



# Current ASF epidemiological situation in Greece

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# Surveillance of ASF – Greece 2020

*data until 10.06.2020*

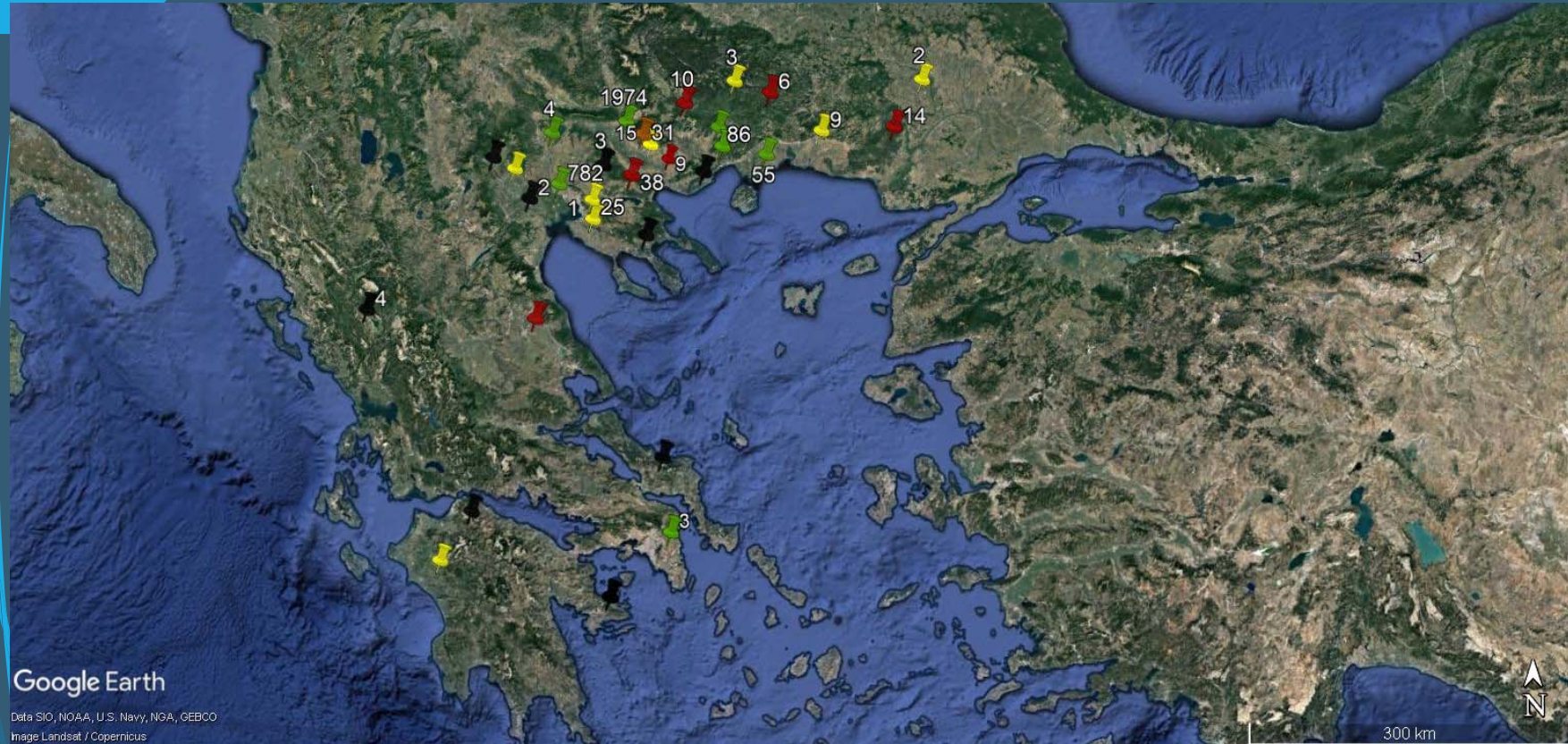
## *Passive surveillance*

- ✓ 4 wild boars found dead
- ✓ 44 domestic pigs found dead including clinical suspicions

## *Active surveillance*

- ✓ 15 wild boars hunted (during hunting period)
- ✓ 34 wild boars hunted by the organized hunting missions (gamekeepers & hunters & forestry officers)
- ✓ 2606 domestic pigs (including surveillance in Protection-Surveillance Zone following ASF outbreak)

# African Swine Fever –Passive/active surveillance 2019-2020 (10.06.2020)



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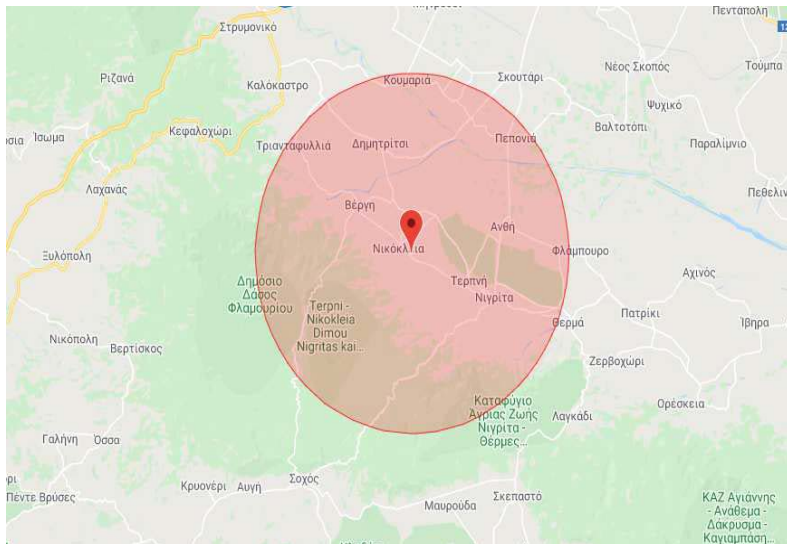
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# ASF outbreak in Greece – February 2020

❑ Laboratory analysis was completed early in the afternoon on 05.02.2020



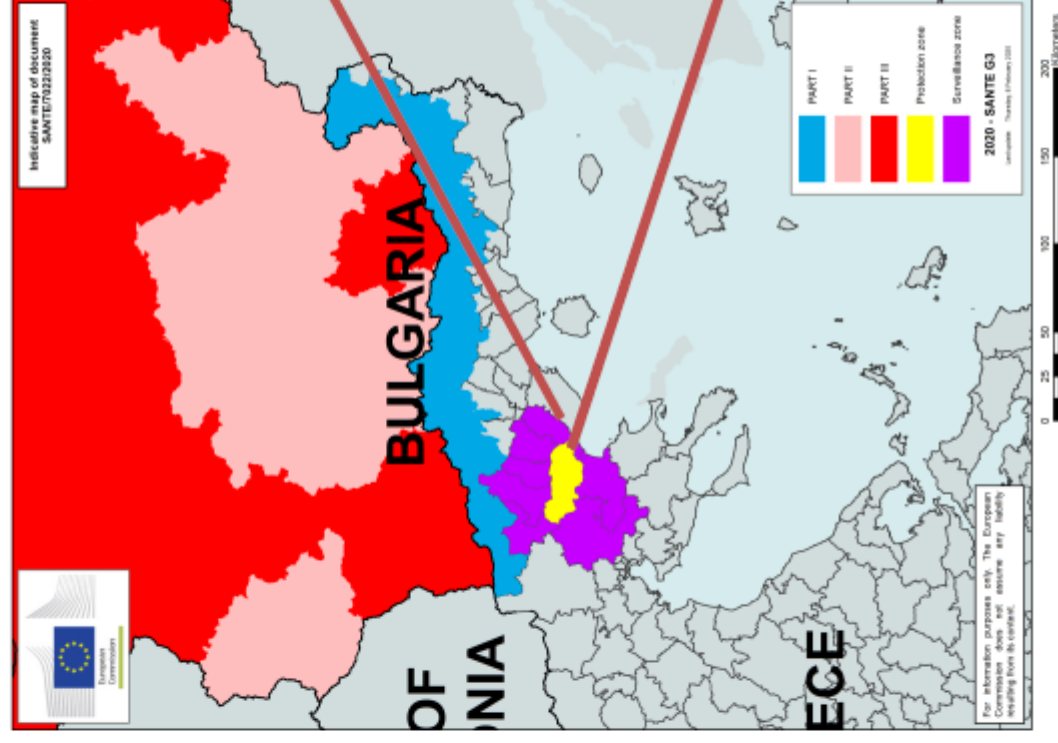
**Protection zone ~ 35km**  
**Surveillance zone ~ 65km**



# NEW status

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/181 of 7 February 2020

concerning certain interim protective measures relating to African swine fever in Greece



**Thessaloniki Regional Unit**  
Surveillance Zone:  
Lagada and Volvi  
Municipalities

**Serres Regional Unit:**  
-Protection Zone: Vissaltias  
Municipality  
-Surveillance Zone:  
-Serres, Emmanouil Pappa,  
Neas Zichnis, Amfipolis,  
Irakleias Municipalities

## **Actions taken following ASF outbreak in Greece**

### **Protection Zone**

- All pig farms:
  - ✓ have been clinically testing
  - ✓ sampling has been performed in the total of the farms in this zone (167 samples) according to the provisions of Dir. 60/2002 (art 10) and Dec. 2003/422/EC after the 23<sup>th</sup> of March (45 days following the completion of preliminary cleansing and disinfection of the affected farm) and the analytical lab results provided were negative

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## **Actions taken following ASF outbreak in Greece**

### **Surveillance Zone**

- Clinical examinations of all pig farms as well as samplings and laboratory testing in a number of these farms (Dir. 60/2002 & Dec. 2003/422/EC), have been completed in **Surveillance Zone** with negative results ,after the 18<sup>th</sup> of March (40 days following the completion of preliminary cleansing and disinfection of the affected farm)
- More than 50%-61% (depending on the Municipality) of the farms in the part of **Surveillance Zone in Serres Regional Unit** had been sampled (673 samples) according to the provisions of Dec. 2003/422/EC and laboratory tested
- In the part of the **Surveillance Zone in Thessaloniki Regional Unit**, samples by 311 animals in total derived by 13 farms were tested and found negative

### **Passive surveillance before lifting measures: ALL NEGATIVE**

- **Serres RU:** samples derived by 11 dead pigs following the detection of the case (05.02.2020)
- **Thessaloniki RU:** samples derived by 17 dead pigs following the detection of the case (05.02.2020)
- Hunted and/or dead wild boars in these areas: Negative

### **Measures lifting**

- Measures lifted in Thessaloniki RU (Surveillance Zone) on 08.04.2020
- Measures lifted in Serres RU (Protection and Surveillance Zone) on 15.04.2020



# Controls in commercial pig farms/backyard farms

## Controls – clinical tests – biosecurity (seasonal staff recruited for the needs of ASF preventive measures)

	Number of controls in backyard farms visited 2019 and until June 2020	Number of controls in pig farms (commercial) visited 2019 and until June 2020
2019	927	390
01/01-10/06/2020	874	364



# ASF Preventive actions

first semester 2020

## Preparatory Actions

- ❑ **Staff recruitment:** Request for recruitment of seasonal veterinarians for the prevention and eradication (if needed) of ASF

During the previous year, seasonal vets have been recruited since September-October 2019 in high risk Regional Units (Regions: East Macedonia and Thrace, Central Macedonia, West Macedonia, Ipiros)

**Main tasks: Visits to all backyard pig farms-registration/identification controls/biosecurity checks, clinical examinations, awareness (pig farmers-hunters)**

- ❑ **Controls:** Intensification of controls of backyard farms, commercial farms, slaughterhouses, entrance of vehicles carrying live animals, systems of cleansing and disinfection in farms and slaughterhouses
- ❑ **Supplies:** Field consumables will be soon delivered to RUs

# Measures relating to domestic pigs (1)

- Ministerial Decision (No.758/68204/18.02.2020 (GG 730B/09.03.2020) foreseeing measures related to:
  - ❑ the management of pigs without owner or non registered pig farms  
**Culling and disposal of carcasses with burial**
  - ❑ the non commercial farms in protection/surveillance established zones  
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  - ❑ the non commercial as well as the systematic (commercial) farms in the entire country  
**Immediate slaughter**
  - ❑ minimum biosecurity requirements at the different farms' categories

## Measures relating to domestic pigs (2)

- Circulars issued within first semester 2020 related to:
  - Animal movements/veterinary controls and documentation required
  - Decontamination of vehicles
  - Passive surveillance in domestic pigs and wild boars
  - Safe disposal of animal by products (dead pigs)
  - Pig farms registration

## Measures relating to wild boars

### ❑ **Wild boar population management:**

- ✓ Official request addressed to the Ministry of Environment and Energy regarding modifications of hunting rules – wild boars population reduction
- ✓ **Action plan for wild boars management preparation will be prepared up to the end of the year**

### **A new Joint Ministerial Decision is to be issued during the following period:**

- ✓ Increases in the remuneration of hunters for passive surveillance samples notification, sampling, carcasses safe disposal, sampling
- ✓ Remuneration for hunters for reduction of female adult wild boars
- ✓ Involvement of citizens for the notification of wild boars found dead

# We thank you for your attention

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