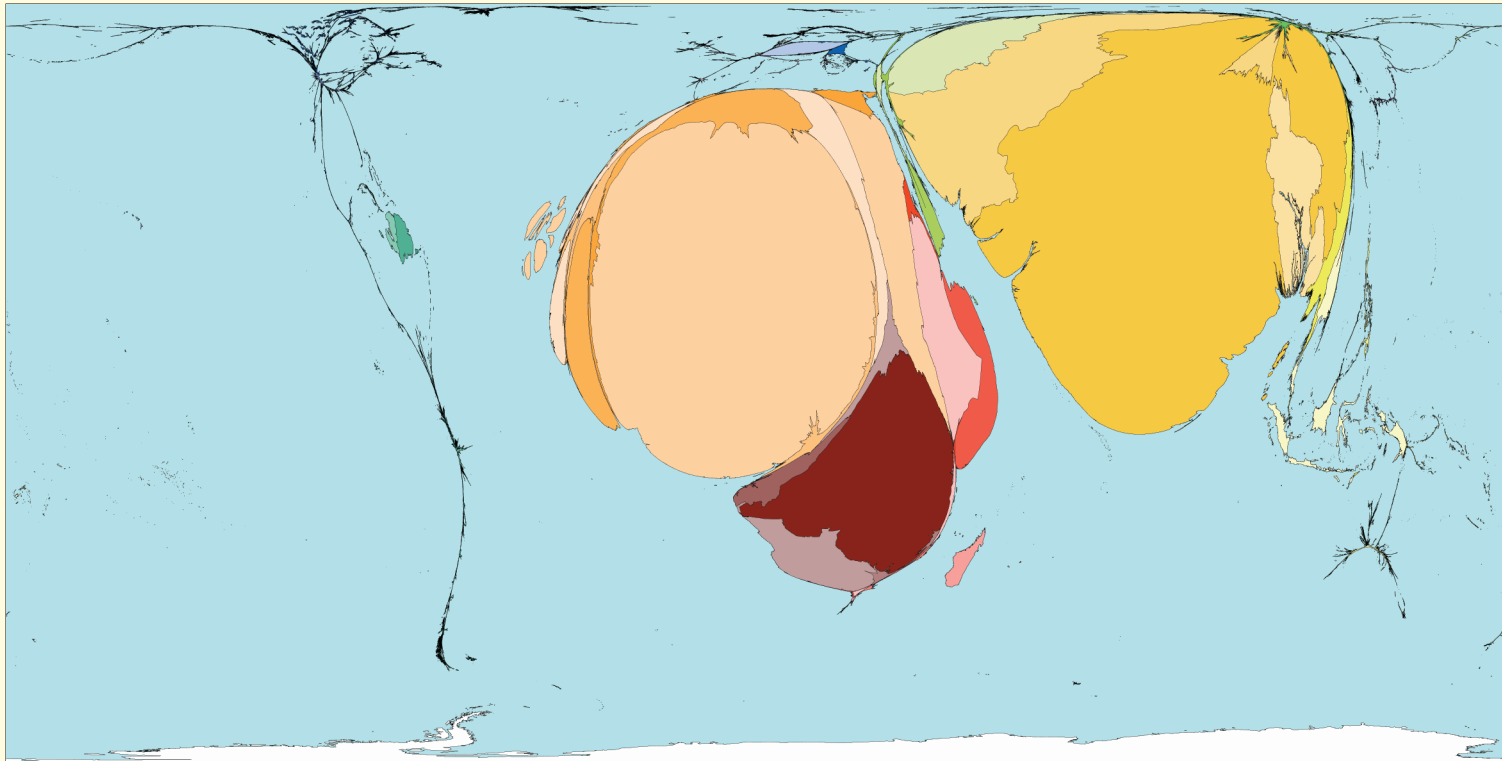


Polio Cases

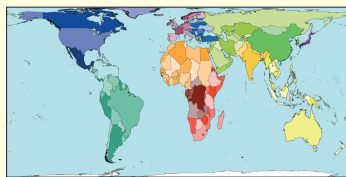


In the past 20 years the number of polio cases in the world have decreased significantly. Between 2000 and 2005 the worldwide number of new polio cases fell from 2971 to 155. In 2005, polio was detected in just 9 territories.

India and Nigeria recorded the most cases of polio between the years 2000 and 2005. Over this period there were 2508 cases in India and 2120 in Nigeria. Most territories had no new cases so they cannot be seen on the map.

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a virus which can permanently paralyse groups of muscles. The disease cannot be cured, it is possible to vaccinate against it. Polio usually affects children under 5 years old.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide polio cases that were recorded there between 2000 and 2005.



Land area

HIGHEST POLIO PREVALENCE

Rank	Territory	Value
1	Cape Verde	11.2
2	Nigeria	1.8
3	Chad	1.3
4	Congo	1.3
5	Dem Republic Congo	1.2
6	Somalia	1.1
7	Niger	0.9
8	Central African Republic	0.9
9	Angola	0.9
10	Sierra Leone	0.7

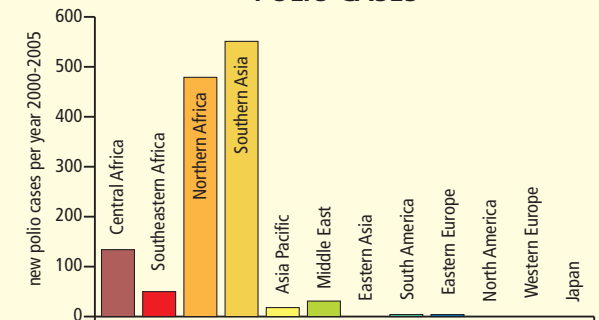
new polio cases per 100,000 persons 2000-2005

POLIO CASES DETECTED

Rank	Territory	Value
1	Nigeria	77
2	Sudan	24
3	Yemen	22
4	India	14
5	Pakistan	7
6	Ethiopia	5
7	Indonesia	4
8	Cameroon	1
8	Niger	1

all new polio cases detected in 2005*

POLIO CASES



- Technical notes**
- Data are from World Health Organization, 2004, Human Resources for Health.
 - *In 2005, 9 territories reported polio cases.
 - Note: the number of polio cases reported fell from 2971 in 2000, to 1922 in 2002, and to 1271 in 2004.
 - See website for further information.

“[the] Democratoc Republic of Congo ... could compromise the certification of global eradication of poliomyelitis, because of the economic and social crises that have prevailed ... since the early 1990s” **Matthieu Kamwa, 2002**