



**GREECE**  
**Programme for the Eradication of**  
**Rabies**

Directorate General Veterinary Medicine  
Animal Health Directorate

**Department of Zoonoses**

# Rabies Cases in Greece 2012-2014

**FAT & PCR**  
**Positive : 48**



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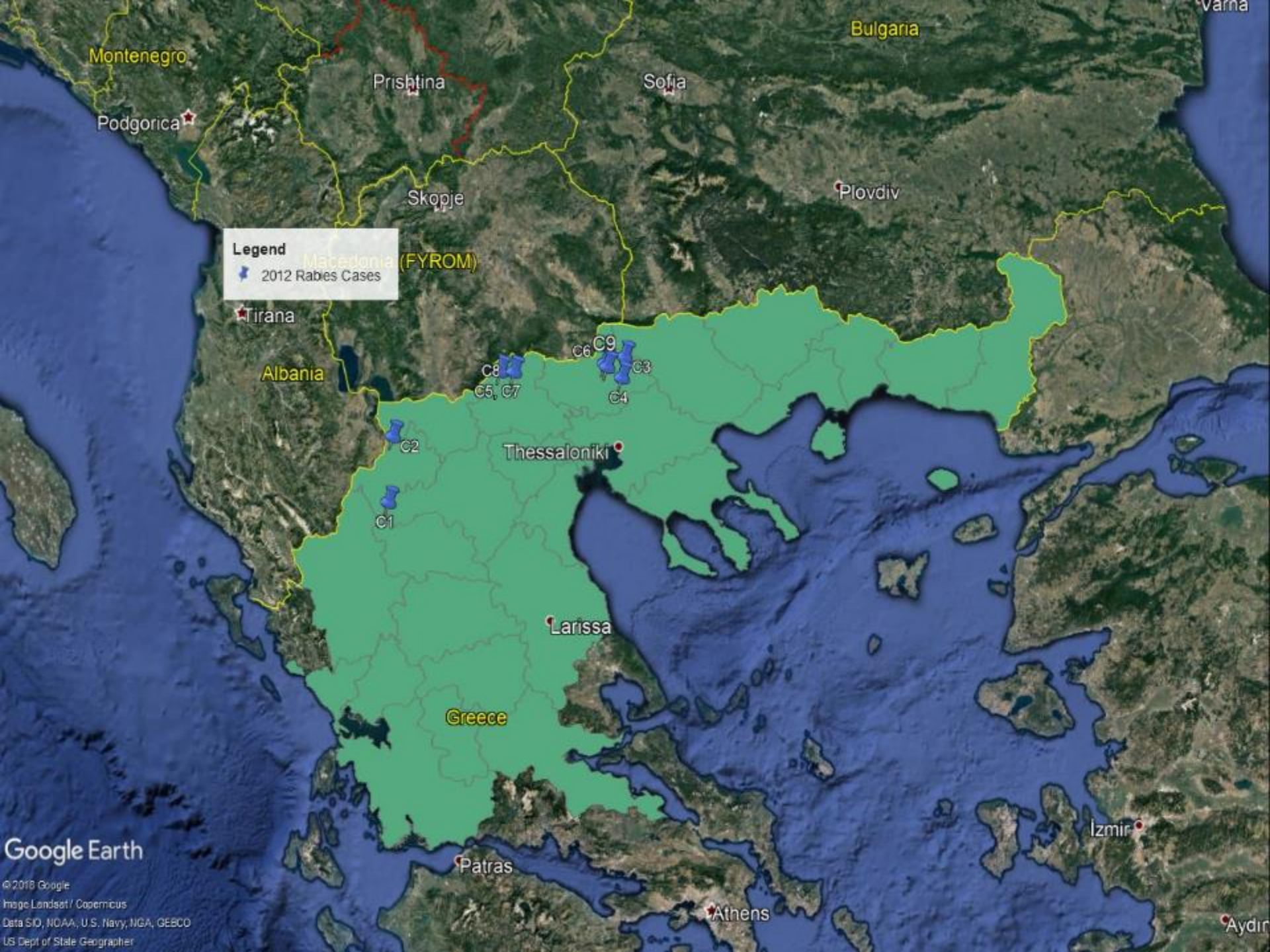


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Regional Units	Animal Cases
Kilkis	18
Pella	10
Serres	1
Thessaloniki	10
Kozani	2
Trikala	5
Larisa	1
Kastoria	1

# Rabies epidemiology – evolution since 2014

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total number of cases in 2014	10 <b>Last case was on May 2014</b> Red fox in Pella Regional unit.	<b>No new cases detected.</b>				
Species / number of cases	-Red fox / 8 -Dog / 2					



**Legend**  
2012 Rabies Cases

Macedonia (FYROM)

Tirana

Albania

C8  
C5, C7

C6 C9

C3  
C4

C2

C1

Thessaloniki

Larissa

Greece

Patras

Athens

Izmir

Bulgaria

Montenegro

Podgorica

Prishtina

Sofia

Skopje

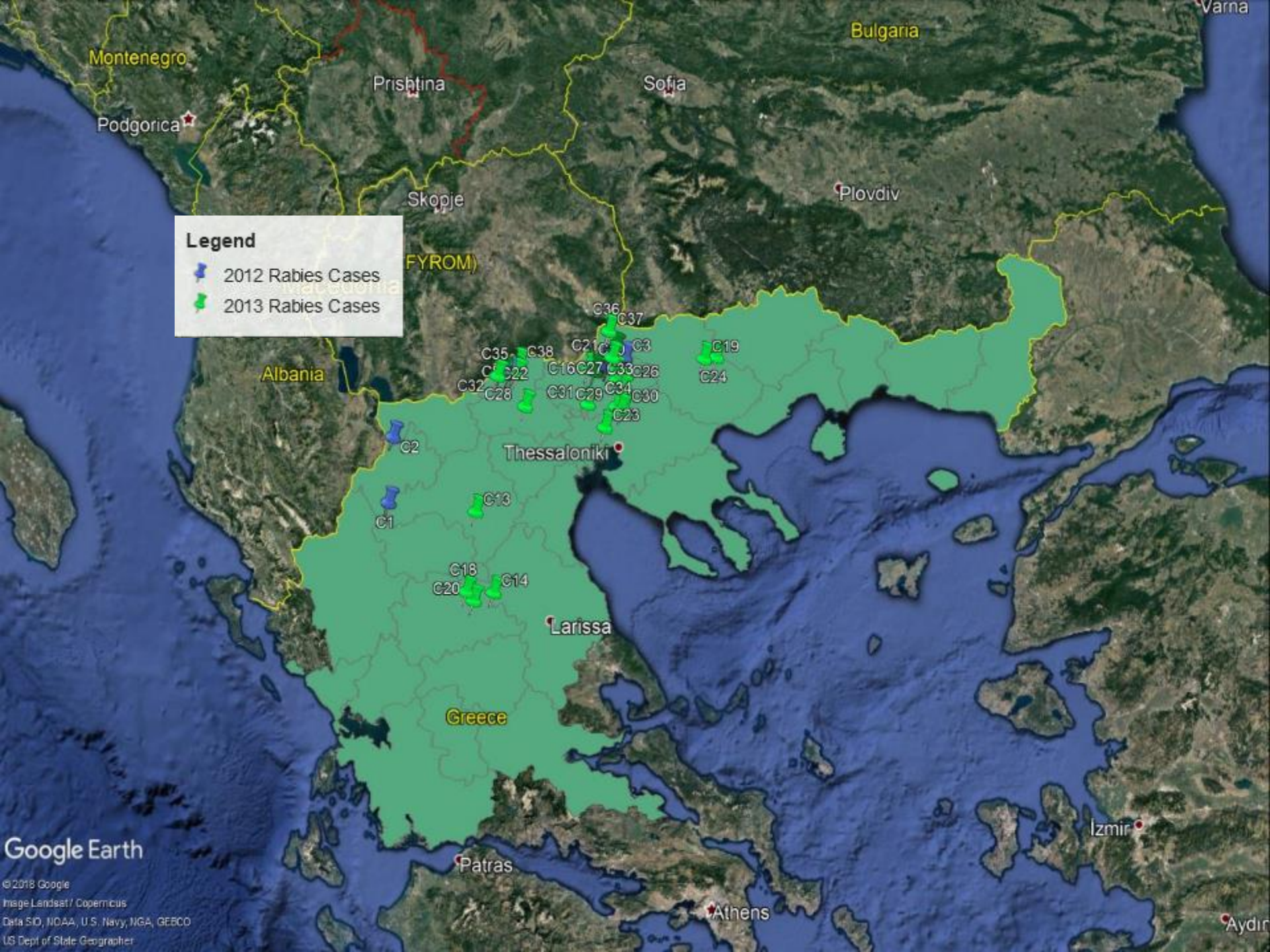
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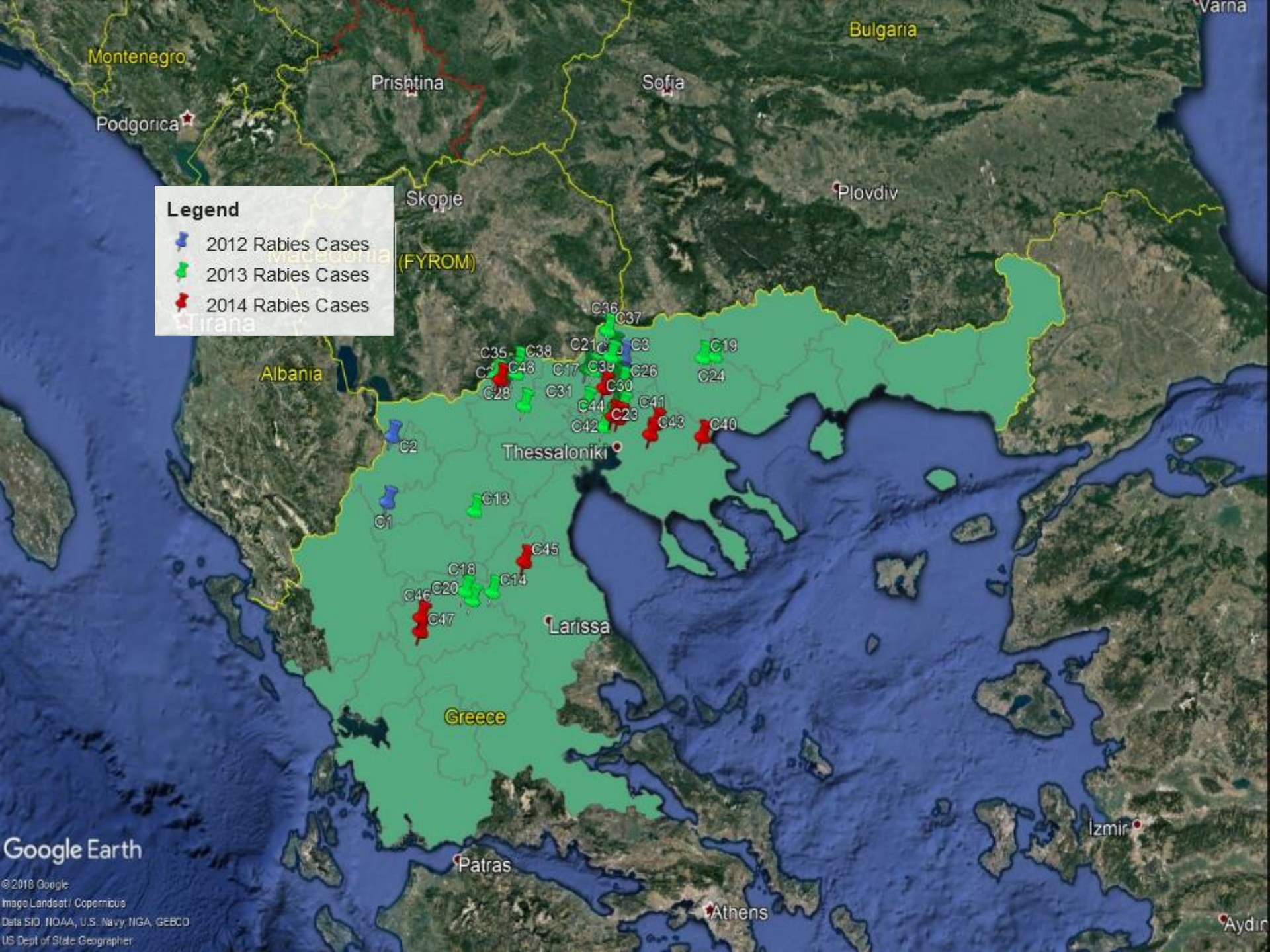
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**Legend**  
2012 Rabies Cases  
2013 Rabies Cases





# Rabies Oral Vaccination Campaigns in Greece 2013-2018

YEAR	SPRING	AUTUMN
2013	-	√
2014	-	√
2015	-	√
2016	√	√
2017	√	√
2018	√	√







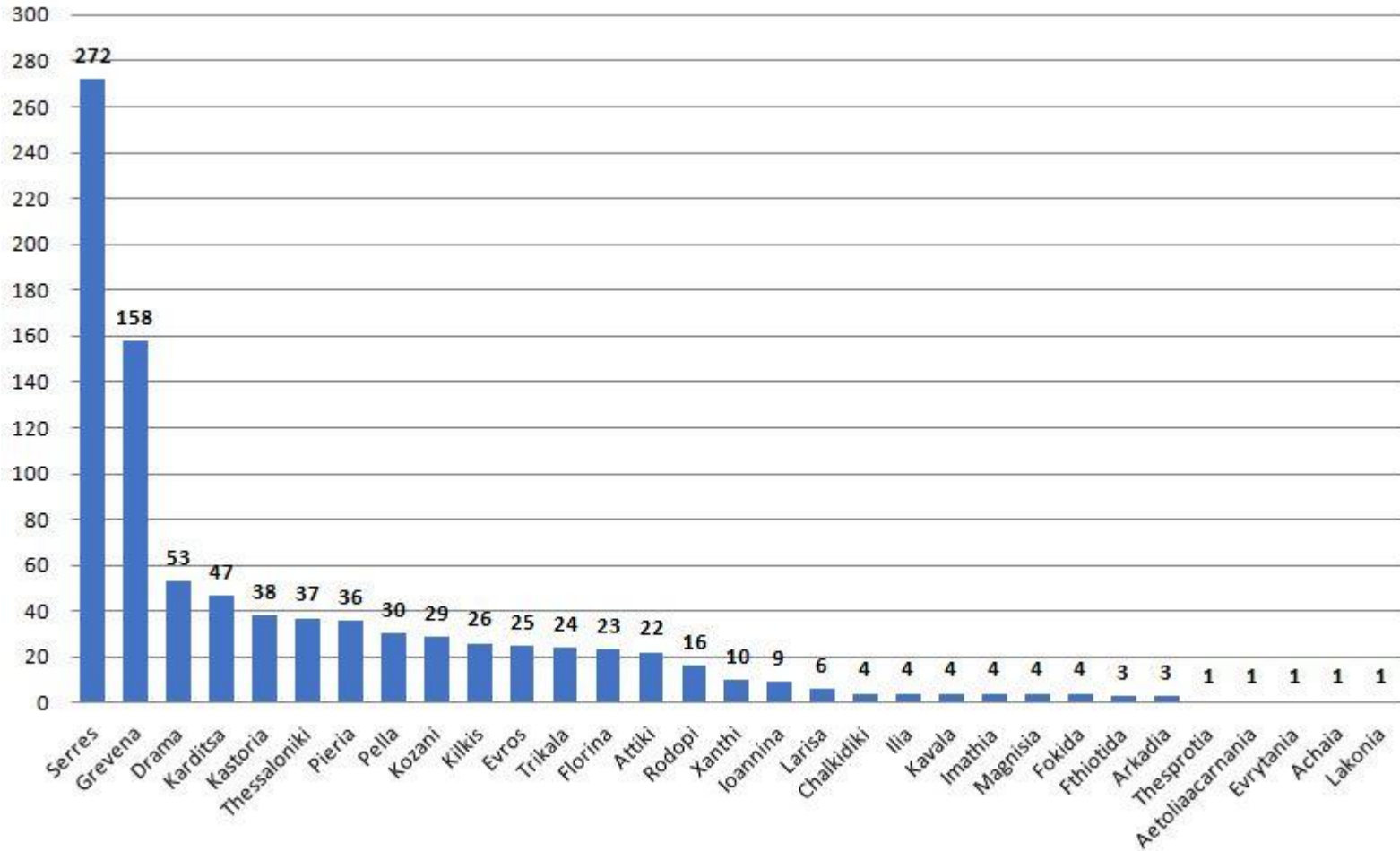
# Vaccination area (km<sup>2</sup>)

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Spring campaign	Dates: <b>1/4-13/5</b>	Dates: <b>2/4-20/5</b>	Dates: <b>2/4-26/4</b>	Dates: <b>3/4-11/5</b>
	Parts of country/ area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>40473</b>	Parts of country/ area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54610</b>	Parts of country/ area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54823</b>	Parts of country and area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54823</b>
Fall campaign	Dates: <b>21/10-19/11</b>	Dates: <b>10/10-5/11</b>	Dates: <b>3/10-7/11</b>	Dates: <b>3/10-7/11</b>
	Parts of country/ area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54608</b>	Parts of country and area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54555</b>	Parts of country and area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): <b>54692</b>	Parts of country and area vaccinated (km <sup>2</sup> ): started 7/10/2019
Oral vaccine used	Vaccine: Rabigen SAG2 vaccine (RABIGEN® SAG2) Bait density (baits/km <sup>2</sup> ): 20-25	Vaccine: Rabigen SAG2 vaccine (RABIGEN® SAG2) Bait density (baits/km <sup>2</sup> ): 25	Vaccine: Lysvulpen SAD Bern vaccine Bait density (baits/km <sup>2</sup> ): 25	Vaccine: Lysvulpen SAD Bern vaccine Bait density (baits/km <sup>2</sup> ): 25

# 2018 Surveillance

(896 samples in total)

NUMBER OF ANIMALS TESTED PER REGIONAL UNIT IN GREECE IN 2018

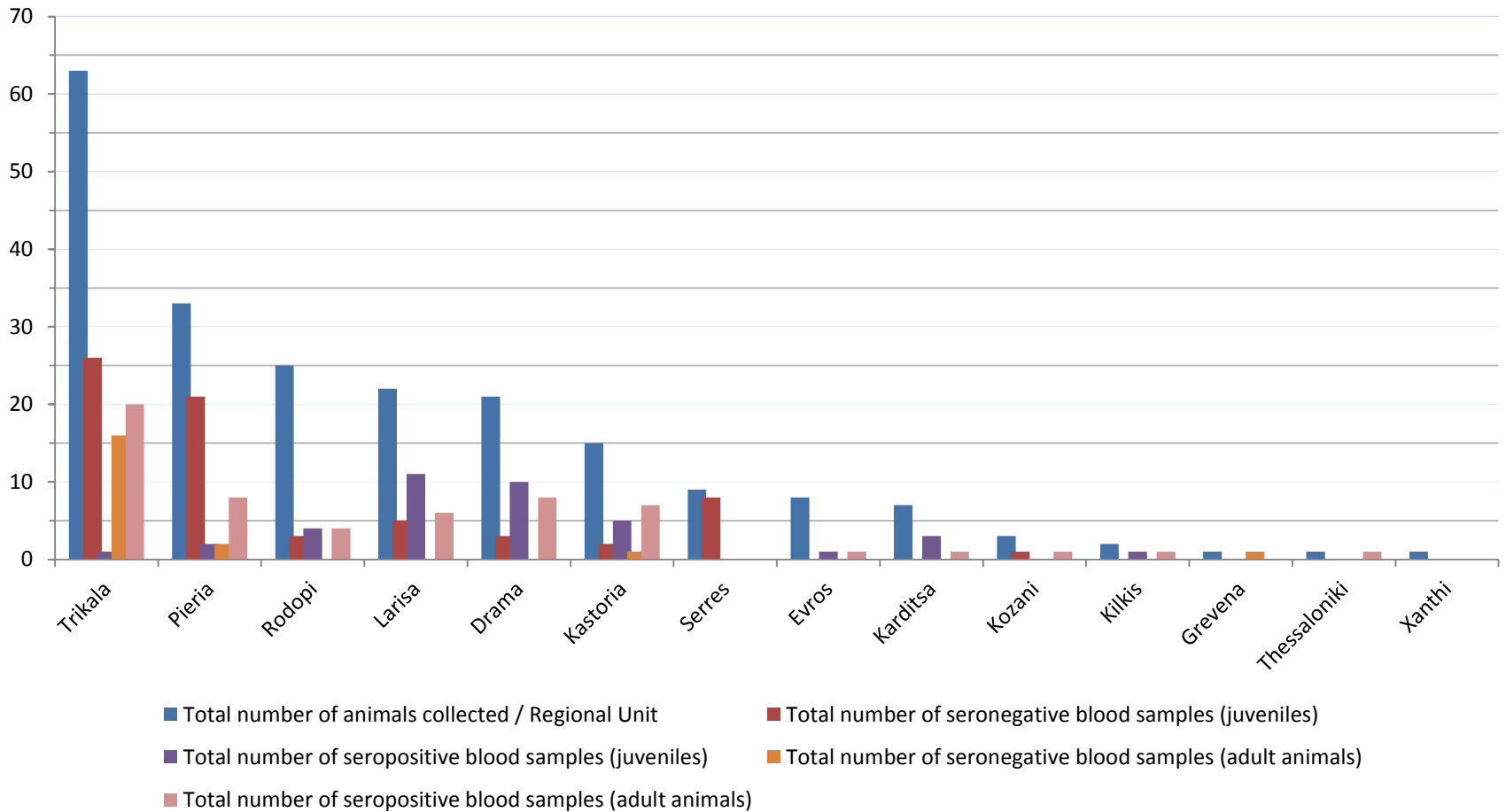






# Monitoring Results following Spring 2018 Campaign

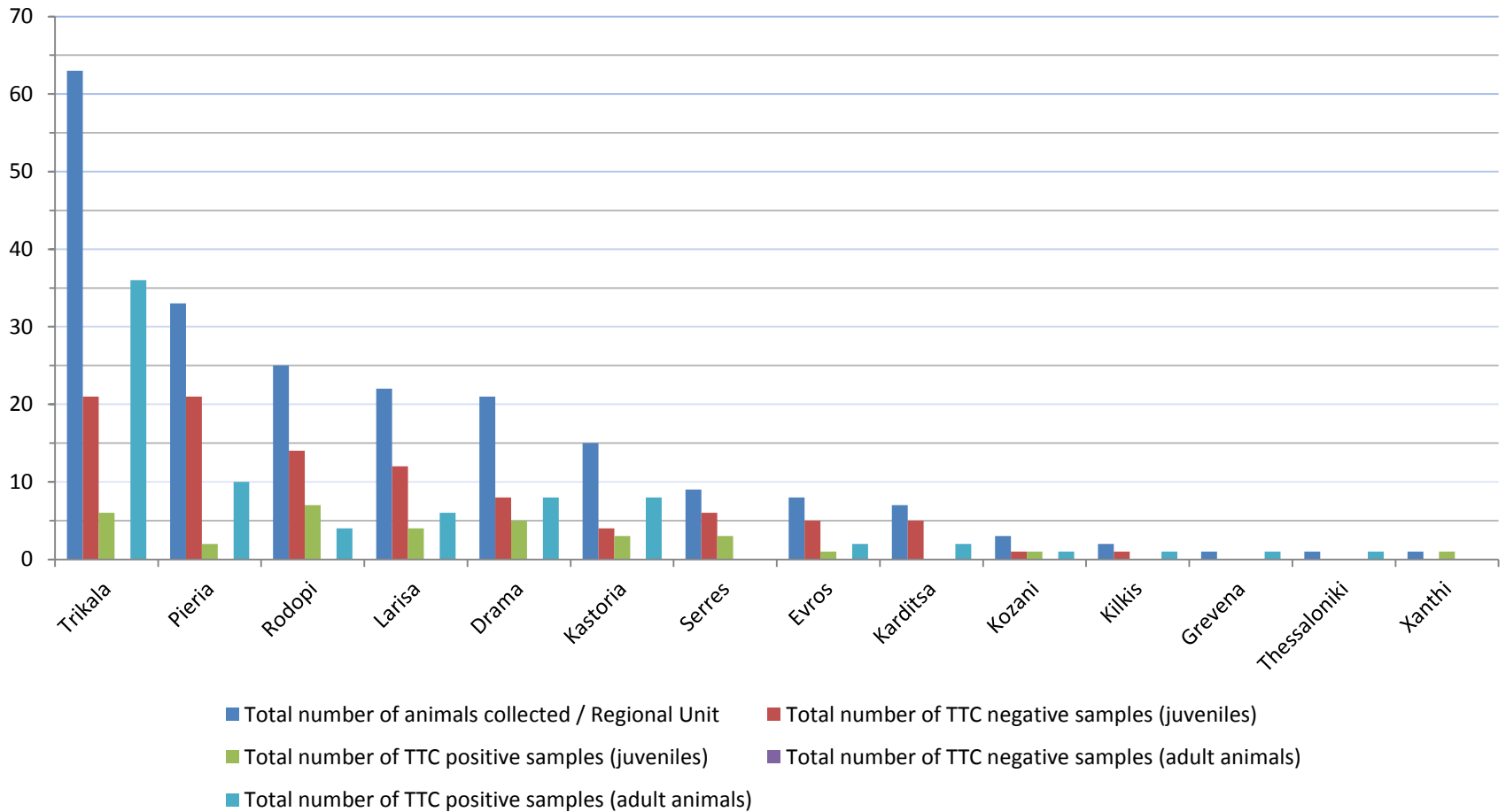
## Seroconversion





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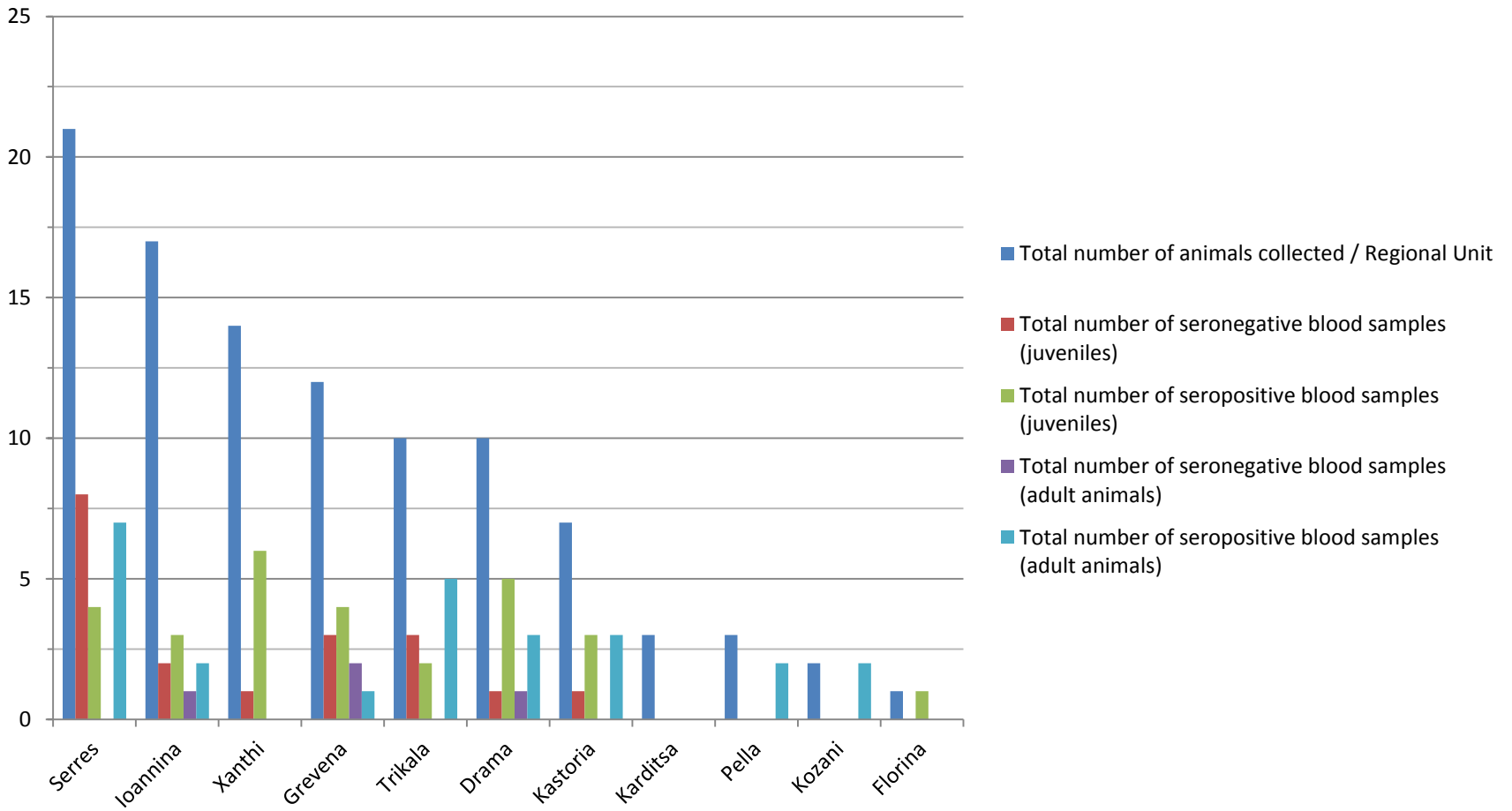
## TTC intake



# Monitoring Results following Autumn 2018 Campaign

## Seroconversion

(samples derived by 100 foxes initially tested)

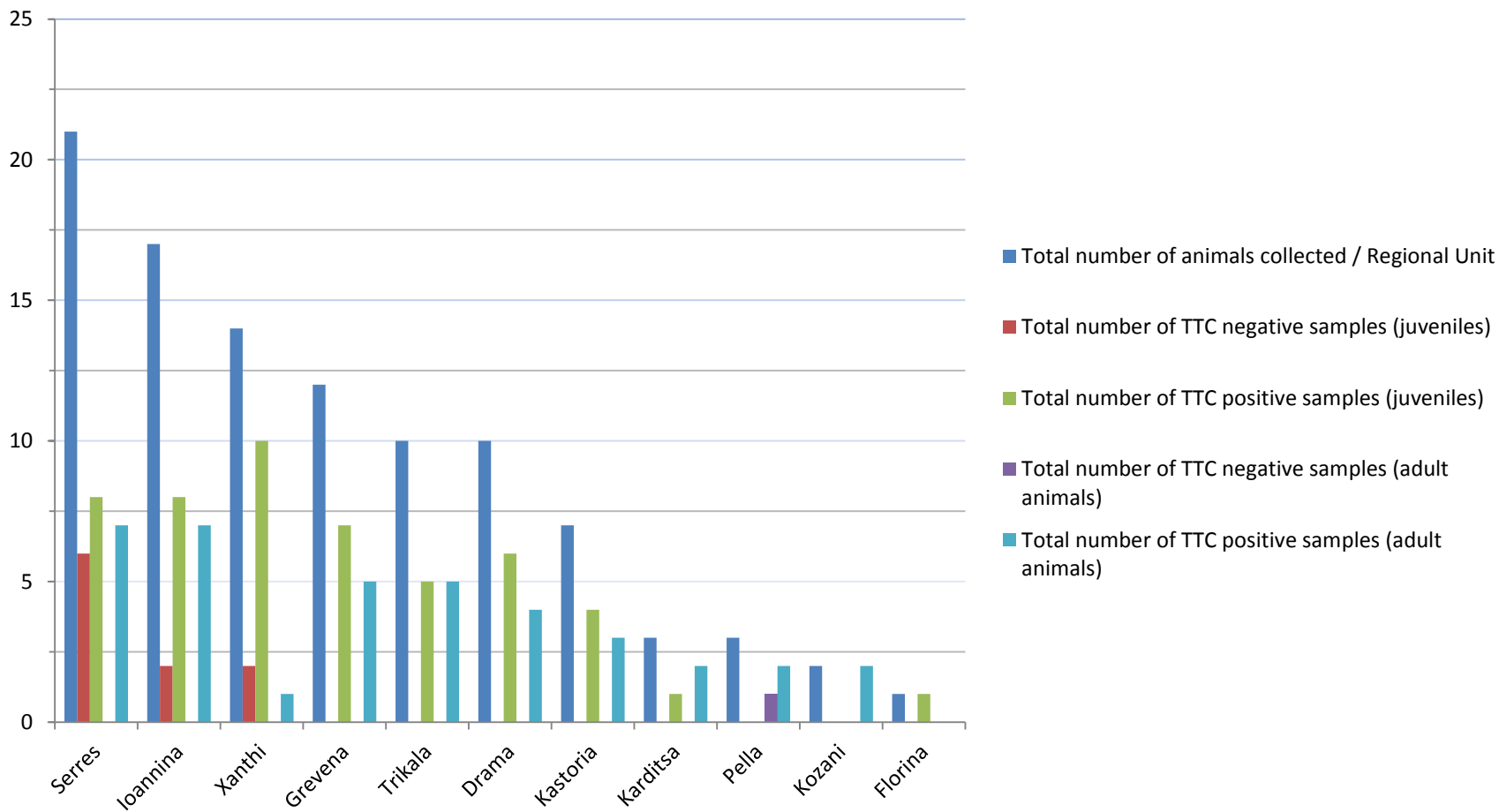




# Monitoring Results following Autumn 2018 Campaign

## TTC intake

(samples derived by 100 foxes initially tested)



Actions performed for awareness raising, surveillance enhancement and general information:

1) New poster

2) New TV spot

[https://youtu.be/P\\_LIR0o5B58](https://youtu.be/P_LIR0o5B58)

# ΛΥΣΣΑ

- πρόληψη
- προστασία
- προφύλαξη

**ΠΡΟΛΗΨΗ:**

- Εμβολιαστείτε για τη λύσσα
- Απευθυνθείτε σε κτηνίατρο για τον υποχρεωτικό αντιλυσσικό εμβολιασμό και την ηλεκτρονική σήμανση του κατοικίδιού σας

**ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑ:**

Μείνετε μακριά από άγρια ζώα και κατοικίδια με ύποπτη ή επιθετική συμπεριφορά

**ΠΡΟΦΥΛΑΞΗ:**

- Μην πιάνετε το εμβόλιο-δολώμα
- Σε περίπτωση ανάγκης χρησιμοποιήστε γάντια ή πλαστική σακούλα

**ΠΕΡΙΣΥΛΛΕΓΟΥΜΕ ΑΝ ΒΡΟΥΜΕ:**

- νεκρά άγρια θηλαστικά (σκαντζόχοιρους, λύκους, αρκούδες, ελάφια, ζαρκάδια, ασβούς, κ.ά.)
- νεκρά κατοικίδια θηλαστικά από ΟΛΗ τη χώρα

**ΠΡΟΣΚΟΜΙΖΟΥΜΕ:**

Αλεπούδες που θανατώνονται (στις περιοχές όπου γίνονται οι εμβολιασμοί, για να ελεγχθεί κατά πόσον έχουν προστατευθεί έναντι του ιού της λύσσας από την κατανάλωση του εμβολίου-δολώματος)

**ΕΠΙΧΟΡΗΓΗΣΗ:**

Η προσκόμιση δειγμάτων αλεπούδων (από κυνηγούς και θηροφύλακες) για το πρόγραμμα της λύσσας επιχορηγείται με το ποσό των 50 €

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### 3) Communication with neighbouring countries before the initiation of campaigns



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
FOOD  
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
VETERINARY SERVICES  
ANIMAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE

Athens, 5-09-2019  
Ref.No: 2236/220139

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SUBJECT: Initiation of the autumn 2019 Oral Rabies Vaccination campaign in Greece

Dear sir/madam,

We inform you that in the frame of the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program for wildlife the next autumn 2019 campaign is expected to start in Greece during the middle of November, depending

on the results of the field missions in the Regional Units which share common borders with Turkey (Evros), Albania (Ioannina, Florina, Pella). In the attached

map, the exact area of vaccination is illustrated.

The vaccine to be used is Lysvulpen, Bioveta (SAD BERN) in a density of 25 vaccine-baits per km<sup>2</sup>. Finally, we would like to remind you that the last rabies case diagnosed in animals in Greece has been detected in May 2014.

We kindly ask you to provide us information regarding the initiation of ORV campaigns conducted in your countries.

We thank you in advance and we are looking forward to your response.

Do not hesitate to contact us should any further information be needed.

Yours sincerely,

Chrysoula Dile

Head of the Animal Health Directorate

Athens, 23-03-2018  
Ref. No: 642/45516

TO: The Chief Veterinary Officers of  
Bulgaria, Albania, FYROM and  
Turkey



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SUBJECT: Initiation of the spring 2018 Oral Rabies Vaccination campaign in Greece

Dear sir/madam,

We would like to inform you that the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program for the immunization of wildlife against rabies, for the spring 2018 campaign, will start in Greece during the first week of April and will be completed up to the middle of May, depending on the weather conditions.

Flight missions will be performed in Regional Units which share the same borders with Bulgaria (Xanthi, Evros, Serres, Ropopi, Drama), Turkey (Evros), Albania (Ioannina, Florina and Kastoria) and FYROM (Kilkis, Serres, Florina, Pella). In the attached map, the exact area of vaccination is illustrated.

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HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
FOOD  
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND VETERINARY SERVICES

Athens, 14-09-2017  
Ref. No: 2941/96088

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SUBJECT: Initiation of the autumn 2017 Oral Rabies Vaccination campaign in Greece

Dear sir/madam,

We would like to inform you that the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program for the immunization of wildlife against rabies, for the autumn 2017 campaign, will start in Greece during the first week of October and will be completed up to the end of November, depending on the weather conditions.

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The vaccine to be used is RABIGEN SAG2 (Virbac), in a density of 25 vaccine-baits per km<sup>2</sup>. Finally, we would like to remind you that the last rabies case diagnosed in animals in Greece has been detected in May 2014.

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**THANK YOU!**