1	Climate change will drive novel cross-species
2	viral transmission
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Abstract

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Between 10,000 and 600,000 species of mammal virus are estimated to have the 15 potential to spread in human populations, but the vast majority are currently cir-16 culating in wildlife, largely undescribed and undetected by disease outbreak surveil-17 lance^{1,2,3}. In addition, changing climate and land use drive geographic range shifts 18 in wildlife, producing novel species assemblages and opportunities for viral sharing 19 between previously isolated species^{4,5}. In some cases, this will inevitably facilitate 20 spillover into humans^{6,7}—a possible mechanistic link between global environmental 21 change and emerging zoonotic disease⁸. Here, we map potential hotspots of viral 22 sharing, using a phylogeographic model of the mammal-virus network, and projec-23 tions of geographic range shifts for 3,870 mammal species under climate change and 24 land use scenarios for the year 2070. Shifting mammal species are predicted to ag-25 gregate at high elevations, in biodiversity hotspots, and in areas of high human pop-26 ulation density in Asia and Africa, sharing novel viruses between 3,000 and 13,000 27 times. Counter to expectations, holding warming under 2°C within the century 28 does not reduce new viral sharing, due to greater range expansions—highlighting 29 the need to invest in surveillance even in a low-warming future. Most projected vi-30 ral sharing is driven by diverse hyperreservoirs (rodents and bats) and large-bodied 31 predators (carnivores). Because of their unique dispersal capacity, bats account for 32 the majority of novel viral sharing, and are likely to share viruses along evolutionary 33 pathways that could facilitate future emergence in humans. Our findings highlight 34 the urgent need to pair viral surveillance and discovery efforts with biodiversity 35 surveys tracking range shifts, especially in tropical countries that harbor the most 36 emerging zoonoses. 37

38 Main Text

In the face of rapid environmental change, survival for many species depends on moving 39 to track shifting climates. Even in a best case scenario, many species are projected 40 to shift a hundred kilometers or more in the next century^{9,10}. In the process, many 41 animals will bring their parasites and pathogens into new environments^{4,11}, creating new 42 evolutionary opportunities for host jumps⁸. Most conceptual frameworks for cross-species 43 transmission revolve around how these host jumps facilitate the spillover of new zoonotic 44 pathogens into humans 12,13,14 , but viral evolution is an undirected process 15 , in which 45 humans are only one of over 5,000 mammal species with over 12 million possible pairwise 46 combinations¹⁶. Despite their indisputable significance, zoonotic emergence events are 47 just the tip of the iceberg; almost all cross-species transmission events will occur among 48 wild mammals, largely undetected and mostly inconsequential for public health. 49

Of the millions of possible pairwise viral exchanges, the vast majority are biologically 50 implausible, as host species' geographic ranges currently do not overlap. However, as 51 ranges shift, a small fraction of possible interactions will occur, of which a subset will 52 lead to viral establishment in a novel host. Which subset results in establishment de-53 pends on *opportunity* and *compatibility*^{14,17,18}, analogous to exposure and susceptibility 54 within populations, and both dimensions pose an important predictive challenge. The 55 ability of species to track shifting habitats in a changing climate will determine which 56 pairs of species encounter each other for the first time^{4,19}. Habitat selection and be-57 havioral differences can further limit contact, even if species are nominally sympatric¹⁹. 58 Some viruses may spread environmentally between spatially-proximate species with no 59 direct behavioral contact²⁰, but generally, sharing is more likely among species with more 60 ecological overlap²¹. Even among species in close contact, most spillovers are still a dead 61 end; progressively smaller subsets of viruses can infect novel host cells, proliferate, and 62 transmit onward in a new host¹⁸. Their ability to do so is determined by compatibility 63 between viral structures, host cell receptors, and host immunity⁶. Because closely related 64 species share both ecological and immunological traits through identity by descent, phy-65 logeny is a strong predictor of pathogen sharing^{17,22}, as well as susceptibility to invasion 66 by new viruses 23,24,25 . In a changing world, these factors should continue to mediate the 67 impact of ecosystem turnover on the mammalian virome. 68

Although several studies have mapped current hotspots of emerging diseases^{3,26,27}, few have modeled them in the context of global change. With the global reassortment of animal biodiversity, it is unknown whether bats and rodents will still play a central role in viral emergence^{3,28} (ED Figure 1), or whether hotspots of viral emergence will stay in tropical rainforests^{27,29} which currently harbor most undiscovered viruses^{3,30}. Here, by projecting geographic range shifts and applying fundamental biological rules

for cross-species transmission, we predicted how and where global change could create 75 novel opportunities for viral sharing. We built species distribution models for 3,870 76 mammal species, and projected geographic range shifts based on four paired scenarios 77 of climate change (representative concentration pathways, RCPs) and land use change 78 (shared socioeconomic pathways, SSPs) by 2070. We treated dispersal potential as an 79 additional layer of biological realism, inferring these limits for species based on allomet-80 ric scaling³¹, and compared predictions with and without dispersal constraints. We used 81 these projections to identify where novel range overlap among unfamiliar species ("first 82 encounters") could happen, and used a recently-developed model to predict the proba-83 bility of viral sharing based on geographic overlap and host phylogenetic similarity¹⁷. 84 (ED Figure 2) This model framework allows powerful inference based on the $\sim 1\%$ of 85 the global mammalian virone that has been described 1,3,17 . Using this approach, we 86 tested the hypothesis that environmental change should drive biotic homogenization of 87 mammal communities, exposing mammals to novel viruses, and altering the structure of 88 mammal-virus interactions. 89

Most mammals are projected to undergo rapid range shifts in the next half century¹⁰. 90 If range shifts can keep pace with the velocity of climate change 32 , we predict that the 91 vast majority of mammal species (89%–98%) will overlap with at least one unfamiliar 92 species somewhere in their future range, regardless of emissions scenario. At the global 93 level, community turnover would permit almost 300,000 novel species interactions (ED 94 Figure 3). These "first encounters" between mammal species will occur everywhere in the 95 world, but are concentrated in tropical Africa and southeast Asia (ED Figure 4). This 96 result was surprising, and counter to our expectation that species might aggregate at 97 higher latitudes, given that most research has focused on poleward range shifts^{33,34,35}, 98 and previous work has anticipated a link between climate change, range shifts, and 99 parasite host-switching in the Arctic^{36,37}. However, our findings show that communities 100 tend to shift along latitudinal gradients together, with species rarely encountering new 101 conspecifics³⁸. In contrast, species will track thermal optima along elevational gradents 102 and aggregate in novel combinations in mountain ranges, especially in tropical areas with 103 the highest baseline diversity, matching prior predictions³⁹. 104

This global re-organization of mammal assemblages is projected to dramatically im-105 pact the structure of the mammalian virome. Accounting for geographic opportunity 106 and phylogenetic compatibility, we projected that a total of 279,427 first encounters in 107 RCP 2.6 would lead to nearly 12,000 novel sharing events. Assuming that spillover will 108 be localized to areas of novel host overlap, we mapped expected viral sharing events, and 109 found again that most sharing should occur in high-elevation, species-rich ecosystems 110 in Africa and Asia (Figure 1A). If species survive a changing climate by aggregating in 111 high elevation refugia, this suggests emerging viruses may be an increasing problem for 112

their conservation^{40,41}. Across scenarios, the spatial signal of expected sharing events is
nearly identical, and dominated more by the extent of range shifts than by underlying
community phylogenetic structure (ED Figure 5); at least in our framework, opportunity
drives spatial patterns more than compatibility.

Species' dispersal capacity is likely to constrain range shifts, and therefore to limit 117 novel viral exchange. We limited the dispersal potential of flightless species further to the 118 restrictions placed on the SDM projections, based on an established allometric scaling 119 with body size, trophic rank, and generation time⁴². Dispersal limits caused significant 120 reductions in range expansions across all scenarios, especially warmer ones, and therefore 121 drove a reduction in novel interactions. Even in RCP 2.6 (the mildest scenario), limiting 122 dispersal reduced the number of first encounters by 60%, and reduced the associated viral 123 sharing events by 69%—to a still-staggering 3,600–3,800 projected viral sharing events. 124 Because trophic position and body size determine dispersal capacity, carnivores account 125 for a disproportionate number of first encounters, while ungulates and rodents have 126 slightly fewer first encounters than expected at random (ED Figure 6) Spatial patterns 127 also changed dramatically when dispersal constraints were added, with the majority of 128 first encounters and cross-species viral transmission events occurring in southeast Asia 129 (Figure 1B, ED Figures 4, 5). This viral sharing hotspot is driven disproportionately 130 by bats, because their dispersal was left unconstrained; we made this choice given their 131 exclusion from the original study³¹, genetic evidence that flight allows bats—and their 132 viruses—to circulate at continental levels^{43,44}, and data suggesting that bat distributions 133 are already undergoing disproportionately rapid shifts⁴⁵. Bats account for 87% of first 134 encounters after constraining dispersal, and dominate the spatial pattern, with most of 135 their first encounters restricted to southeast Asia (Figure 2). 136

Bats' unique capacity for flight could be an important and previously unconsidered 137 link between climate-driven range shifts and future changes in the mammal virome. 138 Even non-migratory bats can regularly travel hundreds of kilometers within a lifetime, 139 far exceeding what small mammals might be able to cover in 50 years; half of all bat 140 population genetic studies have failed to find any evidence for isolation by distance⁴⁶. 141 This unique dispersal capacity has inevitable epidemiological implications, with recent 142 evidence suggesting that continental panmixia may be common for zoonotic reservoirs, 143 and allow viral circulation at comparable scales 43,44,47 . We found that a staggering 144 number of studies have also identified ongoing rapid range expansions in bat species 145 around the world ^{45,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55}, with little mention in the broader climate change 146 or emerging disease literature. If flight does allow bats to undergo more rapid range 147 shifts than other mammals, we expect they should drive the majority of novel cross-148 species viral transmission, and likely bring zoonotic viruses into new regions. This could 149 add an important new dimension to ongoing debate about whether bats are "special" 150

due to their higher viral richness, higher proportion of zoonotic viruses, and potentially unique immune adaptations^{3,56,57,58,59}.

More broadly, climate-driven changes in the mammalian virome are likely to cascade 153 in future emergence of zoonotic viruses. Among the tens of thousands of expected viral 154 host jumps, some of the highest-risk zoonoses or potential zoonoses are likely to find 155 new hosts. This may pose a threat to human health down the road: the same general 156 rules for cross-species transmission explain spillover patterns for emerging zoonoses^{60,61}, 157 and the viral species that make successful jumps across wildlife species have the highest 158 propensity for zoonotic emergence^{3,7,28}. Just as simian immunodeficiency virus emer-159 gence in chimpanzees and gorillas facilitated the origin of HIV, or SARS-CoV spillover 160 into civets allowed a bat virus to reach humans, these wildlife-to-wildlife host jumps may 161 be evolutionary stepping stones for the $\sim 10,000$ to 600,000 potentially zoonotic viruses 162 that are currently circulating in mammal hosts¹. 163

To illustrate this problem, we constructed a sub-network of 13 possible Zaire ebolavirus 164 hosts in Africa, and projected possible first encounters involving these species (Figure 165 3A-C). We project these 13 species to encounter 3,604 new mammals in RCP 2.6, with 166 a modest reduction to 2,586 species by dispersal limits. These first encounters are pre-167 dicted to produce 87 new viral sharing events that might include ZEBOV, and which 168 cover a much broader part of Africa than the current zoonotic niche of Ebola⁶². Hu-169 man spillover risk aside, this could expose several new wildlife species to a deadly virus, 170 historically responsible for sizable primate die-offs⁶³. Moreover, for zoonoses like Zaire 171 ebolavirus without known reservoirs, future host jumps would only complicate urgent 172 efforts to trace the source of spillover and anticipate future emergences 64,65 . Ebola is 173 far from unique: with 5,762–11,122 first encounters between bats and primates alone 174 leading to an expected 57–181 new viral sharing events across scenarios (Figure 3D), 175 many potential zoonoses are likely to experience new evolutionary opportunities because 176 of climate change. 177

Future hotspots of novel assemblages and viral evolution are projected to coincide 178 areas of high human population density, further increasing vulnerability to potential 179 zoonoses. First encounters are disproportionately likely to occur in areas that are pro-180 jected to be either human settled or used as cropland, and surprisingly less likely to 181 occur in forests, which current literature highlights as producing most emerging diseases 182 (Figure 4) 27 . This finding is consistent for bats and non-bats, and may be an accident 183 of geography, but more likely represents the tendency of human settlements to aggre-184 gate on continental edges and around biodiversity hotspots⁶⁶. Regardless of mechanism, 185 we predict that tropical hotspots of novel viral sharing will broadly coincide with high 186 population density areas in 2070, especially in the Sahel, the Ethiopian highlands and 187 the Rift Valley, India, eastern China, Indonesia, and the Philippines (Figure 4). Some 188

European population centers also land in these hotspots; recent emergences in this region like Usutu virus⁶⁷ highlight that these populations can still be vulnerable, despite greater surveillance and healthcare access. If range-shifting mammals create ecological release for undiscovered zoonoses, populations in these areas are likely to be the most vulnerable.

Whereas most studies agree that climate change mitigation through reducing green-194 house gas emissions will prevent extinctions and minimize harmful ecosystem impacts, 195 our results suggest that mitigation cannot reduce the likelihood of climate-driven viral 196 sharing. Instead, the mildest, slowest scenarios for biotic homogenization appear likely 197 to produce the most cross-species viral transmission: when climate velocity is lowest, 198 species can successfully track shifting climate optima, leading to more range expansion, 199 and more first encounters. Accounting for dispersal limits, species gained an average 200 of 75% range in the mildest pathway (RCP 2.6); in comparison, only 28% of species 201 experienced a net expansion in the most extreme pathway (RCP 8.5), for an average of 202 21% range gain. (ED Figure 3A) In fact, in the warmest scenario, up to 326 species lost 203 their entire range, with 168 attributable to dispersal limits alone. As a result, there were 204 5% fewer first encounters in RCP 8.5 compared to RCP 2.6, and unexpectedly, a 2%205 reduction in the connectivity of the future global sharing network. (ED Figure 3B,D) 206 Overall, our results indicate that a mild perturbation of the climate system could create 207 thousands of new eco-evolutionary opportunities for viruses. We caution that this does 208 not imply a possible upside to catastrophic warming, which will be accompanied by mass 209 defaunation, devastating disease emergence, and unprecedented levels of human displace-210 ment and global instability. Rather, our results highlight the urgency of better wildlife 211 surveillance systems and health infrastructure as a form of climate change adaptation, 212 even if mitigation efforts are successful and global temperatures stay under $+2^{\circ}$ C. 213

Our study establishes a macroecological link between climate change and cross-species 214 viral transmission. In practice, the patterns we describe are likely to be complicated by 215 several ecological factors, including the temperature sensitivity of viral host jumps⁶⁸; 216 the possibility that defaunation especially at low elevations might interact with disease 217 prevalence through biodiversity dilution and amplification effects, not captured by our 218 models⁶⁹; or temporal heterogeneity in exposure (hosts might exchange viruses in passing 219 but not overlap by 2070, especially in warmer scenarios). Future work can also expand 220 the scope of our findings to other host-parasite systems; our novel approach, which 221 combines viral sharing models with massive species distribution modeling pipelines, is 222 readily applied to other datasets. Birds have the best documented virome after mammals, 223 and changing migration targets in a warming world may be especially important targets 224 for prediction. With amphibians facing disproportionately high extinction rates due 225 to a global fungal panzootic, and emerging threats like ranavirus causing conservation 226

concern, viral exchange among amphibians may be especially important information for
conservation practitioners⁷⁰. Finally, marine mammals are an important target given
their exclusion here, especially after a recent study implicating reduced Arctic sea ice in
viral sharing among sympatric pinnipeds and sea otters—a result that may be the first
proof of concept for our proposed climate-disease link⁷¹.

Because hotspots of cross-species transmission are predictable, our study provides 232 the first template for how surveillance could target *future* hotspots of viral emergence in 233 wildlife. In the next decade alone, over a billion dollars could be spent on a proposed 234 global effort to identify zoonotic threats before they spread from wildlife reservoirs into 235 human populations². These efforts are being undertaken during the greatest period 236 of global ecological change recorded in human history, and in a practical sense, the 237 rapid movement of species and formation of no-analog communities poses an unexpected 238 challenge for virological research. While several studies have addressed how range shifts 239 in zoonotic reservoirs might expose humans to novel viruses, few have considered the fact 240 that most new exposures will be among mammal species. Tracking spillover into humans 241 is paramount, but so is tracking of viral sharing in wildlife, and targeting surveillance in 242 hotspots of future sharing may help researchers identify host jumps early on. 243

244 Methods

In this study, we develop global maps for terrestrial mammals that model their eco-245 logical niche as a function of climate and habitat use. We project these into paired 246 climate-land use futures for 2070, with dispersal limitations set by biological constraints 247 for each species. We predict the probability of viral sharing among species pairs us-248 ing a model of the mammalian viral sharing network that is trained on phylogenetic 249 relatedness and current geographic range overlaps. With that model, we map the pro-250 jected hotspots of new viral sharing in different futures. All analysis code is available at 251 github.com/cjcarlson/iceberg. 252

253 Mapping species distributions

We developed species distribution models for a total of 3,870 species in this study, divided into two modeling pipelines based on data availability (ED Figures 8, 9).

256 Data Collection

We scraped the Global Biodiversity Informatics Facility (GBIF) for mammal occurrence records, and developed species distribution models for all 3,870 species with at least 3 unique terrestrial presence records on a 25 km by 25 km grid (one unique point per grid cell). This grain was chosen based on the availability of future land use projections (see below). Spatial and environmental outliers were removed based on Grubb outlier tests (p-value of 1e-3)⁷².

263 Poisson point process models

For 3,088 species with at least 10 unique presence records, Poisson point process models 264 (closely related to Maxent) were fit using regularized downweighted Poisson regression⁷³ 265 with 20,000 background points fit with the R package glmnet^{74,75,74}. The spatial do-266 main of predictions was chosen based on the continent(s) where a species occurred in 267 their IUCN range map. We trained species distribution models on current climate data 268 using the WorldClim 2 data set⁷⁶, using mean annual temperature, mean diurnal temper-269 ature range, annual precipitation, precipitation seasonality, and precipitation in warmest 270 quarter / (precipitation in warmest quarter + precipitation in coldest quarter). These 271 predictors were chosen based on having global correlations <0.7 among one another. 272 These candidate predictors were further filtered on a species-by-species basis, retaining 273 the maximum number of predictors with correlation <0.7 within the domain where the 274 model was fit. 275

Models were fit with 5-fold cross validation, where folds were assigned based on spa-276 tial clusters to remove the influence of spatial autocorrelation on cross-validation perfor-277 mance statistics. Linear (all species), quadratic (species with >100 records), and product 278 (species with >200 records) features were used. The regularization parameter was de-279 termined based on 5-fold cross-validation with each fold, choosing a value 1 standard 280 deviation below the minimum deviance⁷⁷. This resulted in five models per species which 281 were then combined in an unweighted ensemble. Continuous predictions of the ensemble 282 were converted to binary presence/absence predictions by choosing a threshold based on 283 the 5th percentile of the ensemble predictions at training presence locations. 284

When models were projected into the future, we limited extrapolation to 1 standard deviation beyond the data range of presence locations for each predictor. This decision balances a small amount of extrapolation based on patterns in a species niche with limiting the influence of monotonically increasing marginal responses, which can lead to statistically unsupported (and likely biologically unrealistic) responses to climate.

²⁹⁰ Range bagging models

For an additional 783 rare species (3 to 9 unique points on the 25 km grid), we produced 291 species distribution models with a simpler range bagging algorithm, a stochastic hull-292 based method that can estimate climate niches from an ensemble of underfit models^{78,79}, 293 and is therefore well suited for smaller datasets. From the full collection of presence 294 observations and environmental variables range-bagging proceeds by randomly sampling 295 a subset of presences (proportion p) and a subset of environmental variables (d). From 296 these, a convex hull around the subset of points is generated in environmental space. The 297 hull is then projected onto the landscape with a location considered part of the species 298 range if its environmental conditions fall within the estimate hull. The subsampling is 299 replicated N times, generating N 'votes' for each cell on the landscape. One can then 300 choose a threshold for the number of votes required to consider the cell as part of the 301 species' range to generate the binary map used in our downstream analyses. Based on 302 general guidelines in ⁷⁸ we chose p = 0.33, d = 2, and N = 100. We then chose the voting 303 threshold to be $0.165 \ (=0.33/2)$ because this implies that the cell is part of the range 304 at least half the time for each subsample. Upon visual inspection, this generally lead to 305 predictions that were very conservative about inferring that unsampled locations were 306 part of a species distribution. The same environmental predictors and ecoregion-based 307 domain selection rules were used for range bagging models as were used for the point 308 process models discussed above. This hull-based approach is particularly valuable for 309 poorly sampled species which may suffer from sampling bias because bias within niche 310 limits has little effect on range estimates. 311

312 Model validation

PPM models performed well, with a mean test AUC under 5 fold cross-validation (using 313 spatial clustering to reduce inflation) of 0.77 (s.d. 0.13). The mean partial AUC eval-314 uated over a range of sensitivity relevant for SDM (0.8-0.95) was 0.8 (s.d. 0.08). The 315 mean sensitivity of binary maps used to assess range overlap (based on the 5% training 316 threshold used to make a binary map) was 0.89 (s.d. 0.08). Range bagging models were 317 difficult to meaningfully evaluate because they were based on extremely small sample 318 sizes (3-9). The mean training AUC (we did not perform cross-validation due to small 319 sample size) was 0.96 (s.d. 0.09). The binary maps had perfect sensitivity (1) because 320 the threshold used to make them was chosen sufficiently low to include the handful of 321 known presences for each species. One way to assess how much we inferred the range 322 for these species is to quantify how much of the range was estimated based on out mod-323 els, based on the number of (10 km) cells predicted to be part of the species range even 324 when it was not observed there. The mean number of cells inferred to contain a presence 325 was 253 (s.d. 448); however, the distribution is highly right skewed with a median of 326 94. This indicates that the range bagging models were typically relatively conservative 327 about inferring ranges for poorly sampled species. 328

329 Habitat range and land use

We used the Land Use Harmonization version 2.0 (LUH2) gridded dataset to capture 330 global patterns in land cover for the present and future⁸⁰. These data are derived from 331 an integrative assessment model that pairs land use scenarios with representative con-332 centration pathways. For the current models, we used historical land-use maps (LUH2 333 v2h), which are intended for use over the period 850 to 2015 C.E.⁸¹. To capture species' 334 habitat preference, we collated data for all 3,870 mammal species from the IUCN Habitat 335 Classification Scheme version 3.1. We then mapped 104 unique IUCN habitat classifi-336 cations onto the eight land use types present in the LUH dataset. For 962 species, no 337 habitat data was available, or no correspondence existed between a land type in the IUCN 338 scheme and our land use data; for these species, land use filters were not used. Filtering 339 based on habitat was done conservatively: species were allowed in current and future 340 ranges to exist in a pixel if any non-zero percent was assigned a suitable habitat type; 341 almost all pixels contain multiple habitats. In some scenarios, human settlements cover 342 at least some of a pixel for most of the world, allowing synanthropic species to persist 343 throughout most of their climatically-suitable range. For those with habitat data, the 344 average reduction in range from habitat filtering was 7.6% of pixels. 345

346 Refining the dataset

Of the 3,870 species for which we generated distribution models, 103 were aquatic mam-347 mals (cetaceans, sirenians, pinnipeds, and sea otters), and 382 were not present in the 348 mammalian supertree that we used for phylogenetic data⁸². These species were ex-349 cluded. Aquatic species were removed using a two-filter approach, by cross-referencing 350 with Pantheria⁸³. These results were verified by checking no species only had marine 351 habitat use types (see 'Habitat range and land use'). We also excluded 246 monotremes 352 and marsupials because the shape of the supertree prevented us from fitting satisfactory 353 GAMM smooths to the phylogeny effect, leaving 3,139 non-marine Eutherian mammals 354 with associated phylogenetic data. 355

³⁵⁶ Predicting future species distributions

We modeled a total of 16 possible futures, produced by four paired climate-land use change pathways and two optional filters on species ranges (habitat preferences and dispersal limits). The full matrix of possible scenarios captures a combination of scenario uncertainty about global change and epistemological uncertainty about how best to predict species' range shifts. By filtering possible future distributions based on climate, land use, and dispersal constraints, we aimed to maximize realism; our predictions were congruent with extensive prior literature on climate- and land use-driven range loss^{84,85,86}.

364 Climate and land use futures

Species distribution models were projected for 2070 using climate models, and then spa-365 tially filtered by land use projections. Climate and land-use future pathways are coupled 366 by the Land Use Harmonization 2.0 integrative assessment model^{87,81}, such that every 367 future has a representative concentration pathway (RCP) for climate and a shared so-368 cioeconomic pathway (SSP) for land use. For climate we used the HadGEM2 Earth 369 System Model projections for 2070, with the four standard RCPs: 2.6, 4.5, 6.0, and 8.5 370 (where the values represent added W/m^2 of solar radiation by the end of the century 371 due to greenhouse gas emissions). These were respectively paired with SSP 1 ("Sustain-372 ability"); SSP 2 ("Middle of the Road"); SSP 4 ("Inequality"); and SSP 5 ("Fossil-Fueled 373 Development"). 374

These pairings can be thought of as a gradient of scenarios of global change with different levels of severity and sustainability. Not all scenarios are possible; the four we selected are drawn as some of the most representative from an underlying "scenario matrix" that includes every possible parameterization, some of which are entirely incompatible⁸⁸. (For example, in the vast majority of integrative assessment models, decarbonization cannot

be achieved fast enough in the SSP 5 scenario to achieve RCP 2.6.) As pairs, SSP-RCP 380 narratives can be merged to create overall narratives about how global change could look. 381 For example, in SSP 1-RCP 2.6, a global transition to renewable energy and mitigation of 382 climate change corresponds to sustainable population growth and economic development. 383 Driven by international cooperation on climate agreements, afforestation and bioenergy 384 cropland become major land uses, while tropical deforestation is strongly reduced. In 385 contrast, in SSP 5-RCP 8.5, business-as-usual development leads to catastrophic levels 386 of warming, unsustainable population growth and increasing poverty, and massive land 387 conversion^{89,90}. 388

389 Limiting dispersal capacity

Not all species can disperse to all environments, and not all species have equal dispersal capacity—in ways likely to covary with viral sharing properties. We follow a rule proposed by Schloss *et al.*³¹, who described an approximate formula for mammal range shift capacity based on body mass and trophic position. For carnivores, the maximum distance traveled in a generation is given as $D = 40.7M^{0.81}$, where D is distance in kilometers and M is body mass in kilograms. For herbivores and omnivores, the maximum is estimated as $D = 3.31M^{0.65}$.

We used mammalian diet data from the EltonTraits database⁹¹, and used the same 397 cutoff as Schloss to identify carnivores as any species with 10% or less plants in their 398 diet. We used body mass data from EltonTraits in the Schloss formula to estimate 399 maximum generational dispersal, and converted estimates to annual maximum dispersal 400 rates by dividing by generation length, as previously estimated by another comprehensive 401 mammal dataset 92 . We multiply by 50 years and use the resulting distance as a buffer 402 around the original range map, and constrain possible range shifts within that buffer. For 403 420 species with missing data in one of the required sources, we interpolated dispersal 404 distance based on the closest relative in our supertree with a dispersal velocity estimate. 405

Qualified by the downsides of assuming full dispersal 93 , we excluded bats from the 406 assumed scaling of dispersal limitations. The original study by Schloss *et al.*³¹ chose 407 to omit bats entirely, and subsequent work has not proposed any alternative formula. 408 Moreover, the Schloss formula performs notably poorly for bats: for example, it would 409 assign the largest bat in our study, the Indian flying fox (*Pteropus qiganteus*), a disper-410 sal capacity lower than that of the gray dwarf hamster (*Cricetulus migratorius*). Bats 411 were instead given full dispersal in all scenarios: given significant evidence that some bat 412 species regularly cover continental distances^{43,44}, and that isolation by distance is uncom-413 mon within many bats' ranges⁴⁶, we felt this was a defensible assumption for modeling 414 purposes. Moving forward, the rapid range shifts already observed in many bat species 415

(see main text) could provide an empirical reference point to fit a new allometric scaling 416 curve (after standardizing those results for the studies' many different methodologies). 417 A different set of functional traits likely govern the scaling of bat dispersal, chiefly the 418 aspect ratio (length:width) of wings, which is a strong predictor of population genetic 419 differentiation⁴⁶. Migratory status would also be important to include as a predictor 420 although here, we exclude information on long-distance migration for all species (due to 421 a lack of any real framework for adding that information to species distribution models 422 in the literature). 423

424 Explaining spatial patterns

To explore the geography of novel assemblages, we used linear models which predicted the 425 number of first encounters (novel overlap of species pairs) at the 25km level (N = 258, 539426 grid cells). Explanatory variables included: richness (number of species inhabiting the 427 grid cell in our predicted current ranges for the given scenario); elevation in meters (de-428 rived from the US Geological Service Global Multi-resolution Terrain Elevation Data 429 2010 dataset); and the predominant land cover type for the grid cell. We simplified 430 the classification scheme for land use types into five categories for these models (human 431 settlement, cropland, rangeland and pasture, forest, and unforested wildland), and as-432 signed pixels a single land use type based on the maximum probability from the land 433 use scenarios. We fitted a model for each scenario and pair of biological assumptions; 434 because of the large effect bats had on the overall pattern, we retrained these models on 435 subsets of encounters with and without a bat species involved. To help model fitting, we 436 $\log(x+1)$ -transformed the response variable (number of overlaps in the pixel) and both 437 continuous explanatory variables (meters of elevation above the lowest point and species 438 richness). Because some elevation values were lower than 0 (i.e., below sea level), we 439 treated elevation as meters above the lowest terrestrial point rather than meters above 440 sea level to allow us to log-transform the data. 441

442 Viral sharing models

443 Generalized Additive Mixed Models

We used a previously-published model of the phylogeography of viral sharing patterns to make predictions of future viral sharing¹⁷. This model was based on an analysis of 510 viruses shared between 682 mammal species³, and predicted the probability that a pair of mammal species will share a virus given their geographic range overlap and phylogenetic relatedness. The original study uncovered strong, nonlinear effects of spatial overlap and phylogenetic similarity in determining viral sharing probability, and simulating the unobserved global network using these effect estimates capitulated multiplemacroecological patterns of viral sharing.

In the original study, a Generalized Additive Mixed Model (GAMM) was used to 452 predict virus sharing as a binary variable, based on (1) geographic range overlap; (2) phy-453 logenetic similarity; and (3) species identity as a multi-membership random effect. The 454 phylogeographic explanatory variables were obtained from two broadly available, low-455 resolution data sources: pairwise phylogenetic similarity was derived from a mammalian 456 supertree previously modified for host-pathogen studies^{82,3}, with similarity defined as 457 the inverse of the cumulative branch length between two species, scaled to between 0 458 and 1. Geographic overlap was defined as the area of overlap between two species' IUCN 459 range maps, divided by their cumulative range size 94 . 460

We first retrained the GAMMs from¹⁷ on the pairwise overlap matrix of species distri-461 bution models generated for this study, so that present predictions would be comparable 462 with future distributions. Of the 3,139 species in our reduced dataset, 544 had viral 463 records in our viral sharing dataset and shared with at least one other mammal, and 464 were used to retrain the GAMM from¹⁷. To check the performance of the GAMM, we 465 predicted sharing patterns with a) only random effects, b) only fixed effects, and c) with 466 both. Although species-level random effects had a mean effect of ~ 0 , excluding them en-467 tirely resulted in a substantial underestimation of the mean viral sharing rates across the 468 network (mean sharing ≈ 0.02 compared to ≈ 0.06). Therefore to ensure that the model 469 recapitulated traits of the observed network, we simulated 1,000 binary sharing networks 470 when predicting with only fixed effects, randomly drawing species-level random effects 471 in each iteration. The mean sharing value across these iterations closely approximated 472 observed sharing probability (~ 0.06). 473

474 Model validation and limits

⁴⁷⁵ Compared to the current viral sharing matrix, the model performs well with only fixed ⁴⁷⁶ effects (AUC = 0.80) and extremely well with both fixed and random effects (AUC = ⁴⁷⁷ 0.93). The model explained a very similar proportion of the deviance in viral sharing to ⁴⁷⁸ that in Albery *et al.*¹⁷ (44.5% and 44.8% respectively).

In practice, several unpredictable but confounding factors could affect the reliability of this model as a forecasting tool, including temperature sensitivity of viral evolution in host jumps⁶⁸, or increased susceptibility of animals with poorer health in lower-quality habitat or unfavorable climates. Moreover, once viruses can produce an infection, their ability to transmit *within* a new species is an evolutionary race between mutation and recombination rates in viral genomes, host innate and adaptive immunity, virulencerelated mortality, and legacy constraints of coevolution with prior hosts and vectors^{60,61}. But data cataloging these precise factors are hardly comprehensive for the hundreds of zoonotic viruses, let alone for the thousands of undescribed viruses in wildlife. Moreover, horizontal transmission is not necessary for spillover potential to be considered significant; for example, viruses like rabies or West Nile virus are not transmitted within human populations but humans are still noteworthy hosts.

⁴⁹¹ Mapping opportunities for sharing

We used the GAMM effect estimates to predict viral sharing patterns across the 3,139 mammals with associated geographic range and phylogenetic data, for both the present and future scenarios. By comparing current and future sharing probabilities for each of the four global change scenarios, we estimated which geographic and taxonomic patterns of viral sharing would likely emerge. We separately examined patterns of richness, patterns of sharing probability, and their change (i.e., future sharing probability - current sharing probability, giving the expected probability of a novel sharing event).

A subset of the mammals in our dataset were predicted to encounter each other for the first time during range shifts. For each of these pairwise first encounters, we extracted the area of overlap in every future scenario, and assigned each overlap a probability of sharing from the mean GAMM predictions and mapped the mean and cumulative probability of a new sharing event happening in a given geographic pixel.

504 Case study on Zaire ebolavirus

For a case study in possible significant cross-species transmission, we compiled a list 505 of known hosts of Zaire ebolavirus (ZEBOV), a zoonosis with high host breadth that 506 has been known to cause wildlife die-offs, but has no known definitive reservoir. Hosts 507 were taken from two sources: the training dataset on host-virus associations³, and an 508 additional dataset of filovirus testing in bats³⁰. In the latter case, any bats that have 509 been reported antibody positive or PCR-positive for ZEBOV were included. A total 510 of 13 current "known hosts" in Africa were used to predict current possible hosts, and 511 first encounters in all scenarios. We restricted our analysis to Africa because there is 512 no published evidence that Zaire ebolavirus actively circulates outside Africa; although 513 some bat species outside Africa have tested positive for antibodies to ZEBOV, this is 514 likely due to cross-reactivity with other undiscovered filoviruses^{95,96,30}. 515

516 Overlap with human populations

To examine the possibility that hotspots of cross-species transmission would overlap with human populations, we used SEDAC's global population projections version 1.0 for the year 2070⁹⁷. We aggregated these to native resolution, for each of the four SSP paired with the native RCP/SSP pairing for the species distribution models. In Figure 4 we present the population projections for SSP 1, which pairs with RCP 2.6.

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and CMZ integrated the predictions of species distributions and viral sharing patterns
and designed visualizations. All authors contributed to the writing of the manuscript.

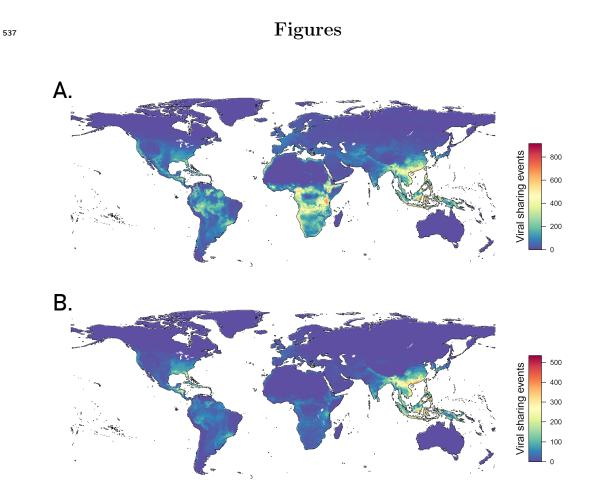


Figure 1: Climate change will drive novel viral sharing among mammal species. The projected number of novel viral sharing events among mammal species in 2070 based on host species geographic range shifts from climate change (RCP 2.6) and land-use change (SSP 1), without dispersal limits (A) and with dispersal limitation (B).

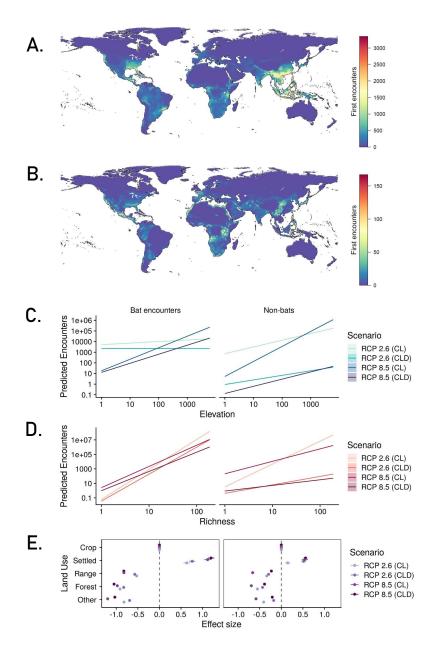


Figure 2: Bats disproportionately drive future novel viral sharing. The spatial pattern of first encounters differs among range-shifting mammal pairs including batbat and bat-nonbat encounters (A) and only encounters among non-bats (B). Using a linear model, we show that elevation (C), species richness (D), and land use (E) together explain 57.7% of deviance in new overlaps for bats, and 25.8% for non-bats. Slopes for the elevation effect were generally steeply positive: a log₁₀-increase in elevation was associated with between a 0.4-1.41 log₁₀-increase in first encounters.

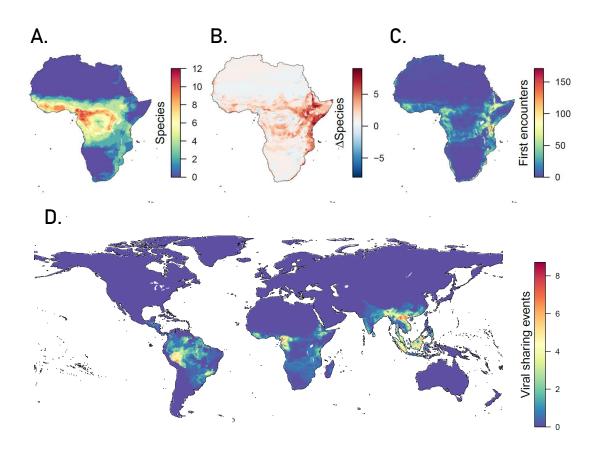


Figure 3: Range expansions will expose naive hosts to zoonotic reservoirs. (A) The predicted distribution of known African hosts of Zaire ebolavirus. (B) The change in richness of these hosts as a result of range shifts. (C) Projected first encounters with non-Ebola hosts. (D) Bat-primate first encounters are projected to occur globally, producing novel sharing events.

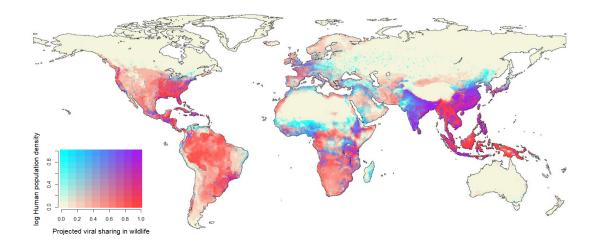
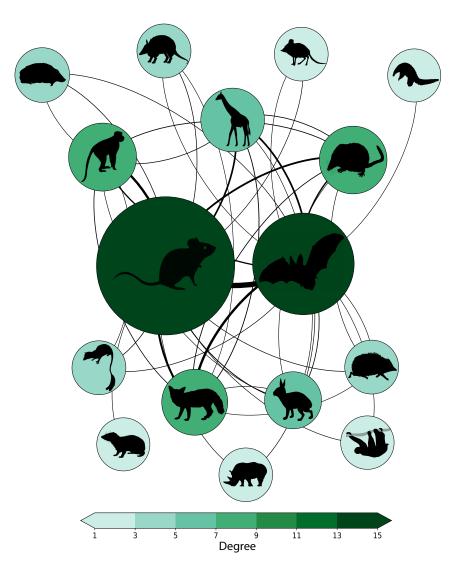
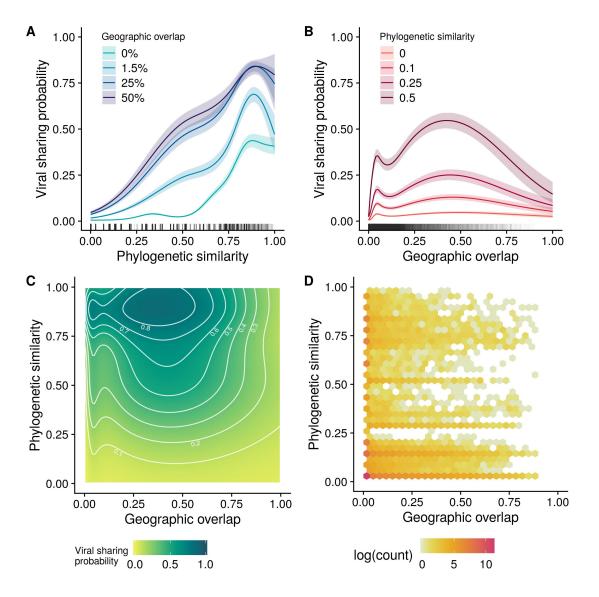


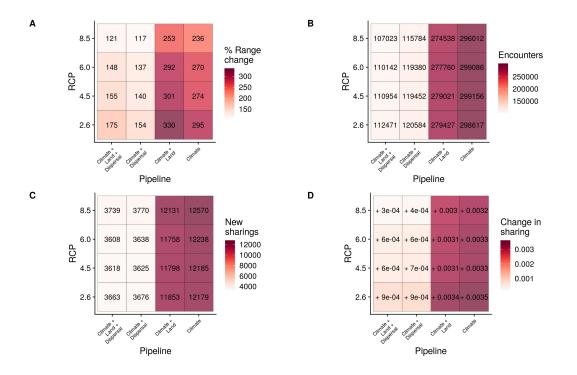
Figure 4: Novel viral sharing events coincide with population centers. In 2070 (RCP 2.6; climate only), human population centers in equatorial Africa, south China and southeast Asia will overlap with projected hotspots of cross-species viral transmission in wildlife. (Both variables are linearly rescaled to 0 to 1.)



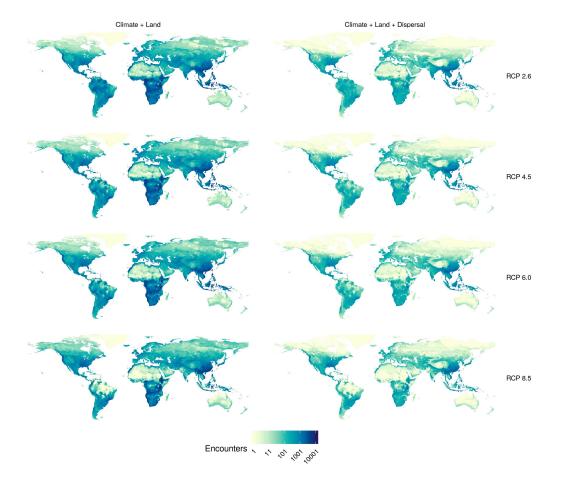
Extended Data Figure 1: **The mammal-virus network.** The present-day viral sharing network by mammal order inferred from modeled pairwise predictions of viral sharing probabilities. Edge width denotes the expected number of shared viruses (the sum of pairwise species-species viral sharing probabilities), with most sharing existing among the most speciose and closely-related groups. Edges shown in the network are the top 25% of links. Nodes are sized by total number of species in that order in the host-virus association dataset, color is scaled by degree.



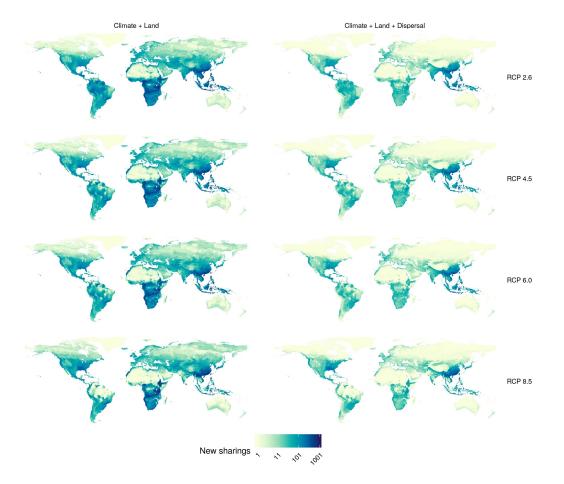
Extended Data Figure 2: **Predicted phylogeographic structure of viral sharing.** Phylogeographic prediction of viral sharing using a generalized additive mixed model. Viral sharing increases as a function of phylogenetic similarity (A) and geographic overlap (B), fit together as a tensor interaction (C). White contour lines denote 10% increments of sharing probability. Declines at high values of overlap may be an artefact of model structure and low sampling in the upper levels of geographic overlap, shown in a hexagonal bin chart for raw data (D).



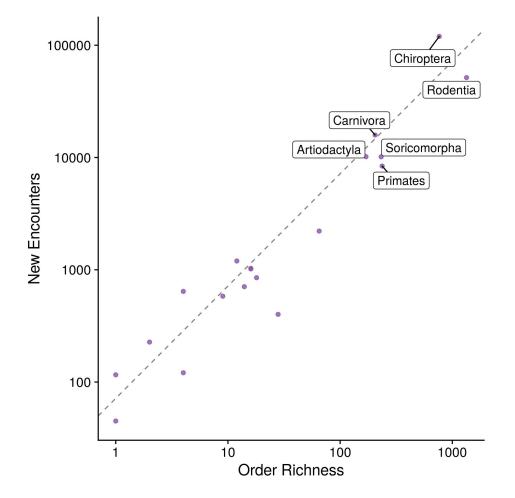
Extended Data Figure 3: **Outcomes by model formulation and climate change scenario.** Heatmaps displaying predicted changes across model formulations. (A) Range expansions were highest in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in milder RCPs. (B) The number of predicted first encounters was higher in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in milder RCPs. (C) The number of expected new viral sharing events was higher in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in more severe RCPs. (D) The overall change in sharing probability (connectance) across the viral sharing network between the present day and the future scenarios; absolute change is minimal but positive across all scenarios, being greatest in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in milder RCPs.



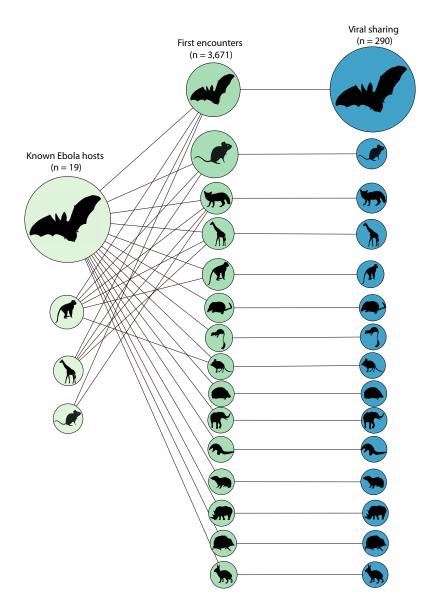
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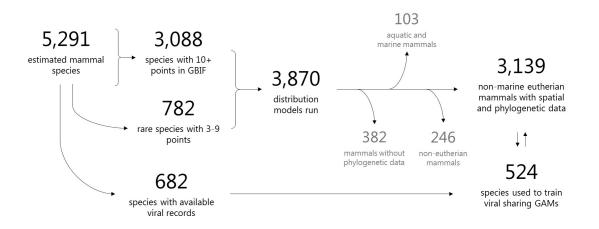
Extended Data Figure 5: Geographic distribution of expected viral sharing events from first encounters. Predictions were carried out for future distributions for four representative concentration pathways (RCPs), accounting for climate change and land use change, without (left) and with dispersal limits (right). Darker colours correspond to greater numbers of new viral sharing events in the pixel. Probability of new viral sharing was calculated by subtracting the species pair's present sharing probability that our viral sharing GAMMs predicted. This probability was projected across the species pair's range intersection, and then summed across all novel species pairs in each pixel.



Extended Data Figure 6: Order-level heterogeneity in first encounters. Dispersal stratifies the number of first encounters (RCP 2.6 with all range filters), where some orders have more than expected at random, based on the mean number of first encounters and order size (line).



Extended Data Figure 7: **Projected viral sharing from suspected Ebola reservoirs** is dominated by bats. Node size is proportional to (left) the number of suspected Ebola host species in each order, which connect to (middle) first encounters with potentially naive host species; and (right) the number of projected viral sharing events in each receiving group. (Node size denotes proportions out of 100% within each column total.) While Ebola hosts will encounter a much wider taxonomic range of mammal groups than current reservoirs, the vast majority of viral sharing will occur disproportionately in bats.



Extended Data Figure 8: **Data processing workflow.** Summary of species inclusion across the modeling pipeline for species distributions and viral sharing models. The final analyses in the main text use 3,139 species of Eutherian mammals across all scenarios.



Extended Data Figure 9: Species distribution modeling workflow for a single species. A focal species (the European red deer, *Cervus elaphus*) is displayed as an illustrative example. The present day climate prediction (top left) was clipped to the same continent according to the IUCN distribution (top right). This was then clipped according to *Cervus elaphus* land use (second row, left). The known dispersal distance of the red deer was used to buffer the climate distribution (second row, right). The future distribution predictions (RCP 2.6 shown as an example) are displayed in the bottom four panels, for each of the four pipelines: only climate (third row, left); climate + dispersal clip (third row, right); climate + land use clip (bottom row, left) and climate + land use + dispersal clip (bottom row, right). The four distributions clearly display the limiting effect of the dispersal filter (bottom right panels) in reducing the probability of novel species interactions (bottom left panels). The land use clip had little effect on this species as the entire distribution area was habitable for the red deer.

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