

African Swine fever in wild boar in Belgium

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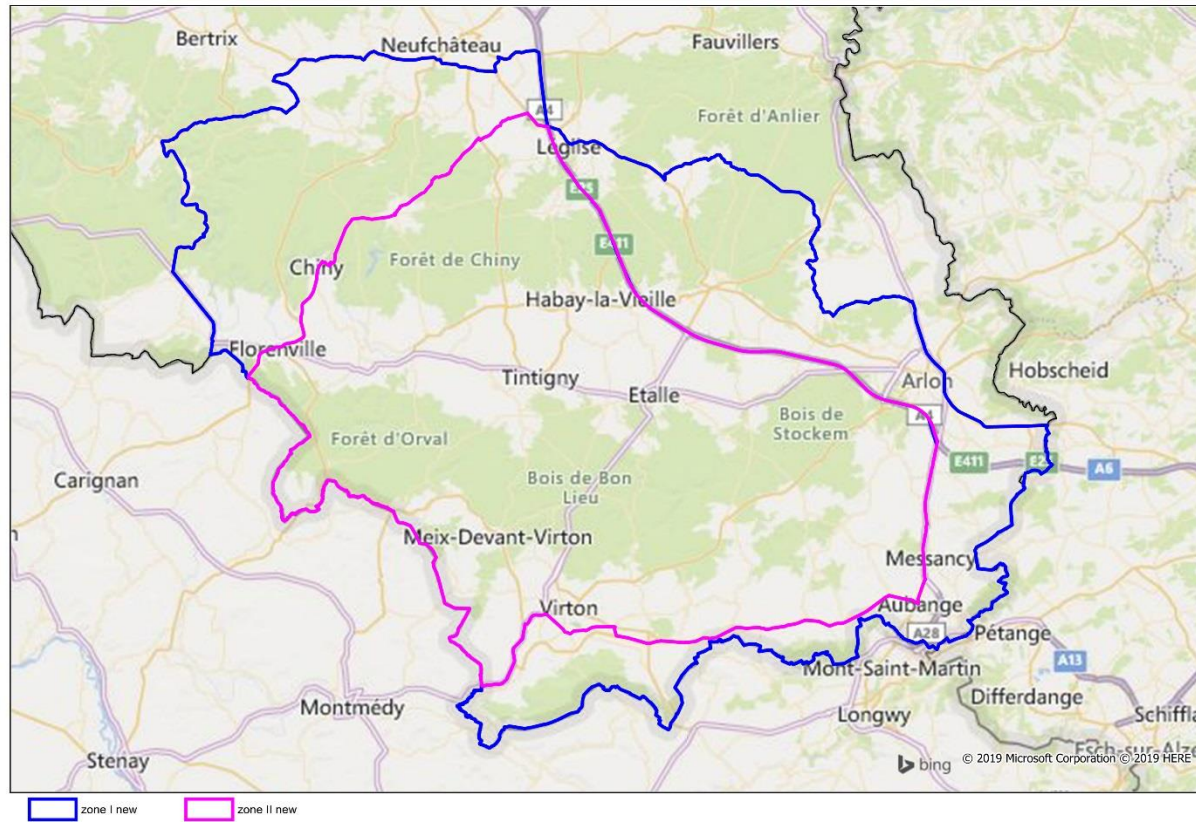
Confirmed cases in wild boar

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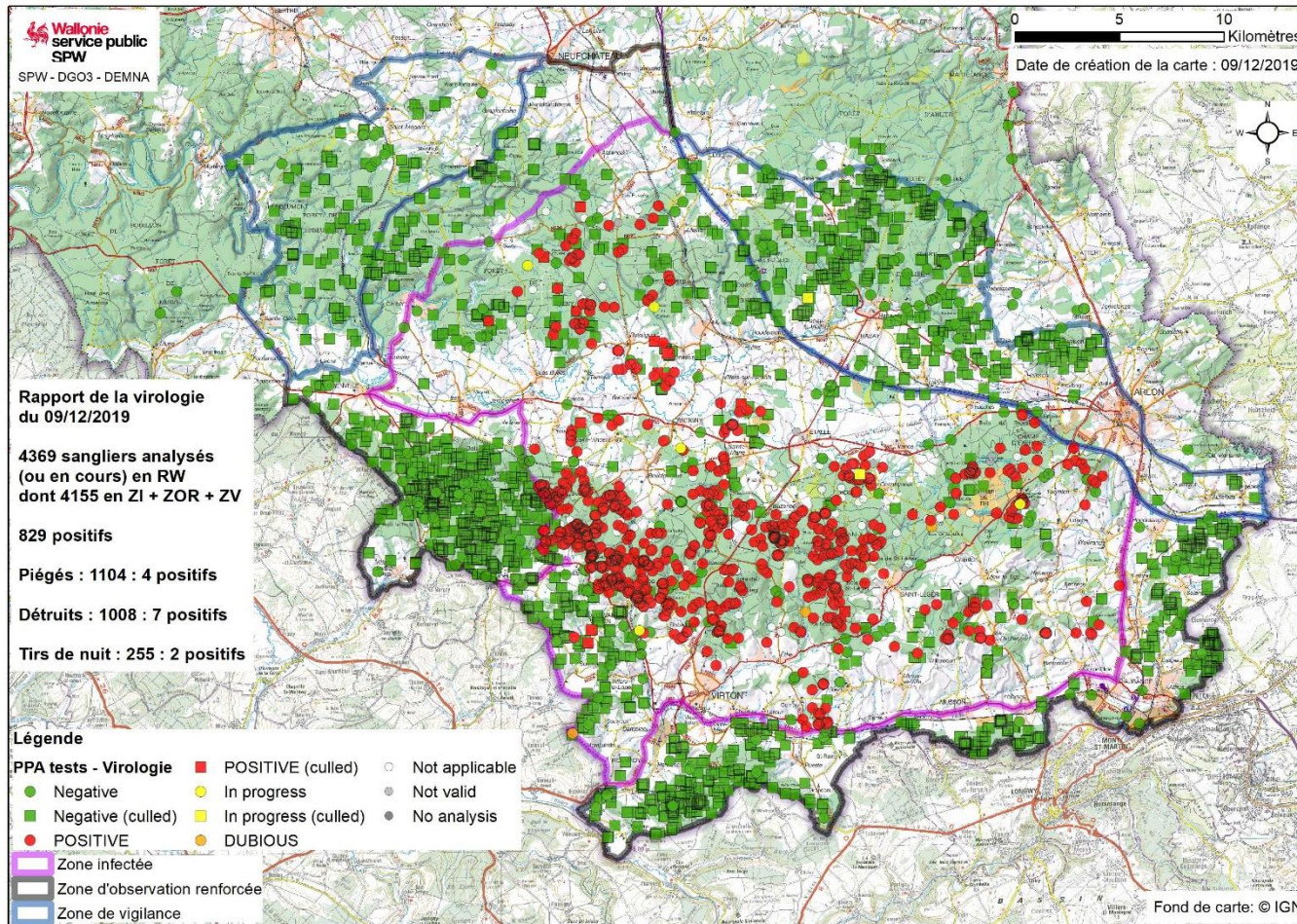
- 4 155 wild boars sampled the restricted zones
- 829 confirmed cases of AVP in wild boar
 - all in the areas in Part II of the annex of Decision 2014/709/EU
- 1 008 wild boar culled: 7 positive for ASF
- 1 104 wild boar captured: 4 positive for ASF
- 255 wild boar shot at night: 2 positive for ASF



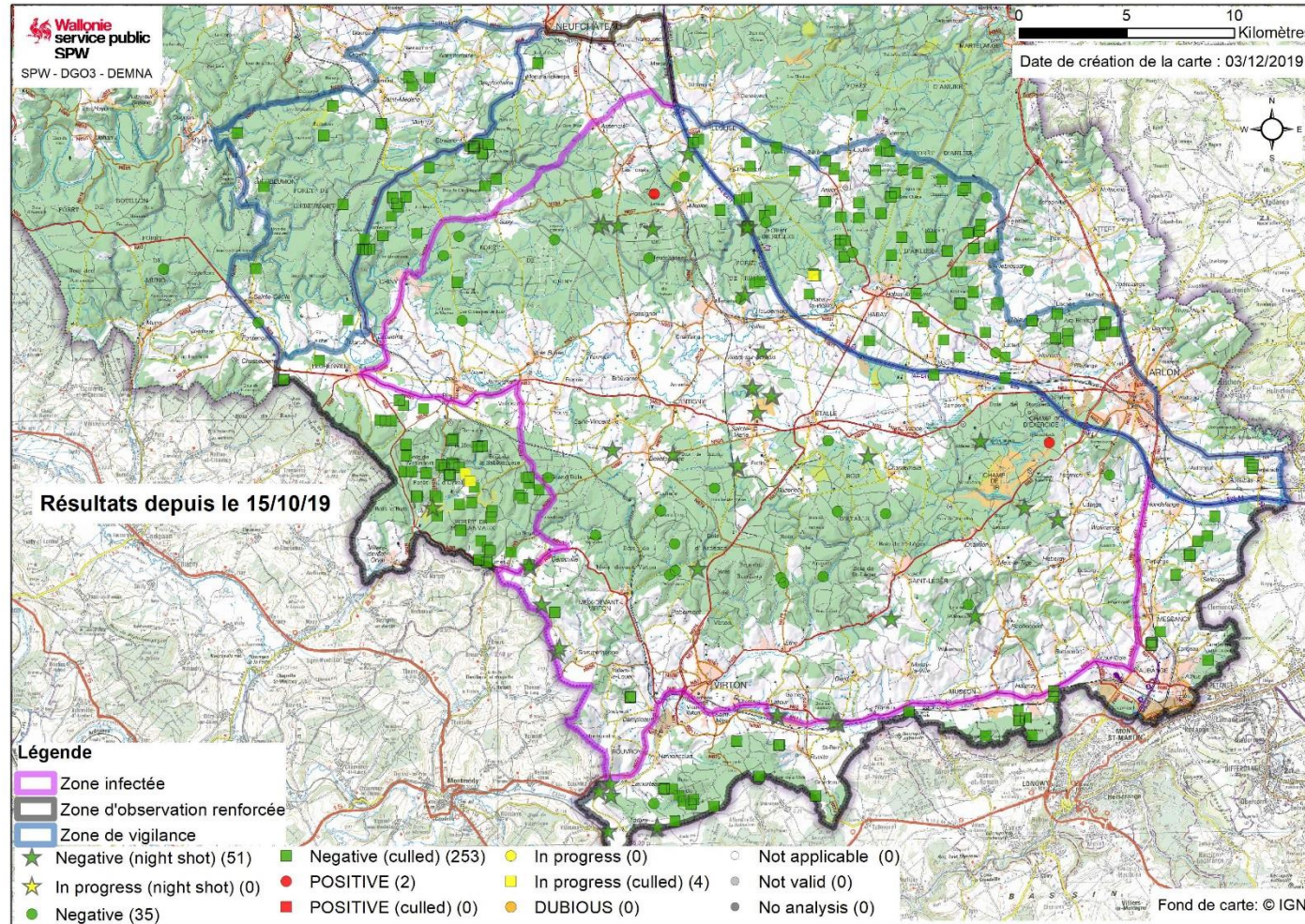
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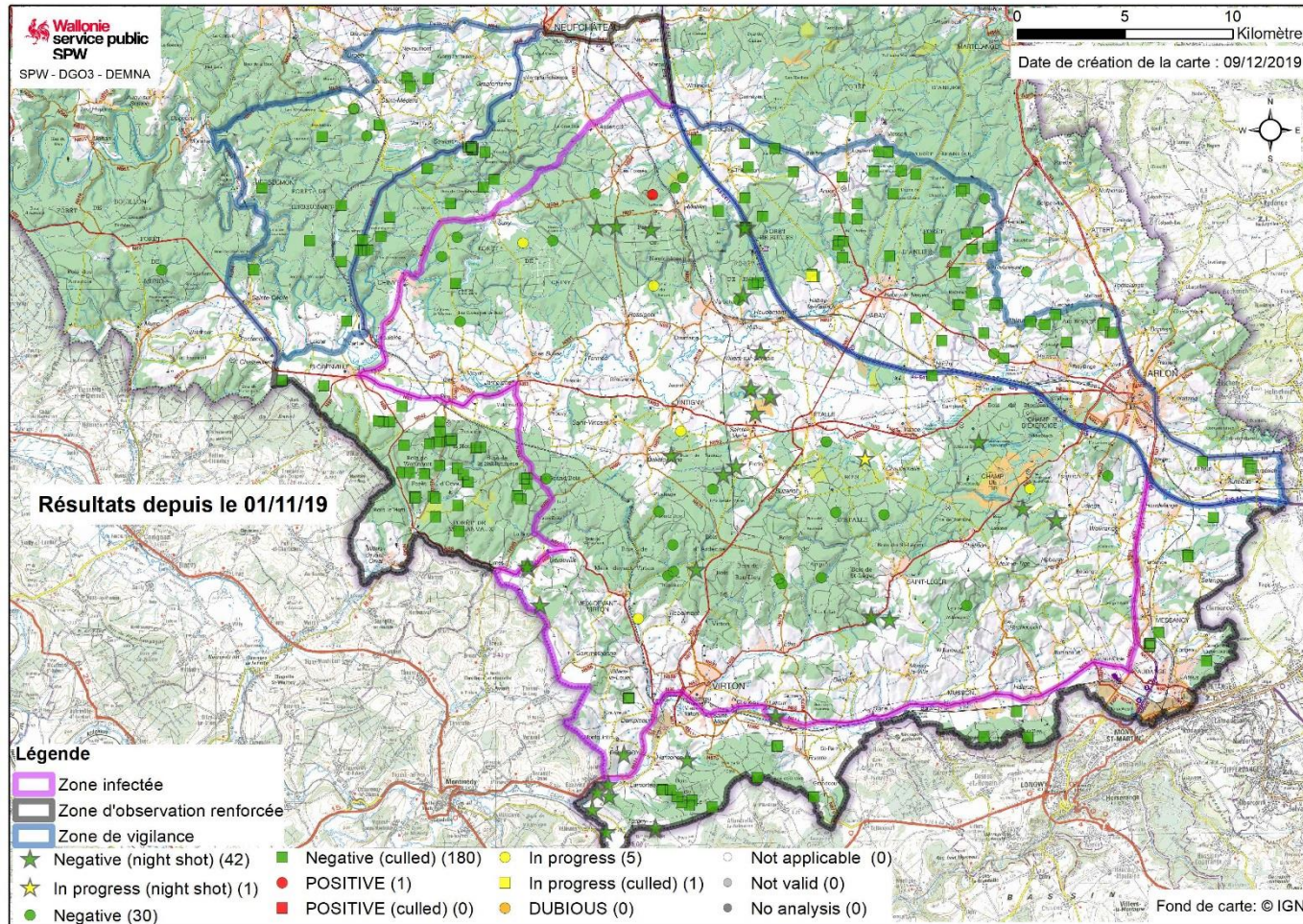
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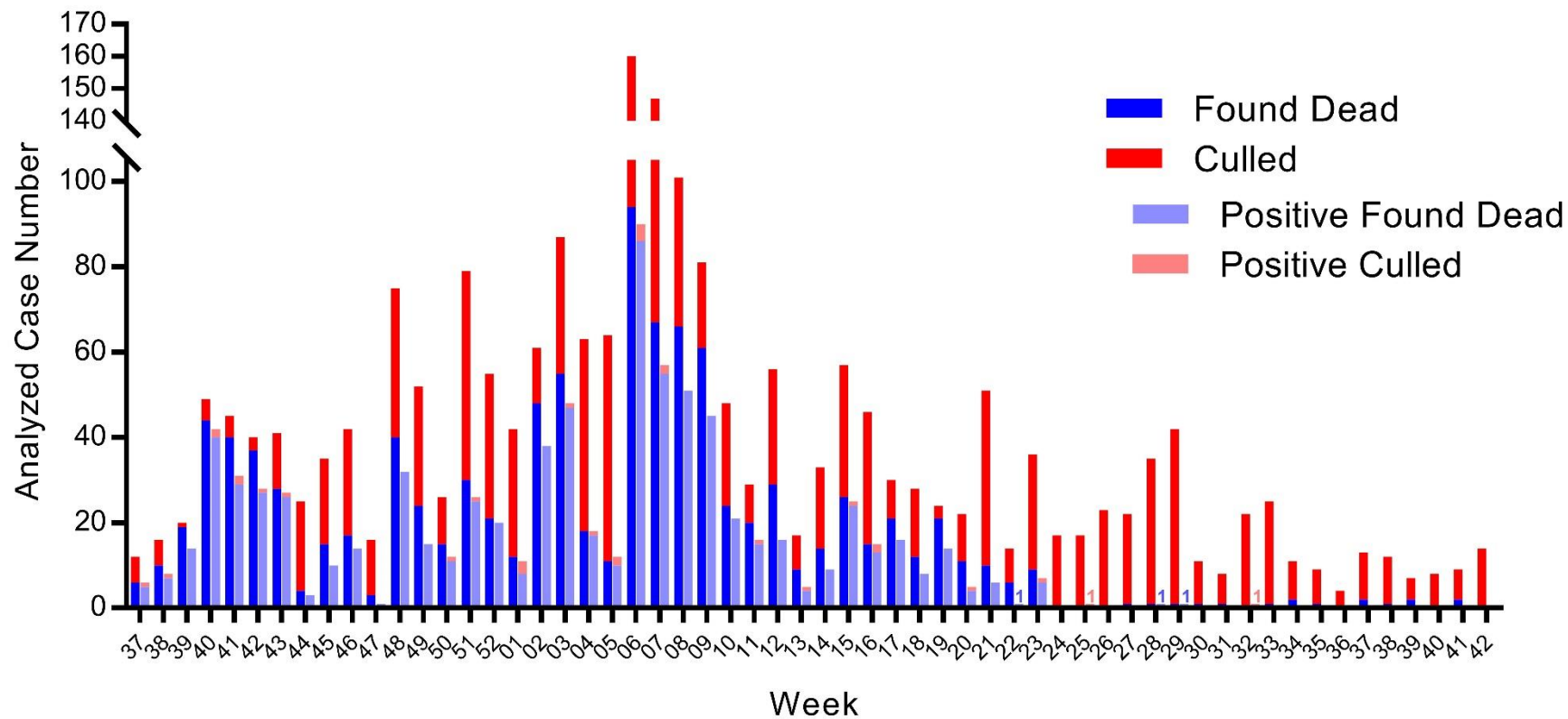
Confirmed cases in wild boar since 15 October 2019



Confirmed cases in wild boar since 1 November 2019



Number of tested wild boar and number of confirmed cases in wild boar in the area in part II of the annex



No outbreaks in domestic pigs!



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region) Wild boar

Area in part II of the annex

- **Searching**, collection and testing of all wild boar found dead
- Trapping and culling of wild boar
- **Objective**: elimination of all wild boar



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region)

Wild boar

Area in part I of the annex

– Reduction (eradication) of the wild boar population

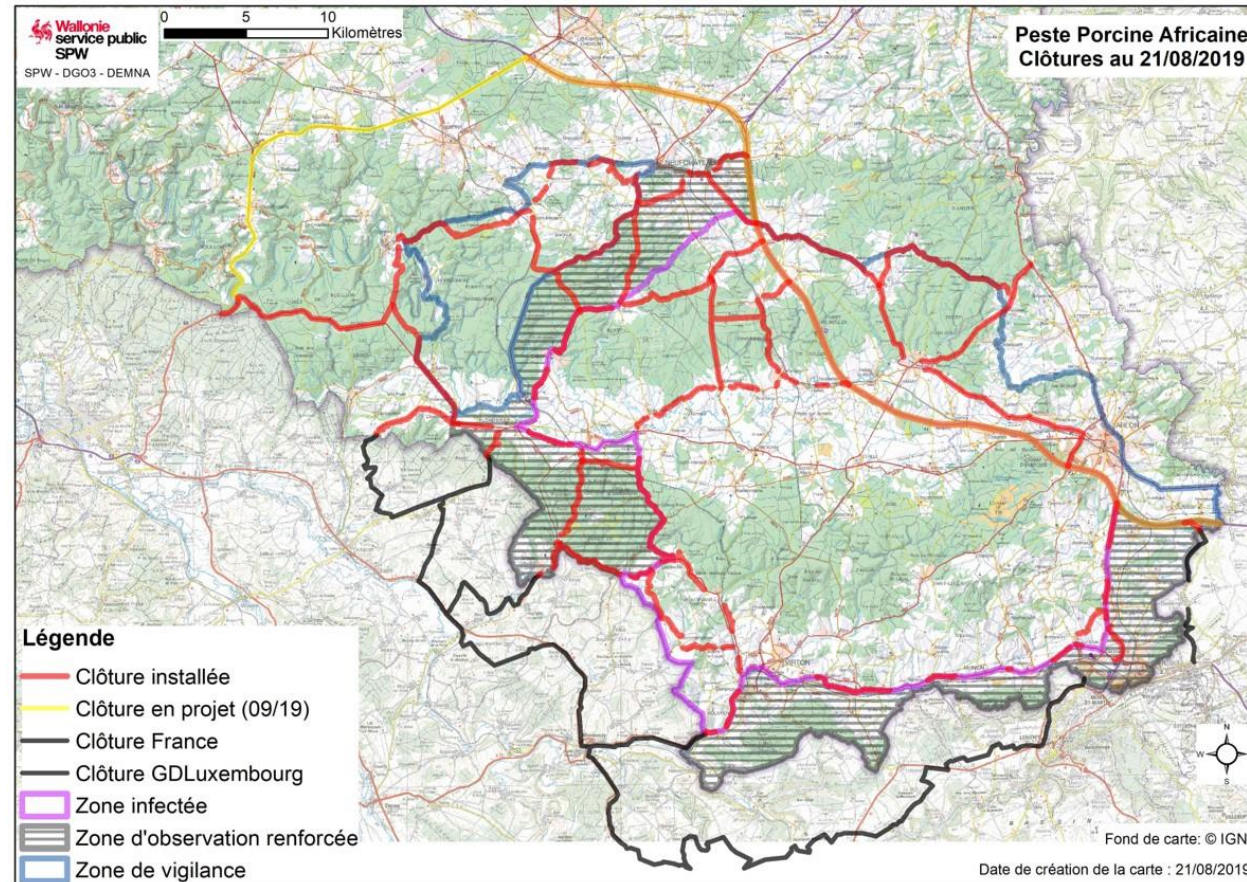
- Hunters must organize wild boar culling under strict conditions
- Trained hunters, forest guards and agents of the Walloon administration
- Shooting day/night, with or without baiting,... drive hunting with dogs forbidden, single hunting and silent drives allowed
- Trapping and culling of wild boar
- Biosecurity measures
- Testing of shot wild boar
- Rendering of carcasses of shot wild boar
- Compensation per wild boar for the management of the culled wild boar with respect of biosecurity rules and transport to the collection center
- Objective: elimination of all wild boar by March 2020



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region) Wild boar

**Fences
Completed**

>300 km!



National measures - Pigs

- Additional measures following the introduction of ASF
 - All assemblies of pigs prohibited (except for pigs for slaughter)
 - Only 1-1 transports of pigs (except to the slaughterhouse)
 - No visitors allowed to pig farms if not needed
 - All introduced pigs must pass quarantine
 - Increased surveillance: no treatment of sick pigs without sampling for ASF tests: 8 817 pigs tested on 1 720 pig farms: all negative!
- Raising awareness of farmers, hunters and vets
- Biosecurity: special action in 2020



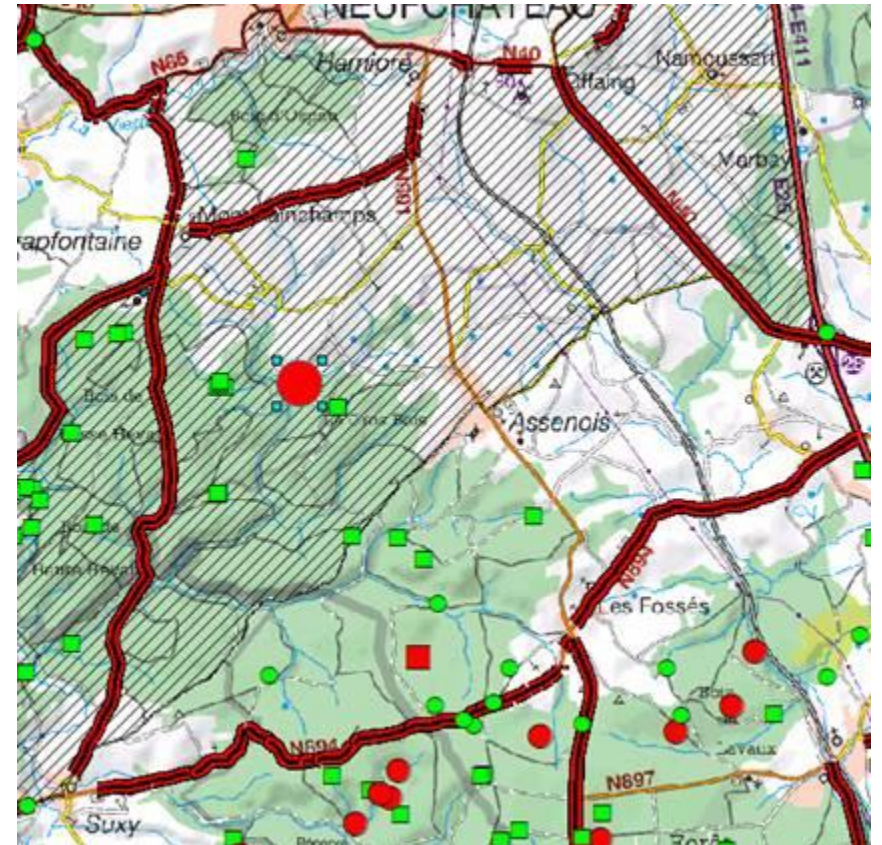


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Most recent developments in wild boar

- Measures are already in force:
 - Fenced zone since July
 - No access to the forest
 - Hunting forbidden
 - Culling under strict conditions
 - Intensive search for dead wild boar
 - Functional traps since spring
 - Already low density of wild boar



Conclusions

- Measures for the control and eradication of ASF are in place
- All concerned partners are actively involved
- Close collaboration with neighboring countries
- Recent cases in wild boar only in old carcasses (> 3-6 months after death)
- Prepared in case an outbreak would occur in domestic pigs





Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)

BELGIUM

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN WILD BOAR

Exchange in expertise between Member States



Virton, 25 November 2019



Goal of this visit :

Give the opportunity to all interested Member States to take part to a **full-day visit in the frame of exchanging of good practices of ASF management in wild boar in Belgium -> encouraging transparency, sharing of information and collaboration !**

Programme :

Morning session: presentations by Belgian representatives on the Belgian approach and discussion

Afternoon session: visit to a collection center for wild boar carcasses, the fences and an operational trap

Participants :

Experts from **15** different Member States participated! From different administrations competent for wildlife or domestic animals

(Ireland, the Netherlands, Estonia, Sweden, Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Spain, Slovenia, France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Finland and Belgium)





Thank you for your attention

