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# Zoonotic Soil-Transmitted Helminth Infections among Humans, Gabon

## Appendix

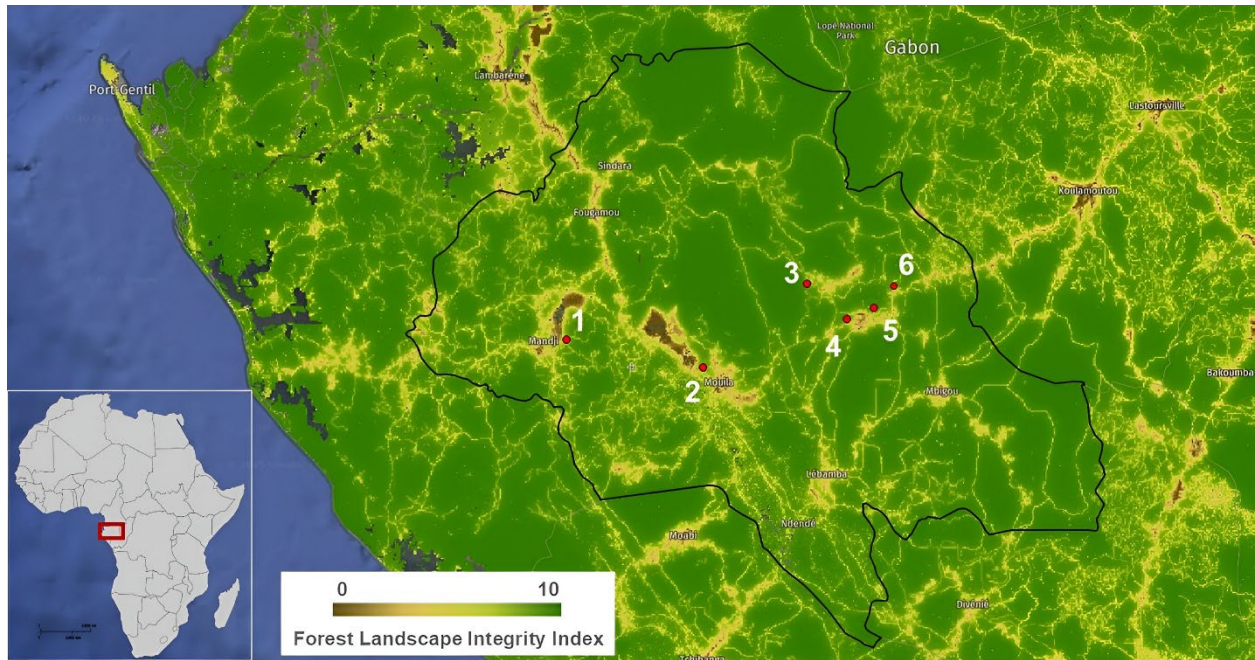
**Appendix Table.** Species and genotypes of hookworms and *Strongyloides* identified in this study.

| Sample no. | Microscopy findings                      | Species assigned                             | cox1                 |                              | Strongyloides 18S HVR-IV |                       |
|------------|--|--|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|            |  |  | Number of haplotypes | GenBank accession no.        | Assigned haplotypes      | GenBank accession no. |
| 1          | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>Necator americanus</i>                    | 3                    | PV716197, PV716198, PV716199 | –                        | –                     |
|            | <i>Strongyloides</i> spp. eggs           | <i>Strongyloides fuelleborni fuelleborni</i> | –                    | –                            | K                        | PV716221              |
| 2          | <i>Strongyloides</i> larvae              | <i>S. stercoralis</i>                        | –                    | –                            | A                        | PV716220              |
| 3          | <i>Strongyloides</i> eggs                | NA   | NA                   | NA                           | –                        | –                     |
| 4          | <i>Strongyloides</i> eggs                | <i>S. f. fuelleborni</i>                     | 2                    | PV716215, PV716216           | K                        | PV716221,             |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | L                        | PV716223,             |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | O                        | PV716222              |
| 5          | Hookworm eggs; <i>Strongyloides</i> eggs | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 2                    | PV716202, PV716203           | –                        | –                     |
|            |  | <i>S. f. fuelleborni</i>                     | –                    | –                            | L                        | PV716223              |
| 6          | <i>Strongyloides</i> eggs                | <i>S. f. fuelleborni</i>                     | 1                    | PV716215                     | K                        | PV716221,             |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | L                        | PV716223,             |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | O                        | PV716222              |
| 7          | <i>Strongyloides</i> eggs                | <i>S. f. fuelleborni</i>                     | 2                    | PV716217, PV716218           | L                        | PV716223,             |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | O                        | PV716222              |
|            |  |  |                      |                              | –                        | –                     |
| 8          | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>Ancylostoma</i> sp.                       | 1                    | PV716214                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 9          | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716211                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 10         | Hookworm eggs                            | –  | –                    | –                            | NS                       | NS                    |
| 11         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716200                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 12         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716201                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 13         | Hookworm eggs                            | NA   | NA                   | NA                           | NS                       | NS                    |
| 14         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716204                     | NS                       | NS                    |
|            |  | <i>Necator gorillae</i>                      | 2                    | PV716212, PV716213†          | NS                       | NS                    |
| 15         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. gorillae</i>                           | 1                    | PV716212                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 16         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716205                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 17         | Hookworm eggs                            | NA   | NA                   | NA                           | NS                       | NS                    |
| 18         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 1                    | PV716206                     | NS                       | NS                    |
|            |  | <i>N. gorillae</i>                           | 2                    | PV716212, PV716213†          | NS                       | NS                    |
| 19         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 2                    | PV716207, PV716208           | NS                       | NS                    |
|            |  | <i>N. gorillae</i>                           | 1                    | PV716212                     | NS                       | NS                    |
| 20         | Hookworm eggs                            | <i>N. americanus</i>                         | 2                    | PV716209, PV716210‡          | NS                       | NS                    |
|            |  | –  | –                    | –                            | –                        | –                     |

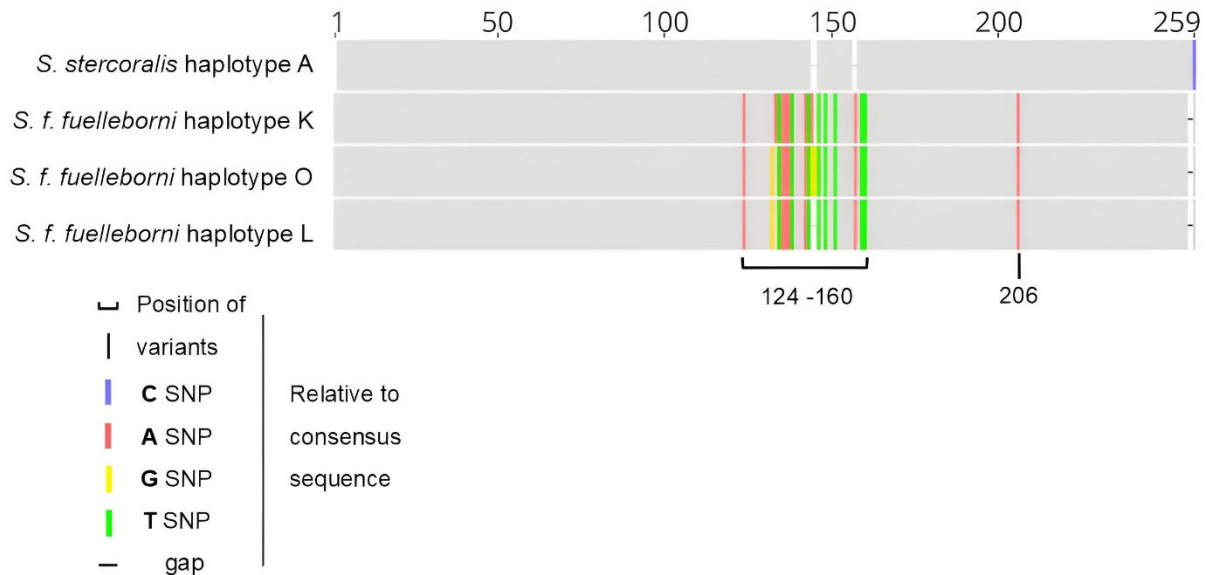
\*NA, Sequence data showed a dominant presence of *Ascaris* spp., with no detectable hookworm or *Strongyloides* sequences; NS, no sequencing performed; –, sequence not obtained due to amplification failure, sequencing failure, or both.

†Sequence 100% identical to GenBank accession nos. AB793553, AB793554, and AB793562.

‡Sequence 100% identical to GenBank accession no. AB793547.



**Appendix Figure 1.** Heat map of Forest Landscape Integrity Index (FLII) within Gabon, highlighting six study sites: 1. Mandji, 2. Mouila, 3. Eteke, 4. Mimongo, 5. Moukabou, and 6. Dibandi. Dark green areas represent regions with high forest integrity, while yellow and lighter shades indicate areas impacted by human activities. The black boundary outlines Ngounié Province. Data for this map was sourced from the Global Forest Watch FLII dataset (<https://www.globalforestwatch.org>).



**Appendix Figure 2.** Schematic of MUSCLE-aligned *18S rRNA* HVR-IV sequences for *Strongyloides fuelleborni fuelleborni* and *Strongyloides stercoralis* detected in human stool samples from Gabon. Haplotypes are indicated as per the nomenclature by Jaleta et al. (1) for *S. stercoralis*, and by Barratt et al. (2) and Richins et al. (3) for *S. f. fuelleborni*.

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