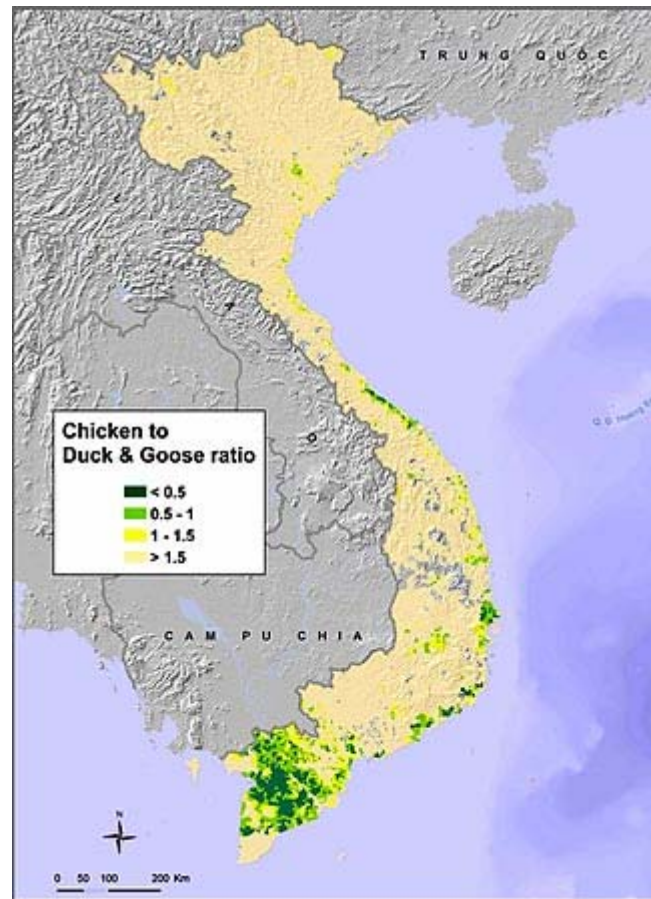




RATIO OF CHICKEN TO DUCKS & GEESE



Ducks and geese have been shown to play an important role in the epidemiology of HPAI in Southeast Asia.

As can be seen in this map, ducks and geese outnumber chicken in the South of Viet Nam and in some of the coastal areas while in the remainder of Viet Nam chicken are the dominant poultry species.

Epidemiological models of the spread of avian influenza therefore need to take into account spatial differences in poultry population structure, and related to that, production cycles and marketing patterns.

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