



Ebola outbreaks from several decades are shown over a background of MODIS-derived representation of percent tree cover from November 2000 to November 2001. The outbreaks tend to be associated forest edges. Plots of NDVI (Normalized Vegetation Difference Index) are shown for 5 outbreaks; the times of the outbreaks are shown as red highlights on the NDVI plots. Despite their wide geographic spread, all outbreaks tend to occur at the end of a rainy season, or after a seasonal peak in NDVI. (MODIS tree cover data provided by NASA's Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF); data derived from MODIS on the Aqua satellite.)