# Flying Fox Monitoring and Disease Research

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## More Emerging Infectious Diseases than EVER...most come from wildlife!

- 60% of EIDs are zoonotic
- 72% of these zoonotic EIDs come from wildlife.
- Disease emergence is complex, and requires a "One Health" approach







Taylor & Woolhouse; Jones et al *Nature* 2008

## Important Emerging Viruses from Bats

Rabies and new lyssaviruses (n=12) Hendra virus (1994) Nipah virus (1998) SARS-CoV (2006) Ebola virus (1970s) Marburg virus (1970s)

Calisher et al. 2006 – 66 known viruses
Olival et al. 2012 - ~90 viruses



### Viral "spillover", bats to humans

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'Zoonotic Pool'

### Active Bat Disease Surveillance



Pics: Solon Morse, Prateep Duangkae, Jon Epstein

### Ecology and conservation studies along with disease

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Marine ecology

- Monitoring and managemen
- · Pollination and bioconiro
- · Methodological advances

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### Bat Ecology Satellite Telemetry

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Bangladesh

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Kolkata

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# Flying Fox Roost Counts and Disease

- Species and roost <u>locations</u> (valuable for disease surveillance); Disease surveillance data can be used for conservation
  - Population <u>abundance</u>
    - Determine optimal <u>sample size for disease</u> <u>detection</u>
    - <u>Calculate prevalence</u>
    - <u>Roost movement</u> (migration)
  - <u>Human-bat interactions</u> for understanding disease "spillover" risk (e.g. bushmeat)