**MONACO**

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**BASIC COUNTRY DATA**

Total Population: 35,407

Population 0-14 years: 18%

Rural population: 0%

Population living under USD 1.25 a day: no data

Population living under the national poverty line: no data

Income status: High Income economy

Ranking: Very high human development

Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 7,137

Life expectancy at birth (years): 82

Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 73

**BACKGROUND**

The Alpes Maritimes are a known VL endemic region and Monaco is no exception. VL has a high prevalence in dogs in Monaco [1]. It is relatively rare in humans, but between 1991-1992, 8 cases were diagnosed in Monaco and Beausoleil[1]. The sandfly vector was identified in 1993, and was found to be present at Monaco beach, the harbour, as well as in the surrounding hills. There was a high rate of infected *Phlebotomus* spp.(3%), which marked Monaco as an active focus of VL. In a screening of blood samples taken from 565 donors at the Monaco bloodbank, 13.4% was infected subclinically with *L.infantum* [2].

**PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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| ***Leishmania***  **species** | **Clinical form** | **Vector species** | **Reservoirs** |
| *L.infantum* | VL | *P. perniciosus* | *Canis familiaris* |

**No further information is available**

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