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Wild Boar ecology

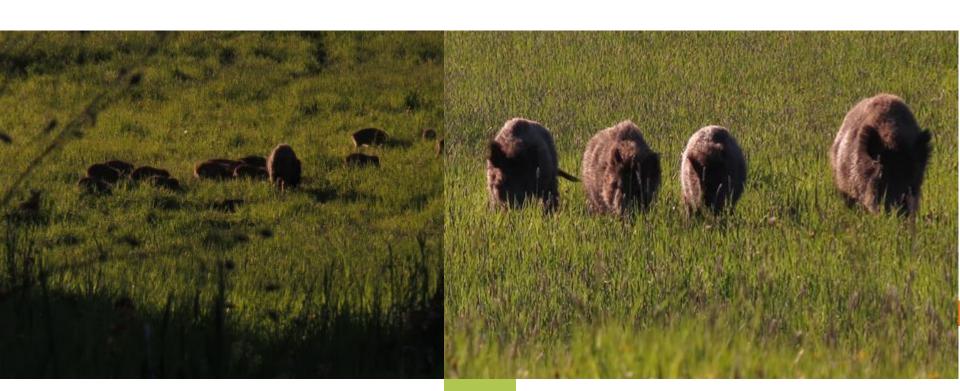
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Wild Boar

The wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), also known as the wild swine or Eurasian wild pig, is a suid native to much of Eurasia, North Africa, and the Greater Sunda Islands.





Wild boar

North African boar

S. s. algira



Carpathian boar S. s. attila



Indian boar S. s. cristatus



Central Asian boar

S. s. davidi



Maremman boar

S. s. majori



Northern Chinese boar

S. s. moupinensis



Japanese boar

S. s. leucomystax



Mediterranean boar S. s.

meriodionalis



Formosan boar

S. s. taivanus



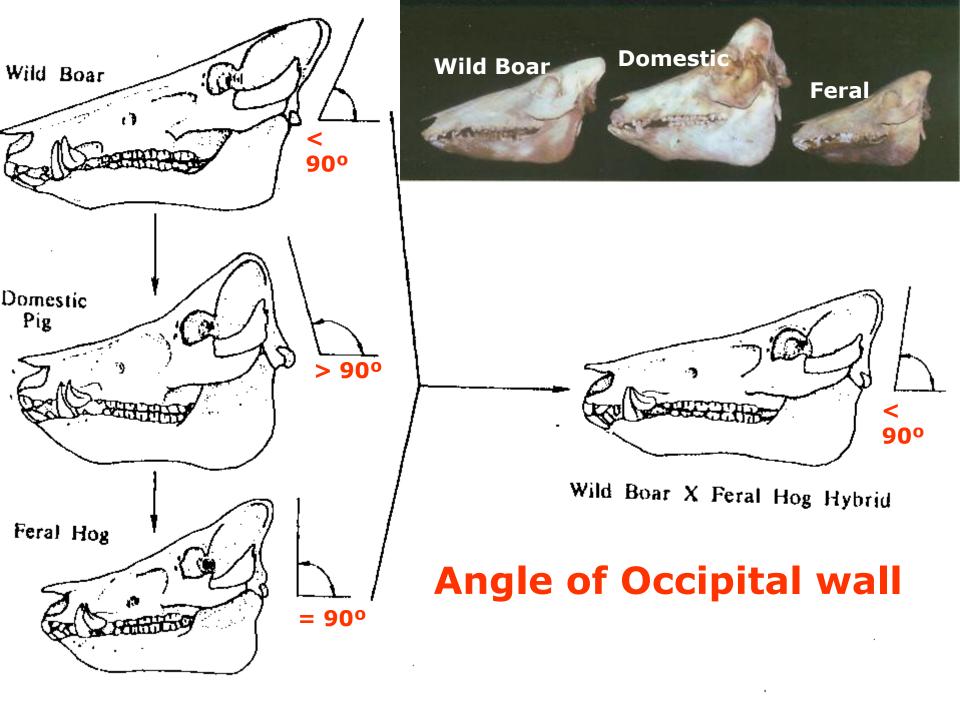
Anatolian boar

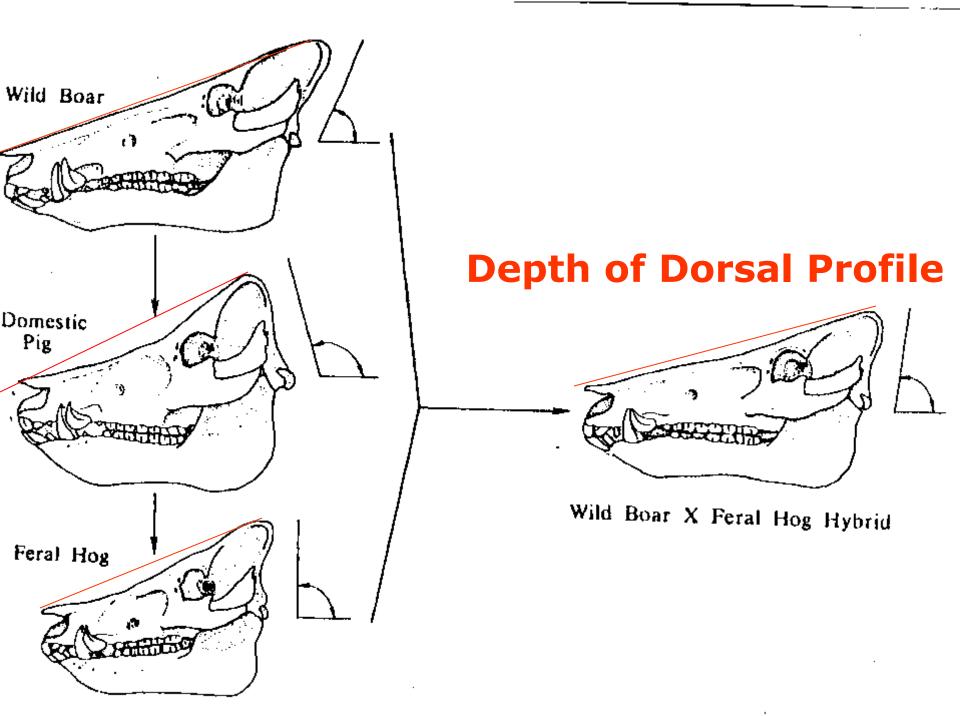














Central European boar



A medium-sized, dark to rusty-brown haired subspecies with long and relatively narrow lacrimal bones

Northern Spain, northern Italy, France, Germany, Benelux, Croatia, Belarus, Denmark (few), Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and possibly Albania



Ecology

- The wild boar inhabits a diverse array of habitats from boreal taigas to deserts.
- In mountainous regions, it can even occupy alpine zones, occurring up to 1,900 metres in the Carpathians, 2,600 metres in the Caucasus and up to 3,600-4,000 metres in the mountains in Central Asia and Kazakhstan.
- The main habitats favored by boars in Europe are deciduous and mixed forests, with the most favorable areas consisting of forest composed of oak and beech enclosing marshes and meadows.



Ecology

- In the Białowieża Forest, the animal's primary habitat consists of well developed, broad-leaved and mixed forests, along with marshy mixed forests, with coniferous forests and undergrowth's being of secondary importance.
- Wild boar are known to be competent swimmers, capable of covering long distances. In 2013, one boar was reported to have completed the seven mile swim from France to Alderney in the Channel Islands. Due to concerns about disease it was

shot and incinerated.



Diet







How far can wild boar move?

Example of Bulgaria









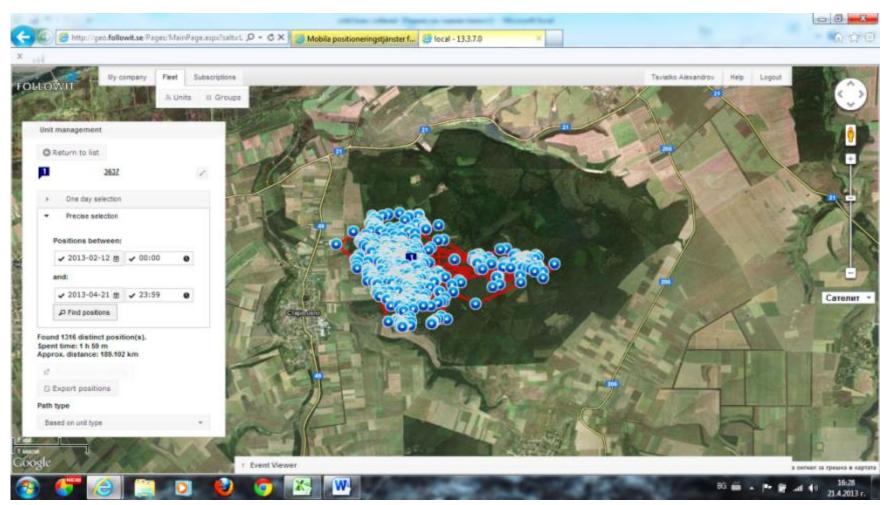












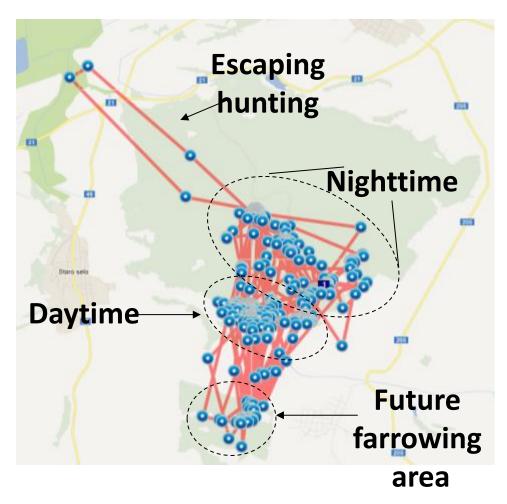
4 years old female

Tracked for 87 days

Positons received: 2149

Home range: 7 km²

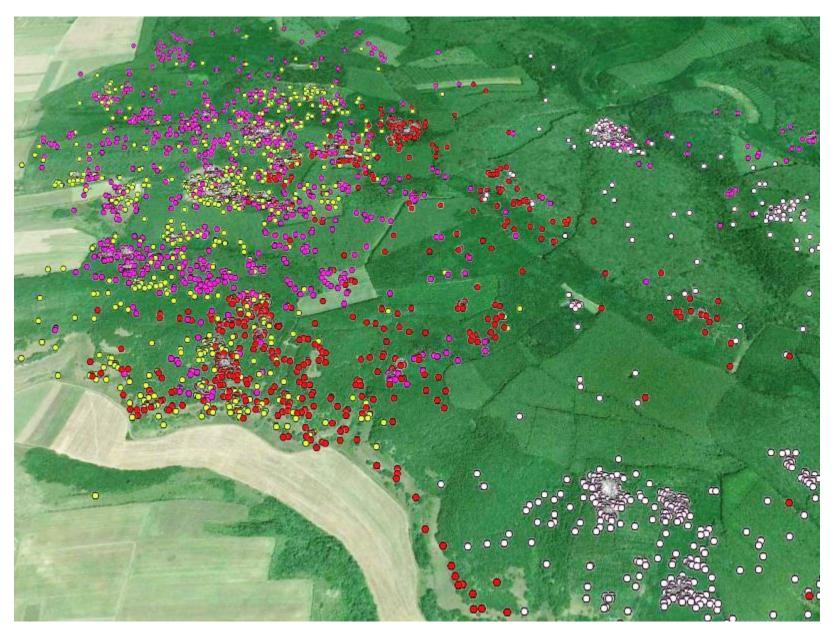
Movement



1 hour resolution movements of a tracked wild boar saw in Bulgaria

WB normally very small home ranges (4 - 20 km²);

Disrupted by only food availability or disturbance



4 different groups of wild boar overlapping.....

How far can wild boar go?





Diseases

- Pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease)
- Swine brucellosis
- Influenza
- Tularemia
- West Nile virus
- E. coli
- Salmonella
- Trichinosis
- Streptococcus
- Ticks, fleas, lice
- Internal parasites
- Toxoplasmosis and Trichinosis

- Classical swine fever
- African swine fever
- PRRS
- Anthrax
- Foot and mouth disease
- Porcine circovirus



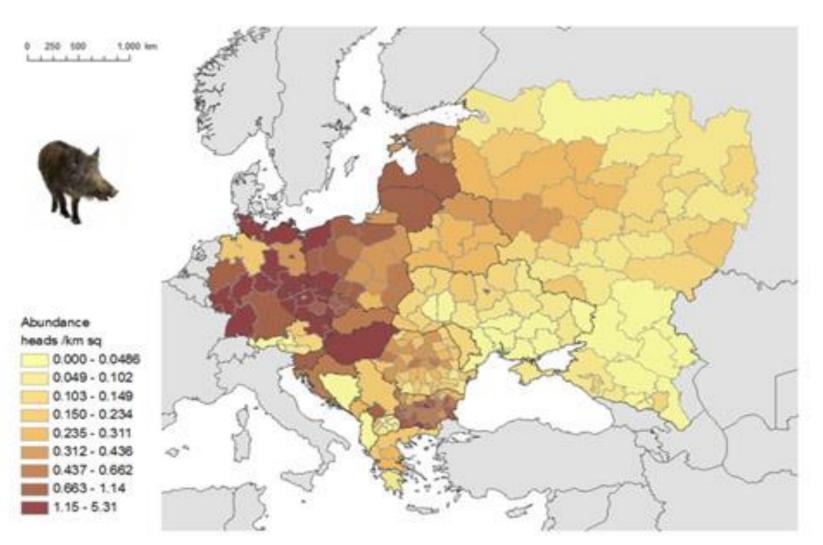
African swine fever in wild boar - risk factors

- ✓ Presence of the virus;
- ✓ Size of the population;
- ✓ Density of the population;
- ✓ Size and density define the wild boar geographical distribution;
- ✓ Age and gender of the infected wild boar population;
- ✓ Type of hunting;
- ✓ Period of the year during which the virus has been detected/introduced.

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Wild boar density





Can we control the hunters?







Wild boar density - how to estimate??

Type of survey	Measurement tool(s)	Potential measurements	Potential metrics of abundance
Track	Tracking plots	Number of track intrusions Presence-absence	Index
Dung	Defined areas for Pellet counts	Number of pellet groups	Index
	DNA analysis	Number individuals and "recaptures"	Known to be alive
			M-R density estimate
Road counts (counts from vehicles)	Human observers	Counts	Index
	Spotlight Night vision	Distance to animals observed	Density estimate
	Thermal imaging		
Aerial surveys	Human observers	Counts	Index
	Video Thermal imaging	Number of animals in strip transect(s) Distance to animals from aerial transect	Density estimate
Animal marking	Trap and mark	Resight/recapture	Density estimate
	Bait markers	Capture and check for mark	Known to be alive index
Take rates	Hunter survey	Hunter take	Take index
		Hunter effort	Take/effort index
Camera	Camera traps	Number photographed	Index
		Resight (recapture)	Known to be alive index
			Density estimate
Plot occupancy	Geographic units	Assessed occupancy within a unit	Density estimate
			Occupancy index

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Estimation methods

Trail drive away – counting of animals driven away from a forest

area surrounded by observers (direct method) with silent beater:

- on 10% of the area covered by animals' counting;
- with a use of observers and beater (app. 50-70 persons);
- calculation error around 20%;
- experienced personnel (discipline extremely important) –
 to avoid double counting of the same animals;
- in winter lack of leaves on the trees good vision;
- additional information on animals age and sex can be obtained.



Wild boar density - how to estimate??



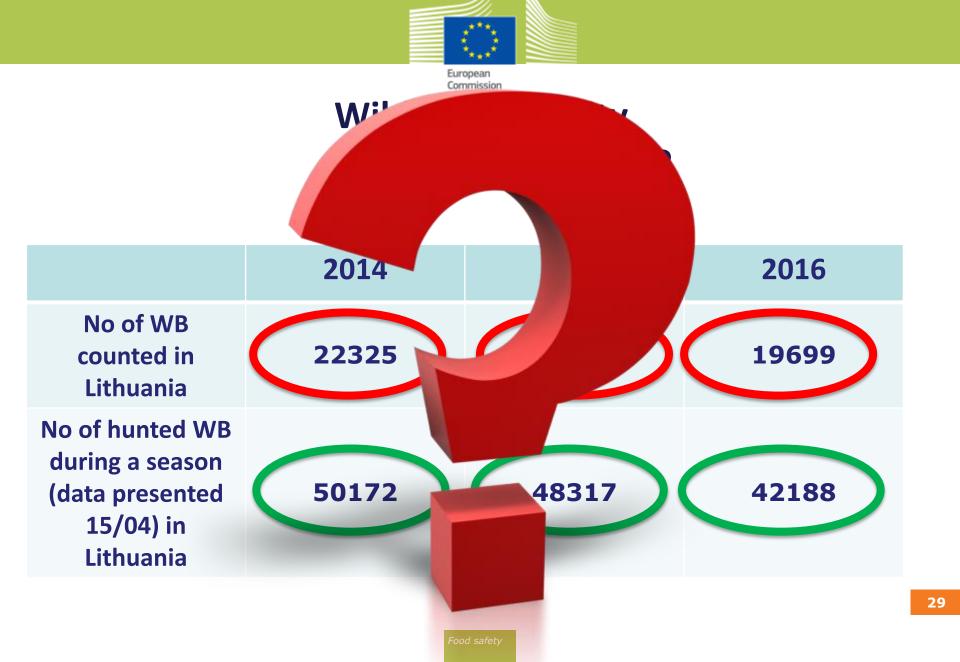




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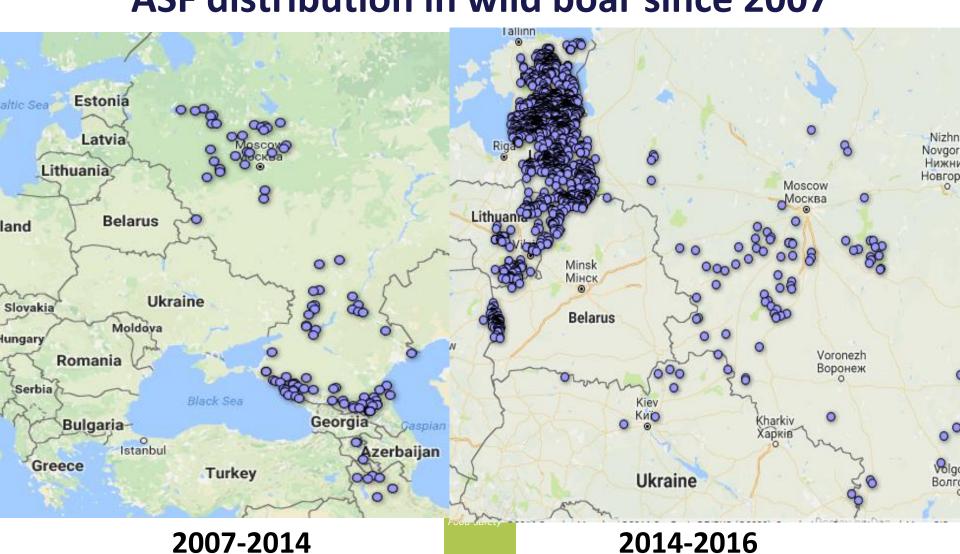
Other estimation methods:

- indirect :
- snow traces calculation,
- faces groups calculation (moose's);
- direct:
- annual observation,
- counting in habitats,
- counting of animals entering open areas,
- aerial surveys (open areas),
- thermal counting (deer's and moose's).





ASF distribution in wild boar since 2007





Continuous awareness campaigns should be foreseen for hunters for informing about the new strategy and the intended goals so to encourage the participation of hunters in the strategy.





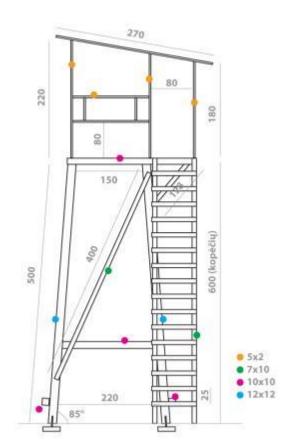
Hunting methods

Driven hunt





Hunting methods Solo hunt

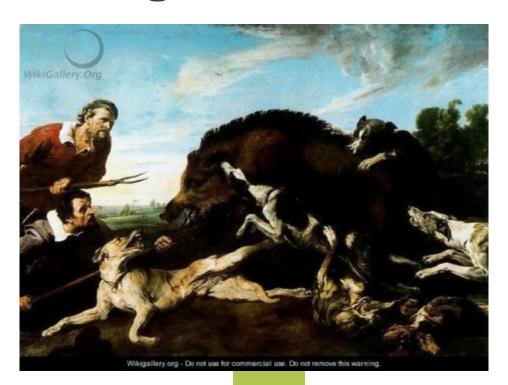








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