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21 **Abstract**

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23 Bats harbor approximately a third of known mammal viruses, including recent
24 coronaviruses that caused pandemics. As spillover risk increases due to habitat loss and
25 fragmentation, utilizing a OneHealth approach, we identified potential zoonotic spillover
26 and pandemic risk hotspots in South and Southeast Asia. We used a model that estimates
27 the risk of infectious disease emergence by incorporating Rhinolophid bat species
28 distribution, forest fragmentation, and human population density data. Results showed that
29 spillover risk hotspots are concentrated in Indochina and southern China, where species
30 richness and fragmentation are high, and where coronaviruses were previously detected in
31 bat populations. Simulation of pandemic spread from the spillover risk hotspots using
32 network models revealed risk hotspots clustered in Bangladesh and northeast India. These
33 results highlight the regional vulnerability of human population centers and heightened
34 risks from habitat fragmentation. Our work emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to
35 safeguard public health and ecosystems by identifying hotspots, advocating for mitigation
36 measures, and enhancing surveillance in vulnerable regions.

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38 **Teaser**

39 Bats in Asia pose pandemic risks due to hosting coronaviruses. We used a OneHealth
40 approach to map risk hotspots for emerging diseases.

47 **MAIN TEXT**

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49 **Introduction**

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51 An estimated 60-75% of emerging infectious diseases for humans originate from zoonotic
52 pathogens coming from wildlife (1, 2). Various taxa may be particularly likely to host zoonotic
53 pathogens, with rodents, bats, and to some extent, carnivores well known for their capacity to host
54 and transmit pathogens (3–6). With increasing habitat loss and degradation, climate change, and
55 exposure to various chemicals, zoonotic spillovers from wildlife may increase into the future, yet
56 these patterns and risks depend on the hosts (7–9). The probability of spillover relates to changes
57 in two interrelated factors: firstly, changes in the interface between different animals, which alters
58 the potential for wildlife to contract or spread pathogens, and secondly, stressors which may alter
59 the vulnerability of animals to become sick or alter the rate of viral shedding (10, 11). Habitat loss
60 and fragmentation do both, as they increase potential interfaces for spillover, as increasing these
61 interfaces both surge the opportunity for potential competent hosts to meet (and exchange
62 pathogens) and increases the stress level of wild animals, which may increase susceptibility to
63 infection (12). Understanding the potential for spillover requires knowing the interfaces where
64 wildlife interacts with humans, livestock, and domestic animals, including how these connect to
65 human population centers. Competent hosts are frequently commensal with humans, thus as areas
66 are destroyed and degraded the probability of wild species harboring and spreading pathogens
67 increases (13–15).

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69 Bats represent a prominent group of competent hosts, which harbor a significantly higher
70 percentage of zoonotic viruses compared to other mammals (4). This ability to host diverse viruses,
71 often without showing symptoms, is likely due to the high metabolic costs (and associated
72 ecophysiological pressures) associated with flight (16–18). Consequently, several pathogens which
73 infect bats originally continue to impact human populations in recent decades (11, 19, 20). Fruit
74 bats (Pteropodidae) are reservoirs of Hendra virus (Australia, 1994), Nipah virus (Malaysia, 1998-
75 99), Marburg virus (Central Africa), and possibly Ebola virus (Central-Western Africa). Yet
76 different viruses have different hosts, and horseshoe (Rhinolophidae) bats provide reservoirs of
77 beta-coronaviruses (21, 22) including SARS-CoV1 in 2003, SARS-CoV2 in the COVID-19
78 pandemic in 2019, and the MERS-CoV outbreak in the Middle East in 2012 (23, 24). Rhinolophid
79 species richness peaks in tropical east Asia (25), and given the distribution of previous
80 betacoronavirus pandemic outbreaks, it is a key region for further work to understand the risk of
81 potential future spillover events. In previous outbreaks, the viruses are thought to have spilled over

82 from bats to an intermediate host (e.g. horses for Hendra, pigs for Nipah, palm civets for SARS)
83 that is closely associated with humans (11). Thus, understanding how landscape structure interfaces
84 with species distributions, especially those of competent hosts for any given pathogen, may provide
85 insights into where and even when the probability of spillover may occur. For example, in the case
86 of Hendra, the loss of habitat due to deforestation coupled with periods of winter drought forced
87 *Pteropus alecto* into horse pastures to forage, and this increase in stress in conjunction with
88 increased interface with horses is specifically associated with spillover events (19). In South and
89 Southeast Asia, higher spillover risk of Nipah virus from *Pteropus* fruit bats was predicted in areas
90 with greater human footprint (26), specifically in regions with higher human settlements and
91 livestock or food sources for the bats (27). Yet our understanding of these interacting elements of
92 risk are limited to a few examples, despite the critical role of bats as sources of a diverse variety of
93 zoonoses.

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95 A OneHealth approach emphasizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental
96 health (28, 29). The use of this approach in detecting potential spillover risk in connection to
97 ecological imbalances arising from human impacts on the environment has been increasing in the
98 past decade (1, 8, 9, 19, 30). Regions such as Southeast and South Asia may be at particular risk
99 due to the high rates of habitat loss coupled with high diversity, and high human population
100 densities (1, 4, 30–32). Furthermore, whilst studies have attempted to explore the risk of spillover
101 from Southeast Asia, limited data on both habitat quality and species diversity may hamper the
102 accuracy of such approaches (33).

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104 In this study, we assess the potential risk of betacoronavirus spillover arising from their most
105 frequent reservoir host, the horseshoe bats (*Rhinolophus*), in tropical east Asia using a OneHealth
106 approach. We also explored potential pandemic spread scenarios given planned infrastructure in
107 the region. This is crucial since a developing region with planned infrastructure may negatively
108 impact wildlife in sensitive habitats (34) and create new interfaces for zoonotic spillover.
109 Investigating locations of potential hotspots in Asia provides insights into the dynamics of virus
110 emergence, allowing targeted action to counteract those risks.

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118 **Results**

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120 *Mapping potential spillover risk hotspots*

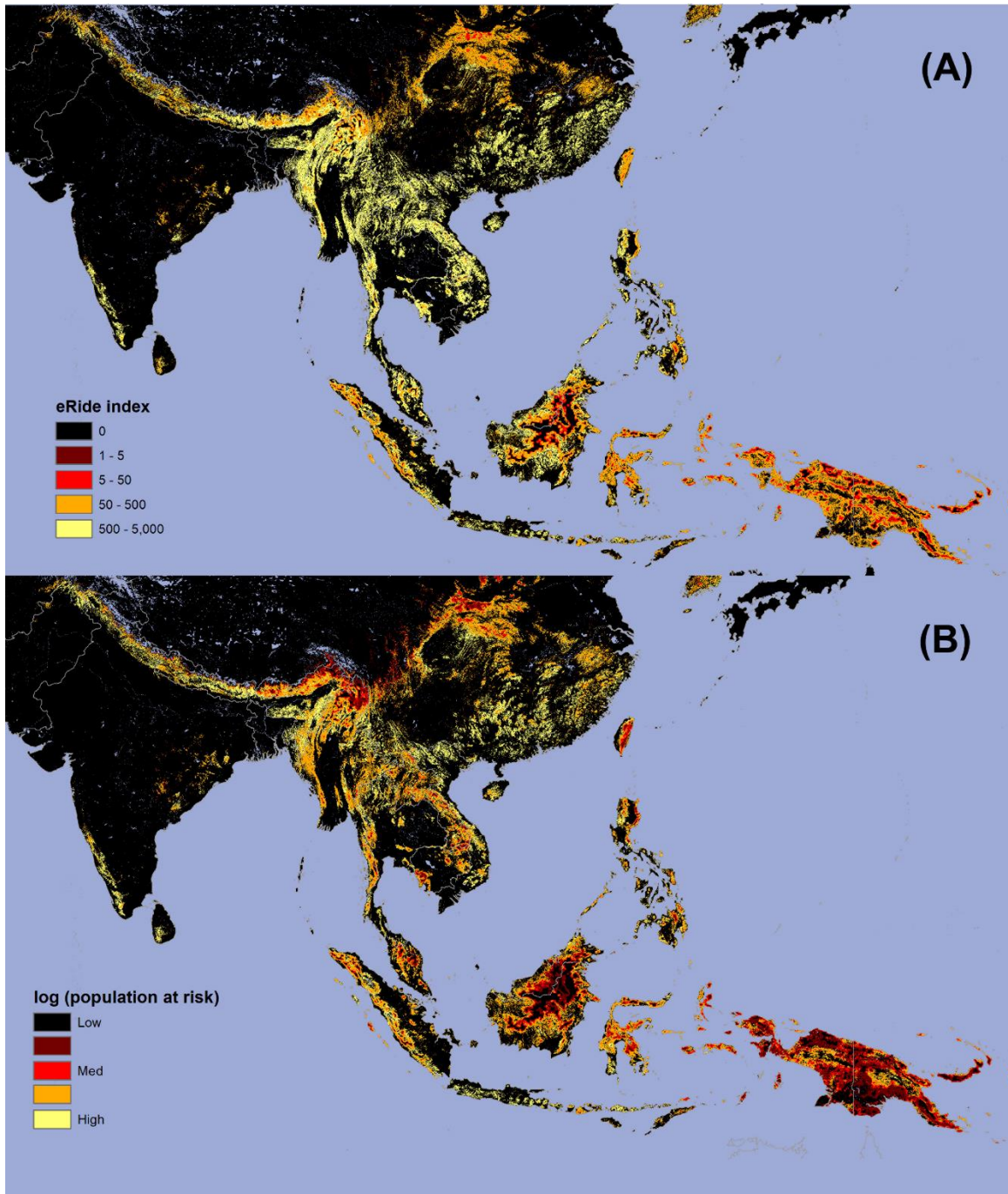
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122 Based on relative estimated risk of disease emergence (eRIDE) indices computed across the whole
123 region, the majority of the potential spillover risk hotspots are concentrated in China and Indochina
124 (Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand), which collectively account for almost three-
125 quarters (74.1%) of the total relative eRIDE (Figures 1a and 2a; Table S4). The highest risk areas
126 are in the montane and forested regions of the countries of Indochina. Concerning individual
127 country risks, Laos and Vietnam have over half of their land areas categorized as the highest eRIDE
128 risk, at 56.5% and 51.3%, respectively (Figure 3; Table S5). For China, 12.0% of its area is
129 classified as the highest eRIDE risk, with most found in its southern areas adjacent to Indochina.
130 India has 7.4% of its area classified as the highest eRIDE risk, and 42.5% of its land area is at
131 moderately high eRIDE risk, particularly in its northeast region and the Western Ghats. In
132 Bangladesh, 7.4% of its area is at highest eRIDE risk, while 70.9% of its land area is classified as
133 moderately high risk. In the insular region, Indonesia has 10.8% of its land area categorized as
134 moderately high eRIDE risk, concentrated in Sumatra and Kalimantan (Borneo), followed by
135 Sulawesi and Papua (Figure 3; Table S5).

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137 The spatial distribution of population-at-risk (PAR) indices resembles that of eRIDE, suggesting
138 that the populations at risk are near the spillover risk hotspots (Figure 1). These hotspots are
139 spatially concentrated in Nepal, northeast India, western Myanmar, Vietnam, and southern China
140 (Figure 1b). Countries with the highest relative PAR scores (computed for across the entire region)
141 are those with the largest populations. China registered the highest relative PAR score (29.6%),
142 followed by India (21.2%), and Indonesia (13.5%) (Figure 2b; Table S4). Concerning individual
143 country risks, Singapore recorded 86.1% of its population at the highest risk, followed by Sri Lanka
144 (82.2%), Vietnam (76.0%), and Bangladesh (75.1%) (Figure 3; Table S6). Notably, India and China
145 registered 46.5% and 36.5% of their large populations at the highest risk, respectively.

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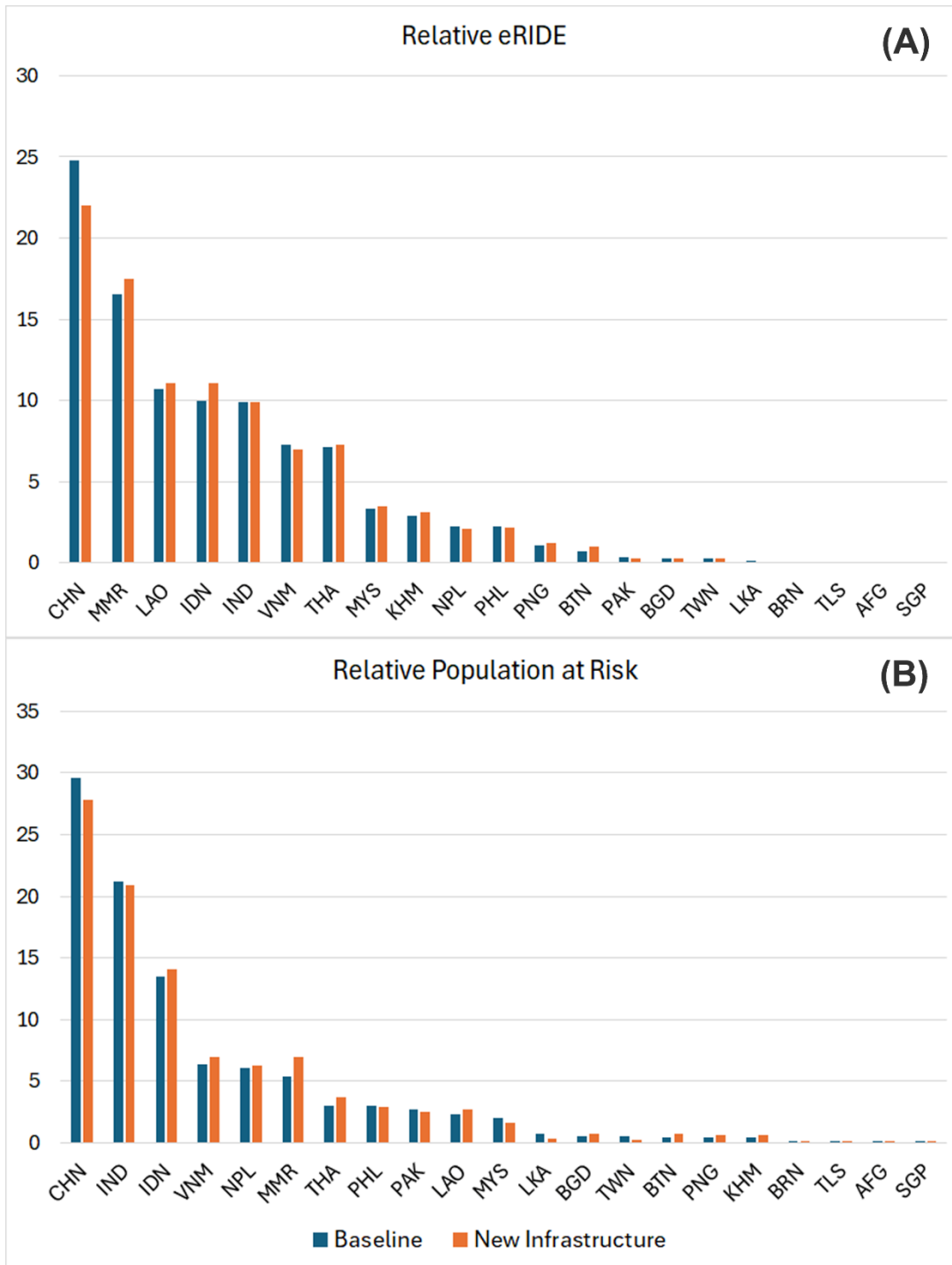
148 **Figure 1. Zoonotic Risk Hotspots in Rhinolophid Bats of Tropical East Asia.** Maps of tropical

149 East Asia showing risk hotspots from zoonotic agents in Rhinolophid bats of tropical East Asia.

150 Depicted here are (A) eRIDE and (B) Population at risk (PAR, log values displayed for clarity)

151 scores. For both maps, discrete color bands follow a geometric scale.

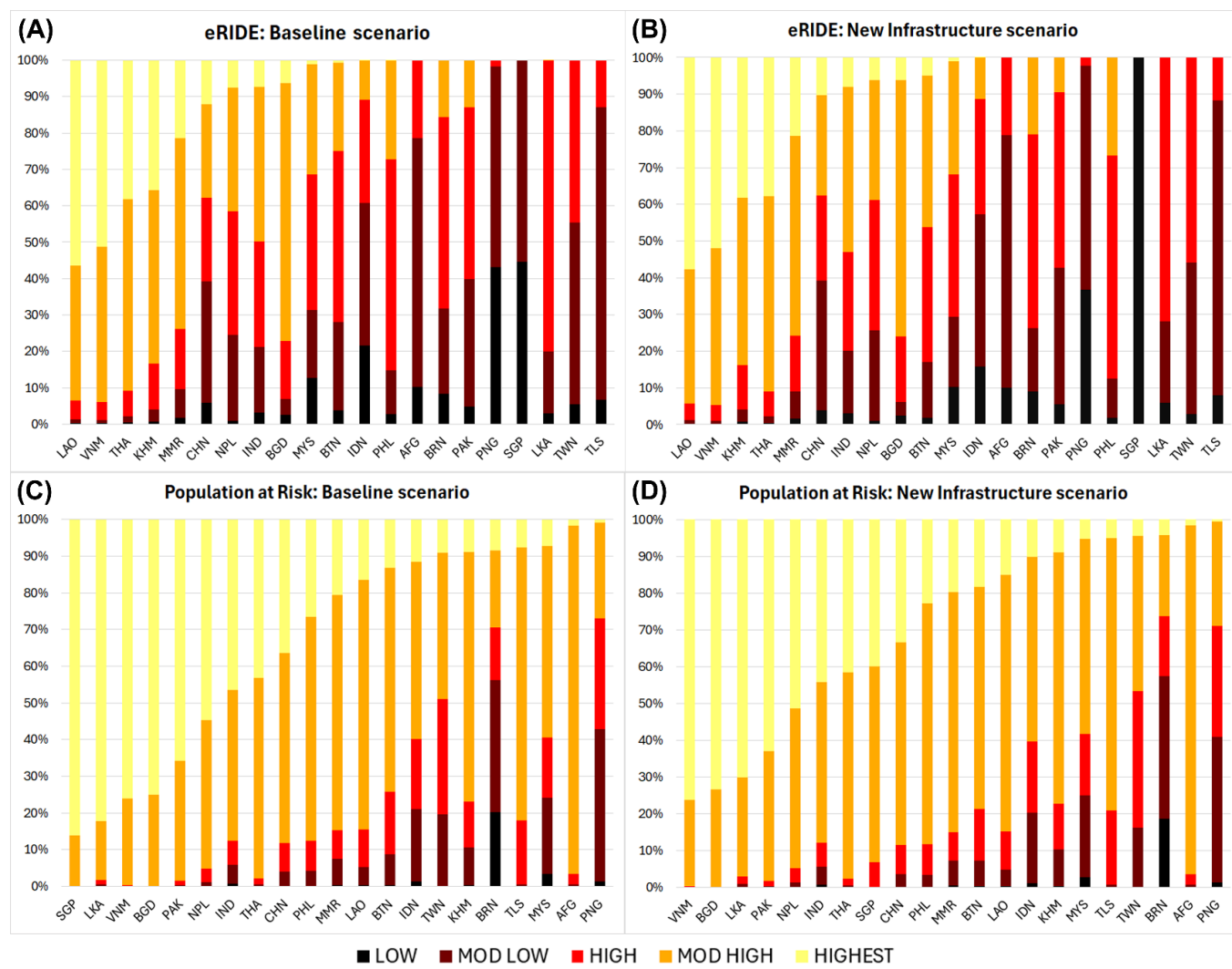
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154 **Figure 2. Index rankings per country under baseline (blue) and new infrastructure (orange)**
 155 **scenarios.** Numbers displayed are the sums of all (A) eRIDE index and (B) PAR values within
 156 each country's boundaries as shown in Figure 1. Decreases are due to losses of small fragments
 157 due to the resolution of analysis.

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Figure 3. Country Risk Class Distributions: Baseline vs. New Infrastructure Scenarios. Stacked bar plots illustrating the distribution of risk classes per country in tropical East Asia, categorized by eRIDE and Population at Risk scores for baseline (A, C) and new infrastructure (B, D) scenarios. The color scheme denotes varying risk levels, with yellow indicating the highest risk category and black representing the lowest risk category.

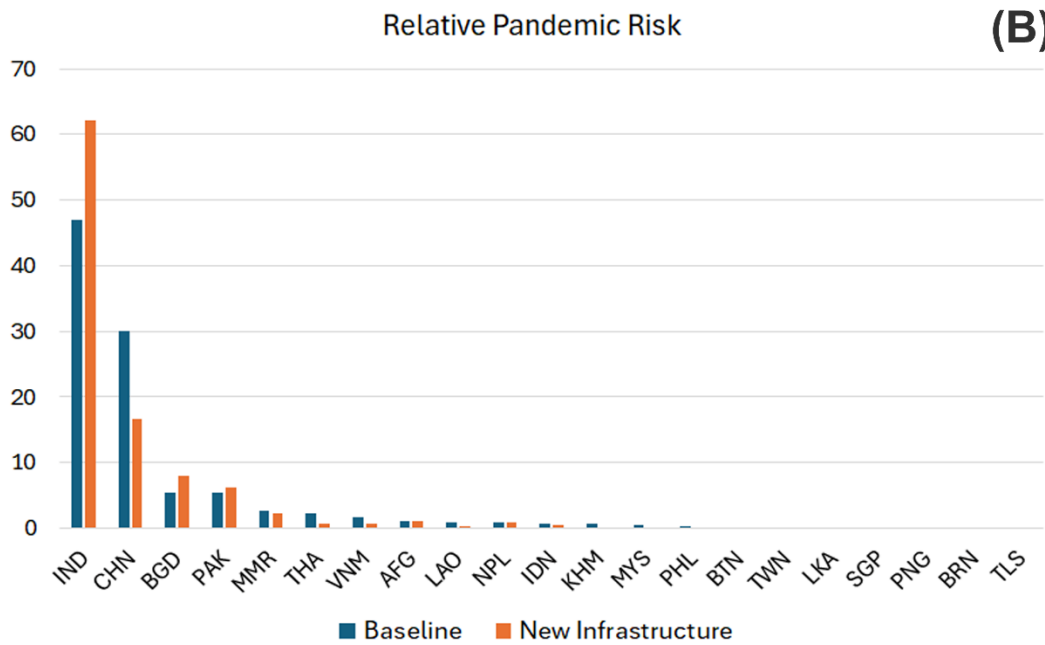
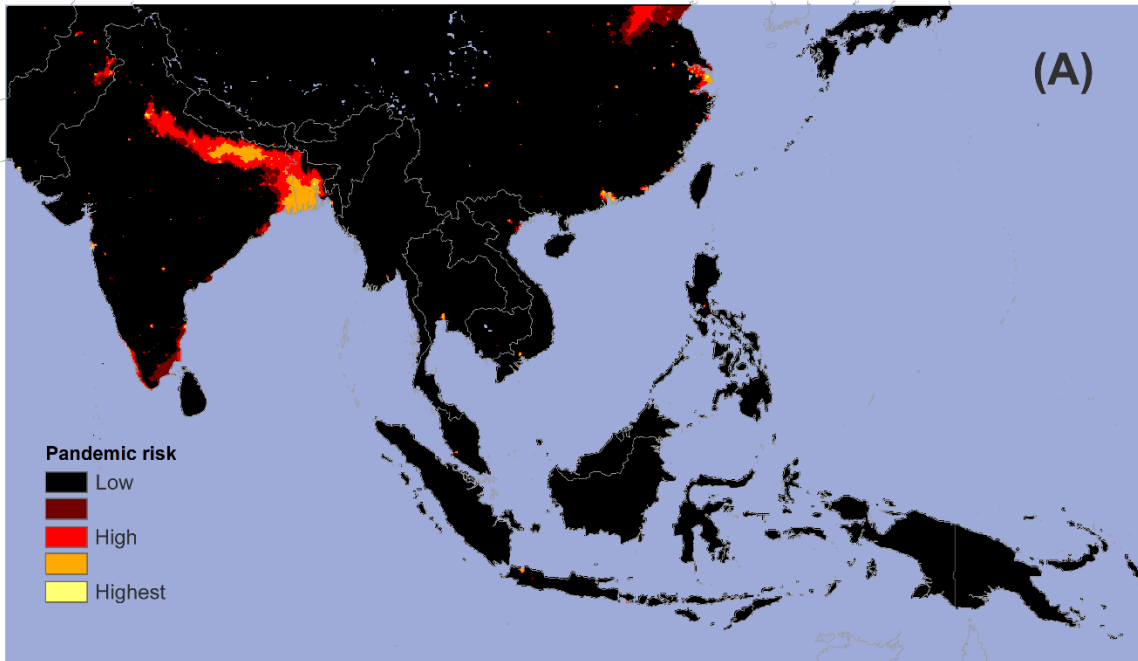
165 ***Pandemic risk mapping***

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167 Pandemic spread modeling showed that the countries with highest pandemic risk are China,
168 Bangladesh, and India (Figure 4). Specific areas in South Asia where pandemic risk is highest are
169 in the majority of Bangladesh, India's north, northeast, and southern regions, and eastern Pakistan
170 (Figure 4a). India and China have the highest relative pandemic risk scores, respectively garnering
171 47% and 30% out of a total possible 100% computed for the entire region (Figure 4b; Table S4).
172 They are followed to a lesser extent by Bangladesh (5.5%) and Pakistan (5.4%), although they are
173 notably smaller in terms of size than the previous two countries. In China, the surrounding coastal
174 areas of the large Chinese cities of the Greater Bay Area (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Hong Kong and
175 Macau) and Shanghai are the highest pandemic risk areas. Pockets of high-risk areas also exist in
176 cities in Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

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178 Among all countries, Bangladesh recorded the largest percentages of highest (0.2%), moderately
179 high (30.4%), and moderate (26.1%) at-risk areas for pandemic spread (Table S7). India follows,
180 with 7.5% of its land area classified at moderate or moderately high risk for pandemic spread.
181 Pakistan and China are next with 3.0% of their respective country areas recorded to be at high risk
182 of pandemic spread. These results highlight that countries with higher population densities and are
183 closest to high eRIDE and PAR areas are at most risk of a possible pandemic.



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185 **Figure 4. Simulated Pandemic Risk from Zoonotic Agents in Rhinolophid Bats of Tropical**

186 **East Asia.** Depicted here are the (A) map of pandemic risk areas under baseline scenario (discrete

187 color bands in the legend follow an exponential scale), and (B) index rankings per country under

188 baseline (blue) and new infrastructure (orange) scenarios, derived from the sum of pandemic risk

189 scores within each country's border.

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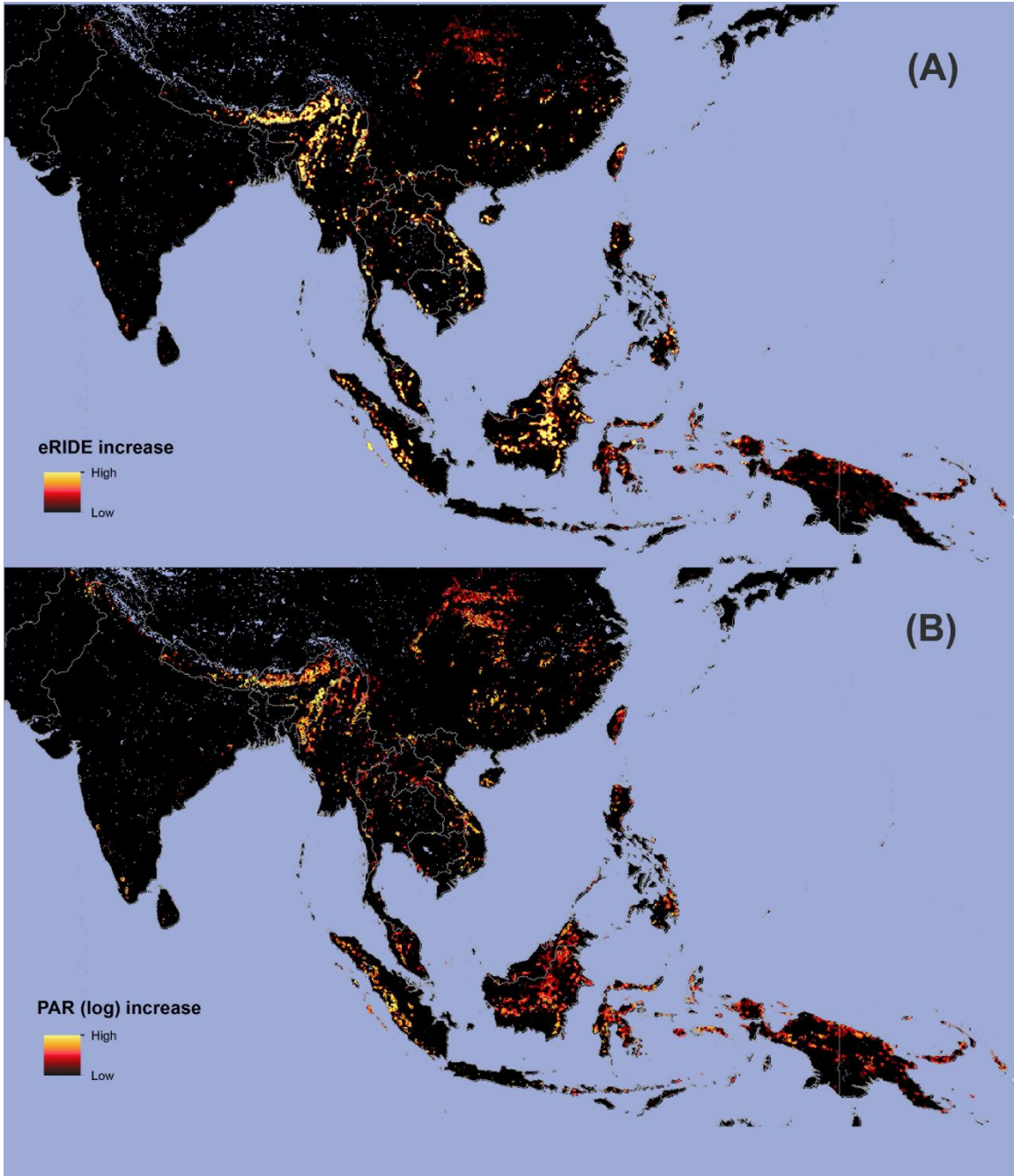
192 ***Increased fragmentation from existing and planned infrastructure scenario***

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194 Introducing road networks over the habitat increased fragmentation generally across all countries
195 when compared to baseline scenario values (Table S2). All countries/territories experienced a
196 decrease in mean patch area and patch cohesion index values compared to baseline values, and all
197 except Bangladesh had a decline in their largest patch index values. China ranked first in terms of
198 highest habitat fragmentation across first (baseline) and second (baseline + new infrastructure)
199 scenarios. The most dramatic change is from Papua New Guinea, which experienced a +335.1%
200 increase in number of patches concurrently with a -83.1% decrease in mean patch area and a -
201 48.9% decline in its largest patch index value.

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203 The relative eRIDE index rankings in the second scenario remain mostly unchanged when
204 compared to the baseline scenario, with only minor redistributions in values between countries
205 (Figure 2a). However, hotspots in specific regions were revealed by risk categorization and grid-
206 wise spatial comparisons between the first and second scenarios (Figure 5; Table 1). In mainland
207 Asia, the largest increases in combined high-risk areas were observed in Bhutan (+21.2%),
208 followed by northeast India (+3.1%), western Myanmar (+1.8%) and Vietnam (+0.8%). In insular
209 Asia, Taiwan observed a +11.4% increase in moderate risk areas, while Indonesia had a +5.8%
210 increase in combined high-risk areas distributed among its islands of Kalimantan (Borneo),
211 Sumatra, and Sulawesi. In Papua New Guinea, a +6.6% increase was observed. These hotspots
212 occur in forest areas where existing and planned road networks are located (Figure 6).



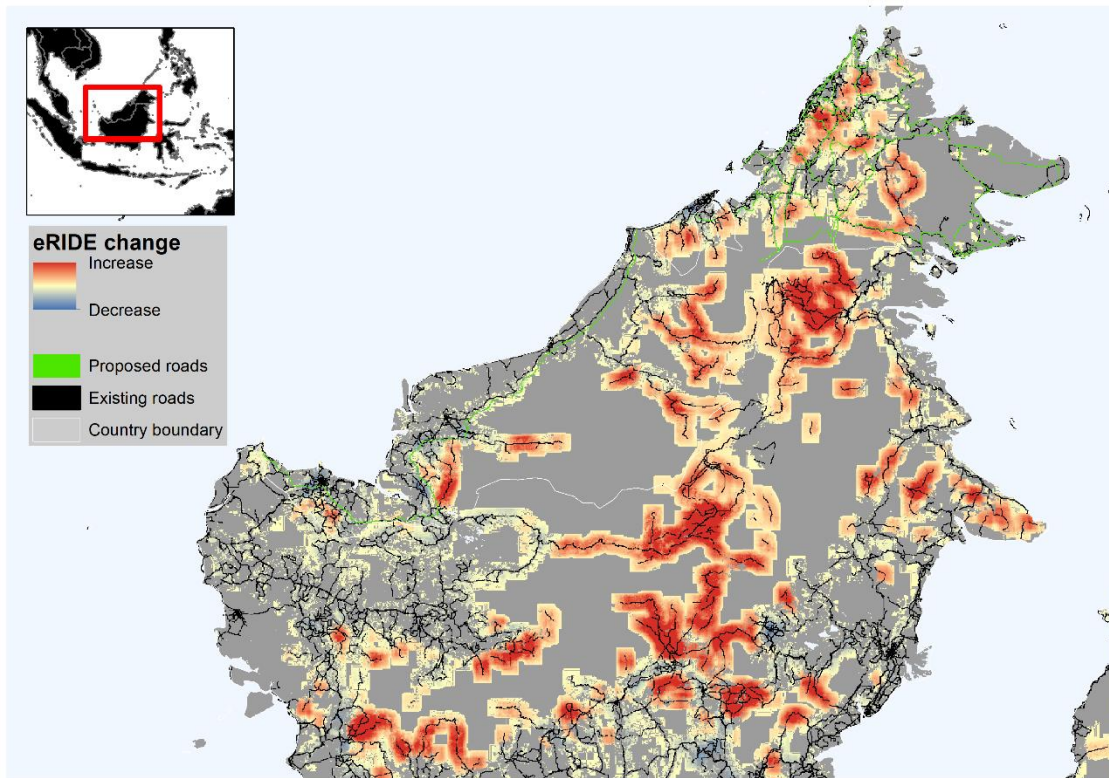
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214 **Figure 5. Changes in eRIDE and PAR Scores in Tropical East Asia Under New Infrastructure**

215 **Scenario.** Maps depicting increases in (A) eRIDE and (B) PAR (log) scores under the new

216 infrastructure (NI) scenario. Change maps were computed by subtracting the values of the NI

217 scenario from the baseline. Colors transition from black to yellow to indicate stronger increases.



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219 **Figure 6. Changes in eRIDE in Borneo Island.** Enlarged map of Borneo Island depicting changes
 220 in eRIDE values under the new infrastructure scenario. Increased eRIDE values are depicted here
 221 in yellows and reds, particularly along road networks (black and neon green lines), illustrating the
 222 potential impacts of infrastructure on tropical regions with intact forest habitats.

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224 For PAR, China, India, and Indonesia still had the highest relative PAR scores under the second
 225 scenario (Table S4). The relative PAR scores for Vietnam (+0.6%), Myanmar (+1.6%), Thailand
 226 (+0.7%), Nepal (+0.2%), Laos (+0.4%), Bhutan (+0.3%), Bangladesh (+0.1%), and Papua New
 227 Guinea (+0.1%) also increased under the second scenario, although these changes barely affected
 228 the rankings (Figure 2b; Table S4). Risk categorization and spatial comparison between the
 229 scenarios revealed strong increases in high PAR areas for Sri Lanka (+11.1%), Taiwan (+8.1%)
 230 and Bhutan (+5.1%). The hotspots observed in the spatial comparisons were supported by the risk
 231 categorization (Table 1), particularly along northeast India (+2.6%), western Myanmar (+1.1%),
 232 central China (+3.6%), and Indonesia (+2.2%) (Figure 5b). Central Vietnam (+0.3%), peninsular
 233 Malaysia (+2.7%), Papua New Guinea (+2.3%), and southern Philippines (+4.5%) also registered
 234 moderate upward shifts.

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236 The changes in PAR distributions intensified the relative pandemic risk values for the South Asian
237 countries of India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, as these countries registered increases in their
238 pandemic risk scores (Figure 4; Table S4). India had a dramatic increase of +15%. China remained
239 the second-highest country at risk due to its huge land area. Spatially, the risk patterns in the map
240 are similar to the baseline simulation, with the majority of the highest risk areas still concentrated
241 in the north-northeast India-Bangladesh corridor, as well as in the greater Guangzhou and Shanghai
242 areas of China (Supplementary Figure S2). Relative to their respective land areas, Bangladesh
243 registered the highest increase in pandemic risk areas (+9.8%), followed by (+1.8%), Pakistan
244 (+1.3%), and Nepal (+0.2%) (Table 3).

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247 **Discussion**

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249 *A OneHealth approach to spillover surveillance*

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251 There is a growing realization of the importance of integrating OneHealth perspectives into
252 landscape management (35, 36). New approaches which combine landscape parameters with the
253 distribution of competent hosts can predict patterns of spillover risk. Here we demonstrate the use
254 of a OneHealth approach to predict potential spillover and pandemic risk hotspots in tropical East
255 Asia. Using the estimated risk of infectious disease emergence (eRIDE) and population-at-risk
256 (PAR) indices, which are models that utilize the relationships between species richness, habitat
257 fragmentation metrics and human population density in determining spillover hotspots, we found
258 that Indochina and southern China are of highest risk for spillover in Asia due to their high
259 Rhinolophid species richness alongside dense human populations. A subsequent pandemic spread
260 network model we applied also revealed that South Asia, specifically Bangladesh and northeast
261 India, has the highest risk for a pandemic once spillover occurs in the hotspots, or if infected
262 wildlife is potentially transported to urban centers.

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264 Using an approach that incorporates the biological, environmental, and human aspects of health is
265 useful in establishing baseline knowledge on spillover potential hotspots, including distribution of
266 competent hosts and natural interfaces for spillover without initially needing immunological or
267 viral data. Spillovers into human populations require a virus to spill into humans (often via an
268 intermediate host) and then spread from human-to-human, which is not only rare, but also is more
269 likely to happen in areas where human populations have not acquired immunity (37). Rates of
270 SARS-related coronaviruses from Southeast Asian bats have been previously examined, but such

271 studies may not accurately capture species ranges or the landscape dynamics that should be
272 considered (33). Localized spillovers potentially remain underreported due to factors such as the
273 lack of human-to-human transmission, the presence of acquired immunity preventing case
274 mortalities, or inadequate reporting and identification in rural areas (20). This suggests that whilst
275 existing studies on viral surveillance provide valuable insights, they may overlook potential
276 spillover hotspots, as the bias in the data in these studies may not adequately represent where
277 spillover events are likely to occur in the landscape. Thus, integrating species ecology and
278 limitations into analysis is essential, as the ecology of vectors has profound implications for
279 transmission pathways, or understanding how to manage and mitigate risk.

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281 *Direct use of competent hosts in modeling risk*

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283 Understanding potential spillover locations in the landscape requires identifying interfaces between
284 humans and competent hosts. Competent hosts such as rodents and birds act as reservoirs for
285 pathogenic viruses and bacteria (14, 38, 39). By focusing on the distribution of these competent
286 hosts, we can pinpoint natural interfaces for spillover events. Rhinolophid bats, which are known
287 reservoirs of coronaviruses related to SARS and COVID-19 (6, 22), were directly studied to look
288 at their potential for zoonoses. Utilizing the eRIDE and PAR models, which are most effective in
289 systems with defined edges such as forests (9), we identified spillover hotspots where bat
290 movement between forest fragments could lead to pathogen transmission to humans and other
291 hosts.

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293 The eRIDE (potential pathogen emergence) hotspots identified coincided with forested regions of
294 high Rhinolophid species richness (Supplementary Figure S1) but also in areas with high
295 fragmentation, aligning with previous studies mapping potential coronavirus host bat species in
296 Southeast Asia (33, 40), particularly in Southern China, eastern Myanmar, and northern Laos.
297 Recent investigations have uncovered the presence of SARS-CoV-like coronaviruses in bats in
298 these regions despite limited sampling (6, 24, 33). The diverse Rhinolophid bat communities in
299 these regions can facilitate interactions between species, potentially leading to the mixing of
300 potential zoonotic viruses. Given that individual bats can host multiple viruses concurrently and
301 tend to roost in densely populated fragmented habitats (6, 41), the risk of pathogen spillover to
302 humans in these habitat edges are higher. However, further work is needed to better describe
303 Rhinolophid species and their interactions across the region (42) to facilitate a clearer
304 understanding of viral dynamics, especially in how they vary across space and time.

305 *Impact of population density in pandemic risk*

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307 The high similarity between the high eRIDE and PAR hotspots demonstrates that populations in
308 Asia are at proximity to high spillover risk exposure areas. This is in contrast with the original
309 application of these models in Africa, which found that potential risk transmission areas (i.e. high
310 eRIDE risk) are sparsely populated and distant from the high PAR areas, and thus highlighted the
311 role of population centers in disease emergence and transmission (9). Our use of the models in Asia
312 provides a more localized context wherein the proximity of nearby population centers could mean
313 that zoonotic diseases from Rhinolophids could possibly be transmitted from animal to people more
314 rapidly. In Asia, there is steadily increasing population density in peri-urban areas where there are
315 potential interactions between wildlife and domesticated animals and humans, therefore higher
316 proximity between zoonotic systems (43–45). Migration of human populations or changing patterns
317 of tourism can increase exposure of naïve human populations to pathogens, thus increasing chances
318 for outbreak when spillover happens (46, 47). Furthermore, migrating human populations may
319 drive wildlife trade, wildlife farming, and their associated risks of spillover (48, 49). Wildlife
320 farming for fur and culinary consumption provide a major risk for potential zoonotic spillovers (50,
321 51). These activities may be linked to the trade and illegal trafficking of wildlife, as evidenced by
322 instances where raccoon dogs in Chinese markets are frequently native (possibly wild-caught)
323 rather than farmed species (52). It is therefore crucial to understand the placement of these farms
324 to implement rigorous biosecurity monitoring measures.

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326 In terms of pandemic spread post-spillover event, our network model results showed that the high-
327 risk areas were aggregated around dense population centers, notably in eastern India and
328 Bangladesh as well as the megacities in eastern (Shanghai) and southern (Guangdong) China. These
329 further demonstrate the effect of population density and land transport networks in moving
330 potentially zoonotic viruses from their sources as evidenced in the PAR hotspots, and akin to what
331 has been observed in previous cases of zoonoses, such as for Marburg and Ebola in the African
332 continent. For instance, the index case for the 2013 Ebola epidemic in West Africa was traced to a
333 Guinean village already heavily modified by human activity, in contrast to earlier cases where
334 initial spillover likely occurred in villages closer to core forest areas (8, 53). Similarly, the index
335 case for a Marburg virus outbreak in 2012 in Uganda was attributed to a traveler who got infected
336 upon returning from his hometown (54). eRIDE predictions are consistent with risk emergence
337 hotspots with high spatial resolution for *Ebolavirus* in Africa, a region where spillover data for
338 Ebola virus disease is more widely tracked (9). This approach provides a non-invasive and cost-

339 efficient strategy to localize potential risk areas without resorting to lethal methods for pathogen
340 detection in bats, a practice documented in previous studies (e.g. 55, 56), and can be cross validated
341 by field surveys, such as the use of tarpaulins to collect urine for testing in saves. The outcomes
342 derived from our models can provide guidance for governmental organizations in the designated
343 high-risk regions to formulate contingency measures in anticipation of potential recurrence of a
344 coronavirus spillover event.

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346 *Fragmentation increases spillover risk in Asia*

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348 Increasing habitat fragmentation resulting from the development of road networks may increase
349 spillover risks, as increased eRIDE and PAR scores were observed in forested areas of western
350 Myanmar, Bhutan, Borneo, and New Guinea. High PAR scores in the northern portions of South
351 Asia have particularly led to the high pandemic spread risk score of Bangladesh and India, given
352 especially the high population density and connectivity of this area to both South and mainland
353 Southeast Asia, where eRIDE hotspots are concentrated. Additionally, planned infrastructure in
354 Bornean landscapes will fragment important landscapes and drive biodiversity declines (34, 57).
355 The same patterns of decline are likely to be observed in New Guinea, as development along the
356 Trans-Papuan highway has already led to significant loss in forest areas, and subsequently, this
357 region's remarkable biodiversity (58).

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359 Habitat degradation resulting from activities such as deforestation, agricultural expansion, and
360 urbanization leads to greater pathogen spillover by creating edge effects that increase interspecies
361 contact and the transmission of zoonotic pathogens (9, 59). These edge effects serve as transition
362 zones where wildlife, domestic animals, and humans come into closer contact, heightening the risk
363 of spillover events (44). The loss of biodiversity from habitat fragmentation increases the risk of
364 spillovers, as decreasing habitat quality reduces species diversity and abundance, reversing the
365 "dilution effect" that normally helps lower pathogen prevalence due to a higher number of
366 susceptible host species (10, 60). This was demonstrated in a study on CoV prevalence in bat
367 communities in Ghana, where higher CoV prevalence and infection likelihood were observed in
368 communities with lower bat diversity resulting from disturbances in habitat structure, thus leading
369 to increased exposure to diseases by humans or greater interface with potential generalist
370 intermediate hosts (35). This highlights the buffering effect of biodiversity, and proactive strategies
371 to enhance habitat connectivity and extent must be implemented to maintain healthy wildlife
372 populations and reduce the interfaces where spillover is most probable.

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374 Pathogen spillover increases during land conversion, particularly at intermediate levels of habitat
375 loss where there is a large population of competent hosts still present in core habitats alongside
376 susceptible hosts in human-modified landscapes (13, 59). Intermediately fragmented areas contain
377 higher numbers of competent hosts in the core habitats, leaving naïve populations exposed in the
378 surrounding matrix (61–63). This scenario is evident in cases such as in Henipavirus outbreaks in
379 Bangladesh and rabies incidences in cattle associated with deforestation and habitat fragmentation
380 (37, 64). This may be linked to high stress to wildlife populations as well as large interfaces between
381 wildlife and humans, livestock or domestic animals. Therefore, addressing habitat fragmentation is
382 crucial in regions like southwest China, known for high rates of coronavirus transmission risk and
383 being a major habitat for bats identified as betacoronavirus reservoirs (65), but where fragmentation
384 of natural habitats is also high (66, 67).

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386 Maintaining the core of habitats is essential for reducing habitat perimeters and minimizing contact
387 zones where disease transmissions can occur (9). The growth of infrastructure and increasing edge
388 density in these habitats will make these areas higher-risk zones for pandemic spread in neighboring
389 regions. Preventing further fragmentation is crucial, as there are already observed shifts in global
390 bat diversity due to climate change (68), which could exacerbate viral transmission risk between
391 species (7). Furthermore, spillover risk is not static over time. Factors such as increasing extreme
392 climate events, interacting with habitat loss and agricultural expansion, play a direct role in driving
393 spillover events, like those seen in the case of Hendra (69) and Nipah viruses (70, 71). Recognizing
394 and understanding these interconnected threats can facilitate actions to break the transmission
395 chains (72). Maintaining intact habitats, especially in the face of multiple other stressors is clearly
396 critical not only for maintaining biodiversity, but also to reduce the risk of spillover, and thus should
397 be seen as a component of maintaining ecological security.

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399 *Summary and next steps*

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401 Our work demonstrates an application of the OneHealth paradigm in addressing the threat of
402 zoonotic spillover events from Rhinolophid bats in Asia, a region identified as the epicenter of
403 recent epidemics, including the devastating global COVID-19 pandemic which has already claimed
404 over 7 million lives worldwide. By identifying hotspots and advocating for urgent implementation
405 of mitigation measures, we emphasize the importance of a multidisciplinary and collaborative
406 approach in safeguarding public health and ecosystem integrity. Our results suggest that there are

407 high spillover risk hotspots concentrated in Indochina and Southern China, which could then
408 propagate across the region, particularly affecting the densely populated areas of northern India
409 and Bangladesh.

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411 Whilst model validation is challenging due to the underreporting of coronavirus spillover events in
412 Asia (20) and the probable high levels of immunity in rural human populations, understanding the
413 potential for spillover provides the means for targeting actions to stem the potential for spillover
414 risk. Our findings can offer guidance for targeted resource allocation in epidemiological
415 surveillance of identified high-risk areas, presenting a collaborative approach to result validation
416 and mitigation of impacts on bat populations and viral disease transmission risks. Furthermore,
417 frameworks like these can reflect the diverse species ecophysiology across different taxa,
418 exemplified here by the Rhinolophids (known for their photophobic behavior and preference for
419 high-density habitats), and can also evaluate seasonal fluctuations (19). This proactive and cost-
420 effective strategy can address potential sources of the issue preemptively, rather than reactively
421 responding to spillover events.

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423 The methods presented in our study can be further enhanced by including seasonality factors,
424 especially when linked to seasonal biological phenomena such as pregnancy and hibernation, as
425 well as land use and anthropogenic climate change dynamics in the models. The pandemic spread
426 network model can be further refined by including transport links between hubs for a more accurate
427 simulation of disease spread. Additionally, the inclusion of wildlife farm locations, particularly
428 those housing known competent hosts like small carnivores, can enhance the model's effectiveness.
429 These improvements can prove essential in potential applications when determining zoonoses for
430 different taxonomic groups and regions, given calls for further explorations of viruses with zoonotic
431 potential outside the public health priorities of Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, where
432 pandemics have more recently emerged (73).

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434 Our work lays a foundation for future research that explores the integration of additional factors
435 for enhanced predictive capabilities and tailored surveillance efforts in vulnerable regions.
436 Furthermore, we highlight the vulnerability of human population centers across the region and the
437 heightened risk accompanying infrastructural growth. Notably, SARS-CoV2 is only one of several
438 betacoronaviruses which has emerged from Southeast Asia, with Rhinolophid bats as a probable
439 source. Preventing future epidemics necessitates interventions to mitigate this risk, integrate

440 OneHealth approaches into planning, and reduce interactions between stressed wildlife and
441 potential intermediate species of bat-borne pathogens.

442

443 **Materials and Methods**

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445 To locate areas with high potential for novel disease emergence arising from horseshoe bat richness
446 and habitat fragmentation, we first generated maps that display both using the following methods.
447 These approaches were based on Wilkinson et al. (2018) but adapted for the context of the South
448 and Southeast Asian region, and for a more specific approach to coronaviruses.

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450 *Assessment of habitat fragmentation in Asia through analysis of remote sensing products*

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452 Land-cover maps that exist typically overestimate the amount of forest in the region due to their
453 overreliance on canopy cover as the sole metric to identify forest vs non-forest (74, 75). This is
454 especially obvious in Southeast Asia, where there is a significant coverage of rubber and palm oil
455 plantations yet are not identified as separate land-cover classes in existing products (e.g. GLAD
456 Land Cover) due to the challenge of distinguishing types of tree-cover using basic mapping
457 approaches. In addition, in drier climates in the region, natural forests may be both shorter and
458 sparse (76), thus to accurately map forests and distinguish them from plantations, different
459 thresholds must be set based on precipitation. We therefore mapped remaining forest areas in
460 tropical East Asia using a combination of remotely sensed canopy height and modeled precipitation
461 data following an approach used in B. V. Li et al. (2016) to accurately map forests across the same
462 region. First, we obtained canopy height data from ETH Global Sentinel-2 10m Canopy Height
463 data for 2020 covering the entire region (66° to 156° E longitude, -16° S to 36° N latitude). Data
464 was downloaded through Google Earth Engine, after resampling from 10 m to 1 km (download
465 date: 8 Aug 2023). We chose 1 km as the resolution as it corresponds closest to the highest available
466 resolution for climate data (30", which is approx. 1 km at the equator). Annual precipitation data
467 was obtained from CHELSA ver. 2.1 (download date: 6 Sep 2022).

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469 Given the dependence of Rhinolophid bats on intact forest regions, we needed to delineate forest
470 from non-forest in the region so that fragmentation could be assessed. Owing to the precipitation
471 differences between dry-deciduous and wetter forests, we separated the region between these two
472 climate regions based on biomes delineated in the Ecoregions 2017 map (78), and precipitation
473 thresholds used in (77). We then applied the following criteria to classify forest pixels from the
474 canopy height map:

4751. Tropical areas with precipitation values ≥ 1800 mm/year and with canopy height ≥ 20 m were
476 classified as forest;

4772. Tropical areas with precipitation values < 1800 mm/year and with canopy height ≥ 25 m were
478 classified as forest;

4793. Temperate areas with precipitation values ≥ 600 mm/year and with canopy height ≥ 20 m were
480 classified as forest

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482 In order to mask out plantation areas that fall under the canopy height limits we set for each region,
483 we used plantation map data obtained from multiple sources. First, we downloaded the Spatial
484 Database of Planted Trees (SDPT) version 1.0 compiled by Global Forest Watch (GFW), which
485 categorizes plantations of native or introduced species worldwide based on supervised
486 classification or manual delineation of satellite imagery (79, downloaded on 15 Aug 2023). We
487 then supplemented this by generating a land-cover mask of all cropland and plantation areas
488 obtained from the Thai government (80) and a study which classified rubber plantations in Yunnan
489 Province in China for 2016 (66). All geoprocessing was performed in R version 4.0.5 using the
490 *raster* package.

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492 Lastly, we conducted an area-adjusted pixel-based accuracy assessment on the forest map generated
493 by creating a confusion matrix. From this matrix, we calculated the overall, user's, and producer's
494 accuracy metrics for the forest and non-forest classes. To derive this, we randomly sampled points
495 from the forest and non-forest classes on the map product. Each point was then visually assessed
496 for its classification accuracy by comparing it with high-resolution imagery from ESRI using
497 ArcMap 10.4. The results were then compiled into a confusion matrix to quantify the classification
498 performance. To assess the uncertainty associated with each estimation, we computed error-
499 adjusted area estimations and confidence intervals for each class (81). The resulting forest map
500 demonstrated an overall accuracy of 96.1%, with producer's accuracy for the classes ranging from
501 86.3 to 100%, and user's accuracy ranging from 78.0 to 98.0% (Table S1).

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503 ***Mapping Rhinolophid species richness in Asia***

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505 We used Rhinolophid species richness as a metric for potential interactions between competent
506 hosts in the forest fragments. We computed species richness by overlapping the suitable habitats
507 for Rhinolophid bats, which were predicted using Maxent (82), a widely used algorithm in

508 modeling species distributions due to its generally good capability of predicting suitable habitats
509 given a minimum number of species records (83).

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511 *Species points sources and processing*

512 Species occurrence points for bats from the Rhinolophidae family within the study region were
513 obtained from the dataset used in (84), which is a combination of data from the Global Biodiversity
514 Information Facility (85, 86), the DarkCideS database (87), and field sampling. We also compiled
515 additional points for Indonesia from multiple published datasets (see Supplementary S3).
516 Taxonomic names were then updated using the Bats of the World database (batnames.org, accessed
517 on 1 Oct 2023). A total of 7,885 data points across 59 Rhinolophidae bat species were compiled.

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519 To avoid spatial autocorrelation, a spatial thinning algorithm that retains one occurrence point per
520 species for each grid cell at 30" resolution (0.008333°) was applied. Potentially invalid coordinates
521 were also identified and removed using the `clean_coordinates()` function of the `CoordinateCleaner`
522 package in R. Invalid points include those that might be outliers, within country capitals or country
523 centroids, within research institutions and botanical gardens, or outside land masses. After cleaning,
524 we retained species with more than 15 points for modeling, leaving the final number of species at
525 44.

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527 *Environmental predictors*

528 To predict the bats' suitable habitat, a suite of environmental predictors important to bat ecology
529 was selected. For climate, we obtained bioclimatic variables from CHELSA version 2.1 (88), and
530 a Global Aridity Index from the Global Aridity Index and Potential Evapo-Transpiration (ET0)
531 Database v3 (89). Due to the lack of high-resolution global karst maps essential to locate caves
532 which bats inhabit, we represented karst habitats by using a Depth to bedrock (R horizon) layer
533 obtained from SoilGrids 2.0 (90), with the assumption that karst areas are in regions with shallow
534 bedrock depths owing to the thin soils in these formations.

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536 To represent vegetation cover, we used two layers. First, we obtained the ETH Global Canopy
537 Height 2020 product, which estimated vegetation heights globally from remote sensing data (91).
538 This is useful to differentiate between natural and cultivated vegetation types in which the bats
539 inhabit. Second, we used a Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) layer obtained from
540 the MOD13A2 V6.1 Terra product set released by MODIS (92) to represent vegetation
541 productivity. Since this image satellite product is released every 16 days, we computed the mean

542 NDVI for the year 2020 using all available imagery for that year. Both these vegetation layers were
543 hosted, processed, and downloaded through Google Earth Engine Data Catalog (downloaded on 20
544 Sep 2023).

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546 We produced a “distance from water bodies” layer, in which each grid cell’s distance to the nearest
547 freshwater body was calculated using a freshwater bodies layer obtained from the MERIT Hydro
548 Global Hydrography dataset (93, downloaded on 30 Aug 2023). We first processed the available
549 freshwater bodies layer into binary (i.e. water body vs land), then computed the Euclidean distance
550 of each land grid cell to the nearest water body cell. Processing for this was performed in ArcMap
551 version 10.4.

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553 All environmental predictors were then resampled to 30” resolution, stacked together, and checked
554 for multicollinearity using Spearman’s rank correlation test. Predictors with Spearman’s $r > 0.7$
555 were removed from the model, and the following predictors were retained: mean annual
556 temperature (Bio1), temperature annual range (Bio7), precipitation of wettest month (Bio13),
557 precipitation seasonality (Bio15), aridity index, depth to bedrock, distance to water bodies, and
558 vegetation height.

559

560 *Maxent modeling*

561 Maxent was used to model suitable habitats of the Rhinolophid bat species. Prior to each species
562 run, 10,000 background points were randomly generated from within a 500-km buffer region of the
563 species’ occurrence points. The ENMEVal package was then used to test different combinations of
564 feature classes (linear, quadratic, and hinge) and regularization multipliers (1 to 5), and the model
565 with the lowest delta AIC score was selected as the most optimal and predicted to space to visualize
566 suitable habitats (94). Model accuracy tests utilized the Area Under the Curve (AUC) and the True
567 Skill Statistic (TSS; 95). All species models yielded good scores, with mean AUC score at 0.861,
568 ranging from 0.780 to 0.951, while TSS scores were generally fair to good, with a mean of 0.534
569 and ranging from 0.278 to 0.875 (Table S3).

570 Each continuous species suitability map was then converted into a binary presence-and-absence
571 map using the 10-percentile training threshold score for each species. To avoid overpredicting the
572 suitable habitats of the bats, the binary maps were clipped according to the biogeographic regions
573 each species has been recorded in, the native ranges based on the distribution of point records, and
574 species range maps published by IUCN (96). Lastly, the clipped rasters were summed to obtain

575 species richness scores. All processing was performed using R ver. 4.0.5 unless otherwise
576 specified.

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578 ***Mapping potential spillover risk hotspots***

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580 To determine potential disease risk hotspots from the Rhinolophid bat populations in remaining
581 habitat fragments, we used an approach from Wilkinson et al. (2018) called the estimated risk of
582 infectious disease emergence, or eRIDE, index (9). In this model, the potential disease risk is
583 estimated based on the diversity of disease-causing species within a habitat patch. It directly
584 correlates species diversity within habitat patches with exposure to human populations, quantified
585 using the edges of the habitat fragments. The model assumes that the number of potential zoonotic
586 agents within the habitat has a direct, linear relationship with fragment diversity, such that the total
587 hazard from novel pathogens is proportional to patch biodiversity. In this case, we represented
588 diversity using the viral populations hosted by the Rhinolophids in each patch. The model also
589 assumes that the area where human populations comes into contact with the habitat is represented
590 by the perimeter of the patches. Thus, the more habitat fragment edges there are, the higher the risk
591 becomes.

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593 To compute eRIDE, we first identified the edge pixels of each fragment, then the focal sum of edge
594 pixels within a 20 x 20 moving window was computed for each grid cell following Wilkinson et
595 al. (2018). The eRIDE index of each cell was then computed as the product of its focal sum of edge
596 pixels and bat species richness score. To identify which populations are at most risk from potential
597 emerging infectious diseases, an estimated population at risk (PAR) index was computed as the
598 product of each cell's eRIDE index and population density. The relative eRIDE and PAR percent
599 scores for each country/territory were then computed as the sum of eRIDE or PAR for each
600 country/territory divided by the total eRIDE or PAR value across the entire modeling region. To
601 assess the categorical risk for each location, the eRIDE and PAR (log) values was reclassified into
602 five categories (low, moderately low, high, moderately high, highest risk) to represent the different
603 levels of risk using the respective geometric progression intervals of the eRIDE and PAR (log)
604 values across the whole region. Unconstrained individual population density data for 2020 for all
605 Asian countries within our mapping domain was obtained from WorldPop
606 (<https://hub.worldpop.org/project/categories?id=18>, downloaded on 11 July 2023).

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609 ***Pandemic risk mapping***

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611 Potential pandemic hotspots were then identified using a network model of pandemic spread based
612 on human density and connectivity (9). First the raster was aggregated from 1-km to 10-km
613 resolution, then the pixel grid was converted into a network using 4-connectivity, with each grid
614 cell representing nodes. Pandemic spread was assumed to likely travel faster between more densely
615 populated places, thus the edge weights between adjacent pixels were computed as the inverse of
616 the product of the population densities of each pixel.

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618 The likelihood for pandemic spread between corresponding pixels x and y was then assessed by
619 first determining the shortest distance $s(x, y)$ on the graph between the two nodes, which was
620 computed using Dijkstra's algorithm. The relative chance of pandemic spread ps for any pixel y
621 was then computed as

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$$ps(y) = \sum_x PAR(x)s(x, y)$$

623 where the sum from all potential source pixels x is obtained. The relative pandemic risk percent
624 score for each country/territory was then computed as the sum of the pandemic risk score for each
625 country/territory divided by the total pandemic risk score across the entire modeling extent. To
626 assess the categorical risk for each country, the pandemic spread risk scores were reclassified into
627 five categories (low, moderately low, high, moderately high, highest risk) to represent different
628 levels of risk using the geometric progression intervals of the pandemic risk scores across the whole
629 region. The R packages *raster*, *tidygraph*, and *igraph* were used for these analyses.

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631 ***Increased fragmentation from existing and planned infrastructure scenario***

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633 Existing and planned infrastructure are known to introduce further fragmentation to natural habitats
634 (97). To investigate the possible effect of adding infrastructure to spillover risk, the models were
635 also run under a second scenario wherein existing and planned infrastructure are applied to mask
636 the existing forest cover map. Existing infrastructure data (e.g. road and rail networks) for the entire
637 region were obtained from OpenStreetMaps (downloaded on 29 March 2024). Planned
638 infrastructure data were also downloaded from various sources for China, Indonesia, Malaysia,
639 India, and Papua New Guinea (see Supplementary for complete list of sources). After processing
640 these into rasters, the infrastructure layers were masked from the existing forest cover map using

641 raster calculator. The models for eRIDE, PAR and pandemic spread were then run using the
642 fragmented forest cover map.

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644 Fragmentation statistics for each country were also computed from the two scenarios (baseline +
645 new infrastructure). The number of fragments, fragment size (as mean patch area and largest patch
646 index), geometric complexity (as mean patch shape ratio), physical connectedness (patch cohesion
647 index), and edge density were all quantified using the *landscapemetrics* package in R.

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Fragmentation results

Analyses of fragmentation in the baseline forest cover map revealed differences for each country/territory (Supplementary Table S2). Bhutan and Papua New Guinea had the most intact forests, as indicated by having the fewest forest patches, but with the highest forest patch index and mean patch area values and high patch cohesion indices, signifying the presence of a large, continuous forest with high connectivity. Taiwan, Brunei, and Nepal followed suit. In contrast, China had the most forest patches and the highest edge length values, indicating extensive forest edge exposure. Relative to its land area, it also had low mean patch area and high patch index values. These collectively suggest that China has the most fragmented forest in our study region. Indonesia had high mean patch area and LPI values due to the intact forest cover in Borneo and Sulawesi, but also had the second highest number of forest patches, implying that a lot of fragmentation has occurred in the other major islands of Sumatra and Java.

Introducing road networks over the habitat increased fragmentation generally across all countries (Supplementary Table S2). All countries/territories experienced a decrease in mean patch area and patch cohesion index values, and all except Bangladesh had a decline in their largest patch index values. The most dramatic change is from Papua New Guinea, which experienced a +335.1% increase in number of patches concurrently with a -83.1% decrease in mean patch area and a -48.9% decline in its largest patch index value.

Forest cover and species distribution modeling results

The resulting forest cover map showed that in mainland Asia, most of the forest cover retained are on the mountainous areas, from the Himalayas in the Indian subcontinent, extending eastward to the mountains over Myanmar and western China, and down to the mountains of Indochina and peninsular southeast Asia. Forest cover across southern China exhibited a patchier appearance. In the islands, New Guinea, Borneo, and Sulawesi are mostly still covered by large

swaths of forest, while Sumatra, Java, and the Philippines are only forested in their montane regions.

Upon combining the predicted maps, we found that the Rhinolophid bat habitats were concentrated in the Indochina region, with the highest species richness numbers seen in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, while also extending slightly northwards to Yunnan and Guangxi provinces in southwest China (Figure S1). Northern Myanmar, eastern Himalaya, peninsular Malaysia, and the rest of southern China had moderate species richness numbers, while Borneo, Sumatra and Philippines were seen to have low Rhinolophid bat species richness. Finally, most of the Indian subcontinent and New Guinea had the lowest richness.

All species distribution models yielded good scores. Mean AUC score was at 0.861, ranging 0.780 to 0.951, while TSS scores had a mean of 0.534 and ranging from 0.278 to 0.875 (see Table S3), allowing all models to be predicted to space and used for further analyses. With regards to the percent contribution of the predictors, temperature annual range (Bio7) and mean canopy height registered as the highest-ranking predictors across most of the bat SDMs, while precipitation seasonality (Bio15) and mean annual temperature (Bio1) mostly ranked second (Supp Table 2). These suggest that climatic variables and vegetation cover mostly dictate the spaces which the Rhinolophid bats find to be most suitable.

Table S1. Accuracy metrics for forest cover map

Land cover class	Area (km²)	Area uncertainty (km²±)	PA	PA±	UA	UA±	OA	OA±
<i>Non forest</i>	2,184,034.7	51,503.22	97.3	0.74	98	2.25	96.06	1.98
<i>Tropical moist forest</i>	293,553.35	42,548.39	90.15	12.27	89.33	4.96		
<i>Tropical dry forest</i>	13,668.14	784.64	100	0	88.67	5.09		
<i>Temperate forest</i>	105,579.04	29,379.43	86.31	23.18	78	6.65		

Legend: PA – Producer’s Accuracy; UA – User’s Accuracy; OA – Overall Accuracy

Data S1. List of sources of infrastructure shapefiles used for analyses

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Table S2. Fragmentation metrics for two scenarios for each country

Country/Territory	Number of Patches			Mean Patch Area (ha)			Largest Patch Index (%)		
	BL	BL + NI	% Change	BL	BL + NI	% Change	BL	BL + NI	% Change
Afghanistan	214	183	-14.5	1865.89	1977.60	6.0	0.45	0.40	-11.7
Bangladesh	556	485	-12.8	1062.95	1156.49	8.8	0.60	0.61	1.3
Bhutan	113	89	-21.2	34470.80	33753.93	-2.1	76.78	58.69	-23.6
Brunei	32	40	25.0	14259.38	10152.50	-28.8	56.79	51.00	-10.2
Cambodia	679	619	-8.8	6961.12	7495.80	7.7	8.49	7.48	-11.8
China	29981	32541	8.5	3207.39	2188.37	-31.8	4.57	0.22	-95.1
East Timor	241	247	2.5	1793.78	1548.18	-13.7	13.92	9.78	-29.8
India	7565	8498	12.3	4823.94	3225.72	-33.1	4.73	1.97	-58.4
Indonesia	10522	11930	13.4	10418.19	7638.63	-26.7	18.30	12.80	-30.0
Laos	1815	1916	5.6	7373.28	6749.53	-8.5	38.72	9.05	-76.6
Malaysia	2033	1805	-11.2	9697.88	9298.56	-4.1	38.75	23.98	-38.1
Myanmar	3268	3482	6.5	10727.42	9637.62	-10.2	20.78	17.16	-17.4
Nepal	1169	1250	6.9	7240.72	5506.40	-24.0	42.17	9.81	-76.7
Pakistan	1171	979	-16.4	2083.69	2042.19	-2.0	1.29	0.62	-52.0
Papua New Guinea	649	2824	335.1	63042.53	10675.96	-83.1	74.69	38.19	-48.9
Philippines	2409	2844	18.1	5212.20	3229.22	-38.0	9.71	2.82	-70.9
Singapore	16	7	-56.3	700.00	428.57	-38.8	14.29	2.66	-81.4
Sri Lanka	322	463	43.8	2022.98	905.40	-55.2	7.89	0.95	-87.9
Taiwan	117	272	132.5	21194.87	7771.32	-63.3	53.74	37.28	-30.6
Thailand	2221	2318	4.4	5389.10	4532.70	-15.9	5.25	2.56	-51.2
Vietnam	2393	2720	13.7	4277.31	3297.50	-22.9	5.44	1.43	-73.7

Note: BL – Baseline; BL + NI – Baseline + New Infrastructure

Table S2 (con't)

Country/Territory	Mean Shape Index			Total Edge Length (m)		
	BL	BL + NI	% Change	BL	BL + NI	% Change
Afghanistan	1.33	1.36	2.0	4.77E+06	4.35E+06	-8.6
Bangladesh	1.24	1.26	0.9	8.89E+06	8.14E+06	-8.5
Bhutan	1.18	1.41	19.9	8.53E+06	1.14E+07	33.9
Brunei	1.40	1.37	-1.8	1.53E+06	1.63E+06	6.3
Cambodia	1.25	1.30	4.0	2.31E+07	2.25E+07	-2.8
China	1.31	1.36	4.1	8.90E+08	7.71E+08	-13.4
East Timor	1.33	1.35	1.0	5.75E+06	5.28E+06	-8.1
India	1.25	1.33	6.1	2.40E+08	2.32E+08	-3.2
Indonesia	1.26	1.30	2.8	3.72E+08	4.22E+08	13.5
Laos	1.28	1.34	4.8	7.98E+07	7.95E+07	-0.4
Malaysia	1.25	1.33	6.1	6.99E+07	6.70E+07	-4.1
Myanmar	1.28	1.35	5.7	1.61E+08	1.68E+08	3.8
Nepal	1.23	1.42	15.2	6.55E+07	6.02E+07	-8.1
Pakistan	1.26	1.31	4.0	2.58E+07	2.23E+07	-13.7
Papua New Guinea	1.25	1.31	5.2	7.55E+07	1.28E+08	70.2
Philippines	1.31	1.27	-2.3	8.22E+07	6.63E+07	-19.4
Singapore	1.27	1.16	-9.1	1.98E+05	6.40E+04	-67.7
Sri Lanka	1.26	1.26	0.2	7.94E+06	6.59E+06	-17.0
Taiwan	1.35	1.31	-2.7	7.88E+06	9.06E+06	14.9
Thailand	1.30	1.36	4.7	7.76E+07	7.48E+07	-3.6
Vietnam	1.30	1.34	2.7	7.56E+07	7.26E+07	-3.9

Note: BL – Baseline; BL + NI – Baseline + New Infrastructure

Table S2 (con't)

Country/Territory	Edge density (m/ha)			Patch cohesion index (%)		
	BL	BL + NI	% Change	BL	BL + NI	% Change
Afghanistan	0.16	0.15	-3.3	93.76	93.33	-0.5
Bangladesh	0.55	0.53	-4.0	92.47	92.08	-0.4
Bhutan	1.69	2.39	41.4	99.89	99.76	-0.1
Brunei	2.70	2.97	10.0	98.65	98.24	-0.4
Cambodia	1.22	1.20	-1.0	98.84	98.37	-0.5
China	1.40	1.25	-11.1	99.26	94.57	-4.7
East Timor	3.75	3.60	-3.9	96.27	93.91	-2.4
India	0.64	0.63	-1.0	99.49	98.05	-1.4
Indonesia	1.99	2.32	16.6	99.66	99.52	-0.1
Laos	3.14	3.15	0.2	99.66	98.57	-1.1
Malaysia	2.13	2.08	-2.5	99.66	99.22	-0.4
Myanmar	2.12	2.22	5.1	99.60	99.26	-0.3
Nepal	3.46	3.34	-3.6	99.80	98.65	-1.2
Pakistan	0.29	0.26	-10.4	97.93	96.42	-1.5
Papua New Guinea	1.61	2.81	74.7	99.94	99.66	-0.3
Philippines	2.71	2.32	-14.5	98.74	96.28	-2.5
Singapore	4.10	1.42	-65.4	81.99	61.54	-24.9
Sri Lanka	1.19	1.02	-14.4	98.20	87.43	-11.0
Taiwan	1.84	2.16	17.4	99.63	98.82	-0.8
Thailand	1.40	1.38	-1.7	98.78	96.89	-1.9
Vietnam	2.10	2.05	-2.3	98.46	95.69	-2.8

Note: BL – Baseline scenario; BL + NI – Baseline + New Infrastructure scenario

Table S3. Parameters used and accuracy metrics for Maxent species models

Species	TPT	FC	RM	Training AUC	TSS
<i>Rhinolophus acuminatus</i>	0.1752	LQH	3	0.873	0.500
<i>Rhinolophus affinis</i>	0.3038	LQH	1	0.839	0.517
<i>Rhinolophus arcuatus</i>	0.1221	LQ	1	0.866	0.480
<i>Rhinolophus beddomei</i>	0.3021	LQ	1	0.960	0.786
<i>Rhinolophus borneensis</i>	0.2698	LQ	1	0.803	0.420
<i>Rhinolophus celebensis</i>	0.0747	LQ	1	0.870	0.366
<i>Rhinolophus chaseni</i>	0.2692	LQ	1	0.905	0.686
<i>Rhinolophus coelophyllus</i>	0.3131	LQH	5	0.836	0.492
<i>Rhinolophus cornutus</i>	0.1923	LQ	1	0.840	0.376
<i>Rhinolophus euryotis</i>	0.4897	LQH	2	0.793	0.412
<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	0.2319	LQ	1	0.896	0.627
<i>Rhinolophus formosae</i>	0.3471	LQ	1	0.949	0.788
<i>Rhinolophus indorouxii</i>	0.3965	LQ	3	0.964	0.775
<i>Rhinolophus inops</i>	0.2549	LQ	4	0.780	0.278
<i>Rhinolophus lepidus</i>	0.1465	LQH	3	0.891	0.568
<i>Rhinolophus luctus</i>	0.3039	LQH	3	0.825	0.455
<i>Rhinolophus macrotis</i>	0.3633	LQ	1	0.812	0.487
<i>Rhinolophus malayanus</i>	0.346	H	3	0.817	0.453
<i>Rhinolophus marshalli</i>	0.2884	LQ	1	0.830	0.425
<i>Rhinolophus megaphyllus</i>	0.1049	LQ	1	0.885	0.411
<i>Rhinolophus microglobosus</i>	0.2553	LQ	1	0.848	0.517
<i>Rhinolophus monoceros</i>	0.4048	H	5	0.951	0.875
<i>Rhinolophus pearsonii</i>	0.3028	H	2	0.876	0.577
<i>Rhinolophus philippinensis</i>	0.3864	LQH	4	0.841	0.509
<i>Rhinolophus pusillus</i>	0.3673	LQH	2	0.820	0.504
<i>Rhinolophus refulgens</i>	0.4239	LQ	2	0.882	0.552
<i>Rhinolophus rex</i>	0.334	LQ	1	0.786	0.384
<i>Rhinolophus robinsoni</i>	0.1898	LQ	2	0.908	0.669
<i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>	0.2701	LQH	1	0.876	0.604
<i>Rhinolophus rufus</i>	0.6113	LQH	5	0.825	0.500
<i>Rhinolophus sedulus</i>	0.2673	LQH	3	0.917	0.737
<i>Rhinolophus shameli</i>	0.2848	LQH	4	0.876	0.592
<i>Rhinolophus siamensis</i>	0.4087	LQH	1	0.800	0.430
<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>	0.4028	LQH	3	0.867	0.605
<i>Rhinolophus stheno</i>	0.2165	LQH	3	0.860	0.514
<i>Rhinolophus subbadius</i>	0.4034	LQH	4	0.956	0.736
<i>Rhinolophus subrufus</i>	0.3611	L	5	0.780	0.399
<i>Rhinolophus tatar</i>	0.112	LQH	4	0.956	0.652
<i>Rhinolophus thomasi</i>	0.2929	H	5	0.833	0.374
<i>Rhinolophus trifoliatus</i>	0.2196	LQH	3	0.896	0.622

<i>Rhinolophus virgo</i>	0.2258	LQ	1	0.814	0.381
<i>Rhinolophus yunanensis</i>	0.4731	LQH	3	0.777	0.400

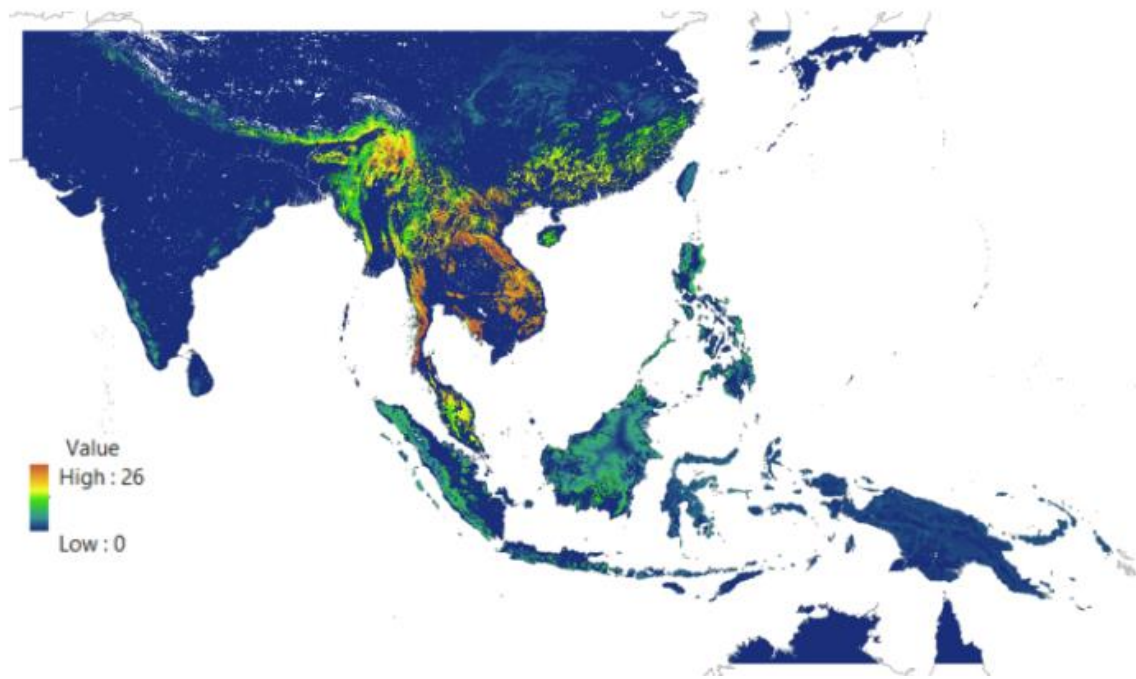


Figure S1. Map of tropical east Asia showing Rhinolophid species richness based on species distribution models

Data S2. List of additional species occurrence points sources

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Table S4. Relative eRIDE, Relative Population at Risk, and Relative Pandemic Risk scores for each country

COUNTRY	ISO3 CODE	eRIDE INDEX			POPULATION AT RISK (PAR) SCORE			Pandemic Risk		
		BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change
Afghanistan	AFG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
Bangladesh	BGD	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.1	5.5	8.0	2.5
Bhutan	BTN	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0
Brunei	BRN	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cambodia	KHM	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.5
China	CHN	24.8	22.0	-2.8	29.6	27.8	-1.8	30.0	16.7	-13.3
East Timor	TLS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
India	IND	9.9	9.9	0.0	21.2	20.9	-0.3	47.0	62.0	15.0
Indonesia	IDN	10.0	11.1	1.1	13.5	14.1	0.6	0.7	0.5	-0.2
Laos	LAO	10.7	11.1	0.4	2.3	2.7	0.4	0.9	0.2	-0.7
Malaysia	MYS	3.3	3.5	0.2	2.0	1.6	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.4
Myanmar	MMR	16.5	17.5	0.9	5.3	6.9	1.6	2.7	2.2	-0.5
Nepal	NPL	2.3	2.1	-0.2	6.1	6.3	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.0
Pakistan	PAK	0.4	0.3	-0.1	2.7	2.5	-0.1	5.4	6.3	0.9
Papua New Guinea	PNG	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Philippines	PHL	2.2	2.2	0.0	3.0	2.9	-0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.2
Singapore	SGP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sri Lanka	LKA	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	TWN	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Thailand	THA	7.1	7.2	0.1	3.0	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.8	-1.5
Vietnam	VNM	7.3	7.0	-0.3	6.3	7.0	0.6	1.8	0.7	-1.0

Note: BL – Baseline scenario; BL + NI – Baseline + New Infrastructure scenario

Table S5. Percentage of eRIDE risk areas categorized by eRIDE values for each country under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure (NI) scenarios. Risk level categories are determined by the geometric intervals of the eRIDE values. Cells are color-coded to represent the percentage of coverage for each risk category, indicating the respective country’s risk level in each scenario.

Country	Risk Level Category Percentages									
	Low		Moderately Low		High		Moderately High		Highest	
	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI
Afghanistan	10.2	10.0	68.4	68.7	21.5	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh	2.5	2.4	4.4	3.7	16.0	17.9	70.9	69.8	6.2	6.1
Bhutan	3.9	1.8	24.2	15.3	47.0	36.6	24.3	41.3	0.7	4.9
Brunei Darussalam	8.4	9.0	23.4	17.3	52.6	52.8	15.6	20.9	0.0	0.0
Cambodia	0.7	0.7	3.4	3.4	12.6	12.2	47.7	45.5	35.6	38.2
China	5.8	3.9	33.5	35.3	22.9	23.3	25.9	27.2	12.0	10.3
India	3.3	3.1	17.9	17.1	28.9	26.9	42.5	45.0	7.4	8.0
Indonesia	21.6	15.8	39.2	41.5	28.4	31.4	10.8	11.3	0.0	0.0
Laos	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.0	5.0	4.4	37.1	36.5	56.5	57.8
Malaysia	12.6	10.2	18.8	19.2	37.1	38.7	30.4	30.8	1.0	1.0
Myanmar	1.7	1.6	8.0	7.4	16.4	15.2	52.5	54.4	21.4	21.4
Nepal	0.9	1.0	23.6	24.7	33.9	35.4	34.0	32.7	7.6	6.1
Pakistan	4.9	5.6	35.0	37.0	47.2	48.0	13.0	9.4	0.0	0.0
Papua New Guinea	43.2	36.7	55.1	61.1	1.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Philippines	2.8	1.8	12.0	10.8	58.0	60.8	27.2	26.6	0.0	0.0
Singapore	44.7	100.0	55.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sri Lanka	3.1	5.8	16.9	22.3	79.9	71.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	5.5	2.9	49.9	41.2	44.6	56.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Thailand	0.4	0.4	1.7	1.8	7.0	6.8	52.5	53.1	38.3	37.9
Timor-Leste	6.7	8.1	80.3	80.3	13.0	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Viet Nam	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.9	4.9	4.2	42.7	42.8	51.3	52.0

Table S6. Percentage of population-at-risk (PAR) areas categorized by PAR values for each country under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure (NI) scenarios. Risk level categories are determined by the geometric intervals of the PAR values. Cells are color-coded to represent the percentage of coverage for each risk category, indicating the respective country’s risk level in each scenario.

Country	Risk Level Category Percentages									
	Low		Moderately Low		High		Moderately High		Highest	
	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI
Afghanistan	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	2.8	2.9	95.0	94.9	1.7	1.6
Bangladesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.9	26.5	75.1	73.4
Bhutan	0.3	0.3	8.5	7.0	17.1	14.1	61.0	60.3	13.2	18.3
Brunei Darussalam	20.3	18.5	35.9	38.8	14.4	16.4	21.0	21.9	8.4	4.3
Cambodia	0.2	0.2	10.3	10.0	12.6	12.5	68.0	68.4	8.9	9.0
China	0.1	0.1	4.0	3.4	7.7	7.9	51.8	55.2	36.5	33.4
India	0.7	0.7	5.2	4.9	6.5	6.5	41.0	43.6	46.5	44.2
Indonesia	1.3	1.1	19.8	19.1	19.1	19.5	48.4	50.1	11.5	10.1
Laos	0.3	0.3	4.9	4.5	10.2	10.4	68.1	69.7	16.5	15.1
Malaysia	3.5	2.6	20.6	22.3	16.4	16.8	52.3	53.0	7.2	5.3
Myanmar	0.4	0.4	7.2	6.9	7.7	7.8	64.0	65.2	20.7	19.8
Nepal	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.3	3.6	3.9	40.4	43.4	54.8	51.4
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.4	32.7	35.3	65.8	63.0
Papua New Guinea	1.3	1.2	41.5	39.8	30.3	30.2	26.1	28.3	0.8	0.6
Philippines	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.4	8.2	8.2	61.1	65.6	26.6	22.8
Singapore	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	13.9	53.3	86.1	40.0
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.3	1.9	16.0	27.1	82.2	70.1
Taiwan	0.1	0.1	19.6	16.1	31.3	37.2	39.9	42.2	9.1	4.4
Thailand	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.8	54.5	56.2	43.3	41.6
Timor-Leste	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	17.5	20.2	74.3	74.1	7.7	5.0
Viet Nam	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	23.6	23.4	76.0	76.4

Table S7. Percentage of pandemic spread risk areas categorized by pandemic spread risk values for each country under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure (NI) scenarios. Risk level categories are determined by the geometric intervals of the pandemic spread risk values. Cells are color-coded to represent the percentage of coverage for each risk category, indicating the respective country’s risk level in each scenario.

Country	Risk Level Category Percentages									
	Low		Moderately Low		High		Moderately High		Highest	
	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI	BL	NI
Afghanistan	99.90	99.90	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.00
Bangladesh	38.31	34.51	5.10	4.42	26.06	20.77	30.35	40.17	0.19	0.12
Bhutan	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brunei Darussalam	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cambodia	99.89	100.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
China	97.32	99.38	1.45	0.22	0.98	0.25	0.25	0.15	0.01	0.01
India	88.94	85.63	3.51	4.04	5.54	7.13	1.98	3.16	0.03	0.04
Indonesia	99.88	99.92	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.00
Laos	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	99.82	99.85	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00
Myanmar	99.95	99.96	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00
Nepal	99.58	99.42	0.00	0.05	0.21	0.27	0.16	0.27	0.05	0.00
Pakistan	97.01	95.72	1.43	1.48	1.28	2.44	0.25	0.32	0.03	0.03
Papua New Guinea	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	99.84	99.87	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.00
Singapore	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sri Lanka	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taiwan	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thailand	99.58	99.74	0.09	0.02	0.13	0.07	0.18	0.16	0.02	0.00
Timor-Leste	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Viet Nam	98.76	99.55	0.65	0.20	0.37	0.11	0.20	0.11	0.03	0.03

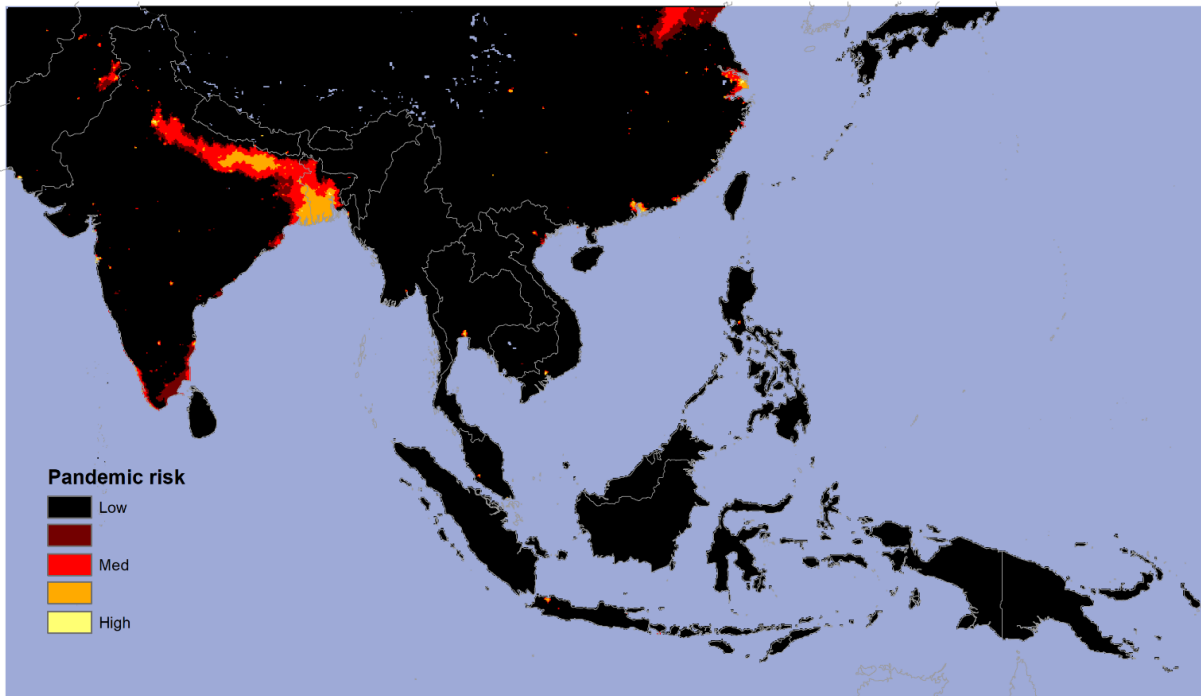


Figure S2. Map of pandemic spread risk in tropical east Asia under baseline + new infrastructure scenario

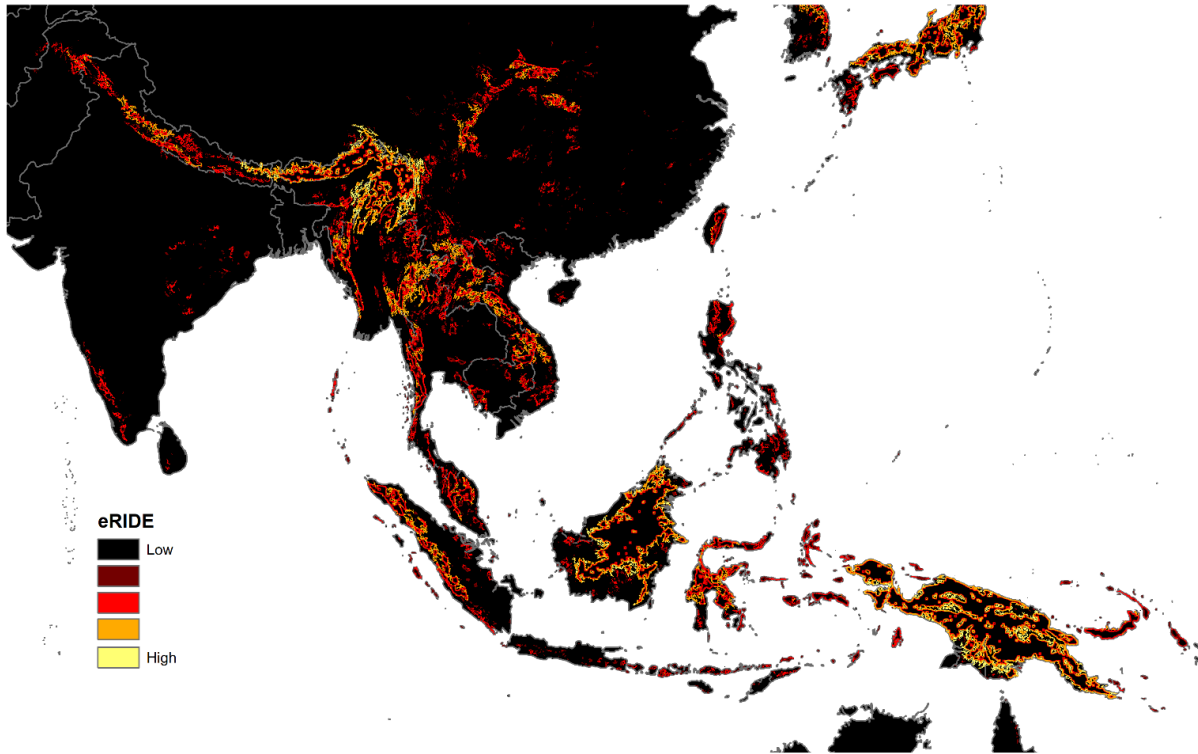


Figure S3. Map of tropical east Asia depicting eRIDE hotspots using the species-area relationship to estimate biodiversity values within each forest patch.

Table S8. Percentage of risk areas for each country categorized using eRIDE values under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure scenarios (BL + NI), with scenario comparison

<i>Country</i>	<i>Low Risk</i>			<i>Moderately Low Risk</i>			<i>High Risk</i>			<i>Moderately High Risk</i>			<i>Highest Risk</i>		
	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Afghanistan</i>	10.2	10.0	0.1	68.4	68.7	0.4	21.5	21.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Bangladesh</i>	2.5	2.4	0.1	4.4	3.7	-0.7	16.0	17.9	2.0	70.9	69.8	-1.1	6.2	6.1	-0.1
<i>Bhutan</i>	3.9	1.8	2.1	24.2	15.3	-8.8	47.0	36.6	-10.3	24.3	41.3	17.0	0.7	4.9	4.2
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	8.4	9.0	-0.6	23.4	17.3	-6.0	52.6	52.8	0.2	15.6	20.9	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Cambodia</i>	0.7	0.7	0.0	3.4	3.4	0.0	12.6	12.2	-0.4	47.7	45.5	-2.2	35.6	38.2	2.6
<i>China</i>	5.8	3.9	1.9	33.5	35.3	1.8	22.9	23.3	0.4	25.9	27.2	1.4	12.0	10.3	-1.7
<i>India</i>	3.3	3.1	0.2	17.9	17.1	-0.9	28.9	26.9	-2.0	42.5	45.0	2.5	7.4	8.0	0.6
<i>Indonesia</i>	21.6	15.8	5.8	39.2	41.5	2.3	28.4	31.4	3.0	10.8	11.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Laos</i>	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.1	1.0	-0.1	5.0	4.4	-0.6	37.1	36.5	-0.6	56.5	57.8	1.3
<i>Malaysia</i>	12.6	10.2	2.4	18.8	19.2	0.4	37.1	38.7	1.6	30.4	30.8	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.0
<i>Myanmar</i>	1.7	1.6	0.1	8.0	7.4	-0.5	16.4	15.2	-1.2	52.5	54.4	1.8	21.4	21.4	0.0
<i>Nepal</i>	0.9	1.0	0.0	23.6	24.7	1.2	33.9	35.4	1.5	34.0	32.7	-1.2	7.6	6.1	-1.5
<i>Pakistan</i>	4.9	5.6	-0.8	35.0	37.0	2.0	47.2	48.0	0.8	13.0	9.4	-3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	43.2	36.7	6.5	55.1	61.1	6.0	1.7	2.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Philippines</i>	2.8	1.8	1.0	12.0	10.8	-1.2	58.0	60.8	2.8	27.2	26.6	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Sri Lanka</i>	3.1	5.8	-2.8	16.9	22.3	5.5	79.9	71.8	-8.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Taiwan</i>	5.5	2.9	2.7	49.9	41.2	-8.7	44.6	56.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Thailand</i>	0.4	0.4	0.0	1.7	1.8	0.1	7.0	6.8	-0.2	52.5	53.1	0.6	38.3	37.9	-0.4
<i>Timor-Leste</i>	6.7	8.1	-1.4	80.3	80.3	0.0	13.0	11.7	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Viet Nam</i>	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0	4.9	4.2	-0.8	42.7	42.8	0.1	51.3	52.0	0.7

Table S9. Percentage of risk areas for each country categorized using PAR values under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure scenarios (BL + NI), with scenario comparison

<i>Country</i>	<i>Low Risk</i>			<i>Moderately Low Risk</i>			<i>High Risk</i>			<i>Moderately High Risk</i>			<i>Highest Risk</i>		
	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>BL</i>	<i>BL+NI</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Afghanistan</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	2.8	2.9	0.1	95.0	94.9	0.0	1.7	1.6	-0.1
<i>Bangladesh</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.9	26.5	1.7	75.1	73.4	-1.7
<i>Bhutan</i>	0.3	0.3	0.0	8.5	7.0	-1.5	17.1	14.1	-3.0	61.0	60.3	-0.7	13.2	18.3	5.1
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	20.3	18.5	-1.8	35.9	38.8	2.9	14.4	16.4	2.0	21.0	21.9	0.9	8.4	4.3	-4.0
<i>Cambodia</i>	0.2	0.2	0.0	10.3	10.0	-0.3	12.6	12.5	-0.2	68.0	68.4	0.4	8.9	9.0	0.1
<i>China</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	4.0	3.4	-0.6	7.7	7.9	0.2	51.8	55.2	3.4	36.5	33.4	-3.0
<i>India</i>	0.7	0.7	0.0	5.2	4.9	-0.3	6.5	6.5	0.0	41.0	43.6	2.6	46.5	44.2	-2.3
<i>Indonesia</i>	1.3	1.1	-0.2	19.8	19.1	-0.7	19.1	19.5	0.4	48.4	50.1	1.8	11.5	10.1	-1.3
<i>Laos</i>	0.3	0.3	0.0	4.9	4.5	-0.4	10.2	10.4	0.1	68.1	69.7	1.6	16.5	15.1	-1.4
<i>Malaysia</i>	3.5	2.6	-0.8	20.6	22.3	1.7	16.4	16.8	0.4	52.3	53.0	0.6	7.2	5.3	-1.9
<i>Myanmar</i>	0.4	0.4	0.0	7.2	6.9	-0.3	7.7	7.8	0.1	64.0	65.2	1.1	20.7	19.8	-0.9
<i>Nepal</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.3	0.1	3.6	3.9	0.3	40.4	43.4	2.9	54.8	51.4	-3.3
<i>Pakistan</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.2	1.4	0.2	32.7	35.3	2.6	65.8	63.0	-2.8
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	1.3	1.2	-0.1	41.5	39.8	-1.7	30.3	30.2	-0.2	26.1	28.3	2.3	0.8	0.6	-0.2
<i>Philippines</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.4	-0.7	8.2	8.2	0.0	61.1	65.6	4.5	26.6	22.8	-3.8
<i>Sri Lanka</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.3	1.3	1.9	0.6	16.0	27.1	11.1	82.2	70.1	-12.0
<i>Taiwan</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	19.6	16.1	-3.5	31.3	37.2	5.8	39.9	42.2	2.3	9.1	4.4	-4.6
<i>Thailand</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.7	1.8	0.0	54.5	56.2	1.7	43.3	41.6	-1.7
<i>Timor-Leste</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.1	17.5	20.2	2.7	74.3	74.1	-0.2	7.7	5.0	-2.7
<i>Viet Nam</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	-0.1	23.6	23.4	-0.2	76.0	76.4	0.3

Table S10. Percentage of risk areas for each country categorized using pandemic spread risk values under baseline (BL) and new infrastructure scenarios (BL + NI), with scenario comparison

Country	Low Risk			Moderately Low Risk			High Risk			Moderately High Risk			Highest Risk		
	BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change	BL	BL+NI	Change
<i>Afghanistan</i>	99.90	99.90	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	-0.03	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Bangladesh</i>	38.31	34.51	-3.79	5.10	4.42	-0.68	26.06	20.77	-5.29	30.35	40.17	9.83	0.19	0.12	-0.06
<i>Bhutan</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Cambodia</i>	99.89	100.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	-0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>China</i>	97.32	99.38	2.06	1.45	0.22	-1.22	0.98	0.25	-0.73	0.25	0.15	-0.10	0.01	0.01	-0.01
<i>India</i>	88.94	85.63	-3.31	3.51	4.04	0.53	5.54	7.13	1.59	1.98	3.16	1.17	0.03	0.04	0.01
<i>Indonesia</i>	99.88	99.92	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.04	-0.02	0.05	0.03	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Laos</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Malaysia</i>	99.82	99.85	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.06	-0.03	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Myanmar</i>	99.95	99.96	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.00	-0.03	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Nepal</i>	99.58	99.42	-0.16	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.21	0.27	0.05	0.16	0.27	0.11	0.05	0.00	-0.05
<i>Pakistan</i>	97.01	95.72	-1.29	1.43	1.48	0.06	1.28	2.44	1.16	0.25	0.32	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.00
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Philippines</i>	99.84	99.87	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.07	-0.03	0.06	0.03	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Sri Lanka</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Taiwan</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Thailand</i>	99.58	99.74	0.16	0.09	0.02	-0.07	0.13	0.07	-0.05	0.18	0.16	-0.02	0.02	0.00	-0.02
<i>Timor-Leste</i>	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Viet Nam</i>	98.76	99.55	0.79	0.65	0.20	-0.45	0.37	0.11	-0.25	0.20	0.11	-0.08	0.03	0.03	0.00