

# *Anopheles stephensi* Task Team



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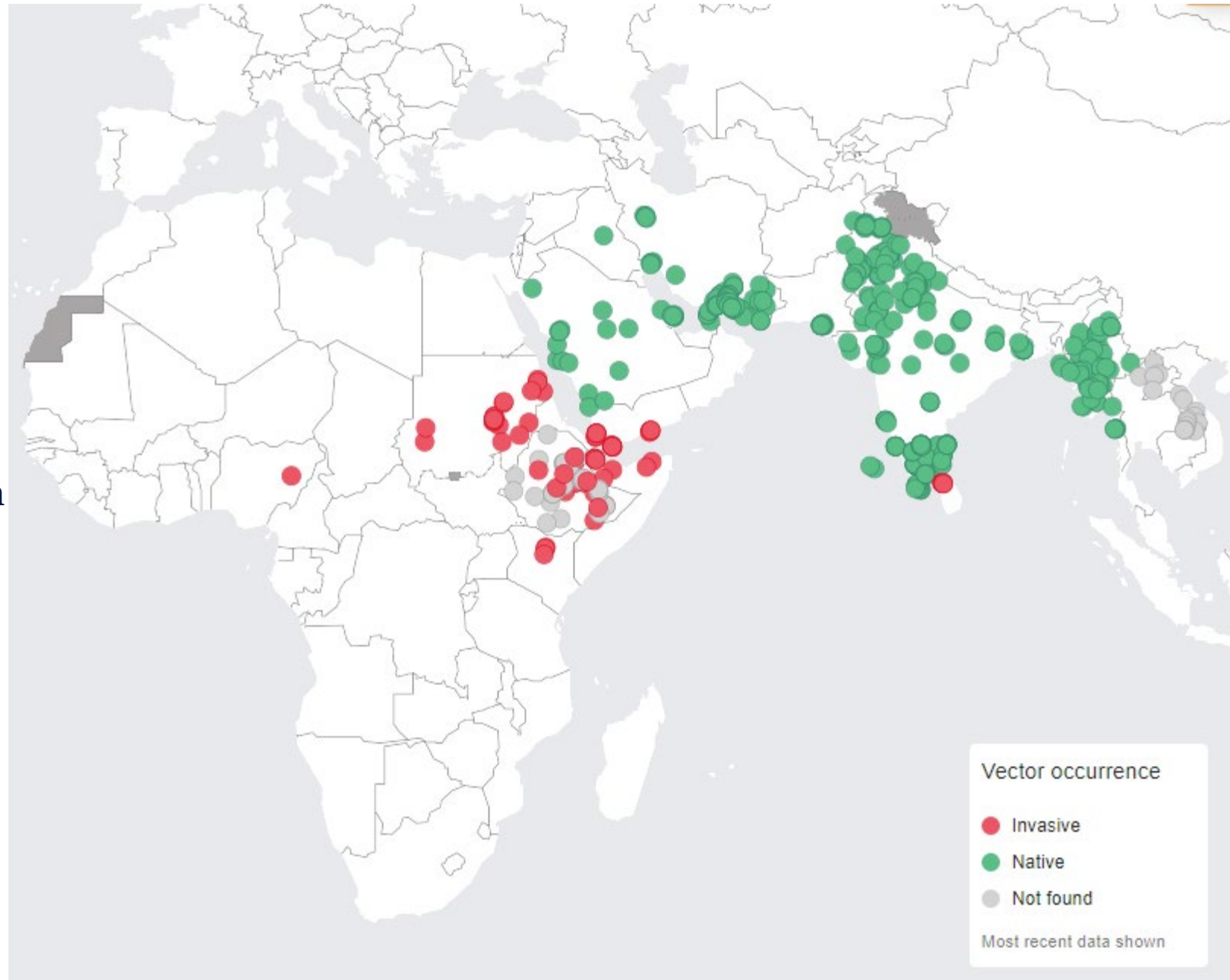
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# Introduction

- Threatens current vector control toolbox
- Rapid and systematic data-driven response needed

## Objectives:

- Encourage cross-border coordination and collaboration
- Ensure rapid and informed progress on mitigation/containment/elimination
- Ensure lessons learned can be transferred/shared
- Identify clear action items for near future

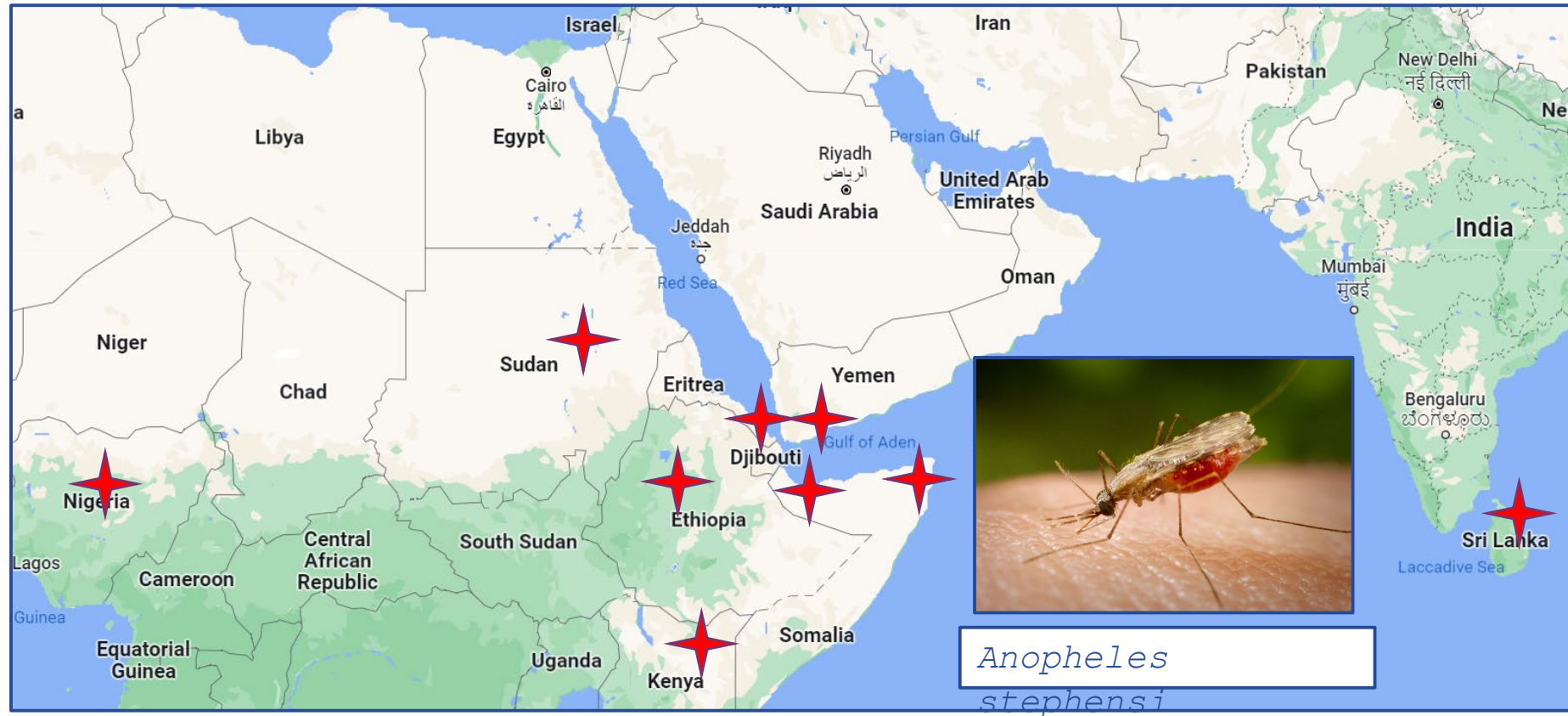


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# Consensus statement: Global Vector Control Response to invasive *Anopheles stephensi*

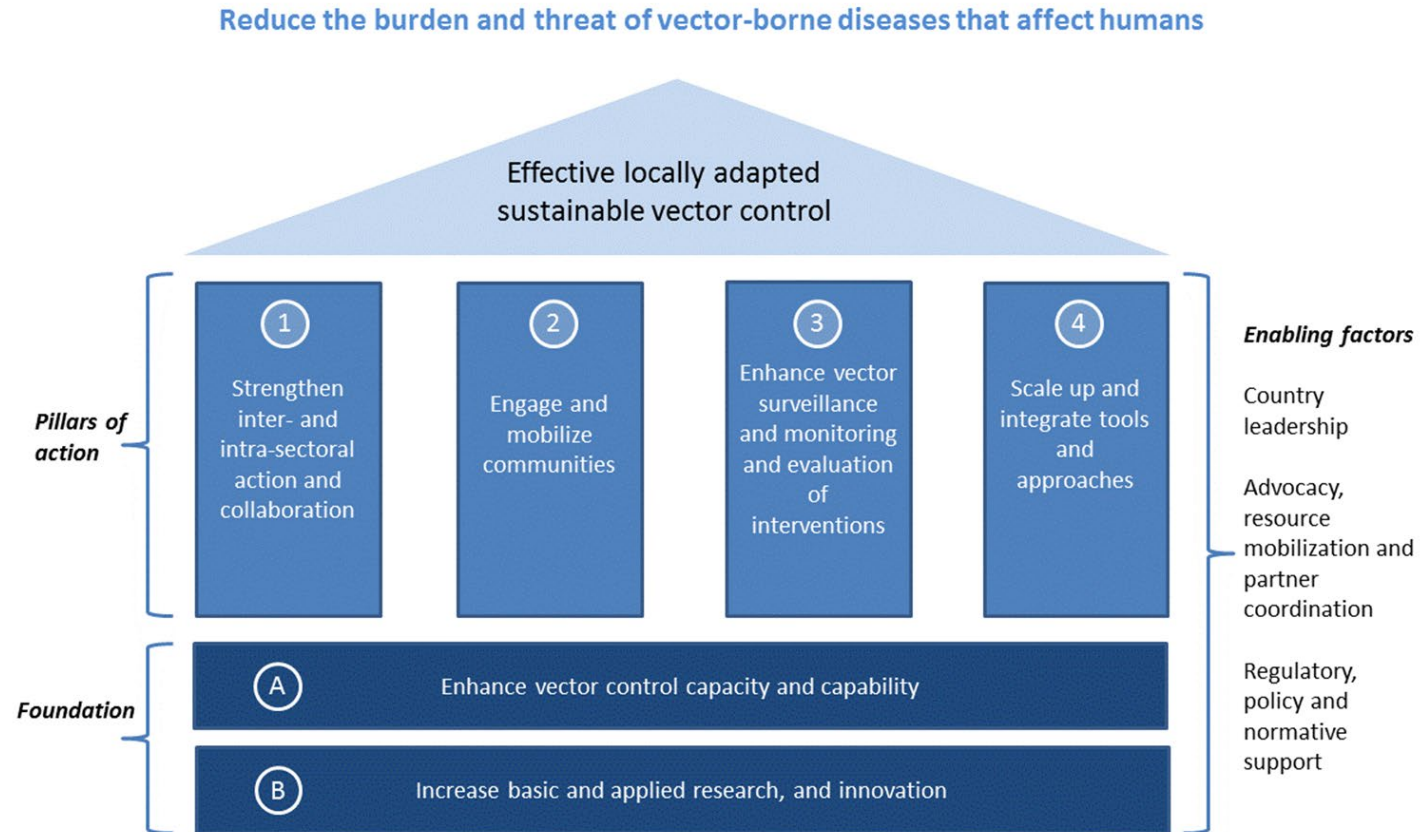
# *Anopheles stephensi*: a growing threat



Detected in: Djibouti (2011), Ethiopia (2016), Sri Lanka (2017), Republic of Sudan (2019), Puntland (2019), Nigeria (2020), Somaliland (2020), Yemen (2021), Kenya (2022)

# Consensus Statement

- Joint initiative of RBM VCWG and MSWG recognizing the urgency of the need to respond to *An. stephensi*
- Calls on RBM partners and others to support the fight against *An. stephensi*
- Aims to support work of WHO, UN-Habitat and others by facilitating sharing of knowledge and best practices



# How can VCWG/MSWG support the response to *An. stephensi*. GVCR pillars of action

## 1. Strengthening inter- and intra-sectoral action and collaboration

- Support multisectoral collaboration through sharing guidelines and best practices, and supporting project formulation and access to financing

## 2. Enhancing vector surveillance and monitoring and evaluation of interventions

- Facilitate networking between universities/research institutes and national programs
- Share guidelines on vector ID

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## 3. Scaling up and integrating tools and approaches

- Support information sharing on new and existing products, delivery approaches, and monitoring and evaluation

## 4. Engaging and mobilising communities

- Share information on SBCC for *An. stephensi* control
- Advocate for the importance of human behaviour for effective control
- Collate information on social science experts to support research and programs
- Share best practices from community-based source reduction programs for *Ae. aegypti*

# How can VCWG/MSWG support the response to *An. stephensi*. GVCR foundations/enabling factors

## Enhance vector control capacity and capability

- Facilitate networking between centers of excellence, training and research institutions to build human and laboratory capacities for *An. stephensi* surveillance and control

## Increase basic and applied research

- Forum for networking and sharing data
- Facilitate identification of research gaps
  
- Country leadership
- Advocacy, resource mobilisation, partner coordination
- Regulatory, policy, normative support



# What next?

- Please share the Consensus Statement widely
- Comments and thoughts welcome on how we can make the Consensus Statement actionable
- Join the Task Team



Thank you!

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