

# **Better Training for Safer Food**

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# **Engagement strategies**

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#### African swine fever in wild boar

African swine fever cannot be managed directly:

No treatment and

No vaccine available...

Following the detection of ASF cases in wild boars:

Definition of the infected area;

Protection of the domestic pig population (census and biosecurity);

Management of the infected wild boar population.

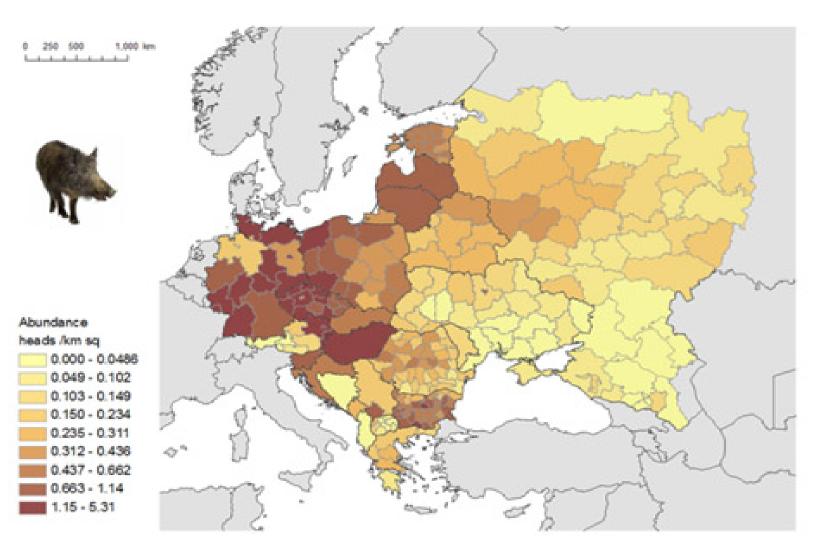


#### African swine fever in wild boar – risk factors

- ✓ 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.



# Wild boar density





### Can we control the hunters?







# Wild boar density - how to estimate??

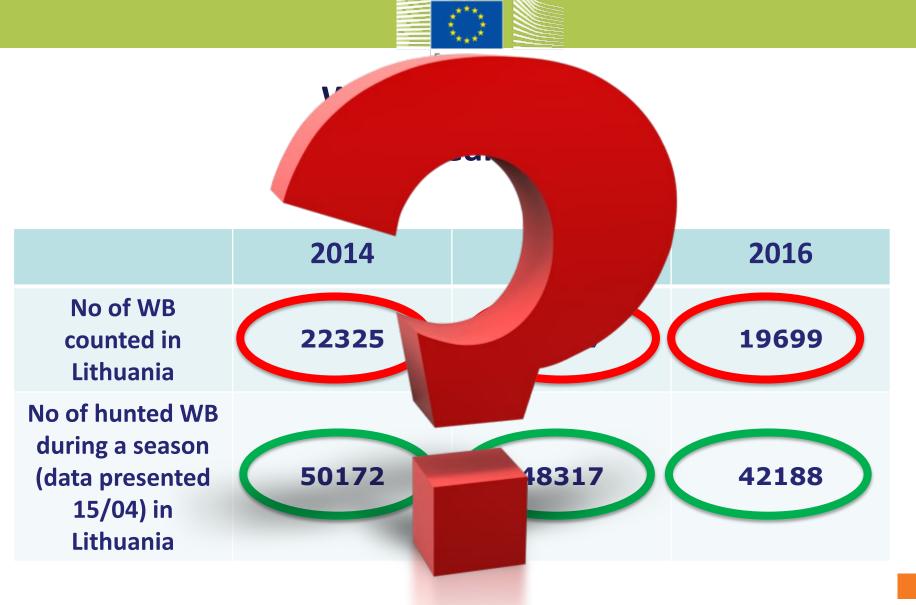
Type of survey	Measurement tool(s)	Potential measurements	Potential metrics of abundance
Track	Tracking plots	Number of track intrusions Presence-absence	Index
Dung	Defined areas for Pellet counts	Number of pellet groups	Index
	DNA analysis	Number individuals and "recaptures"	Known to be alive
			M-R 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



# Wild boar density - how to estimate??

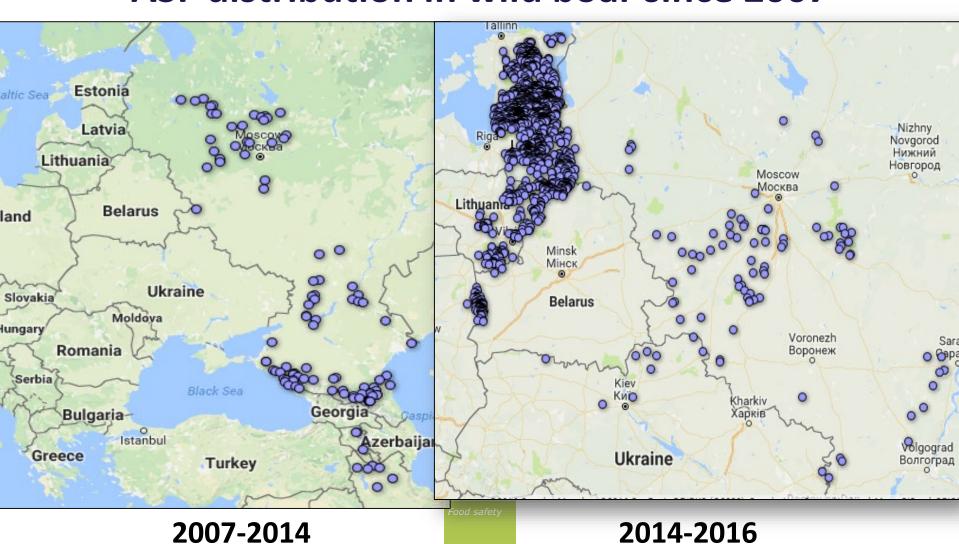








# ASF distribution in wild boar since 2007





**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.





#### Infected area – how to define?

The historical and current geographical distribution of the infection;

Epidemiological investigations;

Wild boar home range, geographical distribution;

Landscape structure;

All the suitable wild boar habitat in geographical continuity;

Borders defined by artificial or natural barriers;

Not less than 200 km2:

It is possible to see the infection after several months;

It is a reasonable wild boar management unit;

According to the average wild boar densities it is possible to sample with appropriate intensities.

Easy to identify.



# **ASF Strategy for Eastern Part of the EU**

#### Measures to apply in wild boar:

# Wild boar sampling:

Principle of sampling in the whole country should be based on enhanced passive surveillance: all found dead and sick wild boar have to be tested for ASF using qRT-PCR.

#### Removal of carcasses:

To be based on the enhanced passive surveillance already in place. In case of detection of ASF in precedent unaffected areas, the passive finding of carcasses should be supplemented by active search by professionals in hotspots established by the competent authority.



# **ASF** surveillance strategy

#### Needs to be tested:

- •All found dead or killed in road incidents wild boar!
- •Any hunted wild boar showing any abnormal behaviour.















#### **ASF** control measures in wild boars

- Wild boar feeding is forbidden; only baiting is allowed;
- Compensation for targeted hunt hunted females;
- Collection, testing and disposal of wild boar carcasses;
- All hunted wild boars within infected area are subject to laboratory tests for ASF;
- It is forbidden to use the meat of hunted wild boars and to move the meat from the hunting place within the infected area <u>before the results</u> <u>of ASF testing</u> have been obtained from the laboratory;
- Till the laboratory results of ASF testing are obtained, the carcasses of wild boars should be stored isolated or in places authorised by territorial SFVS;
- Biosafety requirements for hunters clubs.......



# **Biosafety**

Hunters should process hunted wild boars in special designated places and all ABPs should not be moved outside but kept in special tightly closed animal waste pits or containers.









# Any questions / suggestions / remarks?



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