

Additional File 1

This Additional File 1 provides supplementary figures and tables that complement and extend the analyses presented in the main text. These materials include regional time series of malaria incidence, CwDMD fitting and decomposition results, and demographic and geographic attributes of the study areas. Specifically, Section 1 presents analyses at the scale of 17 administrative regions, while Section 2 focuses on a finer resolution of 37 subdivided regions. Together, these supplementary materials provide additional context for interpreting the spatiotemporal transmission dynamics identified in the main analyses and support the reproducibility of the study.

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Section 1: Analyses for 17 administrative Regions

Monthly Malaria Cases (2001-2024)

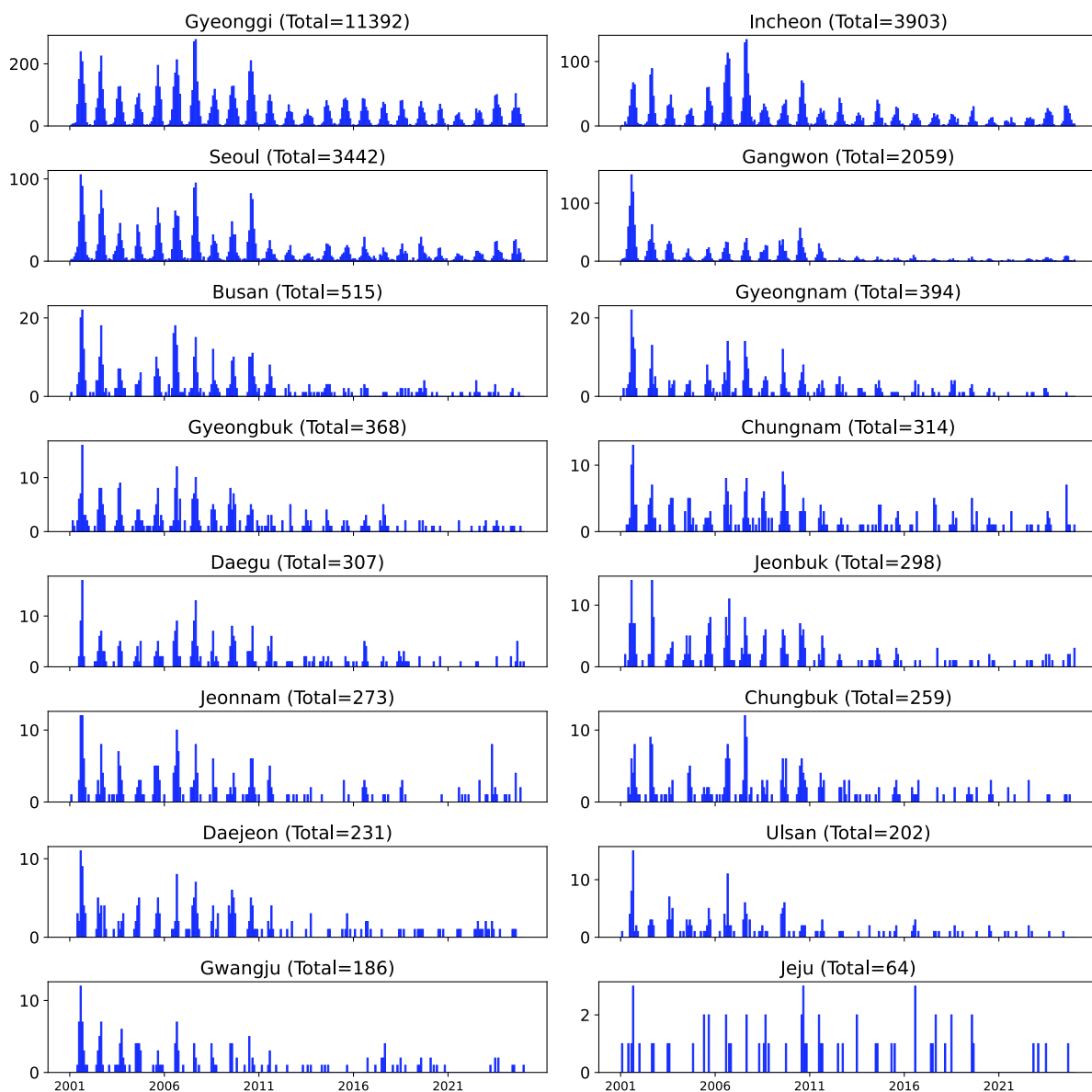


Fig. S1. Monthly malaria cases across 17 administrative regions of South Korea from 2001 to 2024. Each panel shows one region, with the total number of reported cases during the study period indicated in parentheses. For consistency, Sejong was aggregated into Chungnam.

Tab. S1. Demographic and malaria case statistics in 17 regions of South Korea

Region	Population ($\times 1,000$)	Area (km ²)	Density (per km ²)	Total cases	2007	2011	2018	2023
Seoul	9797.6	605.2	16189.0	3442	314	93	82	94
Busan	3518.6	770.2	4568.4	515	41	24	9	7
Daegu	2444.4	883.5	2766.7	307	36	16	13	2
Incheon	2792.8	1065.3	2621.6	3903	484	122	82	126
Gwangju	1396.1	501.2	2785.5	186	7	6	5	5
Daejeon	1421.2	539.6	2633.7	231	23	9	3	6
Ulsan	1076.8	1062.4	1013.6	202	16	7	4	1
Sejong	390.7	465.3	839.6	8	0	0	1	0
Gyeonggi	11619.6	10193.9	1139.9	11392	1007	382	325	434
Gangwon	1535.1	16833.3	91.2	2059	125	93	11	29
Chungbuk	1543.8	7418.2	208.1	259	30	11	3	2
Chungnam	2027.4	8254.7	245.6	314	23	12	8	8
Jeonbuk	1872.6	8072.1	232.0	298	23	12	5	6
Jeonnam	1944.1	12335.7	157.6	273	20	11	6	14
Gyeongbuk	2658.0	18964.3	140.2	368	35	11	3	6
Gyeongnam	3167.4	10534.6	300.7	394	41	13	13	5
Jeju	608.6	1850.8	328.8	64	2	4	3	2

Table presents demographic and geographic attributes (population in thousands, area in km², density per km²), total cumulative malaria cases, and annual cases in selected years (2007, 2011, 2018, 2023). Sejong data are reported separately but often combined with Chungnam in other datasets.

Section 2: Analyses for 37 Subdivided Regions

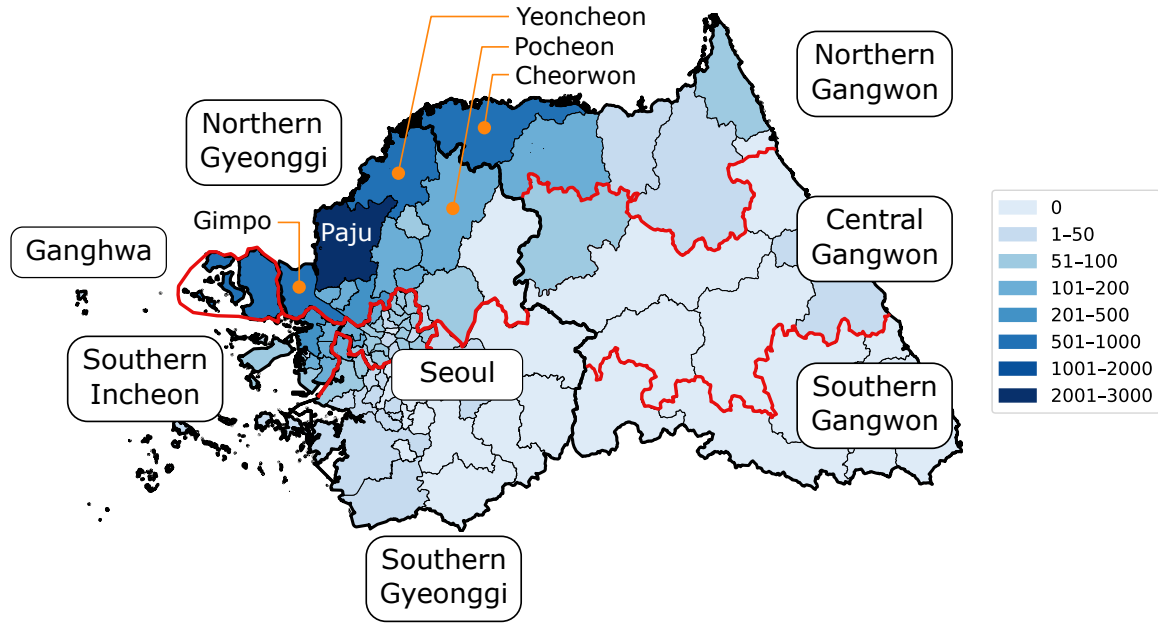


Fig. S2. Regional distribution of malaria cases in South Korea and subdivision of high-risk provinces. The map shows cumulative malaria incidence by subregion, with darker shading indicating higher case counts. For finer-scale analysis, Incheon was divided into Ganghwa and Southern Incheon; Gangwon into Northern, Central, and Southern Gangwon; and Gyeonggi into Northern and Southern Gyeonggi. Key hotspots such as Paju, Gimpo, Yeoncheon, and Pocheon are highlighted. In total, these subdivisions yielded 37 distinct regions used in the subsequent analysis. These subdivisions were adopted for the CwDMD-based spatiotemporal analysis.

Tab. S2. Regional total malaria cases for the target years

Region	2007	2011	2018	2023	Region	2007	2011	2018	2023
Seoul	301	84	74	90	Osan	4	0	0	1
Ganghwa	219	51	13	20	Yongin	10	9	2	4
Gapyeong	3	1	1	1	Uiwang	4	2	1	1
Goyang	121	50	57	58	Uijeongbu	15	9	7	3
Gwacheon	1	2	0	0	Icheon	3	0	2	2
Gwangmyeong	10	2	5	8	Paju	247	96	66	151
Gwangju	5	1	6	2	Pyeongtaek	3	2	2	2
Guri	3	3	1	0	Pocheon	14	22	10	3
Gunpo	11	0	1	2	Hanam	9	0	3	1
Gimpo	159	23	30	81	Hwaseong	6	2	3	3
Namyangju	20	8	8	7	Incheon South	249	62	62	101
Dongducheon	8	6	4	1	Gangwon North	98	83	7	21
Bucheon	26	7	9	14	Gangwon Central	17	7	2	3
Seongnam	24	4	18	2	Gangwon South	10	1	1	1
Suwon	17	6	7	7	Yeoncheon	151	68	8	25
Siheung	10	7	6	6	Yeoju	0	0	1	0
Ansan	25	8	2	6	Yangju	19	7	33	17
Anseong	4	0	2	1	Yangpyeong	1	1	2	1
Anyang	12	3	5	3					

Regional total malaria cases during the 29-week active transmission period (April–October) for the target years 2007, 2011, 2018, and 2023 across 37 regions. Values represent the total number of malaria cases aggregated over 29 epidemiological weeks for each region.

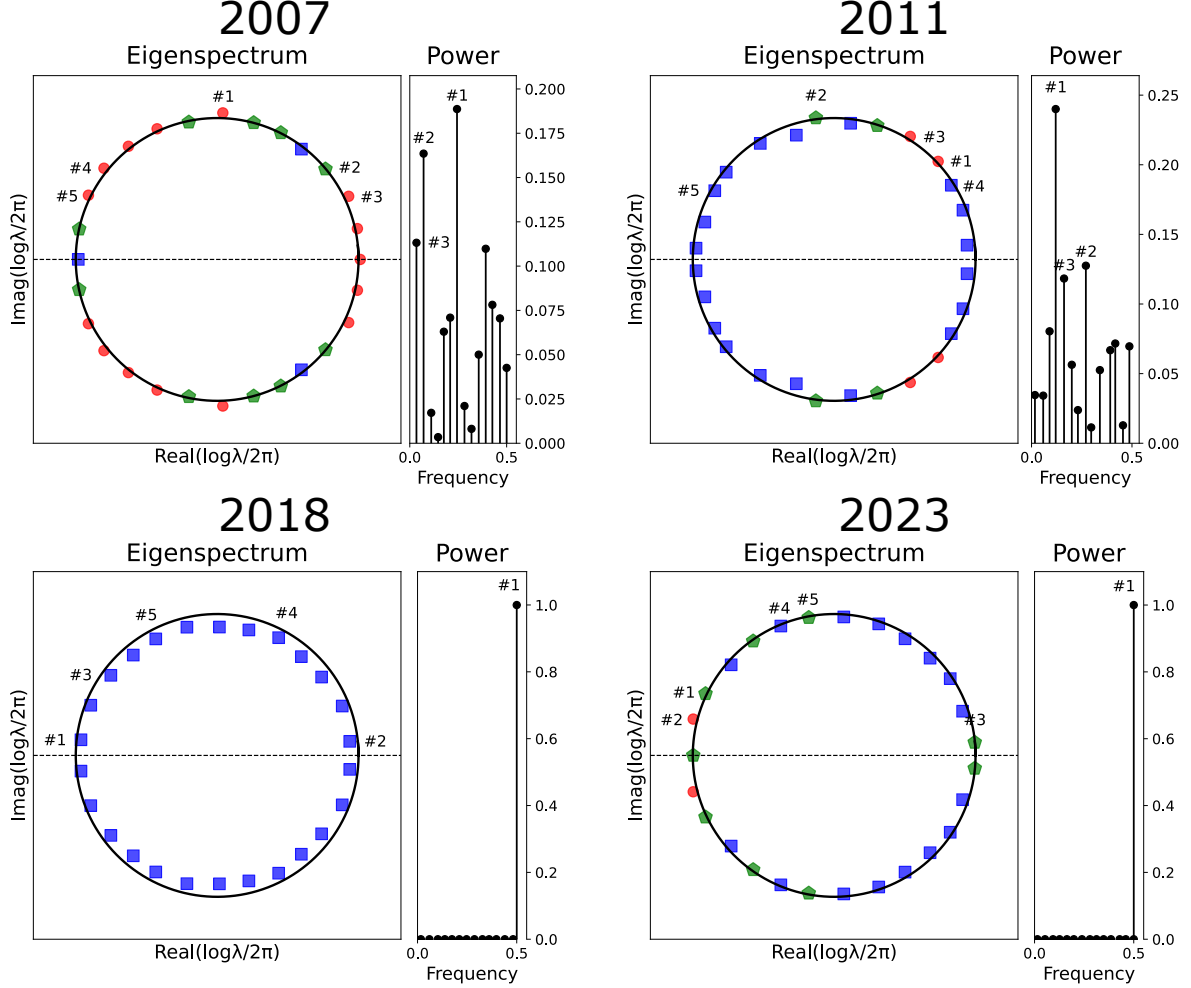


Fig. S3. Eigenvalue spectrum of the CwDMD analysis for the target years 2007, 2011, 2018, and 2023. Eigenvalues are plotted in the complex plane relative to the unit circle. Each analysis was performed at a spatiotemporal resolution of 37×29 . Modes are classified by their positions: Growth modes lie outside the unit circle ($|\lambda| > 1$), Decay modes lie inside ($|\lambda| < 1$), and Oscillatory modes lie on or near the unit circle with a nonzero imaginary part. Red circles represent Growth Modes, green pentagons denote Oscillatory Modes, and blue squares indicate Decay Modes. The most dominant mode was identified as a Growth Mode in 2007 and 2011, a Decay Mode in 2018, and an Oscillatory Mode in 2023.

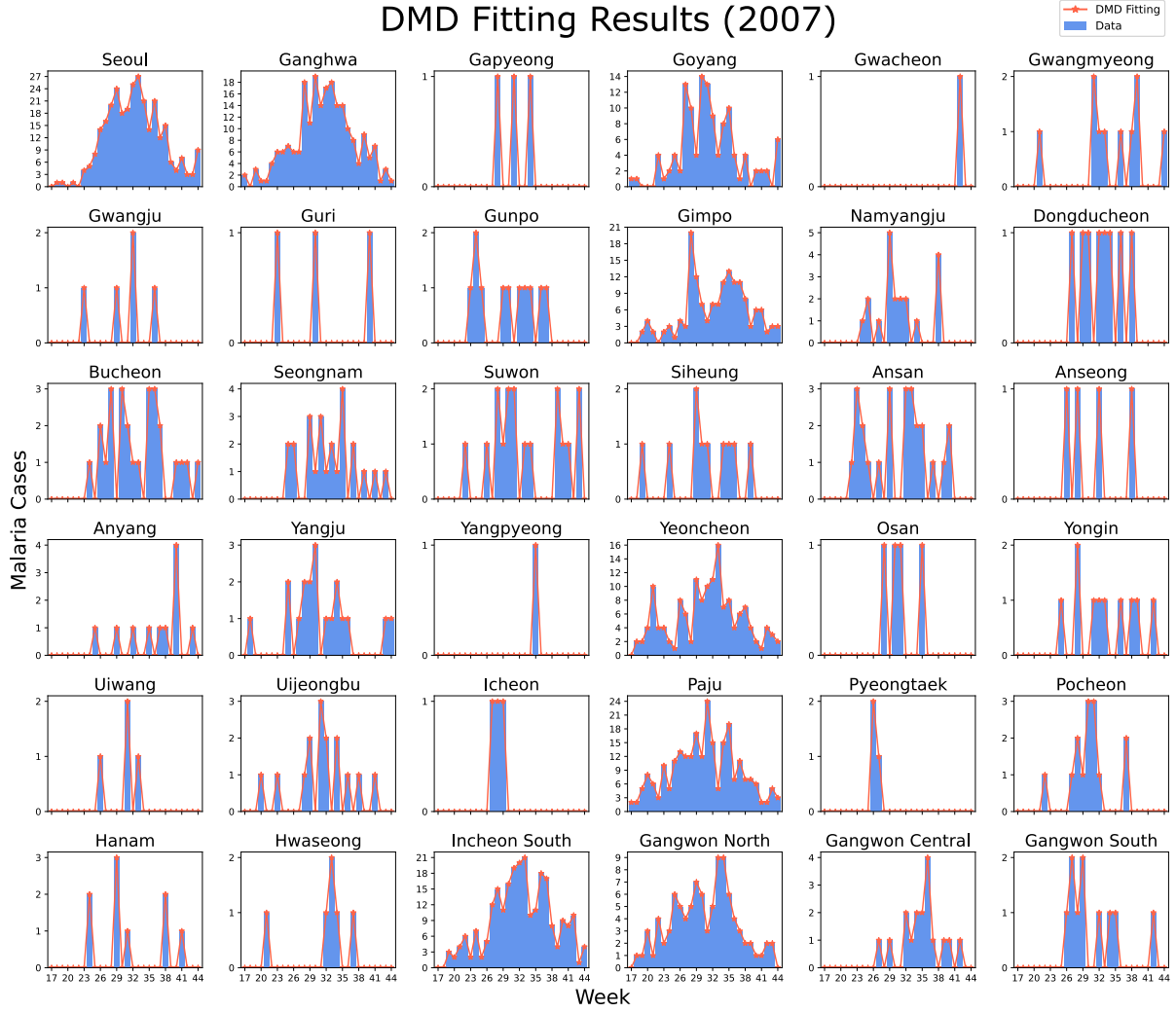


Fig. S4. Comparison of observed weekly malaria cases and reconstructed values from the CwDMD analysis across 37 regions in South Korea in 2007 (Yeoju excluded due to zero reported cases). Blue bars represent observed malaria cases, and red lines denote reconstructed values derived from the CwDMD model. The reconstructed results closely reproduce the seasonal fluctuations and magnitudes of the observed data in most regions, validating the accuracy of the CwDMD fitting and confirming the reliability of subsequent phase and magnitude analyses.

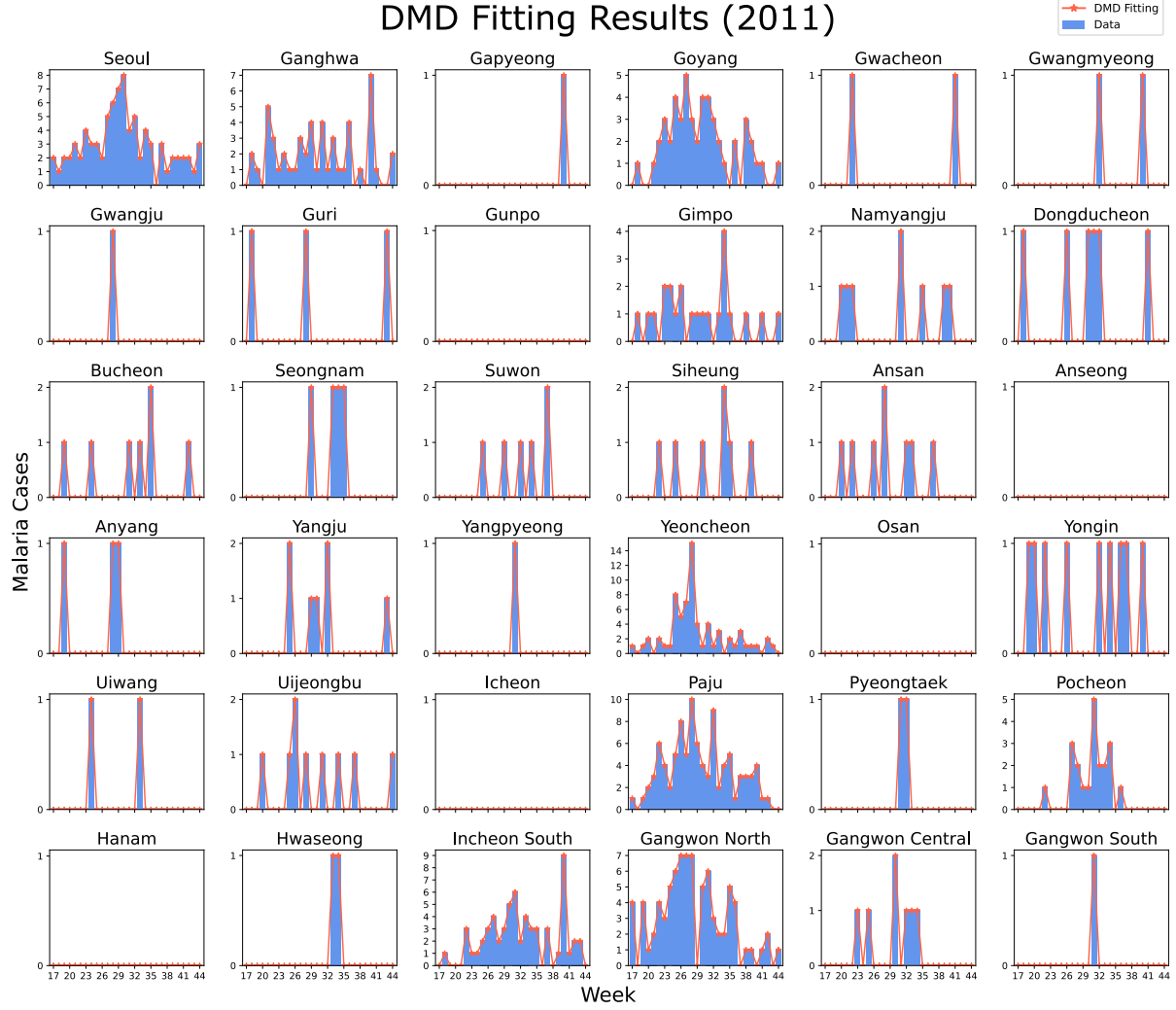


Fig. S5. Comparison of observed weekly malaria cases and reconstructed values from the CwDMD analysis across 37 regions in South Korea in 2011 (Yeoju excluded due to zero reported cases). Blue bars represent observed malaria cases, and red lines denote reconstructed values obtained from the CwDMD model. The reconstructed results closely match the seasonal variations and magnitudes of the observed data in most regions, validating the accuracy of the model fitting and supporting the reliability of subsequent analyses.

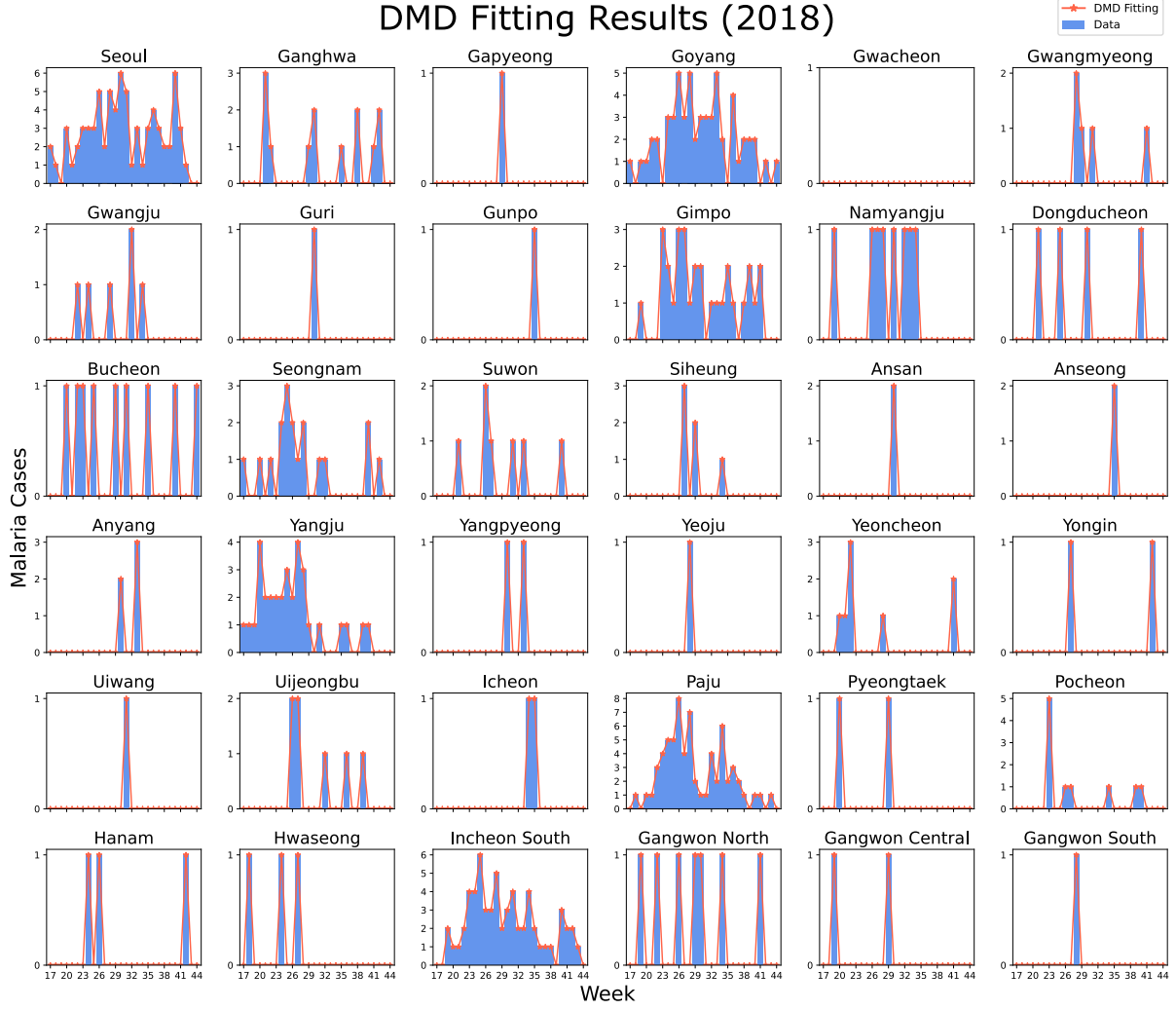


Fig. S6. Comparison of observed and reconstructed weekly malaria cases across 37 regions in South Korea in 2018 (Osan excluded due to zero reported cases). Blue bars represent observations, and red lines denote reconstructed values derived from the CwDMD model. The reconstructed results accurately reproduce the observed seasonal peaks and amplitudes in most regions, validating the consistency of the CwDMD fitting and confirming its robustness for spatiotemporal analysis.



Fig. S7. Comparison of observed and reconstructed weekly malaria cases across 37 regions in South Korea in 2023 (Yeoju excluded due to zero reported cases). Blue bars represent observed data, and red lines denote reconstructed values derived from the CwDMD analysis. The reconstructed results closely match the observed seasonal patterns across most regions, confirming the reliability of the CwDMD fitting for all target years.

Pre-Implementation: Korean 5-Year Re-elimination Plan (2018)

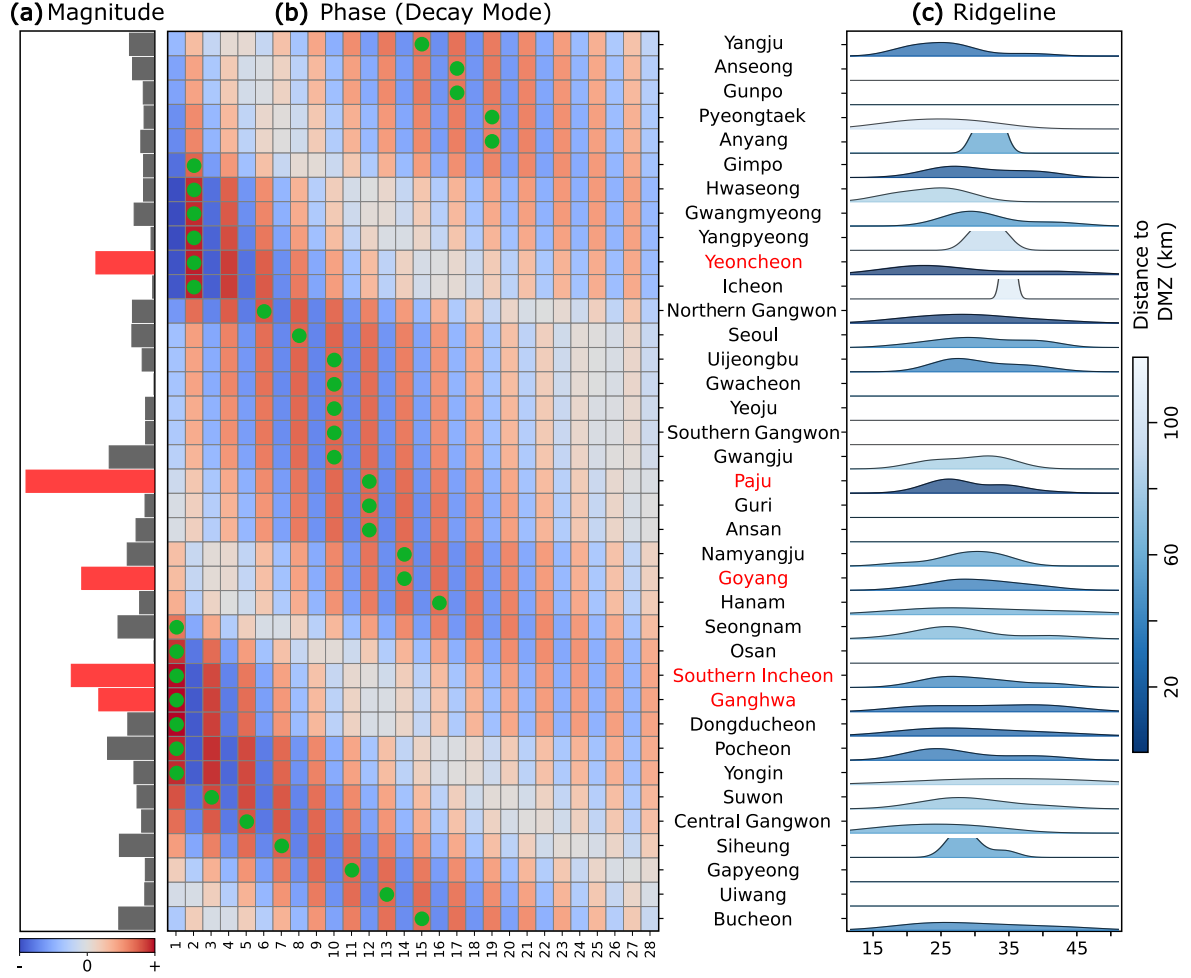


Fig. S8. CwDMD analysis of malaria transmission dynamics in 2018, prior to the implementation of the Korean 5-Year Malaria Re-Elimination Plan. (a) Magnitude distribution of the dominant Decay Mode (37 regions \times 29 weeks), indicating the strength of the mode in each region. (b) Phase structure of the same mode (reference = Paju); color encodes the regional peak offset (weeks) relative to Paju, centered at 0 (same week), with blue indicating earlier peaks and red indicating later peaks. Green circles mark the peak week for each region and were slightly adjusted along the temporal axis to provide smoother alignment for clearer comparison of inter-regional phase differences, without altering the original phase trajectories. (c) Ridgeline plots of weekly malaria case densities by region; curves are colored by each region's mean distance from the DMZ (km). The five regions with the highest magnitudes are highlighted in red. Together, the panels illustrate weakened temporal synchronization across regions and a gradual disintegration of inter-regional connectivity prior to the policy implementation.

Post-Implementation: Korean 5-Year Re-elimination Plan (2023)

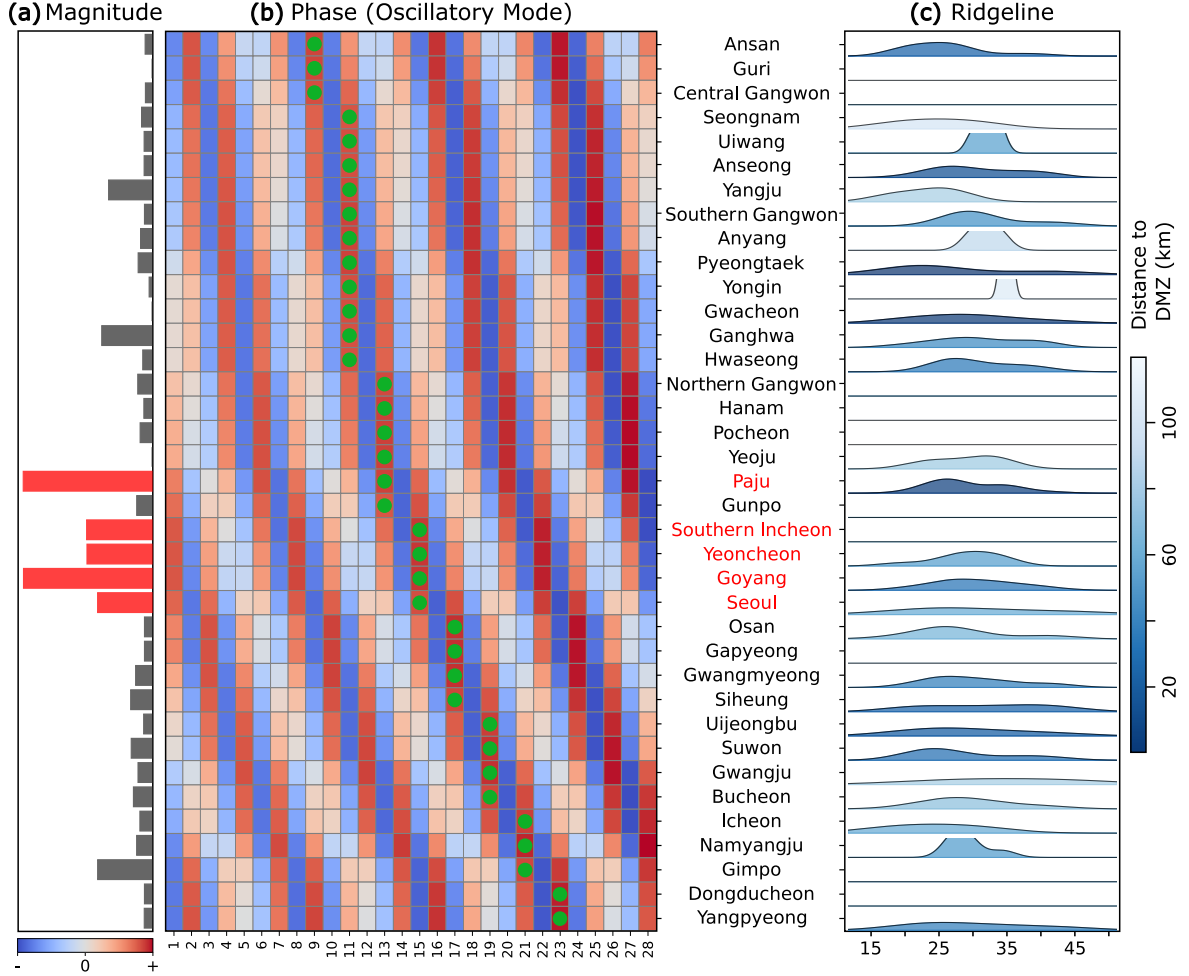


Fig. S9. CwDMD analysis of malaria transmission dynamics in 2023, following the implementation of the Korean 5-Year Malaria Re-Elimination Plan. (a) Magnitude distribution of the dominant Oscillatory Mode (37 regions \times 29 weeks), indicating the strength of the mode in each region. (b) Phase structure of the same mode (reference = Paju); color encodes the regional peak offset (weeks) relative to Paju, centered at 0 (same week), with blue indicating earlier peaks and red indicating later peaks. Green circles mark the peak week for each region and were slightly adjusted along the temporal axis to provide smoother alignment for clearer comparison of inter-regional phase differences, without altering the original phase trajectories. (c) Ridgeline plots of weekly malaria case densities by region; curves are colored by each region's mean distance from the DMZ (km). The five regions with the highest magnitudes are highlighted in red. Together, the panels show reinforced synchronization among high-risk regions in 2023, consistent with the resurgence of malaria transmission after the policy period.