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ASF PREPAREDNESS IN FRANCE

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KEY HISTORICAL ELEMENTS



ASF in Eastern Europe

Sept : ASF in South of Belgium

Oct : Belgium ASF Free status

January : ASF in Italy (Piemonte)
May : ASF in Germany (BW)



May : French national action plan

White zone

Strengthening surveillance



Transboundary collaboration : Belgium, Luxembourg & France 2018-2020

- Rapid transmission of the alert → anticipation of the control measures
- Exchanges at different levels
 - National : between CVO
 - Regional: Grand Est – Wallonie – Luxembourg (Task Force) on a weekly basis during the crisis
- Reciprocal invitations to EU mission debriefings
- Coordination of surveillance, wild boar depopulation and fences installations
- Technical and scientific exchanges



Based on mutual knowledge in peace time

Same experience with Germany in May 2022
Thanks to our neighbors France is still free from ASF

ASF national action plan

- In place since 2018, regularly updated
- Set up by the French ministry of agriculture with livestock professional organizations, veterinarians, hunting and wildlife stakeholders
- **Objective: to maintain the free status of the national territory**

Available online:

<https://agriculture.gouv.fr/peste-porcine-africaine-ppa-agir-pour-prevenir>



ASF national action plan: main actions

Prevention:

- Strengthening of awareness campaigns : general public, pig keepers and transporters, posted worker, forest operators and hunters,...
- Census of pig owners: campaigns targeted on small operators and « pets »
- Strengthening of biosecurity (breeding and transport of swine, wildlife actors)

Surveillance:

- Communication to maintain the vigilance of the actors
- Strengthening wildlife surveillance based on risk (in particular in the departments bordering Italy)

Anticipation of the control measures:

- Adaptation of national emergency plan
 - Crisis simulation exercises
 - Adaptation of the network of official laboratories
 - Work with third countries for zoning approval
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Focus on biosecurity actions

In breeding swine: Decree of October 16, 2018

- Biosecurity plan
- Trained biosecurity referent
- Farm flow management
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Structural measures for the sanitary protection of farms (eg.: double fences in free-range farms, sanitary lock, dead animal management,...)
- Prohibition of feeding with waste
- ...

In the transport of swine: Decree of April 29, 2019

- Trained biosecurity referent
- Vehicule design adapted for biosecurity
- Transport scheduling
- Cleaning and disinfection procedure, self monitoring
- Biosecurity register
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=> Official annual inspections to check compliance with the rules

Importance of the free-range pig farming in France

- Nearly 4,000 outdoor establishments in France
- About 2 % of fattened pigs
- Associated with certain official marks of quality and high value-added sector

Eg.: Porc noir de Bigorre (2 AOC) – departments of Hautes-Pyrénées, Gers and Haute-Garonne



- ⇒ Specific biosecurity measures adapted to this range of breeding (eg. double fences)
 - ⇒ Ongoing experimentation to overcome the difficulties of implementing biosecurity in the field
 - ⇒ **Objective: maintenance of free-range secure breeding as much as possible in the event of a health crisis (eg.: ASF)**
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WILDLIFE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IN FRANCE : SAGIR NETWORK

- ❖ Ministry of environment is the competent authority for management of boar population
- ❖ Ministry of agriculture is the competent authority for management of ASF in boar population
- ❖ **SAGIR NETWORK :**
 - ✓ Created in 1955 : <https://www.ofb.gouv.fr/le-reseau-sagir>
 - ✓ The implementation of wildlife health surveillance (ASF, tuberculosis, IAHP...) has been delegated to the French office for biodiversity (OFB) and National hunting association via a financial agreement.
 - ✓ Different levels of monitoring depending on the risk
 - ✓ Example of the application of the One Health approach



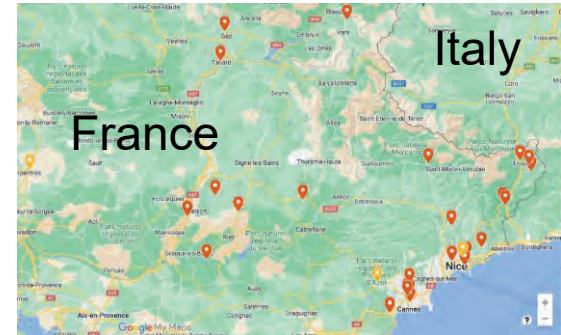
WILDLIFE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE



❖ Surveillance of African swine fever (ASF)

- ✓ The passive surveillance is implemented throughout the **national territory** and reinforced in regions border to the infected Member-States
- ✓ Example : results of ASF passive surveillance in PACA since January 2022 :

Network Sagir : ASF LOCA Report: Région PACA	Reinforced Surveillance in the region close to Italy, infected by the ASF			
	Dept 04	Dept 05	Dept 06	Total
Number of report	8	7	21	34
Number of samples	5	4	19	28
Number of test	6	7	18	31
Number of negative test	6	7	18	31
Number of positive tests	0	0	0	0




ASF PREVENTION : NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON WILD BOAR MANAGEMENT




- ❖ Since 2009, the Ministry of the Environment set up a national action plan in order to reduce the number of agricultural and forestry damage caused by wild boars
- ❖ The Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of the Environment will update this existing national plan to include the animal health objective.


ASF PREVENTION : DIFFICULTIES

- ❖ Increase of wild boar population increased substantially due to
 - ✓ Climate change
 - ✓ Food availability
 - ✓ Hunting practices: female wild boar not hunted
- ❖ Absence of hunting in specified zones : protected and urban areas
- ❖ Difficulty maintaining stakeholders vigilance over time
- ❖ Work in progress :
 - ✓ Educate hunters during hunting campaigns
 - ✓ Follow the evolution of the hunting board per campaign and increase the number of hunted wild boar
 - ✓ Limit the feeding of wild boars during hunting campaigns
 - ✓ Set up studies to estimate wild boar populations



Le Sanglier
Sus scrofa
en 2018 – France entière

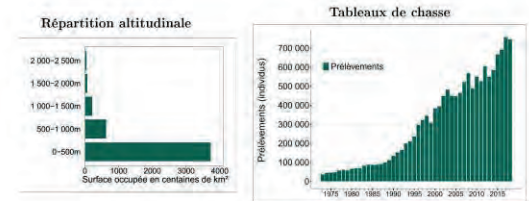
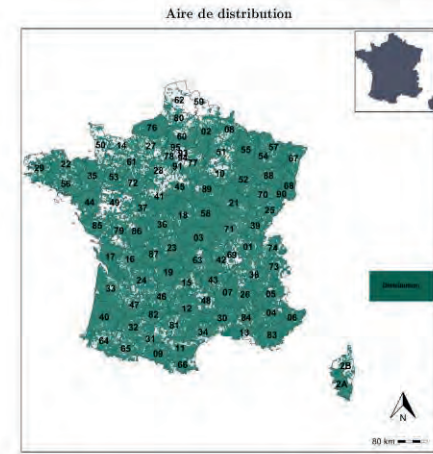




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DES
CHASSEURS

Surface des communes occupées* : 468 887 km²
 Nombre de communes occupées* : 28 080
 Progression depuis 2012 : 1 178 communes (4 %)

Nombre de départements occupés : 94
 Altitudes** : de 0 à 2 500 m



Mise à jour du 20 avril 2020

*Une commune est considérée "occupée" si au moins une réalisation y a été recensée
 **L'altitude est limitée à 2 500m pour correspondre aux conditions de vie de l'espèce

Thank you for your attention
