



From spatial data to mosquito models *A case study in the Benelux*

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Introduction

Inventory endemic mosquito population

Monitoring mosquito co-occurrence



Modelling principle

Input: points

Result: continuous grid

Filling gaps between points



Methodology

P/A ~ predictor variables

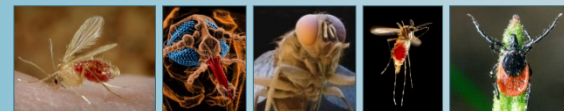
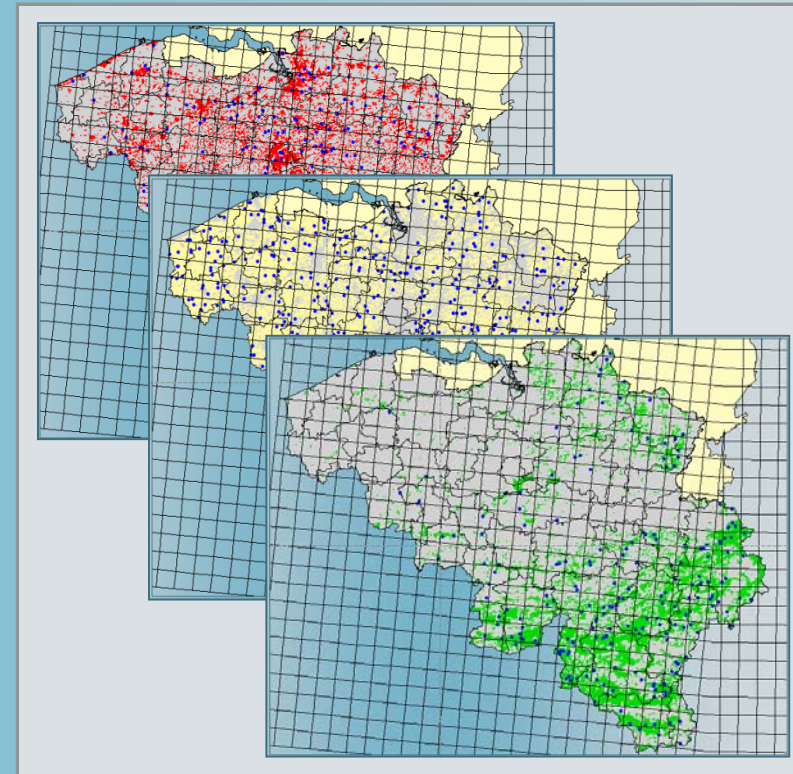
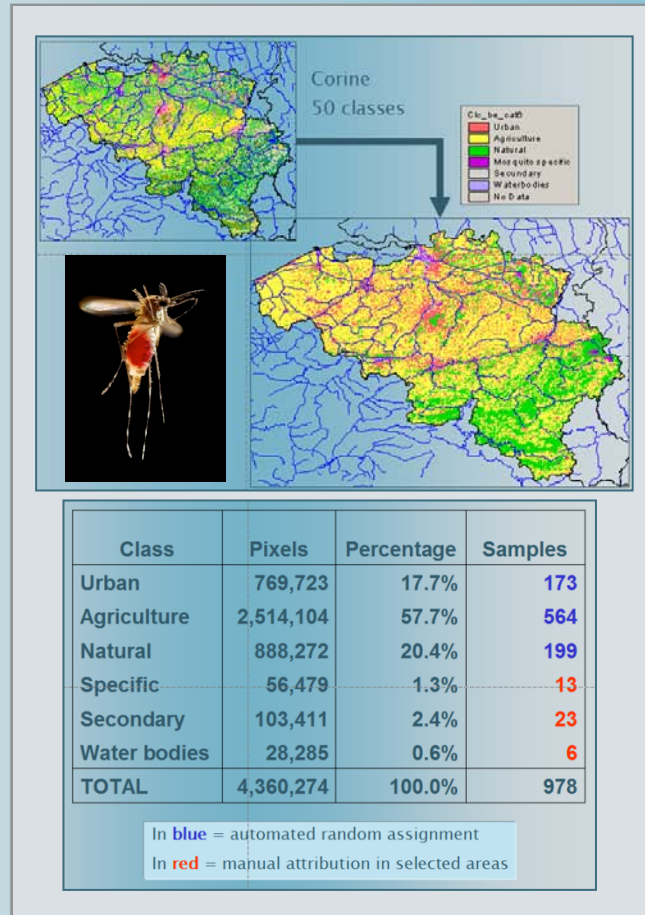
Balanced dataset:

→nr Presences (positive traps) = nr Absences
(negative traps)

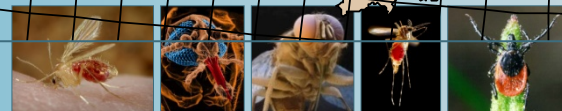
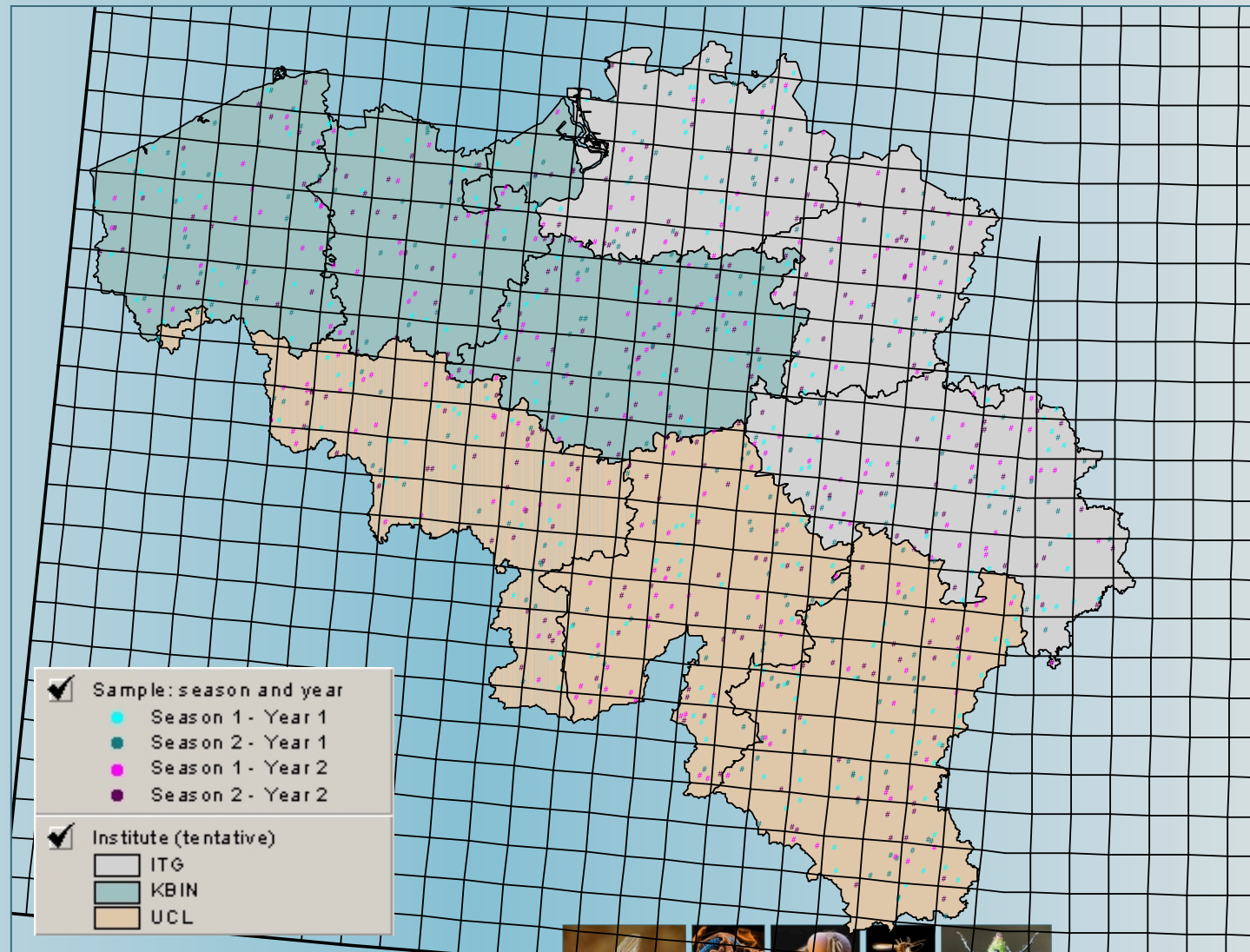
Random Forest: collection of CART-trees



Random stratified sampling



Sample: institute / year / season



Predictor variables

CORINE land cover : (1) urban, (2) agriculture, (3) natural, (4) risk areas referred to as *specific*, (5) secondary and (6) water bodies

Available water capacity of topsoil

Digital Elevation Model

Yearly/monthly Precipitation

Distance to particular features: (1) Waterways , (2) Protected areas

Percentage cover (% in 1 km²): (1) Broadleaved, Coniferous, Mixed forest, (2) Urban, Agriculture, Natural

Population density (inhabitants/km²)

MODIS derivatives: (1) Day/Night Temperature ; (2) Vegetation greenness

Fourier analysis on data of last 5 years: (1) Mean ; (2) Interannual variation

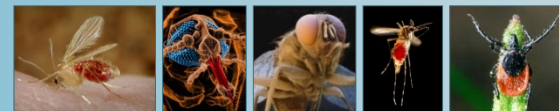
Nr of freezing days/nights



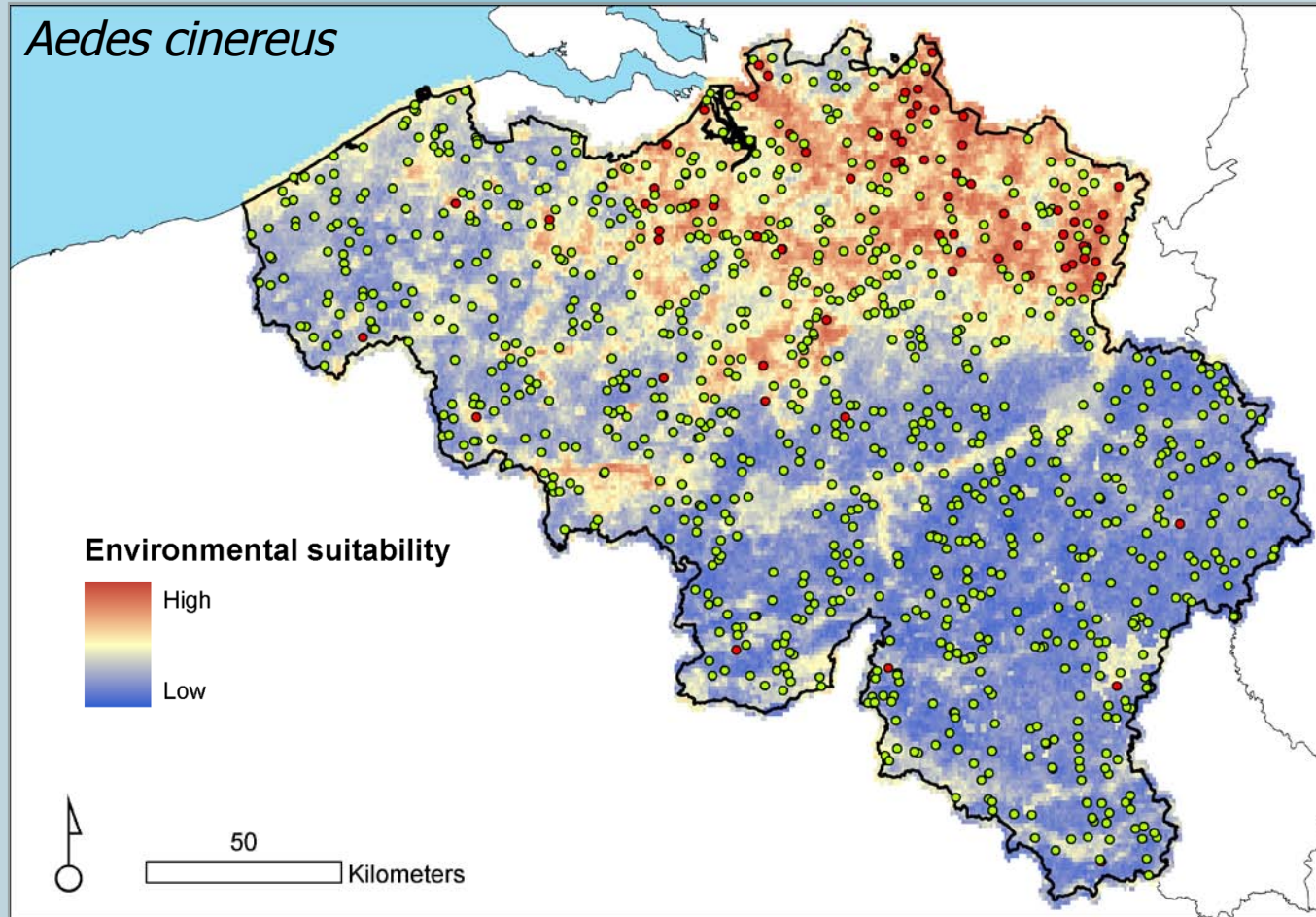
Most frequent species

Positive traps

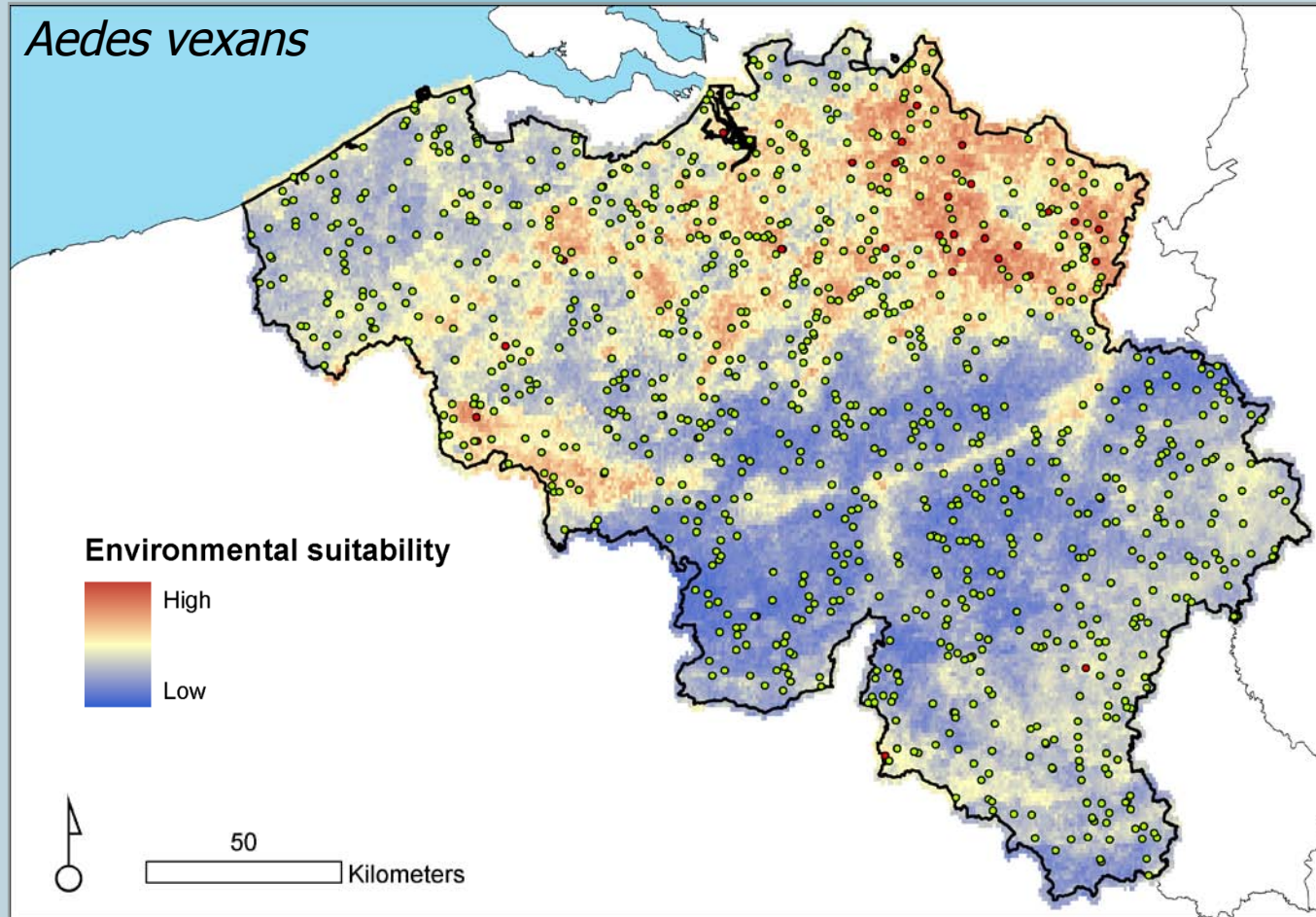
Species	Total	%	N	N/+Tr
<i>Aedes vexans</i>	29	2.97%	776	26.76
<i>Coquillettidia richiardii</i>	38	3.89%	4,095	107.76
<i>Aedes cinereus/geminus</i>	74	7.57%	1,328	17.95
<i>Culex pipiens</i>	698	71.37%	16,338	23.41



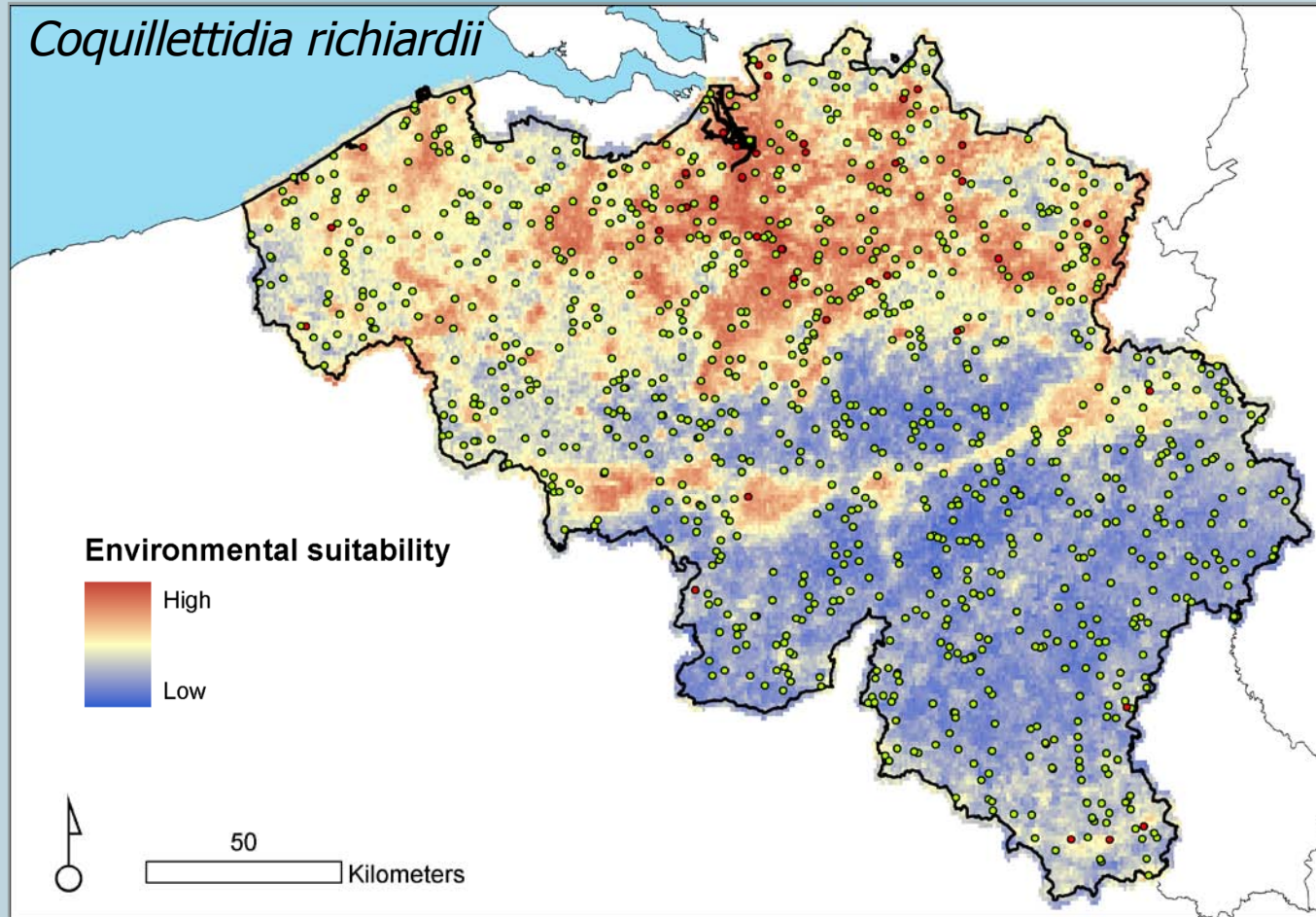
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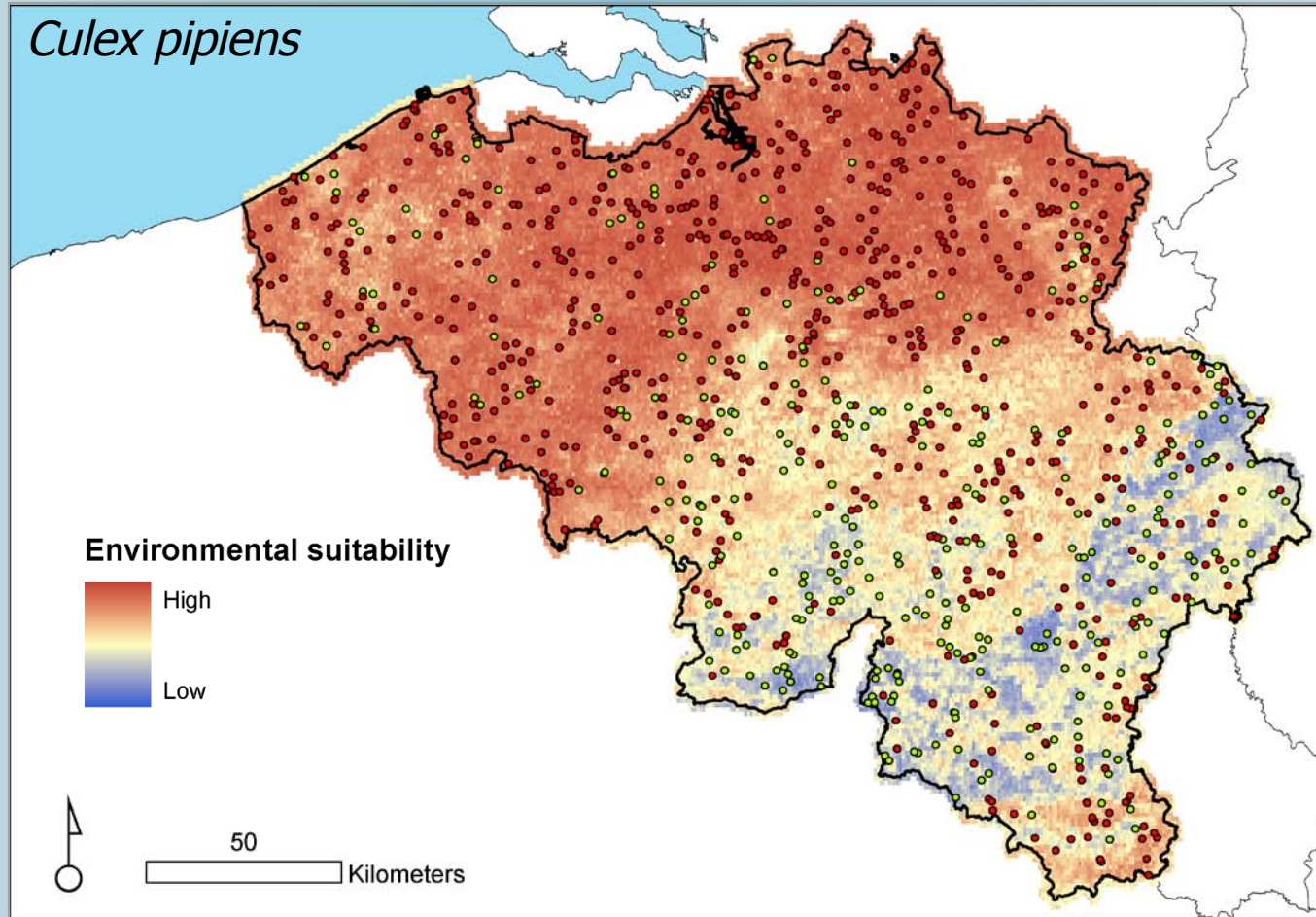
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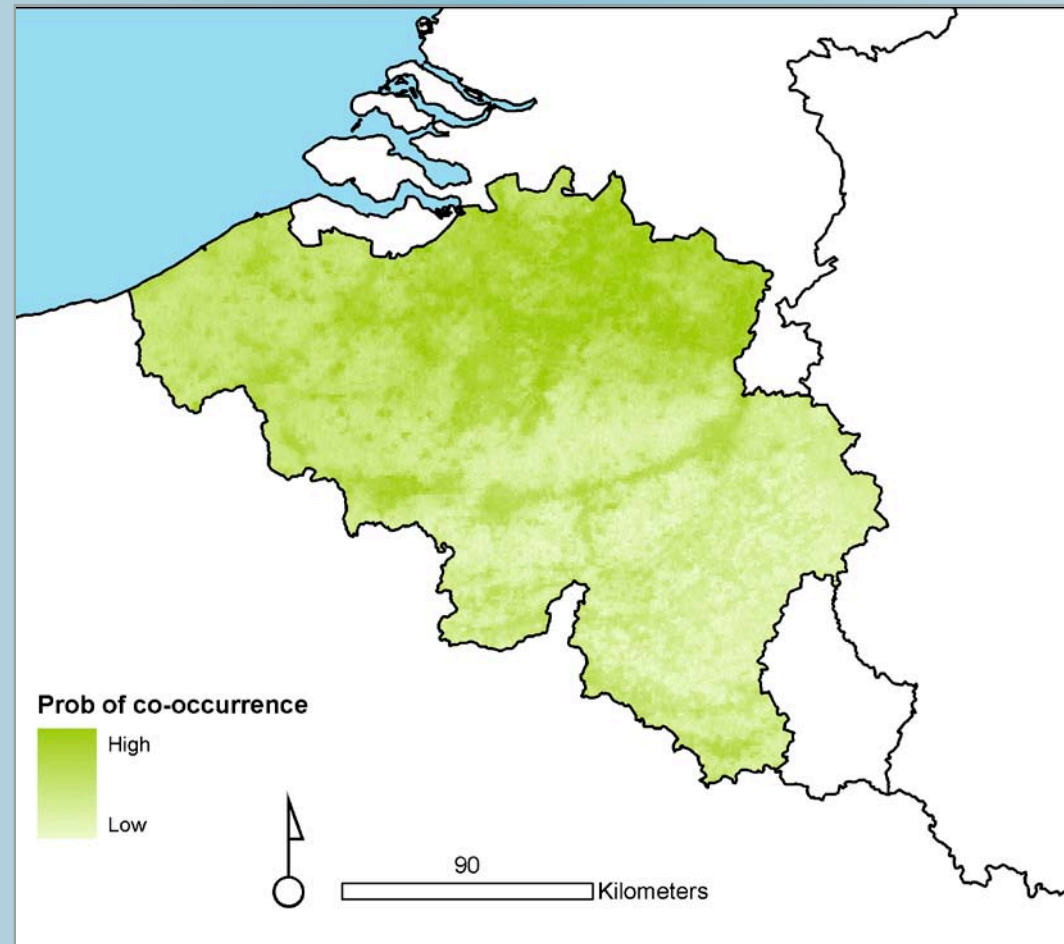
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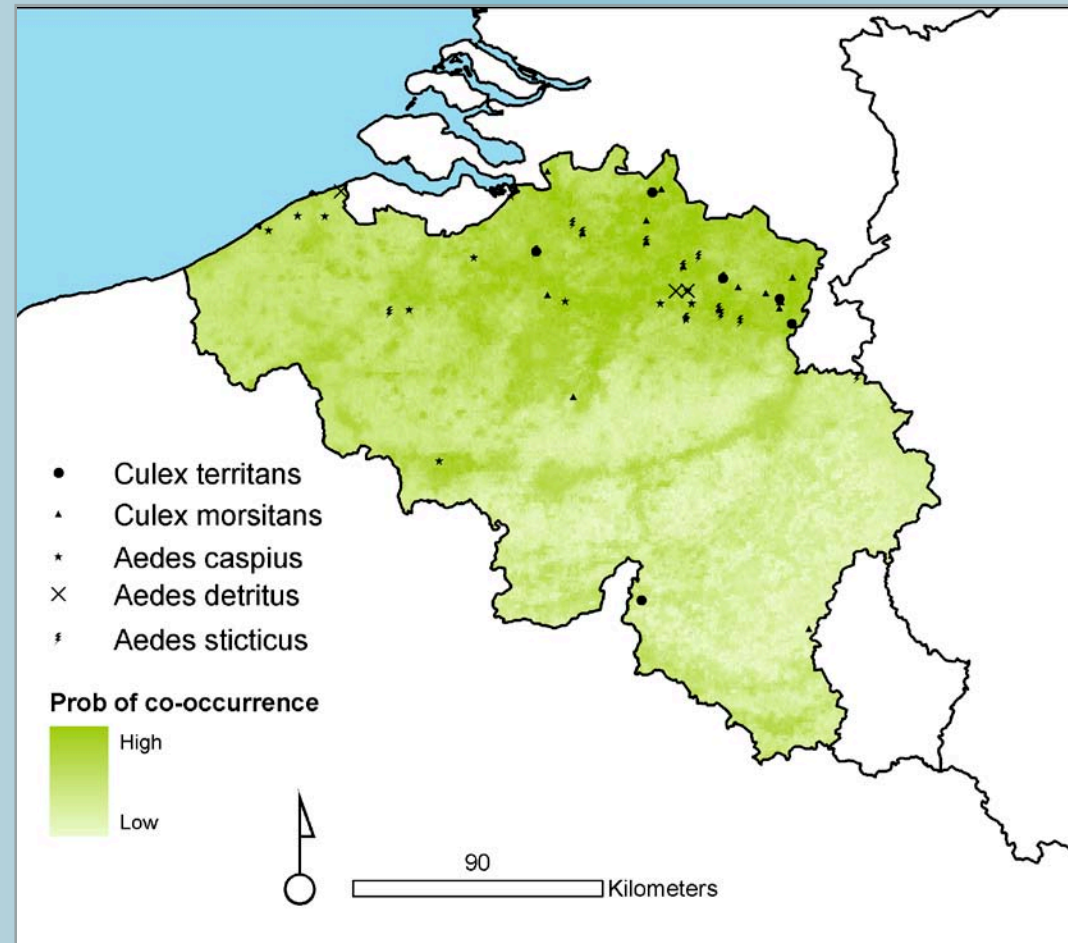
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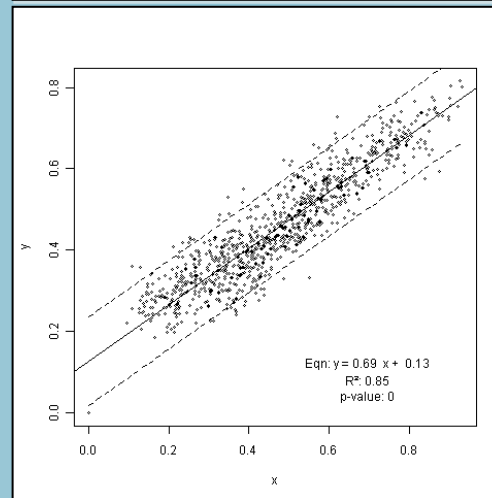
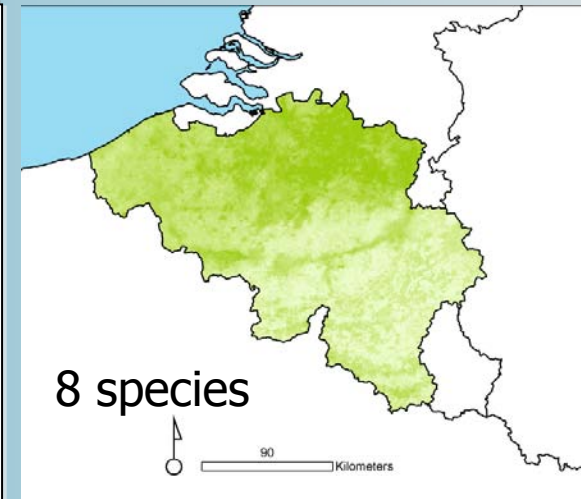
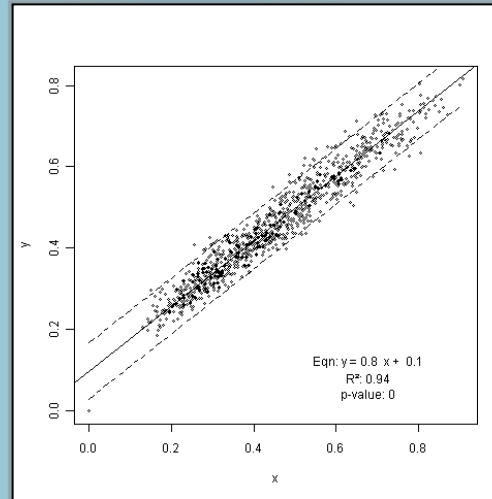
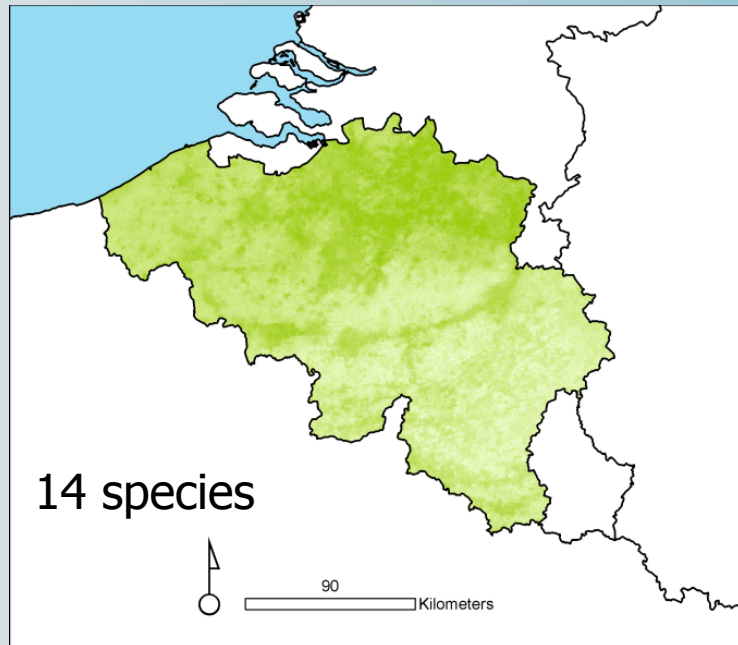
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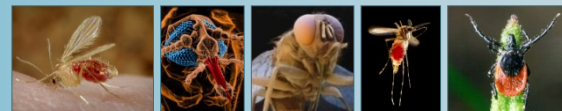
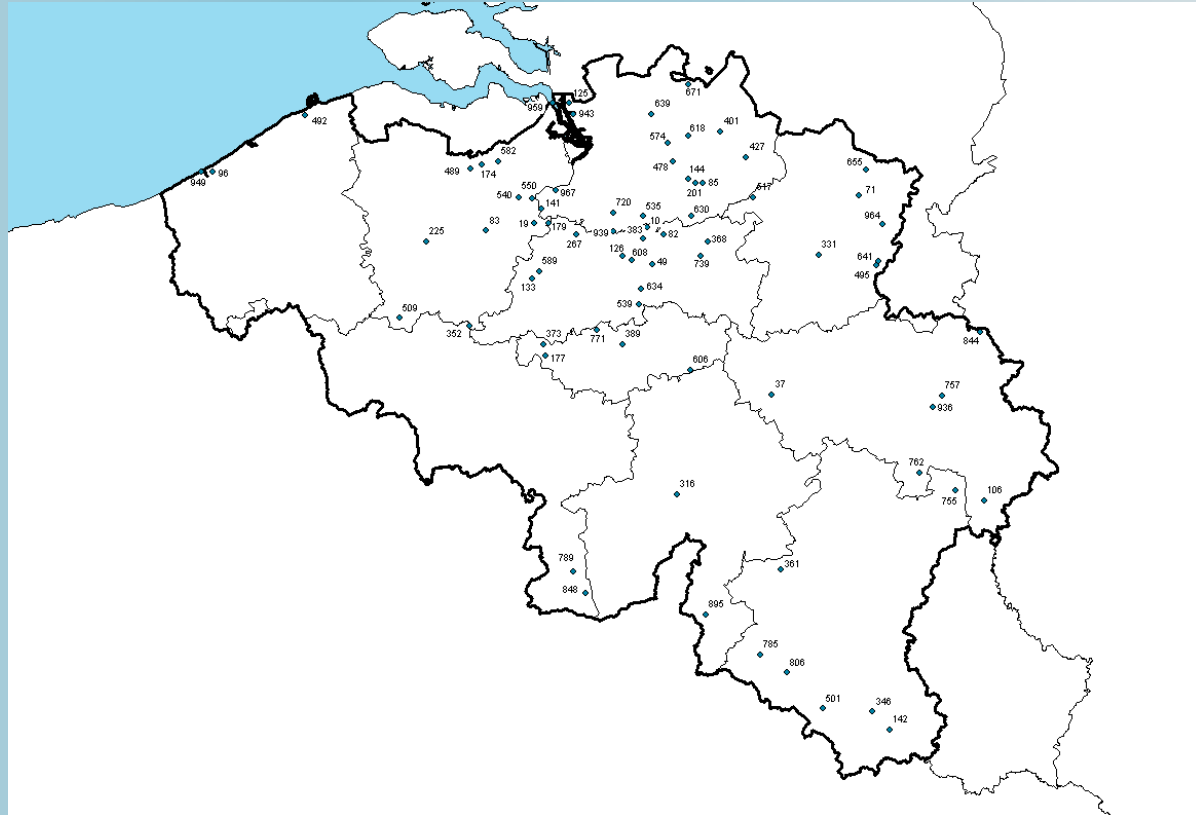
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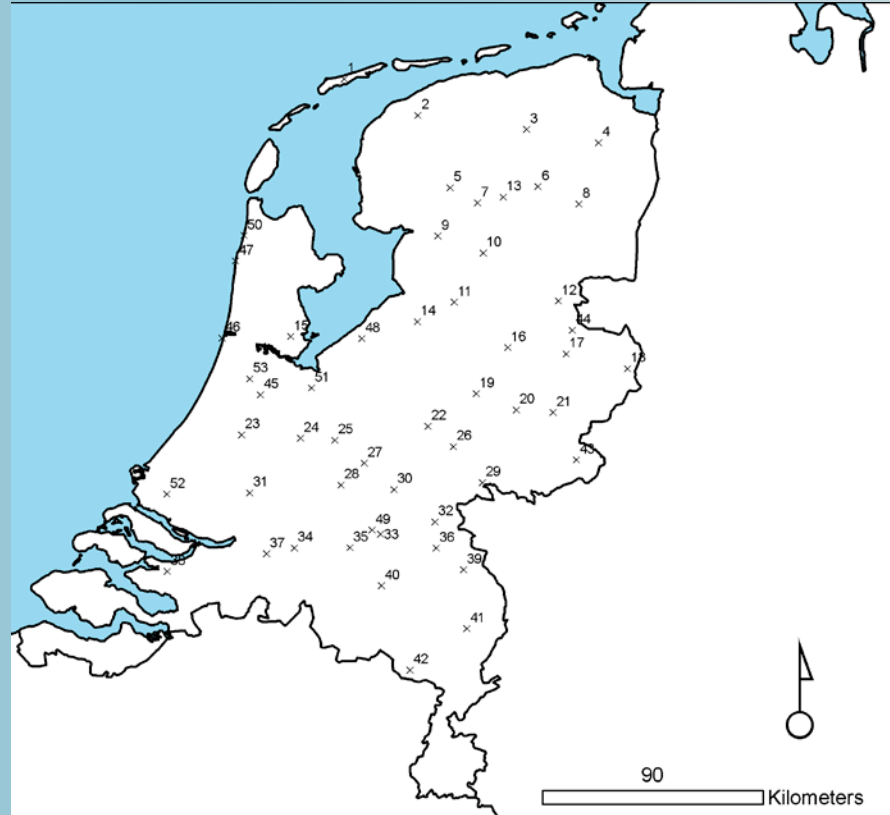
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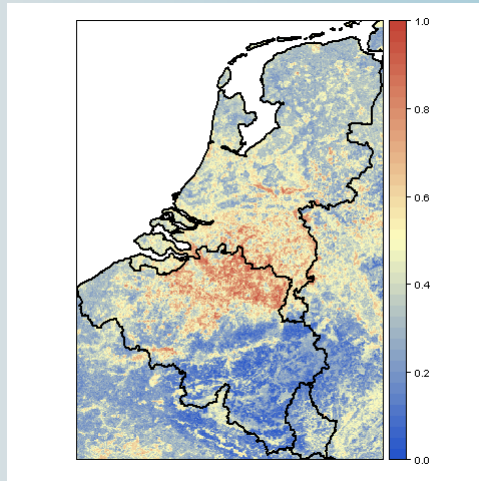
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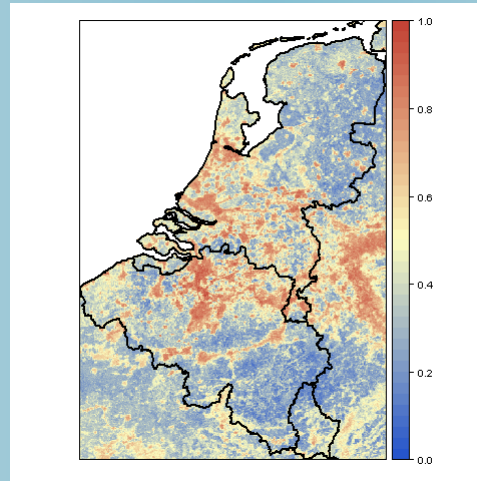


Validation of models in Netherlands (53 sites)



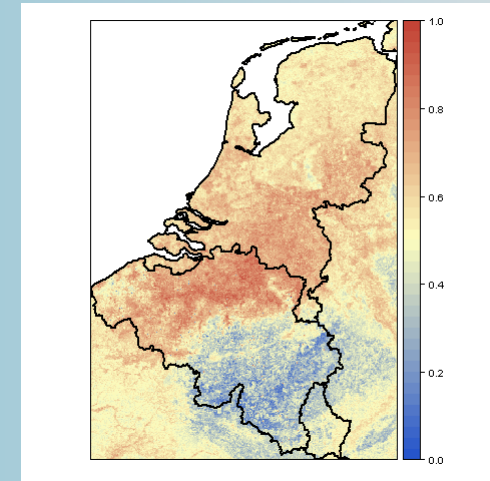
Ae. cinereus (58% PCC)

	prediction	
trap	PRES	ABS
PRES	3	3
ABS	19	28



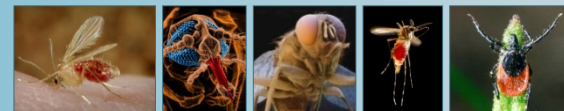
Cq. richardii (57% PCC)

	prediction	
trap	PRES	ABS
PRES	6	10
ABS	13	24



Cx. pipiens (77% PCC)

	prediction	
trap	PRES	ABS
PRES	41	10
ABS	2	0



Cost-efficient sampling strategy

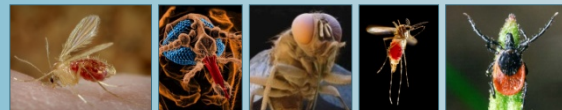
- Stratified random sampling:
 - 1000 points => 100 points
 - 100% => 10%
 - 1 trap/30 km² => 1 trap/300 km²



Evaluation

Is modelling output satisfactory

- AUC
- PCC, Sensitivity, Specificity
- Spatial pattern



Accuracy measures

PCC

species	1/30km ²	1/40km ²	1/50km ²	1/75km ²	1/150km ²
<i>Ae cinereus</i>	0.75	0.79	0.77	0.75	0.71
<i>Ae vexans</i>	0.75	0.71	0.65	0.60	0.54
<i>Cq richardii</i>	0.73	0.70	0.69	0.67	0.65
<i>Cx pipiens</i>	0.87	0.83	0.80	0.75	0.71

Sensitivity

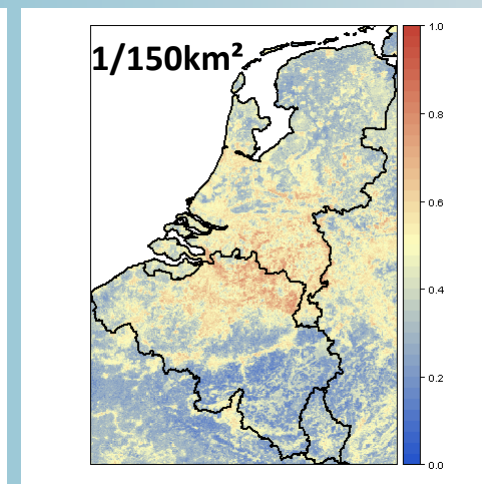
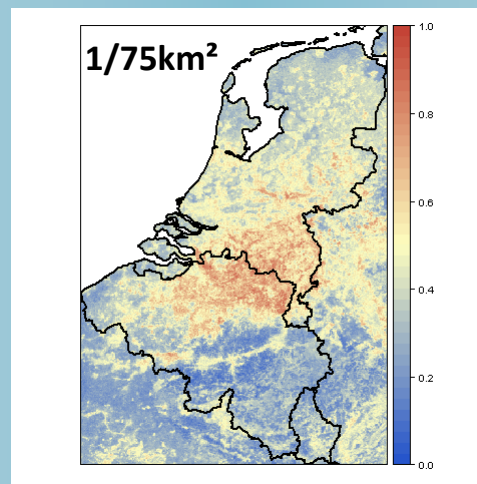
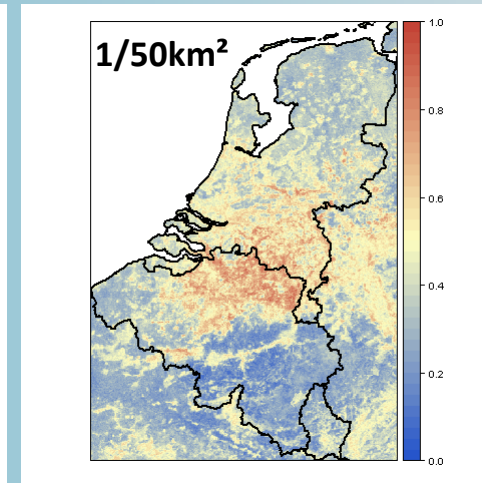
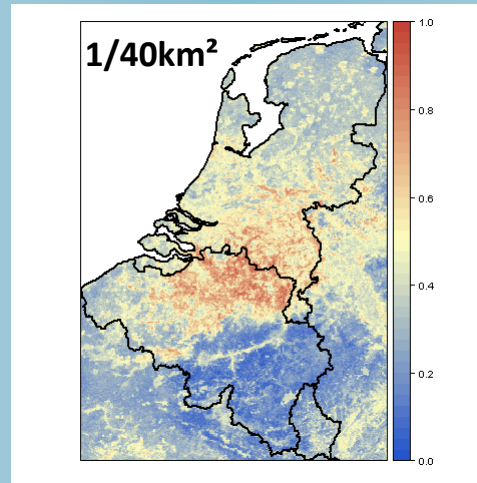
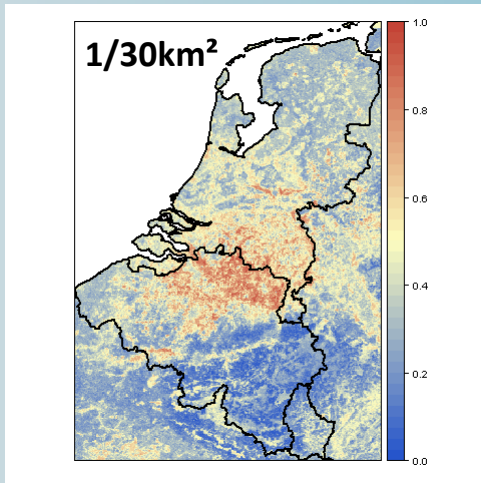
species	1/30km ²	1/40km ²	1/50km ²	1/75km ²	1/150km ²
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<i>Ae vexans</i>	1.00	0.97	0.95	0.92	0.90
<i>Cq richardii</i>	1.00	0.94	0.88	0.82	0.76
<i>Cx pipiens</i>	0.82	0.79	0.76	0.72	0.67

Specificity

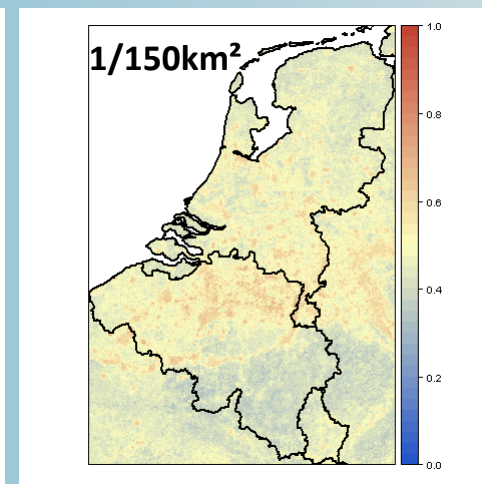
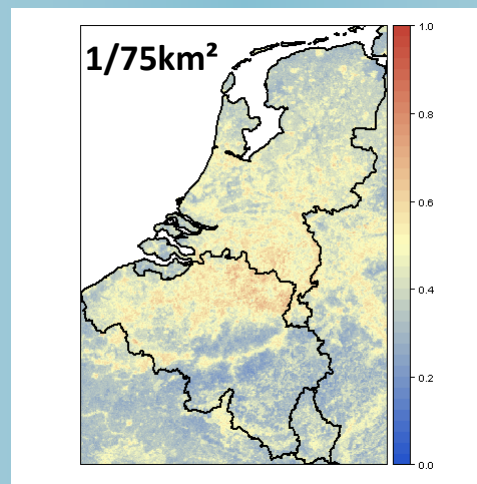
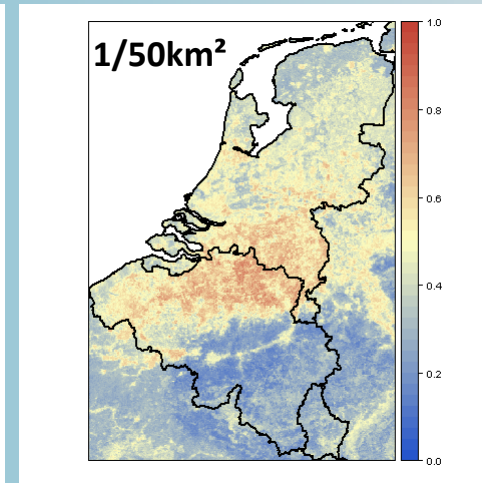
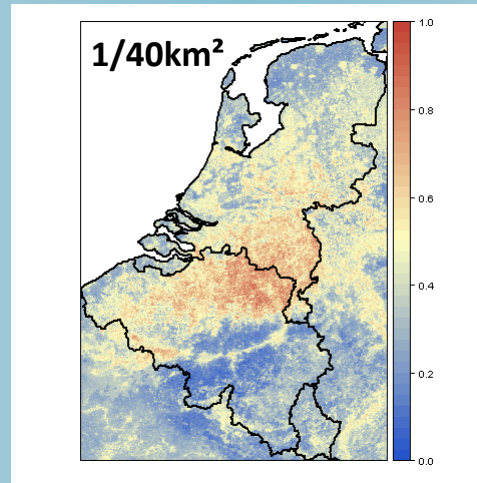
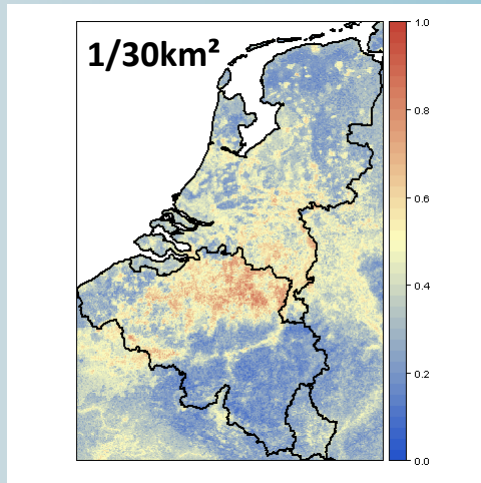
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Ae. cinereus



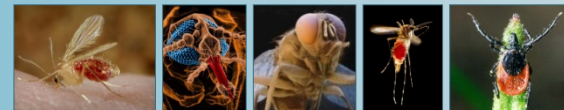
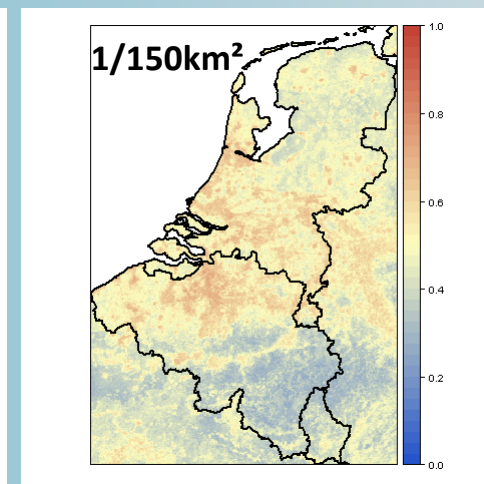
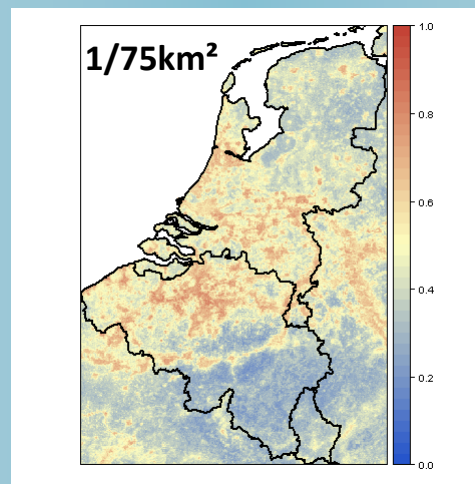
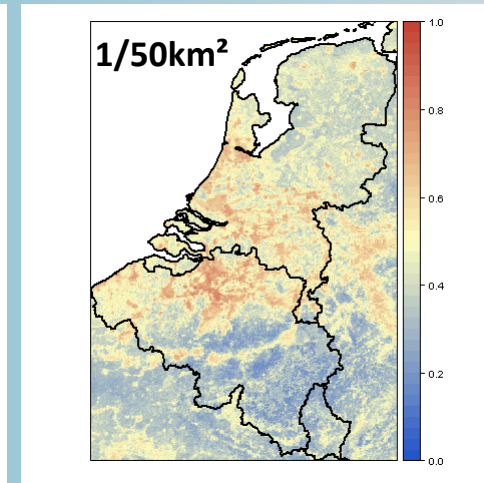
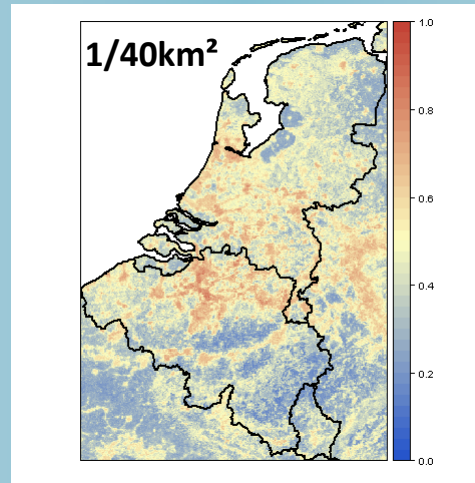
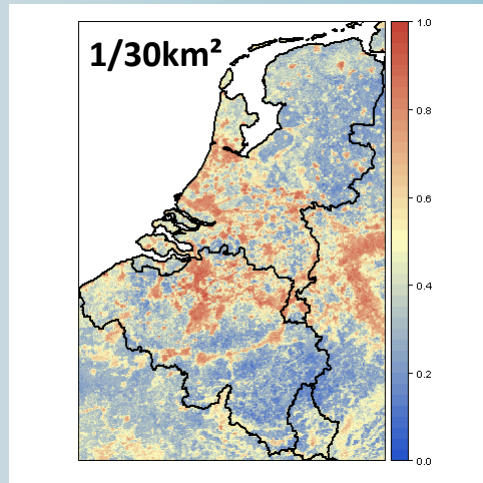
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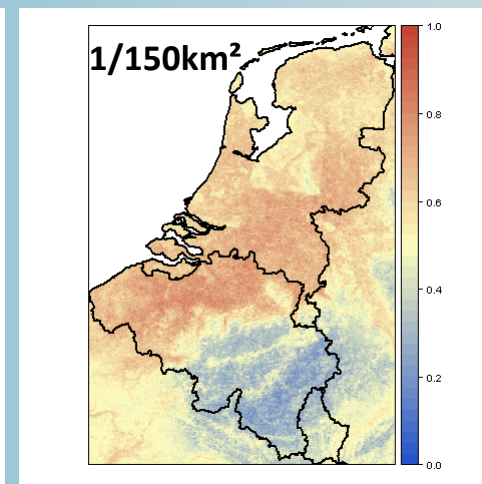
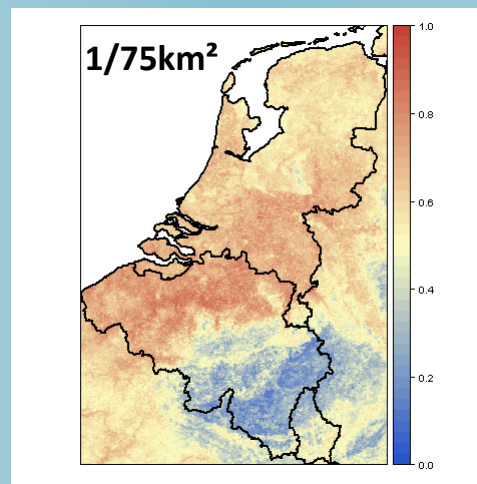
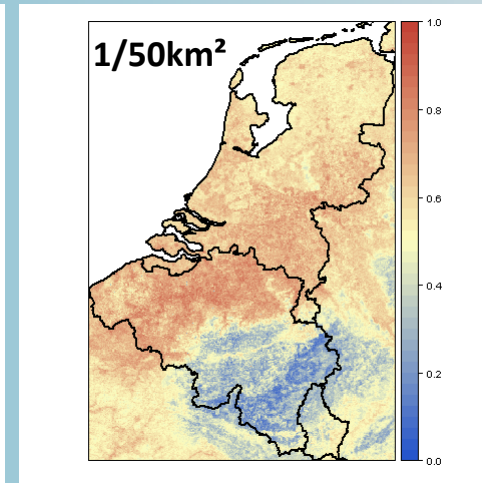
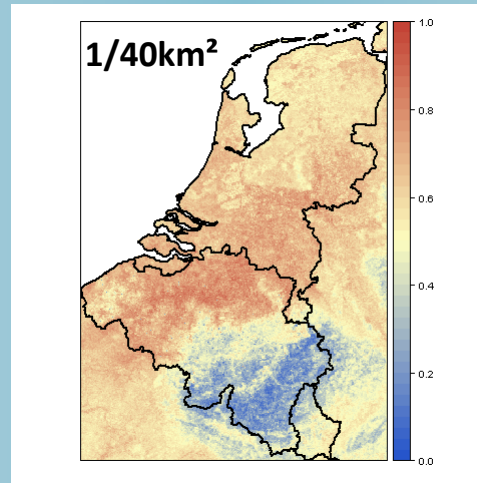
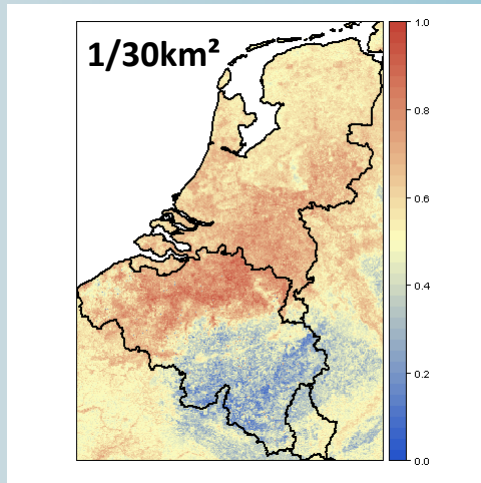
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Cq. richardii



Cx. pipiens



Conclusions

Hotspot for species co-occurrence

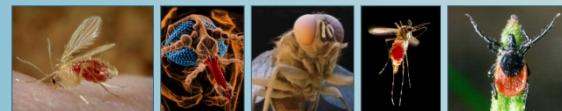
Four indicator species:

Wide-spread

Easy to catch

Stratified random sampling:

Good results up to 1 trap/150 km² at a 1km resolution



Ongoing

- False absences
- Uncertainty
- Resolution



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