

Who am I?

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GROUP ACTIVITY

Best practices and recommendations for genomics research in wildlife diseases.



2017: Horizon Scan



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Perspective

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The Expectations and Challenges of Wildlife Disease Research in the Era of Genomics: Forecasting with a Horizon Scan-like Exercise

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2018: Best Practices



Retroviral resistance in a re-discovered tarsier species



Vector-borne bacterial outbreak in indigo snakes



Permafrost pathogen outbreak!



Viral biocontrol of an invasive rat species

2018: Best Practices



2019: PROJECT ROULETTE



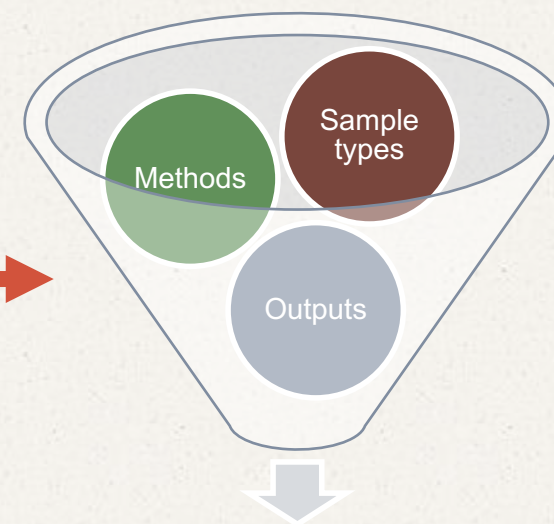
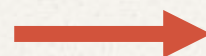
Pathogen resistance in a re-discovered tarsier species



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Project Design

Project Roulette

Samples

fresh tissue

non-invasive

Technology

MiSeq

NovoSeq

Oxford
Nanopore
(Gridion/Minion)

Output

\$\$\$ for data and
open access
publication costs

no \$\$\$

Etiological Agent

bacterium

virus

fungus

it's a PRION!



Tentative Schedule

- Sunday June 2
 - Meet your group
 - Vote on Projects
 - Pick project attributes
- June 3, 4, 5
 - Break into groups
 - ~30 minutes to discuss and outline your project
- Saturday morning, June 8
 - Group Presentations
 - Assess recommendations 'shared' across projects, and those unique to different projects



Randomly Assigned Groups

Group 1

- Borland, Neddermeyer, Johnson, Kuthyar, Goldsmith

Group 2

- Verdugo, Anderson, Bruce, Garwood, Crane

Group 3

- Mistrick, Lee, Maly, Yates, Valdivieso

Group 4

- Barandongo, Wright, Diss, Wild, Calatayud



2019: Project Roulette



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Presentations (essentially, a study proposal)

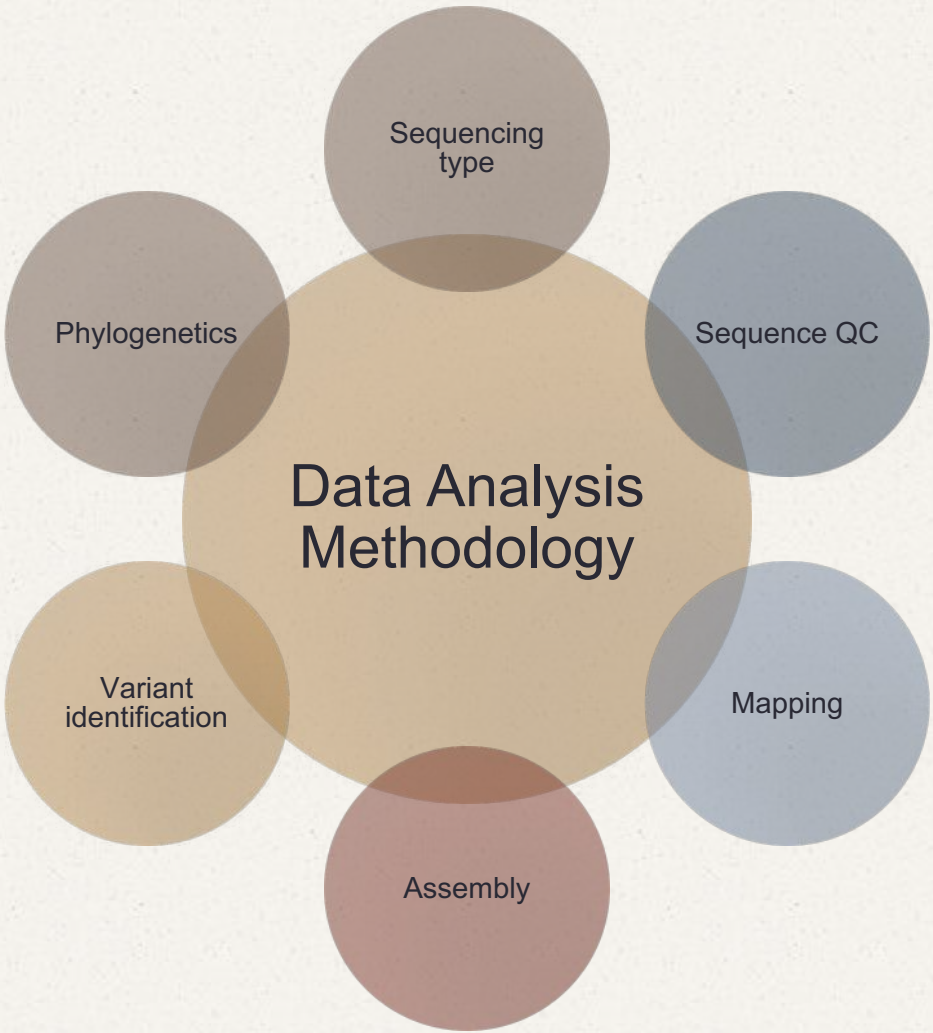
- What is your group's specific scenario?
- What are your questions?
- Study design
 - Sample types
 - Sequencing
 - Types of analyses?
- Research dissemination
 - Where will you publish?
 - How will you make your data and analyses available?



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3

