Increasing of North-South exchanges (legal or illegal)



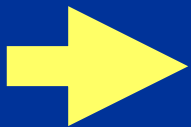
**Emerging or re-emerging diseases**

# Context (2)

- Indian Ocean between Africa and Asia:
  - **Madagascar:** Anthrax, Johne's Disease, African and Classical swine fever.
  - **Comoros** : RVF, anthrax, Theileriosis
  - **Réunion** : Johne's Disease, Lumpy Skin Disease, Infectious bovine Rhinotracheitis
  - **Mauritius** : African and Classical Swine Fever
  - **Seychelles** : West Nile Fever
- **Insularity:** Major asset to protect against continental disease (East Africa)

# Regional Initiatives

- FSP EpiReg (till the end of 2008) collective action of Indian Ocean Veterinary Services.
- COI countries do not belong to the same political set:
  - Madagascar and Mauritius : Print programs or FMD of SADC area.
  - COMESA

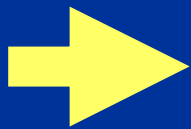


**But rare and recent**

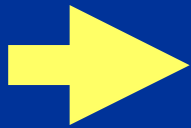
- Indian Ocean is out of big network as PARC or PACE Programs

# Why this project ?

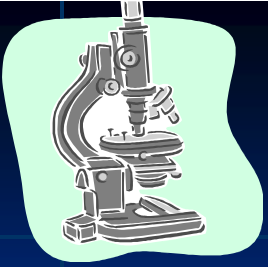
- Lack of reliable and recent epidemiologic data
- Sates need **scientific advises** to:



establish animal health programs



build up an efficient diseases control network to avoid introduction or spread of thoses diseases in the Indian Ocean

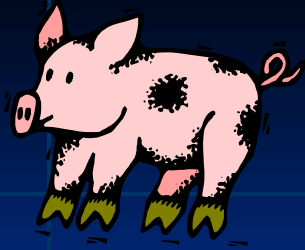


# General Objective

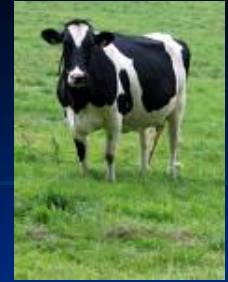
## Better control of animal health risks in the Indian Ocean

- **Focus:** Zoonotic diseases or animal economic diseases of importance for the Indian Ocean Area





# Animal Diseases



- Poultry : HPAI + Newcastle Disease + West Nile Fever
- Pork: Classical and African Swine Fever
- Ruminants : RVF



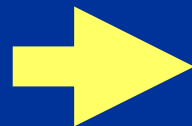
# Objectives

## ■ 4 objectives

- Updating data for 6 diseases (HPAI, ND, CSF, ASF, WNF, RVF)
- Risk Assessment for RVF and ASF
- Developing diagnostic tests (dip stick) useful to take fast decisions in the field
- Cost-Benefits evaluation in the socio-economic context of the country

## ■ 4 years:

**!!! STARTS NOW !!!**



**Example for RVF**



# RVF: Objective #1

## ■ Updating data



- Serological survey (ELISA commercial kits)
- Virus isolation (RT PCR)

# Where ?

- Madagascar
  - Sampling in South and West
  - Complementary with Rift OI & FAO projects
- Comoros
  - 3 islands
- Mayotte
- Seychelles
- Maurice
- Réunion



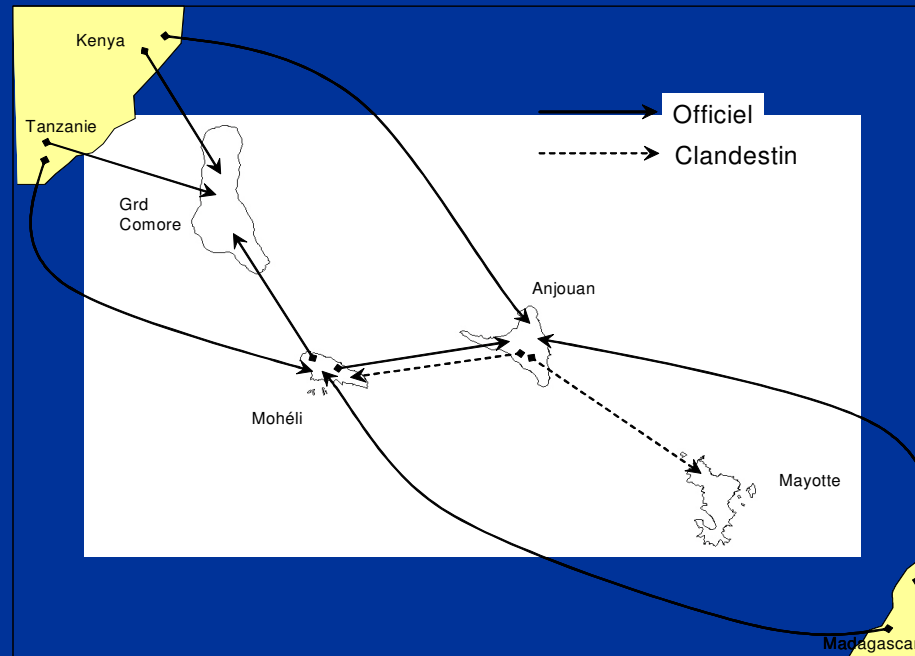
# How ?

- 2 weeks missions (more for Madagascar) for
  - Representative sampling
    - Geographically
    - Age
    - Species
  - Lab work when possible
- Field and lab work in collaboration with the local partners
  - Ex: Madagascar
    - Field team composed with the Veterinary Services
    - Lab work (ELISA) with FOFIFA-DRZV
- Particularity
  - Comoros
    - Master student: 3 months of field work 05/09 > 07/09
    - Specific area for insect trapping
  - Mayotte: 1 member of the team permanently on the spot (link with Comoros)

# RVF: Objective #2

## ■ Risk Assessment

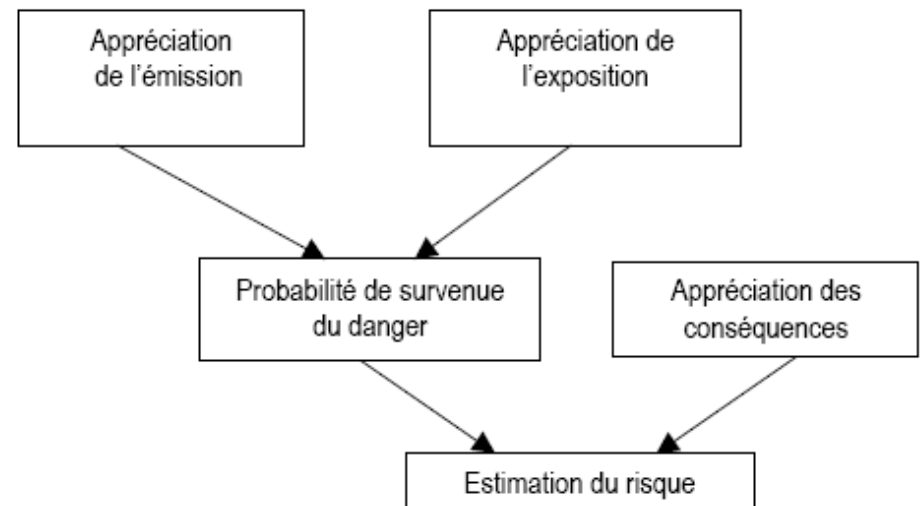
- Introduction/Spread risk assessment
- Comoros/Mayotte/Madagascar



# How ?

- Collection of information
  - Animal Samples (ELISA, Virology)
  - Questionnaires
  - Vectors trapping
- Semi qualitative AFSSA procedure

Qualificatifs	Échelle ordinaire
Nulle (N)	0
Quasi-nulle (QN)	1
Minime (M)	2
Extrêmement faible (EF)	3
Très faible (TF)	4
Faible (F)	5
Peu élevée (PE)	6
Assez élevée (AE)	7
Elevée (E)	8
Très élevée (TE)	9



# RVF: Objective #3

- Development of diagnosis field test:



- Quick and ready to use

- Especially for countries without any equipped laboratory



# How ?

- Identification of existing tests
- Field information/Sera analysis for evaluation of Se, Sp and PPV
- Genomic data bases and viral antigenic specificity
- Collaboration with Pasteur Institute of Paris



# RVF: Objective #4

## ■ Cost Benefits Evaluation





# How ?

- Comparison of
  - Zootechnic efficiency
  - Cost/benefits of disease control measures (stamping out, treatment, vaccination, vector control...)
- Co-missions with experts:
  - Animal performances
  - Expert evaluation





# Partners



L.V.D  
la Réunion



INRAPE

Service de  
santé publique



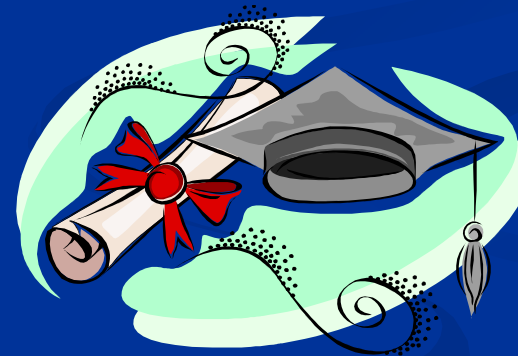
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- 7 people
  - 1 coordinator: E Cardinale
  - 1 vet (Field work, epidemiology): M Roger
  - 1 epidemiologist (Risk Analysis): MM Olive
  - 1 lab technician: B Didelot
  - 1 Post-doc virologist (now)
  - 1 virologist (end of 2009)
  - 1 entomologist (end of 2009)

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## ■ Expectations



# Expectations

- Fulfill a data base accessible online for the country
- Definition and estimation of the introduction/spread risk for particular disease (ex: RVF)
- Development of quick diagnostic tests for field decision
- Build up new surveillance/research projects
- Publications
  - Reports for countries and financers
  - Scientific publications

**Thank you for your attention**

