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# LOVCEN project and AIM- COST Action

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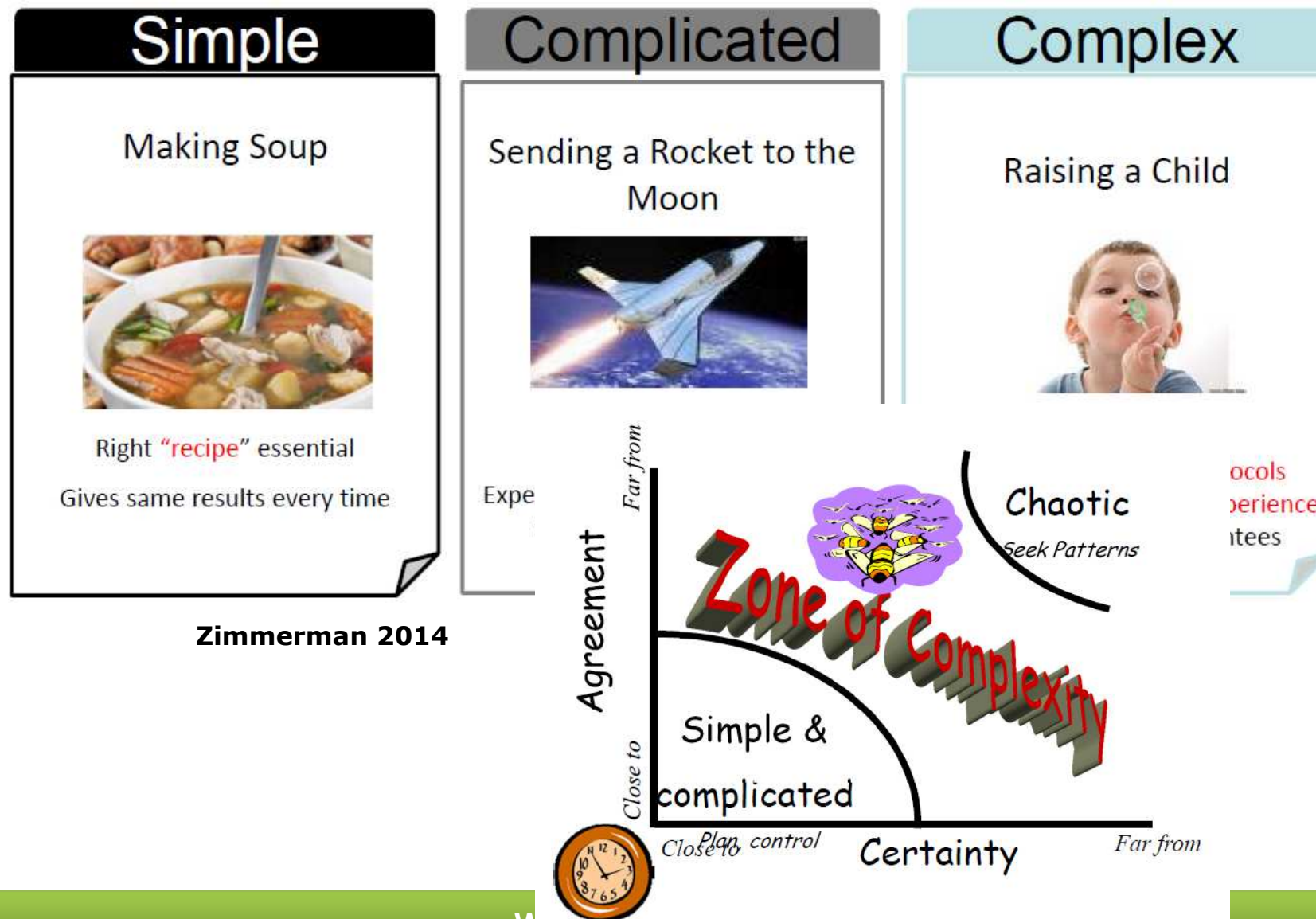
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**LOVCEN**  
Surveillance of invasive and native mosquito vectors  
and pathogens they transmit in Montenegro

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COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT



# Surveillance of invasive and native mosquito Vectors and pathogens they transmit in Montenegro - LOVCEN

Workshop, 2018 Novi Sad



## Partner institutions:

- Applicant - Biotechnical faculty, University of Montenegro
- +
- 3 national scientific research institutions –  
Institute for Hydrometeorology and Seismology,  
Institute for Public Health,  
Natural History Museum.
- +
- 6 International scientific research institutions) –  
2 from Italy, 1 from Romania and  
3 from Serbia
- and
- 1 national SME

In total 11 institutions and over 30 researchers without technical staff.



We tried to avoid our project looks like this:

To start from somewhere here:

To finish (“successfully”) after a few years somewhere here:

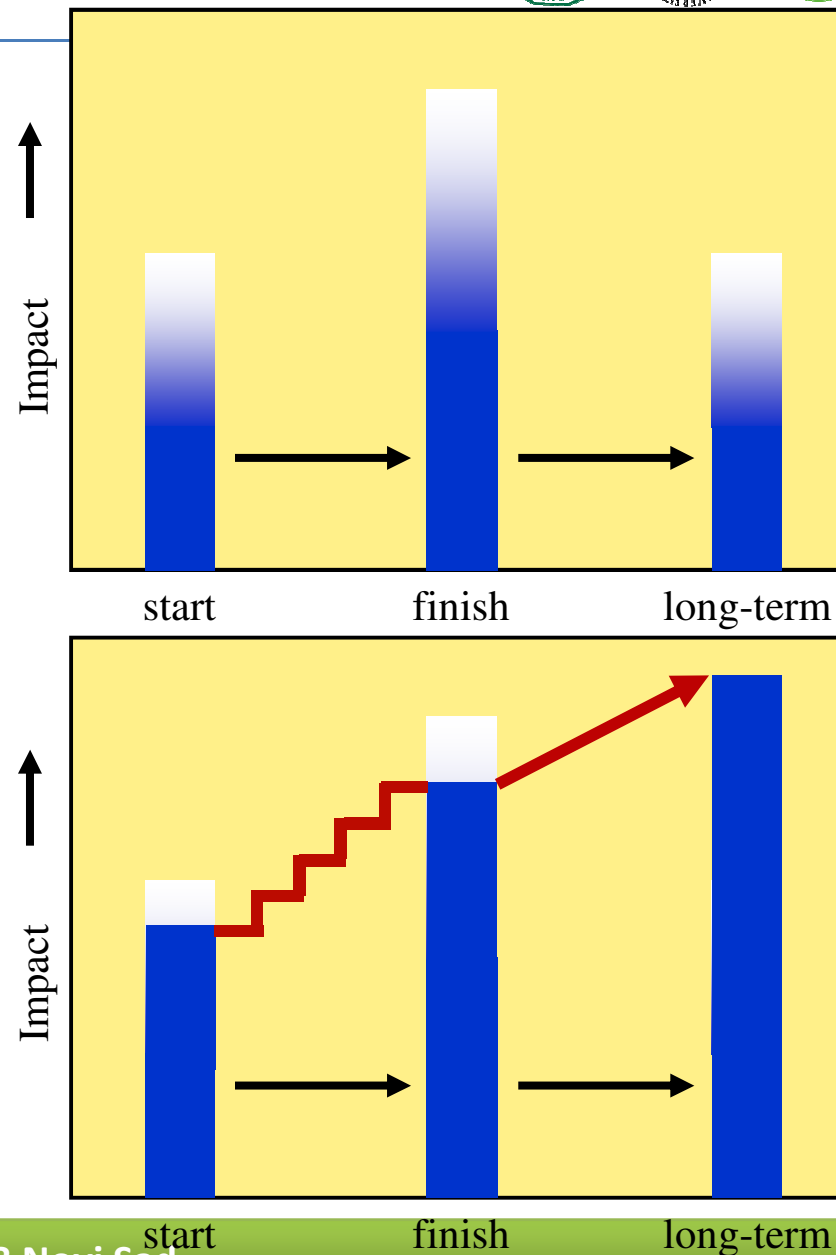
Several years later to be back somewhere here:

We did our best to have a clearly-defined starting point (SWOT):

Clearly-defined activities and evidence of progress to define the ***Impact*** at the end (WPs):

Ensured long-term ***Impact after*** the end (sustainability plan):

And let us see how we did it.



## **LOVCEN WPs - combining capacity building and research from different sectors**

**(WP1) Collaborative research on native and invasive mosquito species and pathogens they transmit in Montenegro and development of non-pesticide control measures**

**(WP2) Twinning through exchange of know-how and experience and dissemination activities**

**(WP3) Acquisition of research equipment and innovation capacity building**

**(WP4) Management**

## (WP1a) - Surveillance of invasive and native mosquito species (and vectors)

### Mosquitoes

Eight vector species:

1. *Anopheles maculipennis* (malaria)
2. *An. plumbeus* (malaria)
3. *An. saccharovi* (malaria)
4. *Aedes vexans* (Rift Valley Virus and Celovo Virus)
5. *Aedes caspius* (Rift Valley Virus, *Dirofilaria immitis* and *D. repens*)
6. *Aedes albopictus* (Chikungunya Virus, Dengue Virus, *Dirofilaria immitis* and *D. repens*)
7. *Culex modestus* (West Nile Virus, *Dirofilaria immitis* and *D. repens*)
8. *Culex pipiens* (West Nile Virus, Sindbis virus, Rift Valley Virus, *Dirofilaria immitis* and *D. repens*)

### Sand flies

Historical data – No

2014	- 5
TOTAL	- 5 species

### Black flies

Historical data – 5 species

2015	- 15
TOTAL	- 20 species

### Ticks

Historical data – No

2017-	- 3 species
TOTAL	- 3 species





**West Nile Fever**

**Malaria**

**Chikungunya**

**Dengue Hemorrhagic  
Fever**

**Zika**

**Laishmaniasis**

**Pappataci fever**

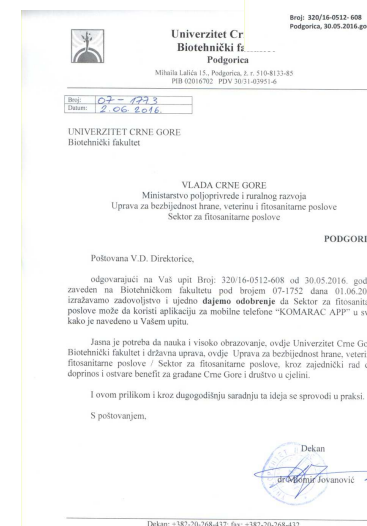
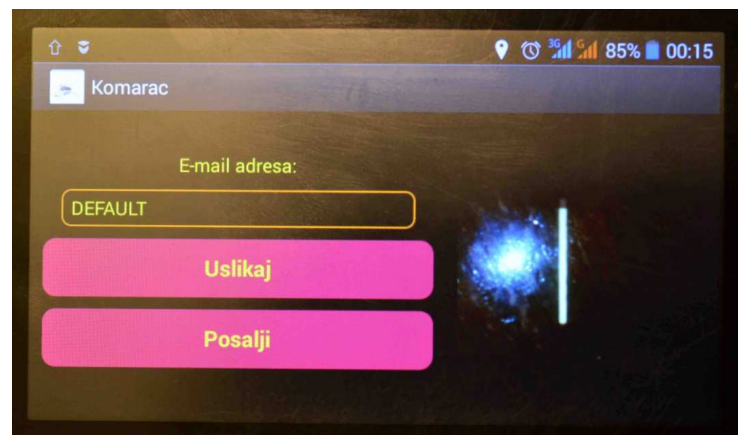
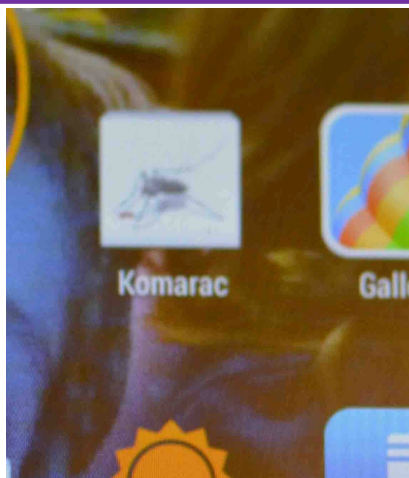
**Blue thongue Disease**

**Lime disease**

**Tick borne encephalitis**

**Crimean Congo  
Hemorrhagic Fever**

## (WP1b) - Mobile phone application for surveillance of invasive and indigenous species (KOMARAC)



## (WP1d) – Social Impact and Policy Recommendation

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1	Andrijevisa	N	no	70/70	70	0	-	+	
2	Bar	S	no	70/70	70	0	1/3.	+	
3	Berane	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	+
4	Bijelo Polje	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	
5	Budva	S	yes	70/70	70	0	7./7.	+	
6	Cetinje	C	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	+
7	Danilovgrad	C	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	
8	Golubovci	C	yes	70/70	70	0	-		
9	Gusinja	N	no	21/70	21	49	-		
10	Herceg Novi	S	no	70/70	70	0	0/5	+	
11	Kolasin	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	
12	Kotor	S	no	70/70	70	0	0/1	+	+
13	Mojkovac	N	no	70/70	70	0	-	+	
14	Niksic	C	yes	70/70	70	0	0/1		
15	Petnjica	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-		
16	Plav	N	no	10/70.	30	40	-	+	
17	Pluzine	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-		
18	Pljevlja	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-	+	
19	Podgorica	C	yes	70/70	70	0	4/7.	+	+
20	Rozaje	N	yes	70/70	70	0	-		
21	Savnik	N	no	30/30	30	0	-		
22	Tivat	S	yes	70/70	70	0	0/1	+	
23	Tuzi	C	yes	70/70	70	0	-		
24	Ulcinj	S	no	70/70	70	0	0/4	+	
25	Zabljak	N	yes	21/70	43	27	0/1		

15-25 1710 1594 116 12/30. 20

15.05.2017.		done		rest	
	total	number	%	number	%
municipalities	25	16	64	9	36
citizens	1710	1594	93.22	116	6.78
t. operators	30	12	40	18	60
institutions	30	20	66.67	10	33.33

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1795 1642

91.48% in total

**1594/1710 citizens; 16/25 municipalities; 12/30 touristic operators and 20/30 health care institutions**

Health care institutions

18 community health centers

7 hospitals

3 specialized hospitals

2 institutes

Σ 30



## **(WP1d) – Social Impact and Policy Recommendation**

### **Policy Recommendations – LOVCEN**

#### ***Issue***

*Hazard high risk for public health from mosquitoes' born diseases (MBD) with further negative economic outcomes for the country's economy (productivity, healthcare and tourism)*

#### **Policy Recommendation**

**Develop and Enforce the Specific Regulative Framework for the Integrated Mosquito and MBD Surveillance and Control System (IMSCS)**

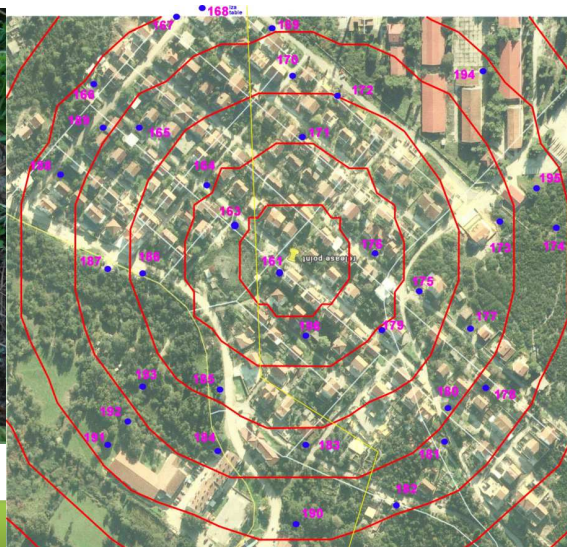
Good Practice in Project Based Research Implementation – LOVCEN

Good Practice in Mosquito Surveillance and Control – LOVCEN

## (WP1e) - SIT and other non-chemical control methods - B



Sterile male mosquitoes import / mark / release / recapture



workshop, 2010 Nov 3rd

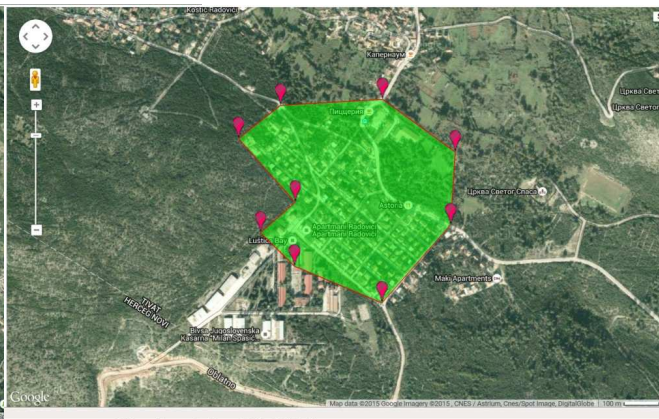


## (WP1e) - SIT and other non-chemical control methods - C

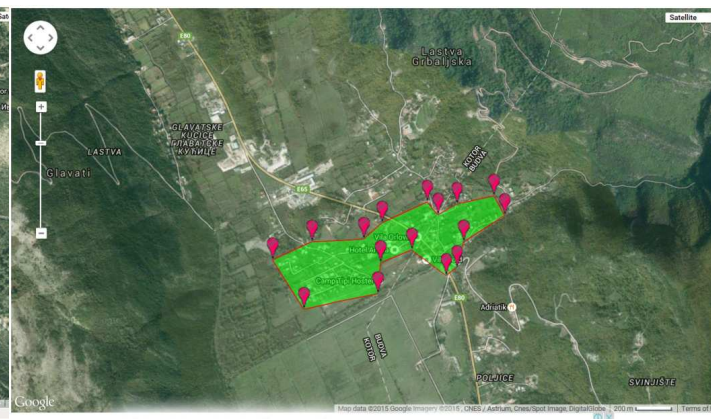
### Assessment of the risk for Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika Outbreak in Montenegro



Tivat - 73.57 ha



Radovici - 20.73 ha



Lastva Grbaljska - 30.21 ha

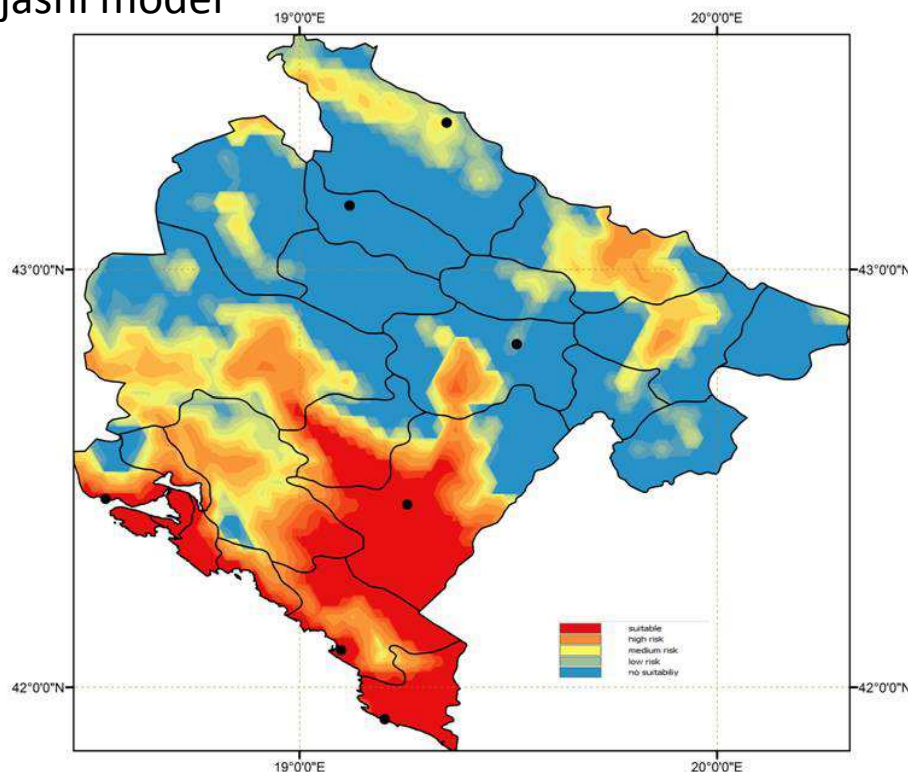


The *Ae. albopictus* population density may support outbreak of Chikungunya A226V, Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika viruses in case of introduction.



## (WP1f) Climate change impact on MV and MBD, adaptation and mitigation

Kobajashi model

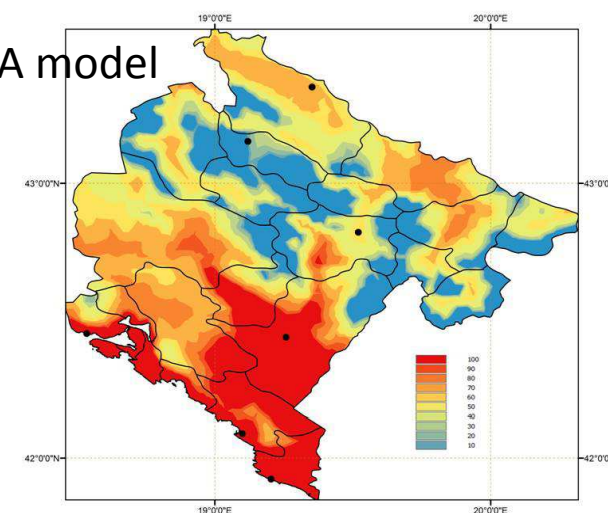


Climatic conditions

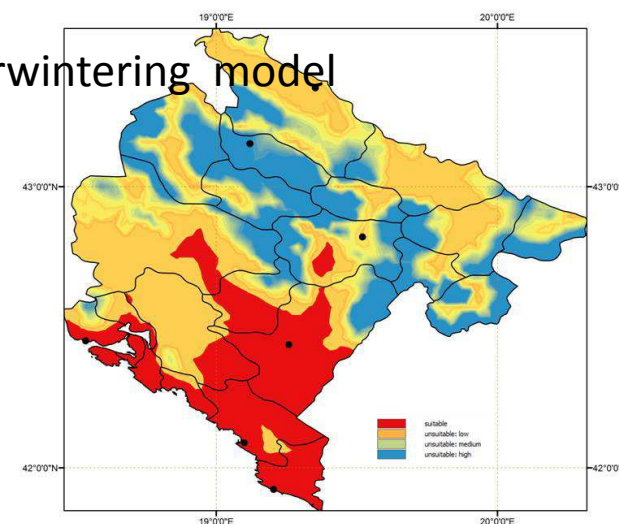
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establishment of *Aedes albopictus*  
for Montenegro period 1981-2010

MCDA model



Overwintering model







## Collaborative research, sharing know-how and experience







Coordinator of the LOVCEN project, Dr Igor Pajović received the prize

“The most successful scientist in Montenegro”

December 2017

Outstanding achievements in the inovative research on ecology and control of arthropod vectors.



## Follow up



Joint FAO/IAEA Programme  
Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture

Regional Project Europe RER5022:  
Establishing Genetic Control Programmes for  
Aedes Invasive Mosquitoes



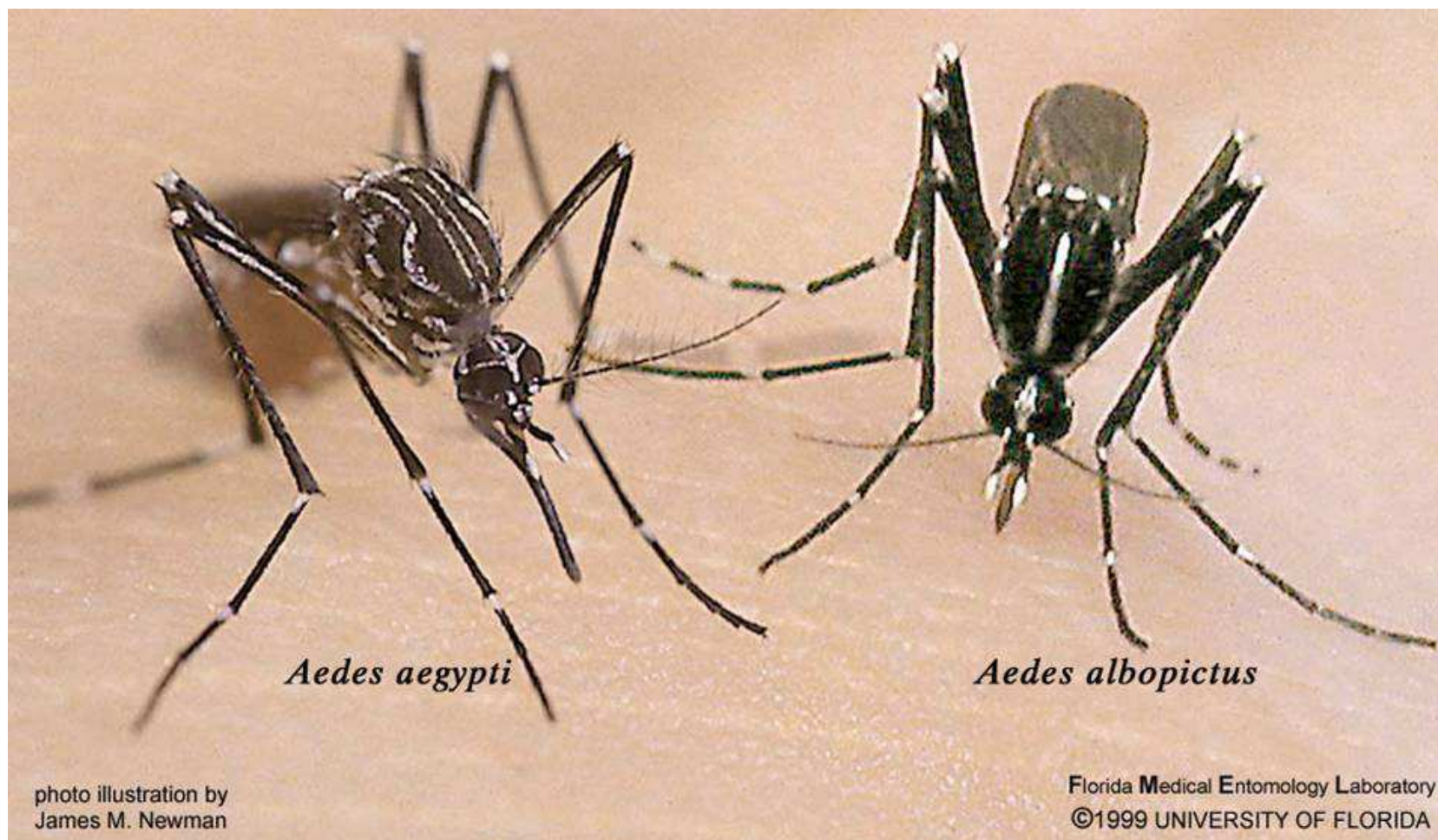
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## ACTION PARTICIPANTS

**WG1**  
**MONITORING &**  
**SURVEILLANCE**

**WG2**  
**CONVENTIONAL &**  
**INNOVATIVE**  
**CONTROL TOOLS**

**WG3**  
**DISSEMINATION,**  
**CUSTOMISATION &**  
**COMMUNICATION**

**STSM**

**SCEINCE**  
**COMMUNICATION**

**ACTION  
CHAIR**

**GRANT  
HOLDER**

**COST  
ASSOCIATION**

## **WG1: MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 1.1: Review, optimisation & ToK of AIM monitoring and surveillance.**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 1.2: Citizen science contribution to monitoring and surveillance.**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 1.3: Integrating surveillance data analysis, spatial modelling & mapping**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 1.4: Harmonization and customization**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**



## **WG2: CONVENTIONAL & INNOVATIVE CONTROL TOOLS**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

### **TASK 2.1: Review, optimisation of current control options**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

### **TASK 2.2: Quality evaluation of AIM control operations**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

### **TASK 2.3 - Innovative vector control tools/New Paradigms**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

## **WG3: DISSEMINATION, CUSTOMISATION & COMMUNICATION**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 3.1 - Dissemination within the COST-Action network & to scientific external audience**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 3.2a – Customisation and dissemination of guidelines for surveillance/control**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

**TASK 3.2b – Customisation and dissemination of modelling outputs**

**Coordinator:**

**Deputy-Coordinator:**

# Thank you for your questions!