

Climate change will drive novel cross-species viral transmission

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Abstract

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At least 10,000 species of mammal virus are estimated to have the potential to spread in human populations, but the vast majority are currently circulating in wildlife, largely undescribed and undetected by disease outbreak surveillance^{1,2,3}. In addition, changing climate and land use are already driving geographic range shifts in wildlife, producing novel species assemblages and opportunities for viral sharing between previously isolated species^{4,5}. In some cases, this will inevitably facilitate spillover into humans^{6,7}—a possible mechanistic link between global environmental change and emerging zoonotic disease⁸. Here, we map potential hotspots of viral sharing, using a phylogeographic model of the mammal-virus network, and projections of potential geographic range shifts for 3,139 mammal species under climate change and land use scenarios for the year 2070. Range-shifting mammal species are predicted to aggregate at high elevations, in biodiversity hotspots, and in areas of high human population density in Asia and Africa, driving the novel cross-species transmission of their viruses an estimated 4,000 times. Counter to expectations, holding warming under 2°C within the century does not reduce new viral sharing, due to greater potential range expansions—highlighting the need to invest in surveillance even in a low-warming future. Most projected viral sharing is driven by diverse hyperreservoirs (rodents and bats) and large-bodied predators (carnivores). Because of their unique dispersal capacity, bats account for the majority of novel viral sharing, and are likely to share viruses along evolutionary pathways that could facilitate future emergence in humans. Our findings highlight the urgent need to pair viral surveillance and discovery efforts with biodiversity surveys tracking species' range shifts, especially in tropical countries that harbor the most emerging zoonoses.

42 Main Text

43 In the face of rapid environmental change, survival for many species depends on moving to
44 track shifting climates. Even in a best case scenario, many species' geographic ranges are pro-
45 jected to shift a hundred kilometers or more in the next century^{9,10}. In the process, many an-
46 imals will bring their parasites and pathogens into new environments^{4,11}. This poses a mea-
47 surable threat to global health, particularly given several recent epidemics and pandemics of
48 viruses that originate in wildlife (zoonotic viruses, or zoonoses)^{12,1,13}. Most frameworks for
49 predicting cross-species transmission therefore focus on the steps that allow animal pathogens
50 to make the leap to human hosts (a process called spillover)^{13,14,15}. However, zoonotic viruses
51 are a small fraction of total viral diversity, and viral evolution is an undirected process¹⁶, in
52 which humans are only one of over 5,000 mammal hosts with over 12 million possible pair-
53 wise combinations¹⁷ (to say nothing of the other four classes of vertebrates, which have a much
54 greater fraction of undescribed viral diversity). If those host species track shifting climates, they
55 will share viruses not just with humans, but with each other, for the very first time⁸. Despite
56 their indisputable significance, spillover events are probably just the tip of the iceberg; by num-
57 bers alone, most cross-species transmission events attributable to climate change will probably
58 occur among wildlife hosts, potentially threatening wildlife populations and largely undetected
59 by zoonotic disease surveillance.

60 The scale of this process will depend on *opportunity* and *compatibility*^{13,18,19}, and both dimen-
61 sions pose an important predictive challenge. Because only a few species are common world-
62 wide, most hosts have no *opportunity* to exchange pathogens: of all possible pairs of mammal
63 species, only ~7% share any geographic range, and only ~6% are currently known to host one
64 or more of the same virus species (hereafter *viral sharing*)¹⁸. As host geographic ranges shift,
65 some interactions will become possible for the first time, and a subset will lead to viral estab-
66 lishment in a previously-inaccessible host (*novel viral sharing*). The potential ability of species
67 to track shifting climate and habitat conditions will determine which pairs of species encounter
68 each other for the first time^{4,20}. Even if species' ranges nominally overlap, habitat selection and
69 behavioral differences can further limit contact²⁰. Although some viruses spread environmen-
70 tally or by arthropod vectors between spatially proximate species with no direct behavioral con-
71 tact²¹, sharing is more likely on average among species with more ecological overlap²². Even
72 among species in close contact, most cross-species transmission events are still a dead end. Pro-
73 gressively smaller subsets of viruses can infect novel host cells, proliferate, cause disease, and
74 transmit onward in a new host¹⁹. Their ability to do so is determined by *compatibility* between
75 viral structures, host cell receptors, and host immunity⁶. Because closely-related species share
76 both ecological and immunological traits through identity by descent, phylogeny is a strong
77 predictor of pathogen sharing^{18,23} and of susceptibility to invasion by new viruses^{24,25,26}. In a
78 changing world, these mechanisms can help predict how ecosystem turnover could impact the
79 global virome.

80 Although several studies have mapped current hotspots of emerging diseases^{3,12,27}, few
81 have forecasted them in the context of global change. With the global reassortment of ani-
82 mal biodiversity due to climate and land use change, it is unknown whether bats and rodents
83 will still play a central role in viral emergence^{3,28} (ED Figure 1), or whether hotspots of vi-

84 ral emergence will stay in tropical rainforests^{27,29}, which currently harbor most undiscovered
85 viruses^{3,30}. Here, by projecting potential geographic range shifts (that is, newly suitable habitat,
86 which a species may or may not migrate to) and applying mechanistic biological rules for cross-
87 species transmission, we predicted how and where global change could potentially create novel
88 opportunities for viral sharing, with particular attention to the potential connections between
89 these risks and human health. We focused on mammals because they have some of the most
90 complete biodiversity data, the highest proportion of viral diversity described¹, and the great-
91 est downstream relevance to human health and zoonotic disease emergence of any vertebrate
92 class. We built species distribution models (SDMs) for 3,870 placental mammal species, and
93 projected potential geographic range shifts based on four paired scenarios for climate change
94 (Representative Concentration Pathways, RCPs) and land use change (Shared Socioeconomic
95 Pathways, SSPs) by 2070. These scenarios characterize alternative futures for global environ-
96 mental change, from sustainable land use change and a high chance of keeping global warming
97 under 2°C (SSP1-RCP2.6), to a high chance of 4°C warming, continued fossil fuel reliance, and
98 rapid land degradation and change (SSP5-RCP8.5; see “Methods” for a detailed explanation).
99 We present results for SSP1-RCP 2.6 in the main text because this scenario is most in line with
100 the goals of the Paris Agreement to keep global warming “well below” 2°C³¹. We quantified
101 model uncertainty in projected climate futures using nine global climate models (GCM) from
102 the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6). Because many species are un-
103 likely to be biologically suited for rapid range shifts, and will therefore move slower than the
104 local velocity of climate change, we constrained the speed of range shifts based on inferred allo-
105 metric scaling of animal movement³², and compared scenarios that assumed limited dispersal
106 against “full dispersal” (that is, no dispersal limitation).

107 We used projections of newly suitable habitat to identify where novel range overlap among
108 currently non-overlapping species could happen (hereafter *first encounters*). We then used a
109 recently-developed viral sharing model to predict the probability of a *novel viral sharing event*—
110 here defined as the future cross-species transmission of at least one virus species, in this case
111 between a pair of hosts that are newly in contact—based on novel geographic overlap and host
112 phylogenetic similarity¹⁸, a first order approximation of opportunity and compatibility (ED
113 Figure 2). This model framework has previously provided insights into viral macroecology and
114 zoonotic risk based on the ~1% of the global mammalian virome that has been described^{1,3,18}.
115 Based on the total number and distribution of first encounters among a subset of 3,139 species
116 (see “Methods”), we used cumulative viral sharing probabilities to estimate the total number
117 of novel sharing events that are expected (each of which describes the cross-species transmis-
118 sion of at least one virus). Using this approach, we tested the hypothesis that environmental
119 change should alter mammal communities in ways that expose hosts to novel viruses, altering
120 the structure of the whole mammal-virus network.

121 **Climate and land use change will transform the global virome**

122 If species range shifts can keep pace with the velocity of climate change (i.e., can disperse to
123 all newly suitable locations)³³, we predict that the vast majority of mammal species will over-
124 lap with at least one unfamiliar species somewhere in their potential future range, regardless

125 of emissions scenario (mean across GCMs \pm s.d. here and after; RCP 2.6: $98.6\% \pm 0.2\%$; RCP
126 8.5: $96.6\% \pm 0.8\%$). At the global level, geographic range shifts would permit over 300,000 first
127 encounters in every climate scenario (SSP1-RCP 2.6: $316,426 \pm 1,719$; SSP5-RCP 8.5: $313,973 \pm$
128 $2,094$; ED Figure 3). Compared to a present-day baseline, in which we calculated 345,850 cur-
129 rent pairwise overlaps among the 3,870 species ($\sim 7\%$), this essentially represents a doubling of
130 potential species contact. These “first encounters” between mammal species will occur every-
131 where in the world, but are concentrated in tropical Africa and southeast Asia (ED Figure 4).
132 This result was counter to expectations that species might aggregate at higher latitudes, given
133 that most research has focused on poleward range shifts^{34,35,36}, and previous work has antici-
134 pated a link between climate change, range shifts, and parasite host-switching in the Arctic^{37,38}.
135 However, we find that when species shift along latitudinal gradients, they travel in the same
136 direction as others that are already included in their assemblage, leading to few first encounters.
137 In contrast, when species track thermal optima along elevational gradients (allowing them to
138 come from different directions; i.e., mountains force species to cluster), they will aggregate in
139 the most novel combinations in mountain ranges, especially in tropical areas with the highest
140 baseline diversity, matching prior predictions³⁹. This pattern was robust to climate model un-
141 certainty (Supplemental Figures 1-9) and to differences in dispersal capacity (e.g., Figure 2C).
142 The most notable model variation is in the Amazon basin, as well as a small portion of the cen-
143 tral African basin, Botswana, and parts of the Indian subcontinent (ED Figure 5). These areas
144 become essentially devoid of first encounters in the most sensitive climate models and warmest
145 pathways, presumably because all are high-endemism basins of homogenous climate that may
146 warm too much for species to “escape” into high-elevation refugia (a fairly well-documented
147 pattern^{40,41,42}).

148 This global re-organization of mammal assemblages is projected to dramatically impact the
149 structure of the mammalian virome. Accounting for geographic opportunity and phylogenetic
150 compatibility, we project that a total of 316,426 ($\pm 1,719$) first encounters in RCP 2.6 would lead
151 to 15,311 novel sharing events (± 140)—that is, a minimum of at least $\sim 15,000$ cross-species
152 transmission events of at least one novel virus (but potentially many more) between a pair of
153 naive host species. Assuming that viral sharing will initially be localized to areas of novel host
154 overlap, we mapped expected viral sharing events, and found again that most sharing should
155 occur in high-elevation, species-rich ecosystems in Africa and Asia (Figure 1A). If species sur-
156 vive a changing climate by aggregating in high elevation refugia, this suggests emerging viruses
157 may be an increasing problem for their conservation^{43,44}. Across scenarios, the spatial pattern
158 of expected sharing events was nearly identical, and was dominated more by the extent of
159 potential range shifts than by underlying community phylogenetic structure (ED Figure 6; Sup-
160 plemental Figures 10-18). Though previous work has suggested that the phylogenetic structure
161 of mammal communities might drive spatial hotspots of pathogen sharing and emergence⁴⁵, in
162 our framework, opportunity drives spatial patterns more than compatibility. Given that phy-
163 logeny is a strong determinant of viral sharing in the underlying model, this difference from
164 previous studies can probably be explained by evolutionary scale, where prior work focused
165 on primates, and our study includes all mammals. At this broader scale, predicted viral sharing
166 patterns mostly track total richness (see Figure 3b in¹⁸), and at finer scales, phylogeny has a
167 stronger effect (see Extended Data Figure 8 for an example).

168 **Dispersal drives bats' disproportionate importance**

169 Species' dispersal capacity is likely to constrain the ability to move to newly suitable locations,
170 and therefore to limit novel viral sharing. We limited the dispersal potential of flightless species
171 based on an established allometric scaling with body size, trophic rank, and generation time³².
172 Dispersal limits caused substantial reductions in predicted potential range expansions across
173 all scenarios, especially for higher warming scenarios, and therefore drove a reduction in first
174 encounters and novel viral sharing. Even in RCP 2.6 (the scenario with the least warming),
175 limiting dispersal reduced the number of first encounters by 61% ($\pm 0.3\%$), and reduced the
176 associated viral sharing events by 70% ($\pm 0.1\%$) to 4,584 (± 52) projected viral sharing events.
177 Because trophic position and body size determine dispersal capacity, carnivores account for a
178 slightly disproportionate number of first encounters, while ungulates and rodents have slightly
179 fewer first encounters than expected at random (ED Figure 7). Spatial patterns also changed
180 dramatically when dispersal constraints were added, with the majority of first encounters and
181 cross-species viral transmission events occurring in southeast Asia (Figure 1B, ED Figures 4,
182 6). This viral sharing hotspot is driven disproportionately by bats, because their dispersal was
183 left unconstrained within continents; we made this choice given their exclusion from previous
184 research characterizing the dispersal capacity of range-shifting mammals³², genetic evidence
185 that flight allows bats—and their viruses—to often circulate at continental levels^{46,47}, and data
186 suggesting that bat distributions are already undergoing disproportionately rapid shifts⁴⁸. Bats
187 account for nearly 90% of first encounters after constraining dispersal in any climate scenario
188 (RCP 2.6: 88% $\pm 0.1\%$; RCP 8.5: 89% $\pm 0.5\%$), and dominate the spatial pattern, with most of
189 their first encounters restricted to southeast Asia (Figure 2).

190 Bats' unique capacity for flight could be an important and previously unconsidered link
191 between climate-driven range shifts and future changes in the mammal virome. Even non-
192 migratory bats can regularly travel hundreds of kilometers within a lifetime, far exceeding
193 what small mammals might be able to cover in 50 years; half of all bat population genetic
194 studies have failed to find any evidence for isolation by distance⁴⁹. This unique dispersal ca-
195 pacity has inevitable epidemiological implications, with recent evidence suggesting that conti-
196 nental panmixia may be common for zoonotic reservoirs, allowing viral circulation at compa-
197 rable scales^{46,47,50}. Several studies have also identified ongoing rapid range expansions in bat
198 species around the world^{48,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58}, with little mention in the broader climate change
199 or emerging disease literature. If flight does allow bats to undergo more rapid range shifts
200 than other mammals, we expect they should drive the majority of novel cross-species viral
201 transmission, and likely bring zoonotic viruses into new regions. This could add an important
202 new dimension to ongoing debate about whether bats are unique in their higher viral rich-
203 ness, higher proportion of zoonotic viruses, or immune adaptations compared to other mam-
204 mals^{3,59,60,61,62,63}.

205 **Impacts on zoonotic viruses and human health**

206 The impacts of climate change on mammalian viral sharing patterns are likely to cascade in
207 future emergence of zoonotic viruses. Among the thousands of expected viral sharing events,

208 some of the highest-risk zoonoses or potential zoonoses are likely to find new hosts. This may
209 eventually pose a threat to human health: the same general rules for cross-species transmission
210 explain spillover patterns for emerging zoonoses^{64,65}, and the viral species that make successful
211 jumps across wildlife species have the highest propensity for zoonotic emergence^{3,7,28}. Just as
212 simian immunodeficiency virus making a host jump from monkeys to chimpanzees and gorillas
213 facilitated the origins of HIV⁶⁶, or SARS-CoV spillover into civets allowed a bat virus to reach
214 humans⁶⁷, these kinds of wildlife-to-wildlife host jumps may be evolutionary stepping stones
215 for the ~10,000 potentially zoonotic viruses that are currently circulating in mammal hosts¹.

216 To illustrate this problem at the scale of a single pathogen's "sharing network" (the set of
217 all hosts known or suspected to host the virus, and likely to share with those known hosts), we
218 constructed a sub-network of 13 possible hosts of Zaire ebolavirus (ZEBOV) in Africa, and pro-
219 jected possible first encounters involving these species (Figure 3A-C, ED Figure 8). We project
220 these 13 species to encounter 3,695 (± 49) new mammals in RCP 2.6, with a modest reduction to
221 2,627 (± 44) species when accounting for dispersal limitation, and little variation among climate
222 scenarios (RCP 8.5: 3,529 \pm 47 encounters without dispersal limits; 2,455 \pm 88 with disper-
223 sal limits). Even with dispersal limits, these first encounters are predicted to produce almost
224 one hundred new viral sharing events (RCP 2.6: 96 \pm 2; RCP 8.5: 86 \pm 4) that might include
225 ZEBOV, and which cover a much broader part of Africa than the current zoonotic niche of
226 Ebola⁶⁸. Human spillover risk aside, this could expose several new wildlife species to a deadly
227 virus historically responsible for sizable primate die-offs⁶⁹. Moreover, for zoonoses like Zaire
228 ebolavirus without known reservoirs, future host jumps—and therefore, the emergence of a
229 larger pool of potential reservoirs covering a greater geographic area (e.g., potential introduc-
230 tion of Zaire ebolavirus to east African mammals)—would only complicate ongoing efforts to
231 trace the sources of spillover and anticipate future emergence^{70,71}. Ebola is far from unique:
232 with 8,429 \pm 228 first encounters in RCP 2.6 between bats and primates, leading to an expected
233 110 \pm 4 new viral sharing events even with dispersal limits (Figure 3D; RCP 8.5: 7,326 \pm 667
234 first encounters, 90 \pm 8 sharing events), many potential zoonoses are likely to experience new
235 evolutionary opportunities because of climate change.

236 Future hotspots of novel mammal assemblages and viral evolution are projected to coin-
237 cide with areas of high human population density, further increasing vulnerability to potential
238 zoonoses. Potential first encounters are disproportionately likely to occur in areas that are pro-
239 jected to be either human settled or used as cropland and less likely to occur in forests (Figure
240 2E), despite current literature suggesting that forests harbor most emerging and undiscovered
241 viruses (Figure 4)²⁷. This finding is consistent for bats and non-bats, and may be an accident
242 of geography, but more likely represents the tendency of human settlements to aggregate on
243 continental edges and around biodiversity hotspots⁷². Regardless of mechanism, we predict
244 that tropical hotspots of novel viral sharing will broadly coincide with high population density
245 areas in 2070, especially in the Sahel, the Ethiopian highlands and the Rift Valley, India, east-
246 ern China, Indonesia, and the Philippines (Figure 4). Some European population centers also
247 land in these hotspots; recent emergences in this region like Usutu virus⁷³ highlight that these
248 populations can still be vulnerable, despite greater surveillance and healthcare access. If range-
249 shifting mammals create ecological release for undiscovered zoonoses, populations in any of
250 these areas are likely to be the most vulnerable.

251 **Climate change mitigation is insufficient to prevent undesirable outcomes**

252 Whereas most studies agree that climate change mitigation through reducing greenhouse gas
253 emissions will prevent extinctions and minimize harmful ecosystem impacts^{74,75,41,76,77}, our re-
254 sults suggest that mitigation alone cannot reduce the likelihood of climate-driven viral sharing.
255 Instead, the mildest scenarios for global warming appear likely to produce at least as much or
256 even more cross-species viral transmission: when warming is slower, species can successfully
257 track shifting climate optima, leading to more potential for range expansion, and more first
258 encounters. Accounting for dispersal limits, species are projected to experience a median po-
259 tential loss of 0.3% ($\pm 2.5\%$) of their range in RCP 2.6, with 49.8% ($\pm 3.8\%$) experiencing a net
260 potential increase in range; in contrast, species were predicted to experience a 26.2% ($\pm 13.2\%$)
261 median potential loss in RCP 8.5, and only 30.8% ($\pm 5.45\%$) potentially gained any range (ED
262 Figure 3A). In fact, in RCP 8.5, we projected that 261 (± 76) species could lose their entire range,
263 with 162 (± 53) attributable to dispersal limits alone. As a result, there were 5.4% ($\pm 1.7\%$) fewer
264 potential first encounters in RCP 8.5 compared to RCP 2.6, and unexpectedly, a 1.9% ($\pm 0.3\%$)
265 predicted reduction in the connectivity of the future global viral sharing network (ED Figure
266 3B,D). Overall, our results indicate that a mild perturbation of the climate system could create
267 thousands of new opportunities for viruses to find new hosts. Finally, in a supplemental anal-
268 ysis comparing the present climate to the near past (see Methods and ED Figure 9), we found
269 that if species are already tracking shifting habitats, present-day Africa and the Amazon might
270 already be hotspots of novel cross-species viral transmission, given the warming that has taken
271 place over the last 25 years ($\sim +1^\circ\text{C}$).

272 We caution that this set of results should not be interpreted as a justification for inaction,
273 or as a possible upside to unmitigated warming, which will be accompanied by mass defau-
274 nation, devastating disease emergence, and unprecedented levels of human displacement and
275 global instability^{41,74,75,76,77,78,79}. Rather, our results highlight the urgency of better wildlife
276 disease surveillance systems and public health infrastructure as a form of climate change adap-
277 tation, even if mitigation efforts are successful and global warming stays below $+2^\circ\text{C}$ above
278 pre-industrial levels.

279 **Conclusions**

280 Our study establishes a macroecological link between climate change and cross-species viral
281 transmission. The patterns we describe are likely further complicated by uncertainties in the
282 species distribution modeling process, including local adaptation or plasticity in response to
283 changing climates, or lack of landscape connectivity preventing dispersal. The projections we
284 make are also likely to be complicated by several ecological factors, including the temperature
285 sensitivity of viral host jumps⁸⁰; potential independence of vector or non-mammal reservoir
286 range shifts; the possibility that defaunation especially at low elevations might interact with
287 disease prevalence through biodiversity dilution and amplification effects not captured by our
288 models⁸¹; or temporal heterogeneity in exposure (hosts might exchange viruses in passing but
289 not overlap by 2070, especially in warmer scenarios). Future work can expand the scope of our
290 findings to other host-parasite systems; our approach, which combines viral sharing models

291 with species distribution modeling approaches for thousands of species, is readily applied to
292 other datasets. Birds have the best documented virome after mammals, and account for the
293 majority of non-mammalian reservoirs of zoonotic viruses⁶³; changing bird migration patterns
294 in a warming world may be especially important targets for prediction. Similarly, with am-
295 phibians facing disproportionately high extinction rates due to a global fungal panzootic, and
296 emerging threats like ranavirus causing conservation concern, pathogen exchange among am-
297 phibians may be especially important for conservation practitioners to understand⁸². Finally,
298 marine mammals are an important target given their exclusion here, especially after a recent
299 study implicating reduced Arctic sea ice in novel viral transmission between pinnipeds and sea
300 otters—a result that may be the first proof of concept for our proposed climate-disease link⁸³.

301 Our study provides the first template for how surveillance could target *future* hotspots of
302 viral emergence in wildlife. In the next decade alone, it may cost at least a billion dollars
303 to comprehensively identify and counteract zoonotic threats before they spread from wildlife
304 reservoirs into human populations². These efforts are being undertaken during the greatest pe-
305 riod of global ecological change recorded in human history, and in a practical sense, the rapid
306 movement of species (and their virome) poses an unexpected challenge for virological research.
307 While several studies have addressed how range shifts in zoonotic reservoirs might expose hu-
308 mans to novel viruses, few have considered the fact that most new exposures will be among
309 wildlife species. The relevance of this process is reinforced by the COVID-19 pandemic, which
310 began only weeks after the completion of this study; the progenitor of SARS-CoV-2 likely orig-
311 inated in southeast Asian horseshoe bats (*Rhinolophus* sp.), and may have spread to humans
312 through an as-yet-unknown bridge host^{84,85,86}. While we caution against overinterpreting our
313 results as explanatory of the current pandemic or indicative of future pandemic risk—which is
314 largely the product of global health governance, capacity, and preparedness—we note that the
315 global reassortment of mammalian viruses will undoubtedly have a downstream impact on hu-
316 man health (though attribution to climate change will be difficult in any individual case). Track-
317 ing spillover into humans is paramount, but so is monitoring of viral transmission in wildlife.
318 Targeting surveillance in future hotspots of cross-species transmission like southeast Asia, and
319 developing norms of open data sharing for the global scientific community, will help researchers
320 identify host jumps early on, ultimately improving our ability to respond to potential threats.

321 **Methods**

322 In this study, we develop global maps for terrestrial mammals characterizing their habitat use
323 and their ecological niche as a function of climate. We project these into paired climate-land
324 use futures for 2070, with dispersal limitations set by biological constraints for each species.
325 For a final subset of 3,139 species, we predict the probability of viral sharing among species
326 pairs using a model of the mammalian viral sharing network that is trained on phylogenetic
327 relatedness and current geographic range overlaps. With that model, we map the projected
328 hotspots of new viral sharing in different futures. Analysis and visualization code is available
329 on a Github repository (github.com/cjcarlson/iceberg).

330 **Data**

331 **Mammal virus data**

332 Our understanding of viral sharing patterns is based on a dataset previously published by Oli-
333 val *et al.*⁸⁷. The dataset describes 2,805 known associations between 754 species of mammalian
334 host and 586 species of virus, scraped from the taxonomic data stored in the International Com-
335 mittee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) database. These data have previously been used in
336 several studies modeling global viral diversity in wildlife^{1,84,88}, including a previous study that
337 developed the model of viral sharing we use here¹⁸. As that model is reproduced exactly in
338 our study, we have made no further modifications to the data, and more detailed information
339 on data management (e.g., the exclusion of *Homo sapiens* from that analysis) can be found in the
340 Albery *et al.* publication¹⁸.

341 **Biodiversity data**

342 We downloaded Global Biodiversity Informatics Facility (GBIF: gbif.org) occurrence records for
343 all mammals based on taxonomic names resolved by the IUCN Red List. We developed species
344 distribution models for all 3,870 species with at least three unique terrestrial presence records
345 at a 0.25 degree spatial resolution (approximately 25km by 25 km at the equator). In order to
346 focus on species occurrence, we retained one unique point per 0.25 degree grid cell. This spatial
347 resolution was chosen to match the available resolution of land use change projections (see
348 below). Spatial and environmental outliers were removed based on Grubb outlier tests⁸⁹. To
349 implement the Grubb outlier tests for a given species we defined a distance matrix between each
350 record and the centroid of all records (in both environmental or geographic space, respectively)
351 and determined whether the record with the largest distance was an outlier with respect to all
352 other distances, at a given statistical significance ($p = 1e - 3$, in order to exclude only extreme
353 outliers). If an outlier was detected it was removed and the test was repeated until no additional
354 outliers were detected.

355 **Climate and land use data**

356 Climate and land use data were compiled from WorldClim 2⁹⁰ and the Land Use Harmoniza-
357 tion 2 (LUH2) project⁹¹ respectively, for both baseline conditions (operationalized as 1970-2000

358 for the climate data, 2015 for land use, and 2020 for dispersal limits; see “The effect of recent
359 warming” for an interrogation of the difference between climate baselines and actual present-
360 day climate) and a half-century in the future (operationalized as 2061-2080 for climate, 2070 for
361 land use, and 2070 for dispersal).

362 The WorldClim dataset is widely used in ecology, biodiversity, and agricultural projections
363 of potential climate change impacts. WorldClim makes data available for current and future
364 climates in the form of 19 pre-processed bioclimatic variables (Bioclim: BIO1-19). In order to
365 reduce collinearity among climate variables in the species distribution models, we selected five
366 Bioclim variables from the full set of 19 Bioclim variables: mean annual temperature (BIO1),
367 temperature seasonality (BIO4), annual precipitation (BIO12), precipitation seasonality (coeffi-
368 cient of variation; BIO15), and precipitation of the driest quarter (BIO17). This is the largest set
369 of Bioclim variables possible that keeps their correlation over a global extent suitably low ($r <$
370 0.7). The Bioclim variables for the historical climate are the mean from 1970-2000, and those for
371 the future climate are the mean from 2060-2080.

372 To account for model uncertainty in climate projections, we used projections for future cli-
373 mates from all nine global climate models (GCMs) currently available on WorldClim 2 and par-
374 ticipating in the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 6 (CMIP6), the most recent generation
375 of climate models: BCC-CSM2-MR, CNRM-CM6-1, CNRM-ESM2-1, CanESM5, GFDL-ESM4,
376 IPSL-CM6A-LR, MIROC-ES2L, MIROC6, and MRI-ESM2-0. These nine GCMs encompass a
377 wide range of effective climate sensitivities from 2.6K (MIROC6) to 5.6K (CanESM5) compared
378 with a range of 1.8-5.6K across 27 CMIP6 models and 2.1-4.7K for CMIP5⁹². Temperature and
379 precipitation for future climates have been downscaled and bias-corrected by WorldClim 2 us-
380 ing a change factor approach. The multi-year average of the GCM output for minimum tem-
381 perature, maximum temperature and total precipitation is calculated for each month of the
382 simulated historical and future period, and the absolute (for temperature) or proportional (for
383 precipitation) difference in these values is then calculated, resulting in climate anomalies which
384 are then applied to the 10-minute spatial resolution observed historical dataset^{90,93}. WorldClim
385 2 then calculates Bioclim variables based on these downscaled and bias-corrected data. This
386 approach makes the assumption that the change in climate is relatively stable across space (that
387 is, has high spatial autocorrelation). We downloaded the five pre-processed Bioclim variables
388 for all nine GCMs at 10 minutes spatial resolution from WorldClim 2⁹⁰, and aggregated with
389 bilinear interpolation to 0.25 degree spatial resolution (approximately 25km at the equator) to
390 match with the LUH2 land use data resolution.

391 Historical land-use data for 2015 and projected land-use data for 2070 were obtained from
392 the Land Use Harmonization 2 (LUH2) project at 0.25 degree spatial resolution^{94,91}. The LUH2
393 data reconstructs and projects changes in land use among twelve categories: primary forest,
394 non-forested primary land, potentially forested secondary land, potentially non-forested sec-
395 ondary land, managed pasture, rangeland, cropland (four types), and urban land. To capture
396 species’ habitat preferences, we downloaded data for all 3,870 mammal species from the IUCN
397 Habitat Classification Scheme (version 3.1) and mapped the 104 unique IUCN habitat classifi-
398 cations onto the twelve land use types present in the LUH2 dataset following Powers *et al.*⁹⁵
399 (Supplementary Table 1).

400 Finally, we downloaded global population projections from the SEDAC Global 1-km Down-

401 scaled Population Base Year and Projection Grids Based on the SSPs version 1.0⁹⁶, and selected
402 the year 2070 for RCP 2.6 (see “Climate and land use futures”). These data are downscaled to
403 1km from a previous dataset at 7.5 arcminute resolution⁹⁷. We aggregated 1 km grids up to 0.25
404 degree grids for compatibility with other layers, again using bilinear interpolation.

405 **Additional data**

406 A handful of smaller datasets were incidentally used throughout the study. These included the
407 IUCN Red List, which was used to obtain species taxonomy, range maps, and habitat prefer-
408 ences⁹⁸; the US Geological Survey Global Multi-resolution Terrain Elevation Data 2010 dataset,
409 which was used to derive a gridded elevation in meters at ~25km resolution; and a literature-
410 derived list of suspected hosts of Ebola virus³⁰.

411 **Mapping species distributions**

412 We developed species distribution models for a total of 3,870 species in this study, divided into
413 two modeling pipelines based on data availability (ED Figures 10, 11).

414 **Poisson point process models**

415 For 3,088 species with at least 10 unique presence records, Poisson point process models (PPMs),
416 a method closely related to maximum entropy species distribution models (MaxEnt), were fit
417 using regularized downweighted Poisson regression⁹⁹ with 20,000 background points, using
418 the R package `glmnet`^{100,101,100}. The spatial domain of predictions was chosen based on the
419 continent(s) where a species occurred in their IUCN range map; as a final error check, species
420 ranges were constrained to a 1,000 km buffer around their IUCN ranges. We trained species
421 distribution models on current climate data using the WorldClim 2 data set⁹⁰, using the five
422 previously-specified Bioclim variables.

423 To reduce the possibility of overfitting patterns due to spatial aggregation, we used spatially
424 stratified cross validation. Folds were assigned by clustering records based on their coordinates
425 and splitting the resulting dendrogram into 25 groups. These groups were then randomly as-
426 signed to five folds. (If species had fewer than 25 records, a smaller number of groups was
427 used based on sample size, and these were split into five folds.) This flexible approach accounts
428 for variation in the spatial scale of of aggregation among species by using the cluster analysis.
429 By splitting into 25 groups initially (rather than 5) we obtain better environmental coverage (at
430 least on average) within a fold and minimize the need to extrapolate for withheld predictions.

431 Linear (all species), quadratic (species with >100 records), and product (species with >200
432 records) features were used. Positive coefficients of quadratic features are not allowed (i.e. all
433 have an upper bound of 0 in the model-fitting process), to avoid the undesirable effect of in-
434 creasing suitability predictions at range edges. The regularization parameter was determined
435 based on 5-fold cross-validation with each fold, choosing a value 1 standard deviation below
436 the minimum deviance¹⁰². This resulted in five models per species which were then combined
437 in an unweighted ensemble. Continuous predictions of the ensemble were converted to bi-

438 nary presence/absence predictions by choosing a threshold based on the 5th percentile of the
439 ensemble predictions at training presence locations.

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

445 **Range bagging models**

446 For an additional 783 rare species (3 to 9 unique points on the 25 km grid), we produced species
447 distribution models with a simpler range bagging algorithm, a stochastic hull-based method
448 that can estimate climate niches from an ensemble of underfit models^{103,104}, and is therefore
449 well suited for smaller datasets. From the full collection of presence observations and environ-
450 mental variables range-bagging proceeds by randomly sampling a subset of presences (propor-
451 tion p) and a subset of environmental variables (d). From these, a convex hull around the subset
452 of points is generated in environmental space. The hull is then projected onto the landscape
453 with a location considered part of the species range if its environmental conditions fall within
454 the estimate hull. The subsampling is replicated N times, generating N ‘votes’ for each cell on
455 the landscape. One can then choose a threshold for the number of votes required to consider
456 the cell as part of the species’ range to generate the binary map used in our downstream anal-
457 yses. Based on general guidelines in¹⁰³ we chose $p = 0.33$, $d = 2$, and $N = 100$. We then
458 chose the voting threshold to be 0.165 ($=0.33/2$) because this implies that the cell is part of the
459 range at least half the time for each subsample. Upon visual inspection, this generally lead to
460 predictions that were very conservative about inferring that unsampled locations were part of a
461 species distribution. The same environmental predictors and ecoregion-based domain selection
462 rules were used for range bagging models as were used for the point process models discussed
463 above. This hull-based approach is particularly valuable for poorly sampled species which may
464 suffer from sampling bias because bias within niche limits has little effect on range estimates.

465 **Model validation and limitations**

466 PPM models performed well, with a mean test AUC under 5 fold cross-validation (using spatial
467 clustering to reduce inflation) of 0.78 (s.d. 0.14). The mean partial AUC evaluated over a range
468 of sensitivity relevant for SDM (0.8-0.95) was 0.81 (s.d. 0.09). The mean sensitivity of binary
469 maps used to assess range overlap (based on the 5% training threshold used to make a binary
470 map) was 0.90 (s.d. 0.08). Range bagging models were difficult to meaningfully evaluate be-
471 cause they were based on extremely small sample sizes (3-9). The mean training AUC (we did
472 not perform cross-validation due to small sample size) was 0.96 (s.d. 0.09). The binary maps
473 had perfect sensitivity (1) because the threshold used to make them was chosen sufficiently low
474 to include the handful of known presences for each species. One way to assess how well we
475 inferred the range for these species is to quantify how much of the range was estimated based
476 on our models, based on the number of (10km) cells predicted to be part of the species range
477 even when it was not observed there. The mean number of cells inferred to contain a presence

478 was 254 (s.d. 503); however, the distribution is highly right skewed with a median of 90. This
479 indicates that the range bagging models were typically relatively conservative about inferring
480 ranges for poorly sampled species.

481 Although our models performed well, we note that researchers should approach the inter-
482 pretation of species distribution models (SDMs) with a certain degree of caution. Even ad-
483 hering to best practices, many SDM methods are sensitive to subjective user-end choices that
484 influence model performance, transferrability, and interpretability. Some of those choices may
485 have marginally affected the patterns we document in this study. For example, to quantify
486 our results' resilience to the choice of threshold, we constructed pairwise overlaps for the cur-
487 rent rasters of all species across three habitat suitability thresholds (1%, 5%, and 10%). We did
488 this using the climate projections, the IUCN-clipped climate projections, and the land use- and
489 IUCN-clipped projections (see below sections), such that there were nine total replicates, only
490 one of which (IUCN- and land use-clipped 5% threshold) was used in our main analyses. We
491 fitted the proportional overlap between each species pair across all nine replicates in a linear
492 mixed model with the identity of the species pair and the thresholding replicate as random ef-
493 fects, to quantify the variance associated with the choice of processing pipeline compared to
494 the variance associated with the species pair itself. We also examined the mean proportional
495 overlap across the nine replicates. Our linear mixed model examining the variance associated
496 with thresholding pipeline found that thresholding accounted for only 2.2% of the variance in
497 proportional overlap, in contrast to the 72.3% accounted for by the identity of the species pair.
498 Furthermore, there was very little difference observed in the mean proportional overlap and the
499 number of overlapping species across thresholds. These results demonstrate that the choice of
500 thresholding had an impact on the results of our analysis, but an extremely marginal one, and
501 we expect similar results would be found for other choices like variable set reduction, model
502 calibration, the resolution of predictor data, and the processing of point occurrence data.

503 Finally, we note that while many factors besides climate are ignored by our models, such
504 as biotic interactions or animal social behavior, our models are tailored to our aim: predicting
505 hotspots of elevated risk under climate change. In our application, correctly predicting pres-
506 ences is more important than incorrect prediction of absences, because we are focused on the
507 potential for novel species overlap. We cannot say whether that overlap *will* happen, based on
508 the multiple factors besides climate that influence distributions and range shifts, but we can say
509 with confidence - based on robust current niche estimates, validated with spatially stratified
510 cross-validation, and biologically-grounded estimates of dispersal capacity - where risk would
511 be elevated in accordance with our simulations.

512 **Habitat range and land use**

513 To capture species' habitat preference, we collated data for all 3,870 mammal species from the
514 IUCN Habitat Classification Scheme (version 3.1). We then mapped 104 unique IUCN habitat
515 classifications onto the twelve land use types present in the LUH2 dataset. For 962 species,
516 no habitat data was available, or no correspondence existed between a land type in the IUCN
517 scheme and our land use data; for these species, land use filters were not used. Filtering based
518 on habitat was done as permissively as possible: species were allowed in current and potential

519 future ranges to exist in a pixel if any non-zero percent was assigned a suitable habitat type;
520 almost all pixels contain multiple habitats. In some scenarios, human settlements cover at least
521 some of a pixel for most of the world, allowing synanthropic species to persist throughout most
522 of their climatically-suitable range. For those with habitat data, the average reduction in range
523 from habitat filtering was 7.6% of pixels.

524 **Predicting future species distributions**

525 We modeled a total of 136 future scenarios, produced by the four paired climate-land use change
526 pathways replicated across nine global climate models (with one, GFDL-ESM4, only available
527 for two climate scenarios: RCP 2.6 and RCP 7.0; see below), modified by two optional filters on
528 species ranges (habitat preferences and dispersal limits). The full matrix of possible scenarios
529 captures a combination of scenario uncertainty about global change and epistemological uncer-
530 tainty about how best to predict species' range shifts. By filtering potential future distributions
531 based on climate, land use, and dispersal constraints, we aimed to maximize realism; our pre-
532 dictions were congruent with extensive prior literature on climate- and land use-driven range
533 loss^{105,106,95}.

534 **Climate and land use futures**

535 We considered four possible scenarios for the year 2070 each based on a pairing of the Rep-
536 resentative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) and the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs).
537 RCP numbers (e.g., 2.6 or 4.5) represent Watts per square meter of additional radiative forcing
538 by the end of the century, while SSPs describe alternate possible pathways of socioeconomic de-
539 velopment and demographic change. As pairs, SSP-RCP scenarios describe alternative futures
540 for global socioeconomic and environmental change. Not all SSP-RCP scenario combinations in
541 the "scenario matrix" are realistically possible¹⁰⁷. For example, in the vast majority of integra-
542 tive assessment models, decarbonization cannot be achieved fast enough in the SSP5 scenario
543 to achieve RCP 2.6.

544 We used four SSP-RCP combinations: SSP1-RCP2.6, SSP2-RCP4.5, SSP3-RCP7.0, and SSP5-
545 RCP8.5. We selected these four scenarios because they span a wide range of plausible global
546 change futures, and serve as the basis for climate model projections in the Scenario Model In-
547 tercomparison Project for the newest generation of global climate models (CMIP6)³¹. SSP1-
548 RCP2.6 is a scenario with low population growth, strong greenhouse gas mitigation and land
549 use change (especially an increase in global forest cover), which makes global warming likely
550 less than 2°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100; SSP2-RCP4.5 has moderate land use change
551 and greenhouse gas mitigation with global warming of around 2.5°C by 2100; SSP3-RCP7.0
552 has high population growth, substantial land use change (especially a decrease in global forest
553 cover) and very weak greenhouse gas mitigation efforts with global warming of around 4°C by
554 2100; and SSP5-RCP8.5 is the highest warming scenario with less decrease in forest cover than
555 SSP3 but more substantial increases in coal and other fossil fuel usage leading to more than 4°C
556 warming by 2100^{31,108,109,110}.

557 **Climate model uncertainty**

558 To identify the contribution of climate model uncertainty and its propagation through our anal-
559 ysis, we used all nine selected GCMs from CMIP6 and produced multi-model averages for all
560 main text figures. For all of the main text statistics, we present each multi-model mean with a
561 standard deviation across the nine global climate models. We also compared the first encounters
562 from the two models with the highest (CanESM5) and lowest (MIROC6) effective climate sensi-
563 tivity in the available CMIP6 set on WorldClim (ED Figure 5)⁹². We also present the map of first
564 encounters and novel viral sharing in each GCM run for each RCP, accounting for both climate
565 and land use change, with the full dispersal and limited dispersal scenario, in Supplementary
566 Figures 1-18.

567 **Limiting dispersal capacity**

568 Not all species can disperse to all environments, and not all species have equal dispersal capacity—
569 in ways likely to covary with viral sharing properties. We follow a rule proposed by Schloss *et*
570 *al.*³², who described an approximate formula for mammal range shift capacity based on body
571 mass and trophic position. For carnivores, the maximum distance traveled in a generation is
572 given as $D = 40.7M^{0.81}$, where D is distance in kilometers and M is body mass in kilograms.
573 For herbivores and omnivores, the maximum is estimated as $D = 3.31M^{0.65}$.

574 We used mammalian diet data from the EltonTraits database¹¹¹, and used the same cutoff as
575 Schloss to identify carnivores as any species with 10% or less plants in their diet. We used body
576 mass data from EltonTraits in the Schloss formula to estimate maximum generational dispersal,
577 and converted estimates to annual maximum dispersal rates by dividing by generation length,
578 as previously estimated by another comprehensive mammal dataset¹¹². We multiply by 50
579 years (from 2020 as the present to 2070) and use the resulting distance as a buffer around the
580 original range map, and constrain possible range shifts within that buffer. For 420 species with
581 missing data in one of the required sources, we interpolated dispersal distance based on the
582 closest relative in our supertree with a dispersal velocity estimate.

583 Qualified by the downsides of assuming full dispersal¹¹³, we excluded bats from the as-
584 sumed scaling of dispersal limitations. The original study by Schloss *et al.*³² chose to omit bats
585 entirely, and subsequent work has not proposed any alternative formula. Moreover, the Schloss
586 formula performs notably poorly for bats: for example, it would assign the largest bat in our
587 study, the Indian flying fox (*Pteropus giganteus*), a dispersal capacity lower than that of the gray
588 dwarf hamster (*Cricetulus migratorius*). Bats were instead given full dispersal in all scenarios:
589 given significant evidence that some bat species regularly cover continental distances^{46,47}, and
590 that isolation by distance is uncommon within many bats' ranges⁴⁹, we felt this was a defensible
591 assumption for modeling purposes. Moving forward, the rapid range shifts already observed
592 in many bat species (see main text) could provide an empirical reference point to fit a new allo-
593 metric scaling curve (after standardizing those results for the studies' many different method-
594 ologies). A different set of functional traits likely govern the scaling of bat dispersal, chiefly the
595 aspect ratio (length:width) of wings, which is a strong predictor of population genetic differ-
596 entiation⁴⁹. Migratory status would also be important to include as a predictor although here,
597 we exclude information on long-distance migration for all species (due to a lack of any real

598 framework for adding that information to species distribution models in the literature).

599 **Explaining spatial patterns**

600 To explore the geography of novel assemblages, we used linear models that predicted the num-
601 ber of first encounters (novel overlap of species pairs) at the 25km level ($N = 258,539$ grid
602 cells). Explanatory variables included: richness (number of species inhabiting the grid cell in
603 our predicted current ranges for the given scenario); elevation in meters (derived from the US
604 Geological Survey Global Multi-resolution Terrain Elevation Data 2010 dataset); and the pre-
605 dominant land cover type for the grid cell. We simplified the classification scheme for land use
606 types into five categories for these models (human settlement, cropland, rangeland and pas-
607 ture, forest, and unforested wildland), and assigned pixels a single land use type based on the
608 maximum probability from the land use scenarios. We fit a model for each scenario and pair of
609 biological assumptions; because of the large effect bats had on the overall pattern, we retrained
610 these models on subsets of encounters with and without a bat species involved. To help model
611 fitting, we $\log(x+1)$ -transformed the response variable (number of overlaps in the pixel) and
612 both continuous explanatory variables (meters of elevation above the lowest point and species
613 richness). Because some elevation values were lower than 0 (i.e., below sea level), we treated
614 elevation as meters above the lowest terrestrial point rather than meters above sea level to allow
615 us to log-transform the data.

616 **Viral sharing models**

617 **Criteria for species' inclusion**

618 Of the 3,870 species for which we generated distribution models, 103 were aquatic mammals
619 (cetaceans, sirenians, pinnipeds, and sea otters), and 382 were not present in the mammalian
620 supertree that we used for phylogenetic data¹¹⁴. These species, and the associated species dis-
621 tribution models, were excluded from the analysis. Aquatic species were removed using a
622 two-filter approach, by first cross-referencing with Pantheria¹¹⁵, and second by checking no
623 species only had non-aquatic habitat use types (see "Habitat range and land use"). We also ex-
624 cluded 246 monotremes and marsupials because the shape of the supertree prevented us from
625 fitting satisfactory GAMM smooths to the phylogeny effect, leaving 3,139 non-marine placental
626 mammals with associated phylogenetic data.

627 **Generalized additive mixed models**

628 We used a previously-published model of the phylogeography of viral sharing patterns to make
629 predictions of future viral sharing¹⁸. This model was based on an analysis of 510 viruses shared
630 between 682 mammal species³, and predicted the probability that a pair of mammal species will
631 share a virus given their geographic range overlap and phylogenetic relatedness. The original
632 study uncovered strong, nonlinear effects of spatial overlap and phylogenetic similarity in de-
633 termining viral sharing probability, and simulating the unobserved global network using these
634 effect estimates capitulated multiple macroecological patterns of viral sharing.

635 In the original study, a Generalized Additive Mixed Model (GAMM) was used to predict
636 virus sharing as a binary variable, based on (1) geographic range overlap; (2) phylogenetic
637 similarity; and (3) species identity as a multi-membership random effect. The phylogeographic
638 explanatory variables were obtained from two broadly available, low-resolution data sources:
639 pairwise phylogenetic similarity was derived from a mammalian supertree previously modified
640 for host-pathogen studies^{114,3}, with similarity defined as the inverse of the cumulative branch
641 length between two species, scaled to between 0 and 1. Geographic overlap was defined as
642 the area of overlap between two species' IUCN range maps, divided by their cumulative range
643 size¹¹⁶.

644 We first retrained the GAMMs from¹⁸ on the pairwise overlap matrix of species distribution
645 models generated for this study, so that present predictions would be comparable with potential
646 future distributions. Of the 3,139 species in our reduced dataset, 544 had viral records in our
647 viral sharing dataset and shared with at least one other mammal, and were used to retrain the
648 GAMM from¹⁸. To check the performance of the GAMM, we predicted sharing patterns with
649 a) only random effects, b) only fixed effects, and c) with both. To extend predictions to the
650 the full set of mammals, we generated random effects for out-of-sample species by drawing
651 from the fitted distribution of species-level effects. (Predicting without these random effects
652 underestimates species variance, resulting in mean sharing of 0.02 rather than the observed
653 0.06). The mean sharing value across these predictions closely approximated observed sharing
654 probability (~ 0.06).

655 We note that this model uses citation counts to correct for sampling bias, an imperfect
656 method but one that leads to strong validation performance on an independently-compiled
657 dataset of host-virus associations, which carries a different set of biases. However, it is still
658 possible that sampling bias in host-virus datasets like the Olival *et al.* dataset could artificially
659 inflate the signal of phylogeography in viral sharing, if researchers investigating a noteworthy
660 viral detection then preferentially sample closely-related host species in the immediate area. It
661 is unlikely these effects would bias our results in a particular direction, but accounting for these
662 biases should at least involve some acknowledgement that cross-species transmission is chal-
663 lenging to predict. (See the Albery *et al.* study's Discussion for a more in-depth treatment of
664 sampling bias effects.)

665 **Model validation and limits**

666 Compared to the current viral sharing matrix, the model performs well with only fixed effects
667 (AUC = 0.80) and extremely well with both fixed and random effects (AUC = 0.93). The model
668 explained a very similar proportion of the deviance in viral sharing to that in Albery *et al.*¹⁸
669 (44.5% and 44.8%, respectively).

670 In practice, several unpredictable but confounding factors could affect the reliability of this
671 model as a forecasting tool, including temperature sensitivity of viral evolution in host jumps⁸⁰,
672 or increased susceptibility of animals with poorer health in lower-quality habitat or unfavorable
673 climates. Moreover, once viruses can produce an infection, their ability to transmit *within* a new
674 species is an evolutionary race between mutation and recombination rates in viral genomes,
675 host innate and adaptive immunity, virulence-related mortality, and legacy constraints of co-

676 evolution with prior hosts and vectors^{64,65}. But data cataloging these precise factors are hardly
677 comprehensive for the hundreds of zoonotic viruses, let alone for the thousands of undescribed
678 viruses in wildlife. Moreover, horizontal transmission is not necessary for spillover potential to
679 be considered significant; for example, viruses like rabies or West Nile virus are not transmitted
680 within human populations but humans are still noteworthy hosts.

681 **Mapping opportunities for sharing**

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

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

694 **Case study on Zaire ebolavirus**

695 For a case study in possible significant cross-species transmission, we compiled a list of known
696 hosts of Zaire ebolavirus (ZEBOV), a zoonosis with potentially high host breadth that has been
697 known to cause wildlife die-offs, but has no known definitive reservoir. Hosts were taken
698 from two sources: the training dataset on host-virus associations³, and an additional dataset
699 of filovirus testing in bats³⁰. In the latter case, any bats that have been reported antibody pos-
700 itive or PCR-positive for ZEBOV were included. A total of 19 current “known hosts” were
701 selected. We restricted our analysis to the 13 hosts from Africa, because there is no conclusive
702 evidence that Zaire ebolavirus actively circulates outside Africa; although some bat species out-
703 side Africa have tested positive for antibodies to ZEBOV, this is likely due to cross-reactivity
704 with other undiscovered filoviruses^{117,118,30}. We used the 13 African hosts to predict possible
705 first encounters in all scenarios (ED Figure 8), and mapped the current richness of ZEBOV hosts,
706 the change in host richness by 2070, and the number of first encounters (Figure 3).

707 **Overlap with human populations**

708 To examine the possibility that hotspots of cross-species transmission would overlap with hu-
709 man populations, we used SEDAC’s global population projections version 1.0 for the year
710 2070⁹⁶. We aggregated these to native resolution, for each of the four SSP paired with the native
711 RCP/SSP pairing for the species distribution models. In Figure 4 we present the population
712 projections for SSP1, which pairs with RCP 2.6.

713 **The effect of recent warming**

714 Like many studies that employ species distribution modeling, our study uses a definition of
715 the “present” that embodies a slight cognitive dissonance with recent warming¹¹⁹. The World-
716 Clim2 dataset captures the mean climate between 1970 and 2000, but the climate at the time
717 of writing has already warmed substantially compared to this baseline. While we employ this
718 loose definition of “present day” throughout, we note that the actual present climate is substan-
719 tially warmer, and therefore might be expected to already be experiencing the turnover in viral
720 sharing that we describe throughout.

721 As a final supplementary analysis, we interrogated the effect of recent climate change on the
722 world we live in today, which is already substantially warmer than pre-industrial temperatures.
723 To do so, we repeated the analysis in its entirety – minus steps constraining species ranges
724 with either the IUCN range maps or dispersal limits – using the ERA5 reanalysis product with
725 monthly averaged data¹²⁰. We trained species distribution models based on a recent climate
726 baseline (1981-1995), and projected their ranges to the present day (2005-2019), using two time
727 slices (1991 and 2015) positioned equally in the climate intervals. We set dispersal limits for
728 species as we did in the main analysis, but for this 25-year period.

729 Using these data to repeat the analysis, we found that there were a projected total of 52,463
730 first encounters (with 34,254 including at least one bat species), amounting to a total of 1,043
731 viral sharing events. First encounters and viral sharing events were located mostly in Africa and
732 the Amazon (ED Figure 9). We caution that these results—particularly the number of encounters
733 and sharing events—should not be interpreted as the same “units” as the main analysis, given
734 that they are calibrated to an entirely different climate reconstruction.

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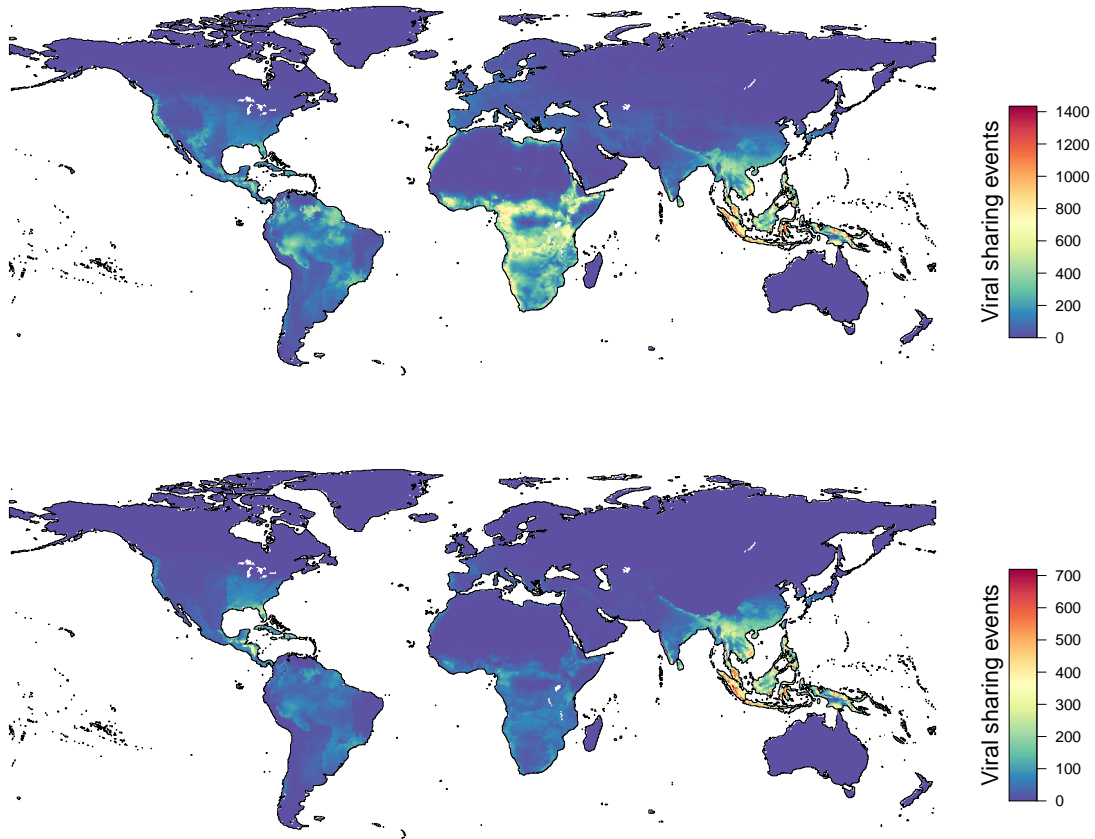


Figure 1: **Climate change will drive novel viral sharing among mammal species.** The projected number of novel viral sharing events among mammal species in 2070 based on host species geographic range shifts from climate and land use change (SSP1-RCP 2.6), without dispersal limits (A) and with dispersal limitation (B). Results are averaged across nine global climate models.

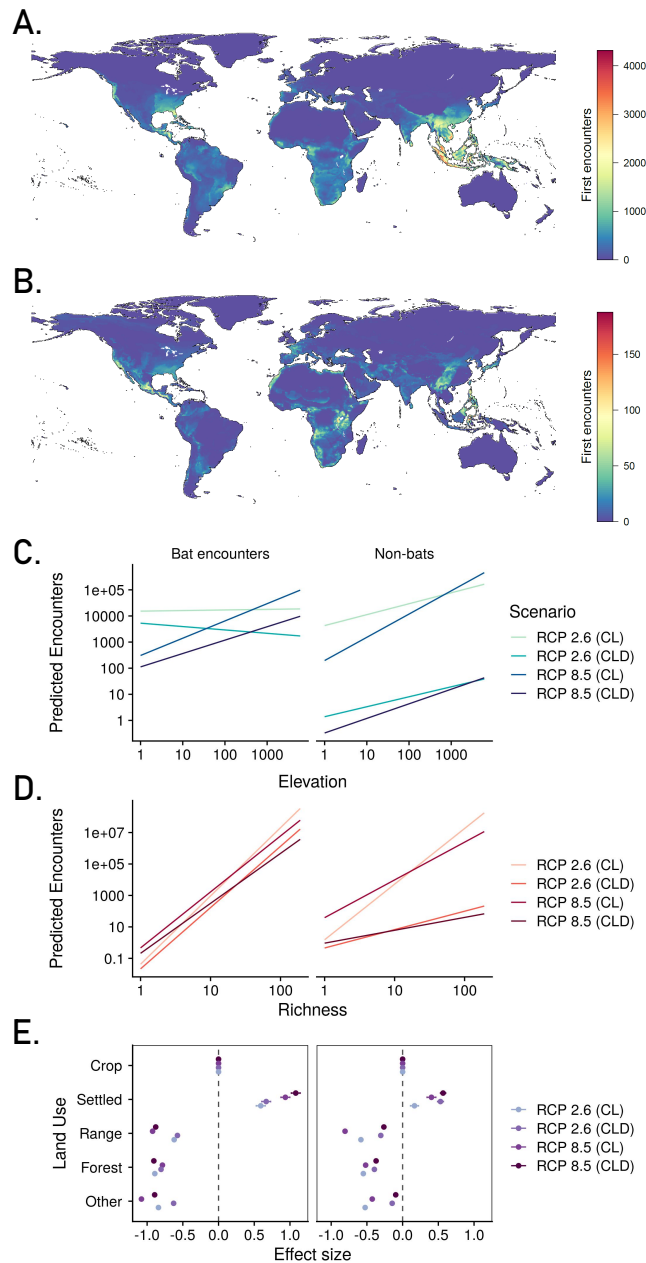


Figure 2: Bats disproportionately drive future novel viral sharing. The spatial pattern of first encounters (in SSP1-RCP 2.6) differs among range-shifting mammal pairs including bat-bat and bat-nonbat encounters (A) and only encounters among non-bats (B). Using a linear model, we show that elevation (C), species richness (D), and land use (E) influence the number of new overlaps for bats and non-bats across scenarios (RCPs paired with SSPs as described in Methods). Slopes for the elevation effect were generally steeply positive: a \log_{10} -increase in elevation was associated with between a 0.4-1.41 \log_{10} -increase in first encounters. Results are averaged across nine global climate models. Legends refer to scenarios: CL gives climate and land use change, while CLD adds dispersal limits.

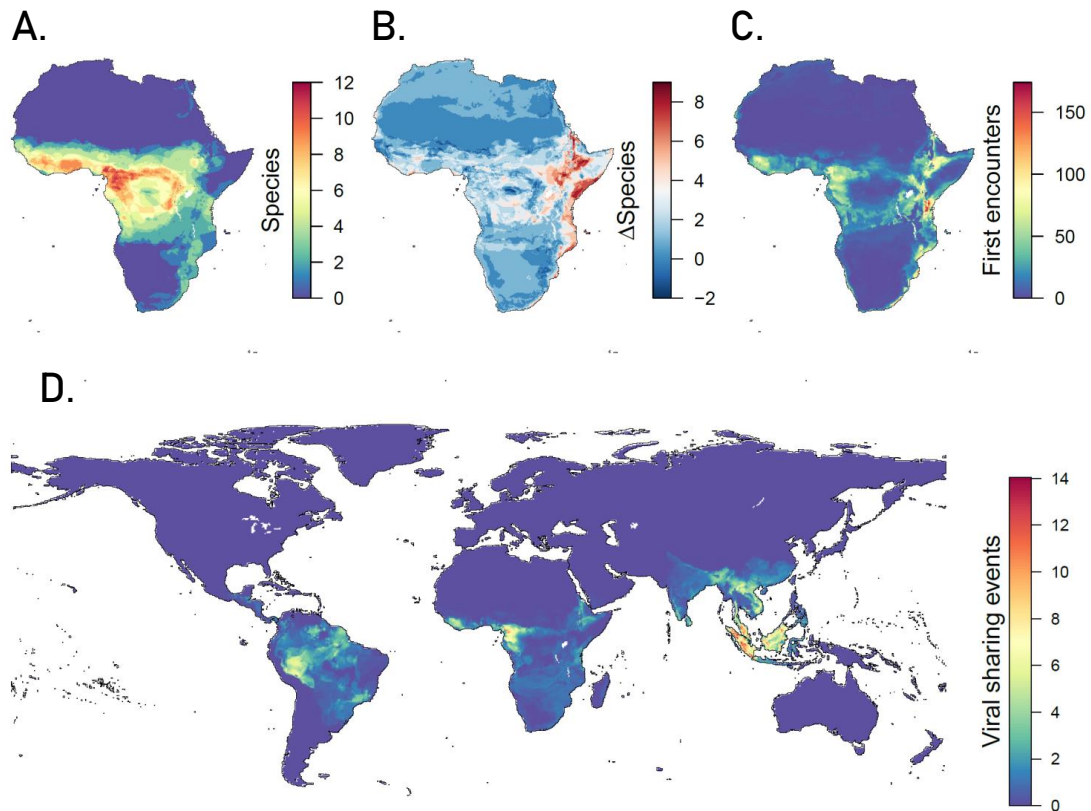


Figure 3: Range expansions will expose naive hosts to zoonotic reservoirs. (A) The predicted distribution of known African hosts of Zaire ebolavirus. (B) The change in richness of these hosts as a result of range shifts (SSP1-RCP 2.6). (C) Projected first encounters with non-Ebola hosts. (D) Bat-primate first encounters are projected to occur globally, producing novel sharing events. Results are averaged across nine global climate models.

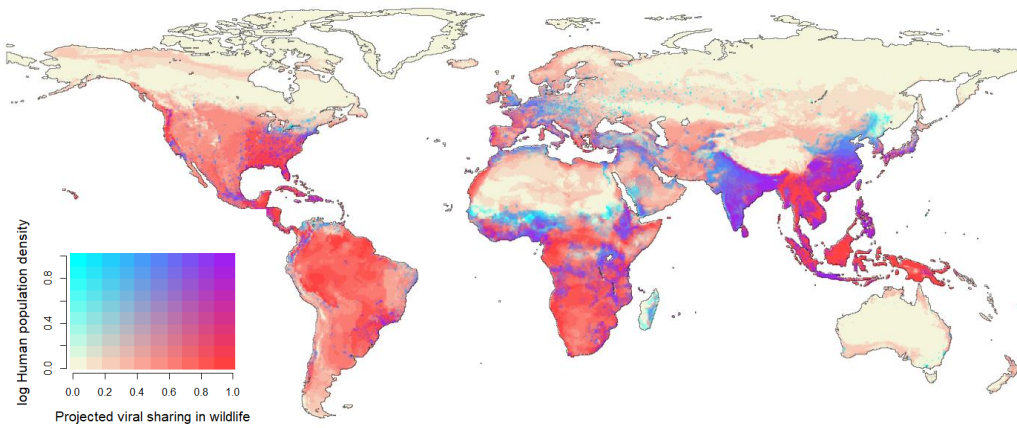
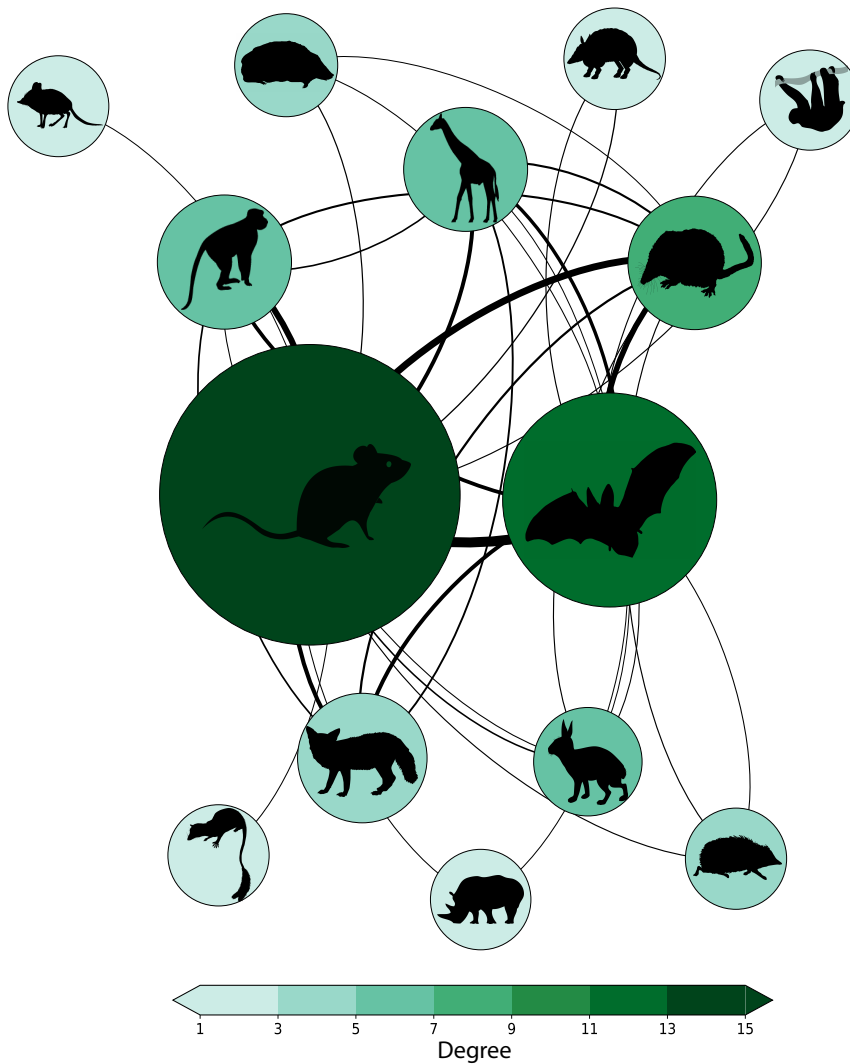
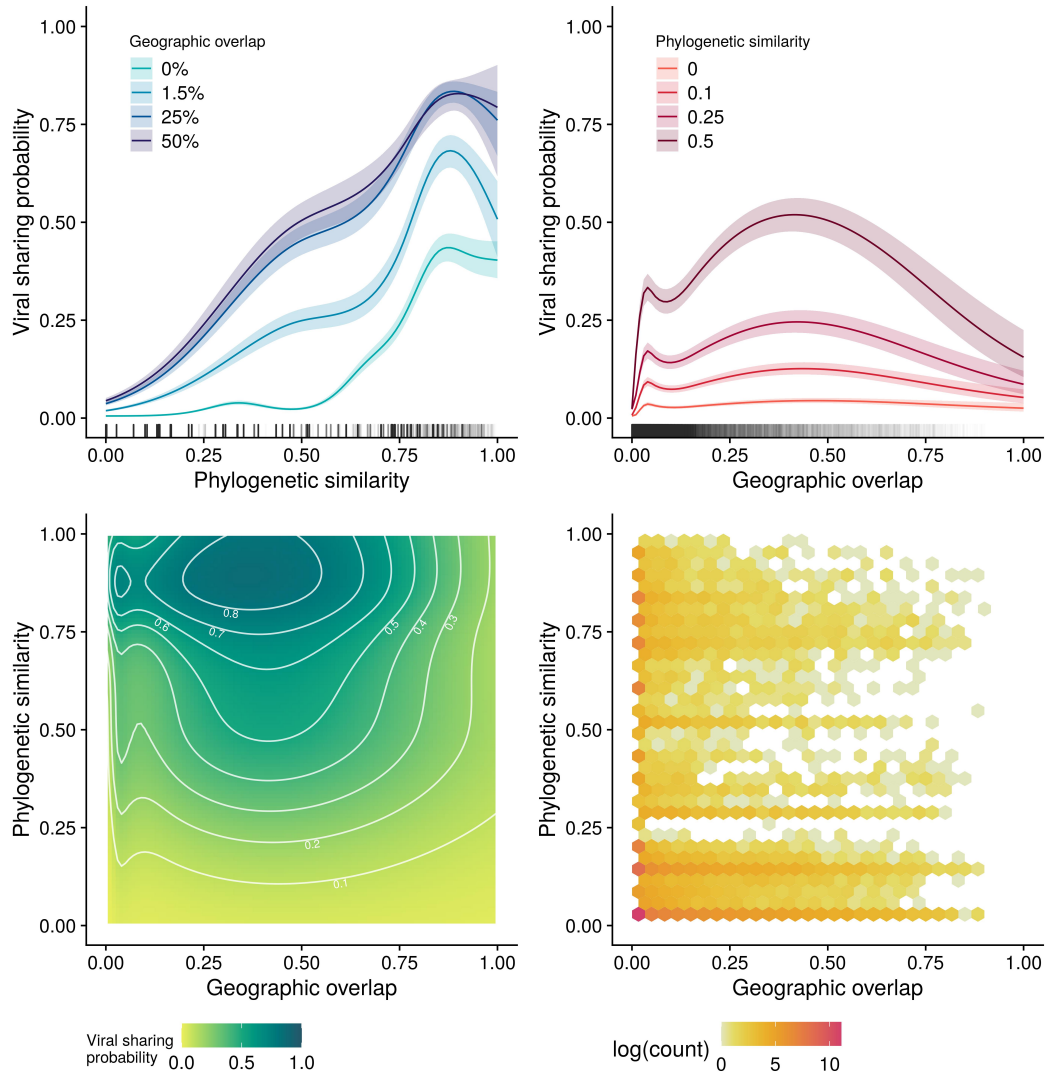


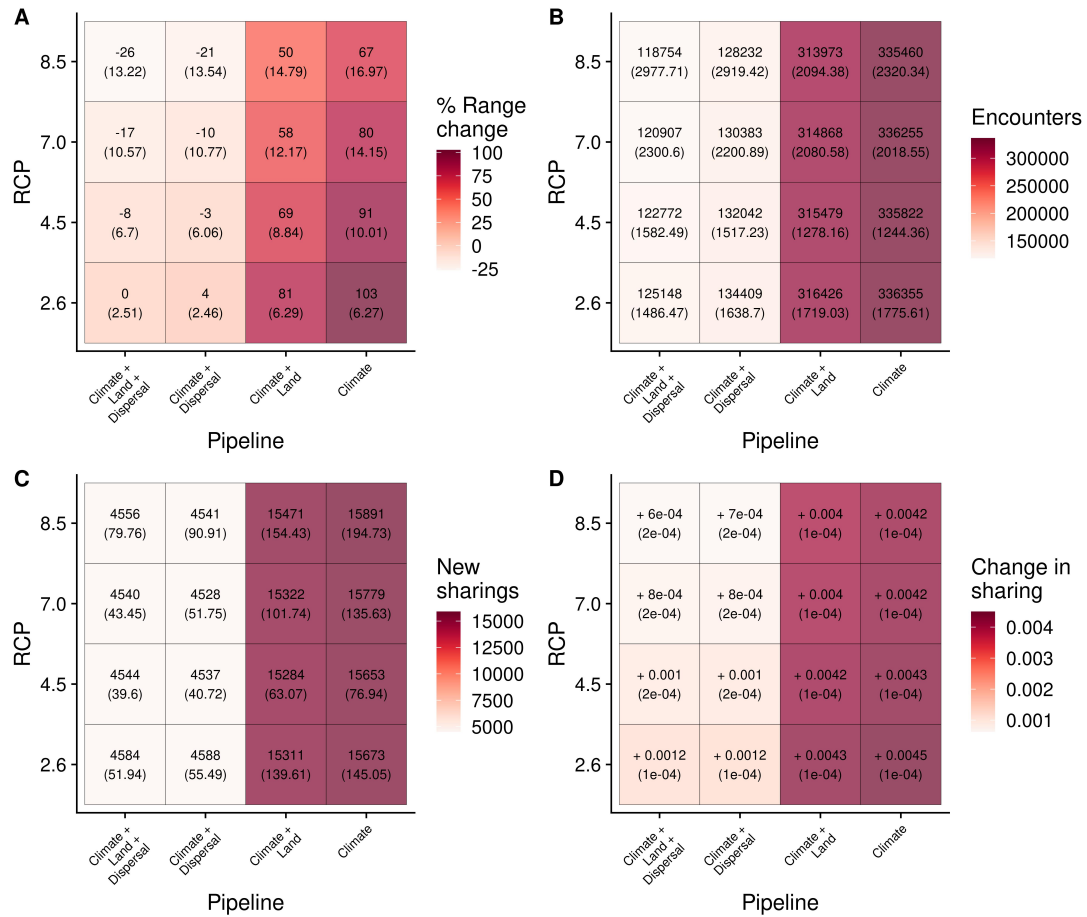
Figure 4: Novel viral sharing events coincide with human population centers. In 2070 (SSP1-RCP 2.6; climate only), human population centers in equatorial Africa, south China, India, and southeast Asia will overlap with projected hotspots of cross-species viral transmission in wildlife. (Both variables are linearly rescaled to 0 to 1.) Results are averaged across nine global climate models.



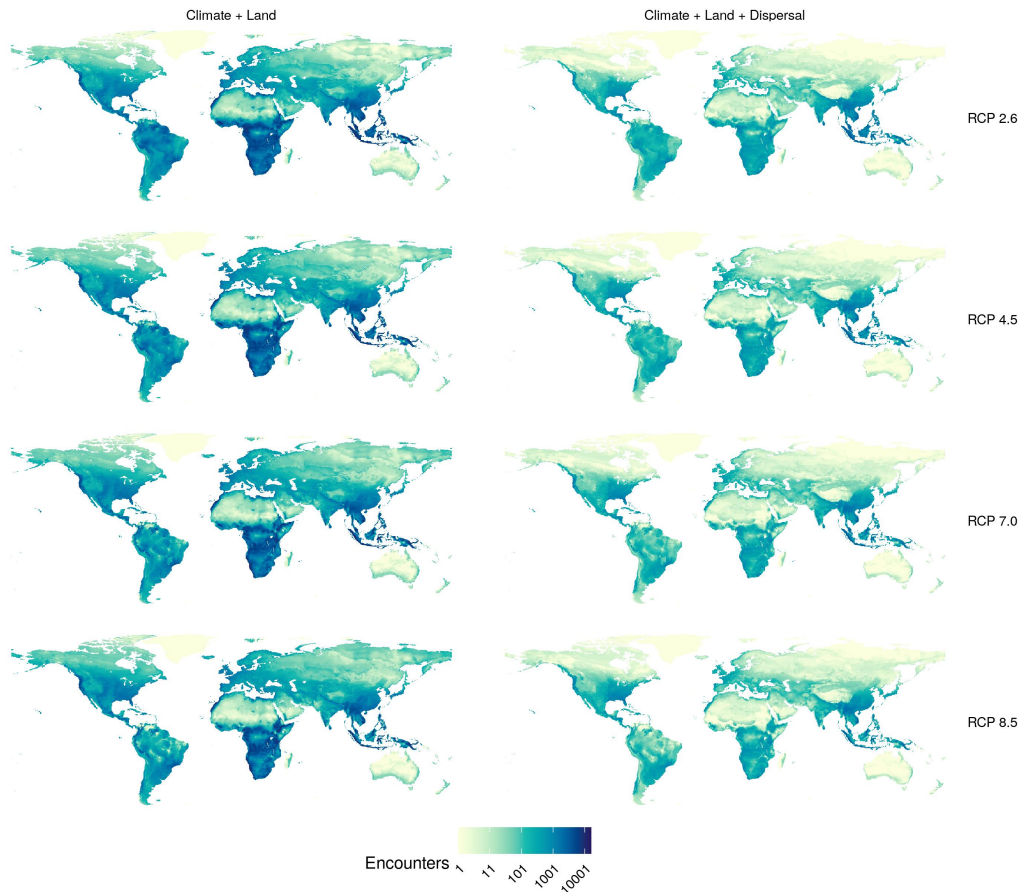
Extended Data Figure 1: **The mammal-virus network.** The present-day viral sharing network by mammal order inferred from modeled pairwise predictions of viral sharing probabilities. Edge width denotes the expected number of shared viruses (the sum of pairwise species-species viral sharing probabilities), 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.



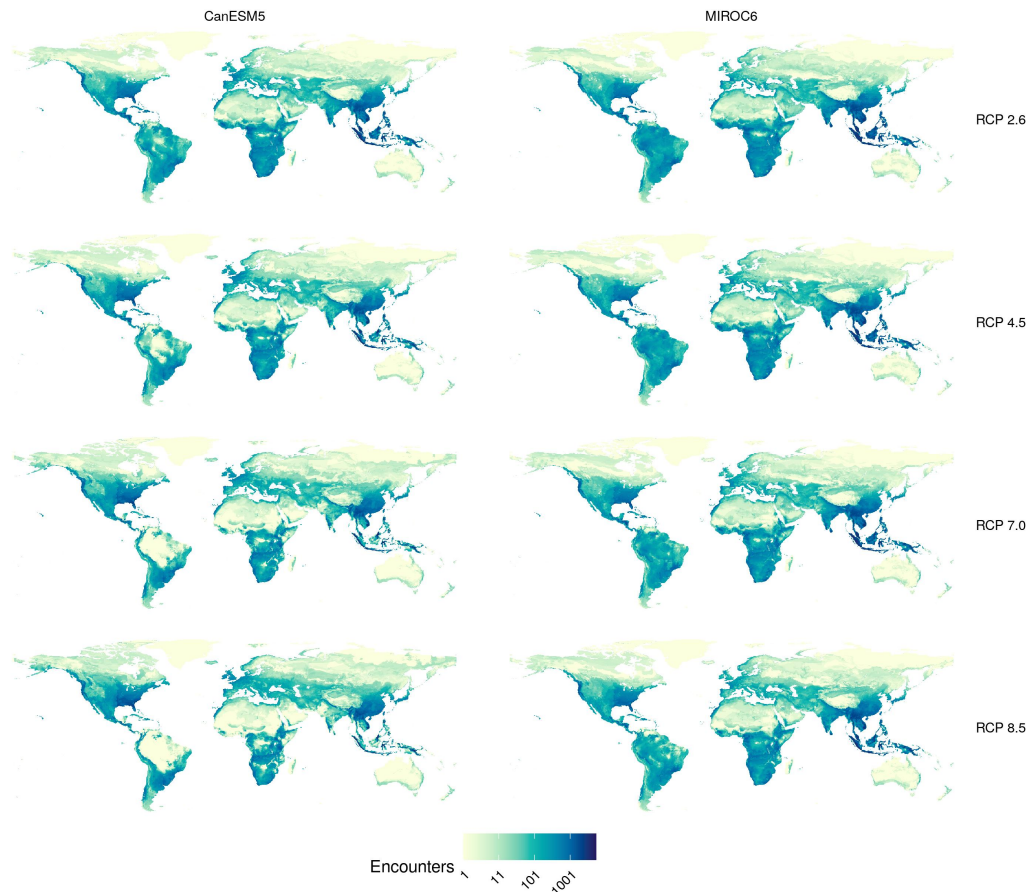
Extended Data Figure 2: **Predicted phylogeographic structure of viral sharing.** Phylogeographic prediction of viral sharing using a generalized additive mixed model. Viral sharing increases as a function of phylogenetic similarity (A) and geographic overlap (B), which have strong nonlinear interactions, shown in the contour map of joint effects (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 of the raw data distribution (D).



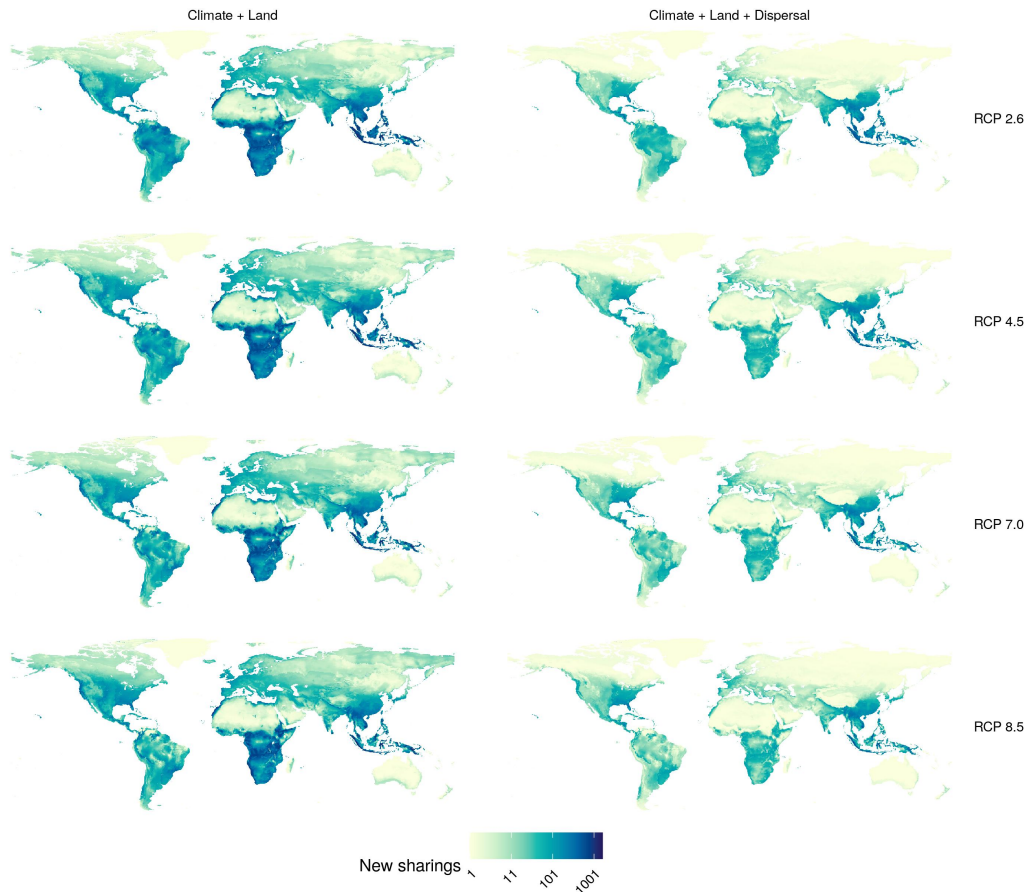
Extended Data Figure 3: **Outcomes by model formulation and climate change scenario.** Heatmaps displaying predicted changes across model formulations. (A) Range expansions were highest in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in scenarios with lower levels of global warming. (B) The number of predicted first encounters was higher in non-dispersal-limited scenarios and in scenarios with lower levels of global warming. (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 scenarios with lower levels of global warming. Results are averaged across nine global climate models, with standard deviation indicated in parentheses underneath main statistics.



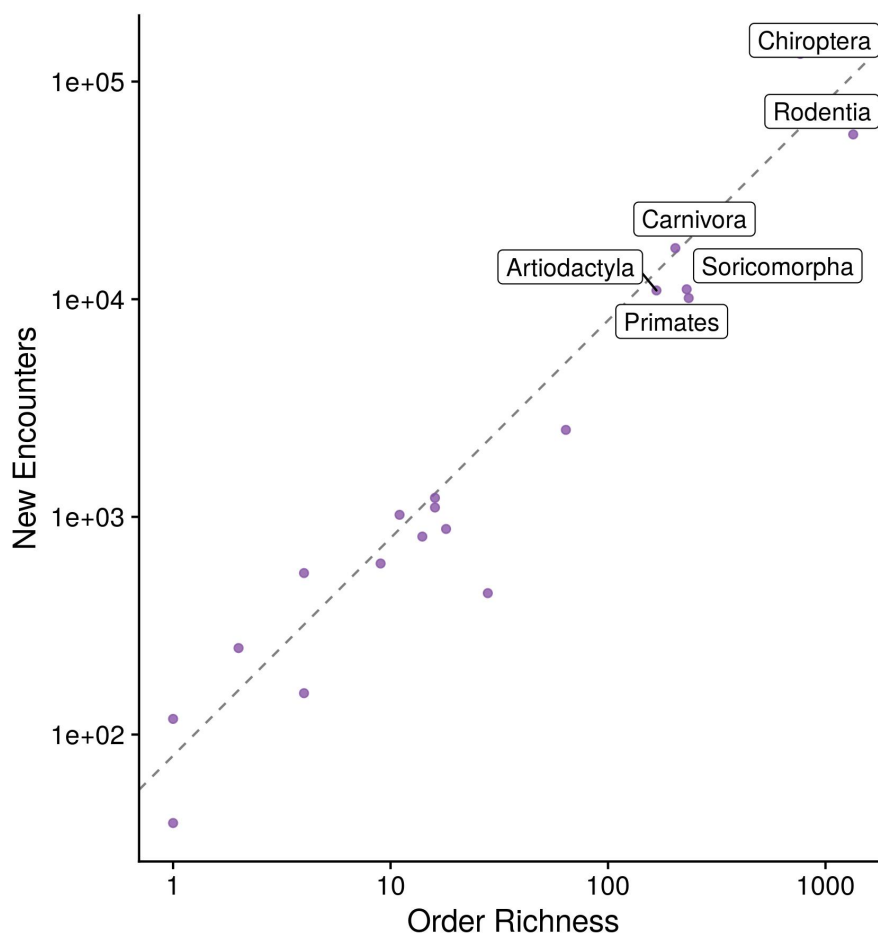
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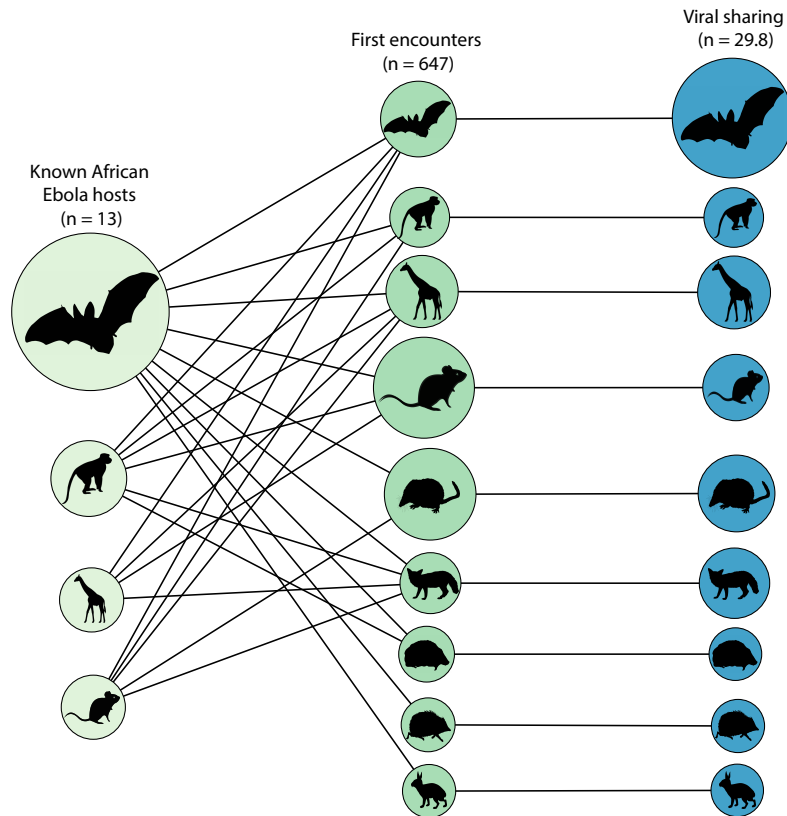
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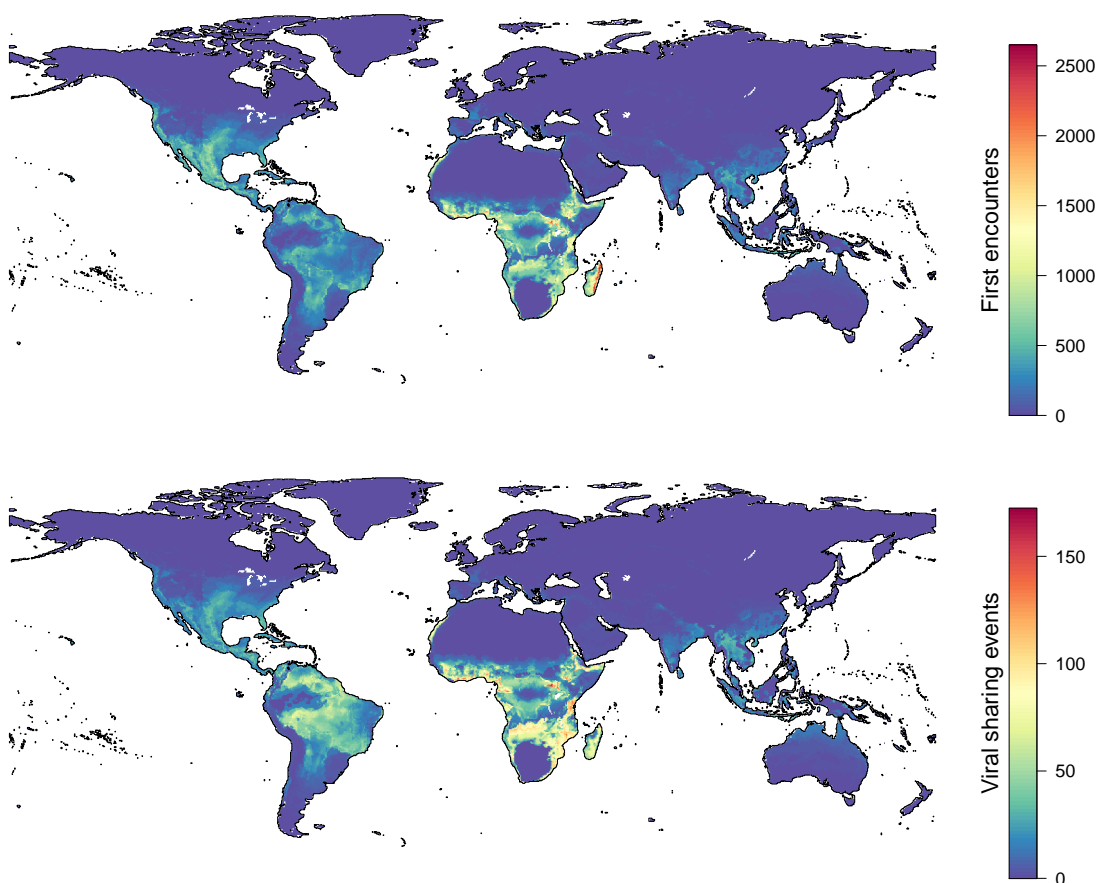
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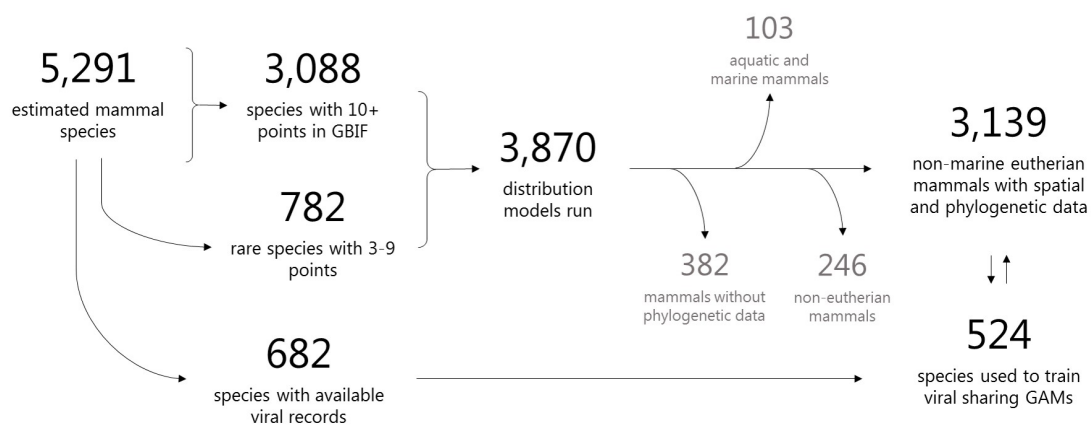
Extended Data Figure 7: **Order-level heterogeneity in first encounters.** Dispersal stratifies the number of first encounters (RCP 2.6 with all range filters), where some orders have more than expected at random, based on the mean number of first encounters and order size (line). Results are averaged across nine global climate models.



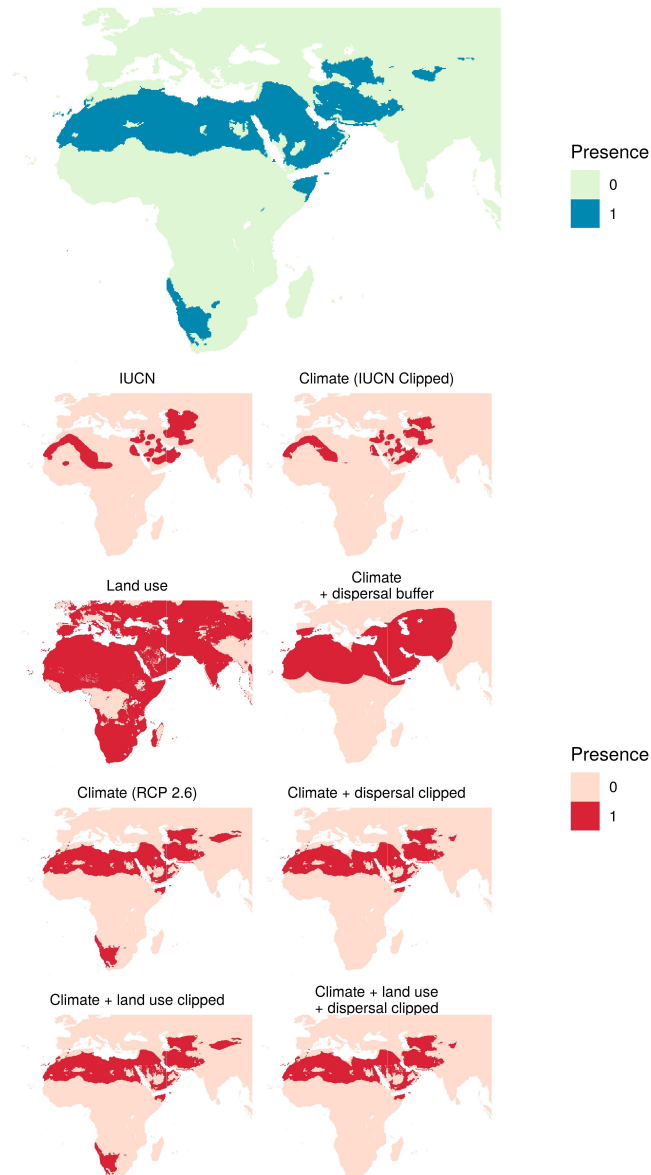
Extended Data Figure 8: **Projected viral sharing from suspected Ebola reservoirs is dominated by bats.** Node size is proportional to (left) the number of suspected Ebola host species in each order, which connect to (middle) first encounters with potentially naive host species; and (right) the number 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 future viral sharing will occur disproportionately in bats.



Extended Data Figure 9: **Projected viral sharing from present-day warming.** First encounters and viral sharing events are derived from an independent analysis of ERA5 climate data for the present day (2005-2019) versus the recent past (1981-1995).



Extended Data Figure 10: **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 placental mammals across all scenarios.



Extended Data Figure 11: **Species distribution modeling workflow for a single species.** A focal species (the sand cat, *Felis margarita*) 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 *Felis margarita*'s land use (second row, left). The known dispersal distance of the sand cat was used to buffer the climate distribution (second row, right). The potential 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 sand cat.

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