

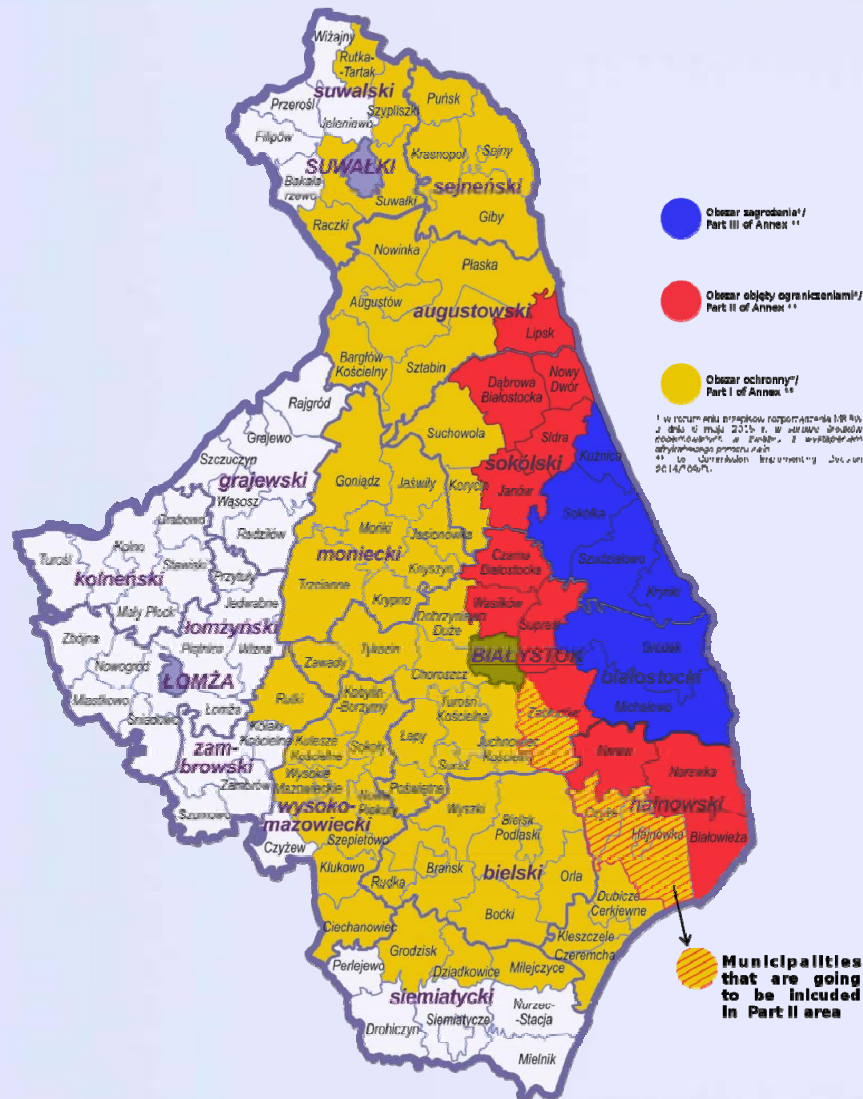
African swine fever

Application for lifting the Part III zone in Poland



**General Veterinary Inspectorate
Poland**

Part III zone

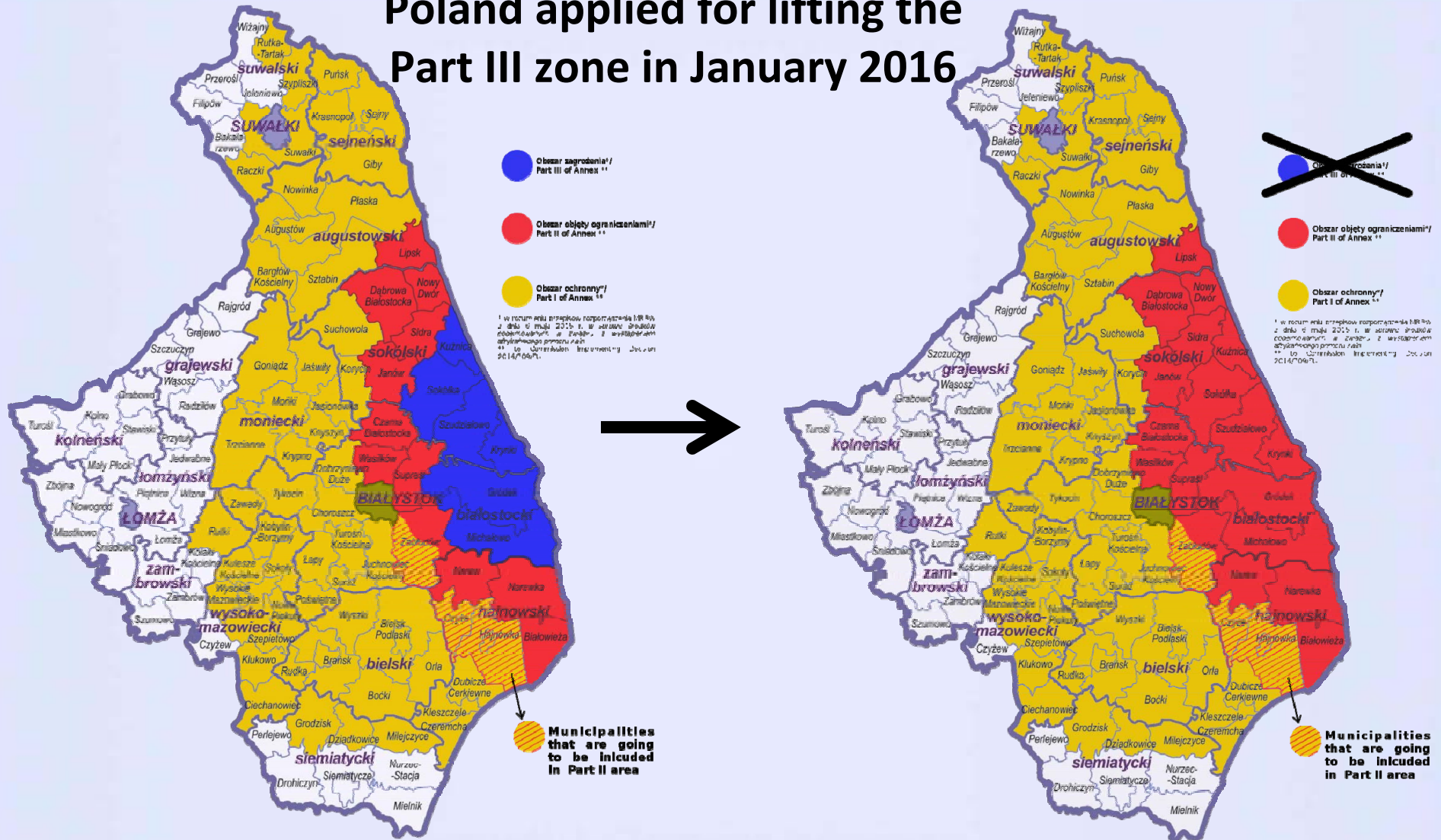


Part III zone was established in Poland due to detection of the 3rd outbreak in pigs on January 31st 2015 along with detection of cases of ASF in wild boar (on the basis of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/558)

Part III zone



Poland applied for lifting the Part III zone in January 2016



Justification for the application



- **The generally favourable epidemiological situation** (no outbreaks in pigs for year) is and inidicator that Poland meets the criteria for lifting Part III zone
- **Recital (8) of the Decision 2014/709/EU** (in areas listed in Part III the presence of ASF occurs in both pig holdings and the wild boar population)
- **Commission working document no. SANTE/7112/2015** on principles and criteria for geographically defining ASF regionalization (12 months since the last ASF outbreak in pigs has been confirmed must elapse)
- There are **other, additional circumstances** that substantiate the appliacation

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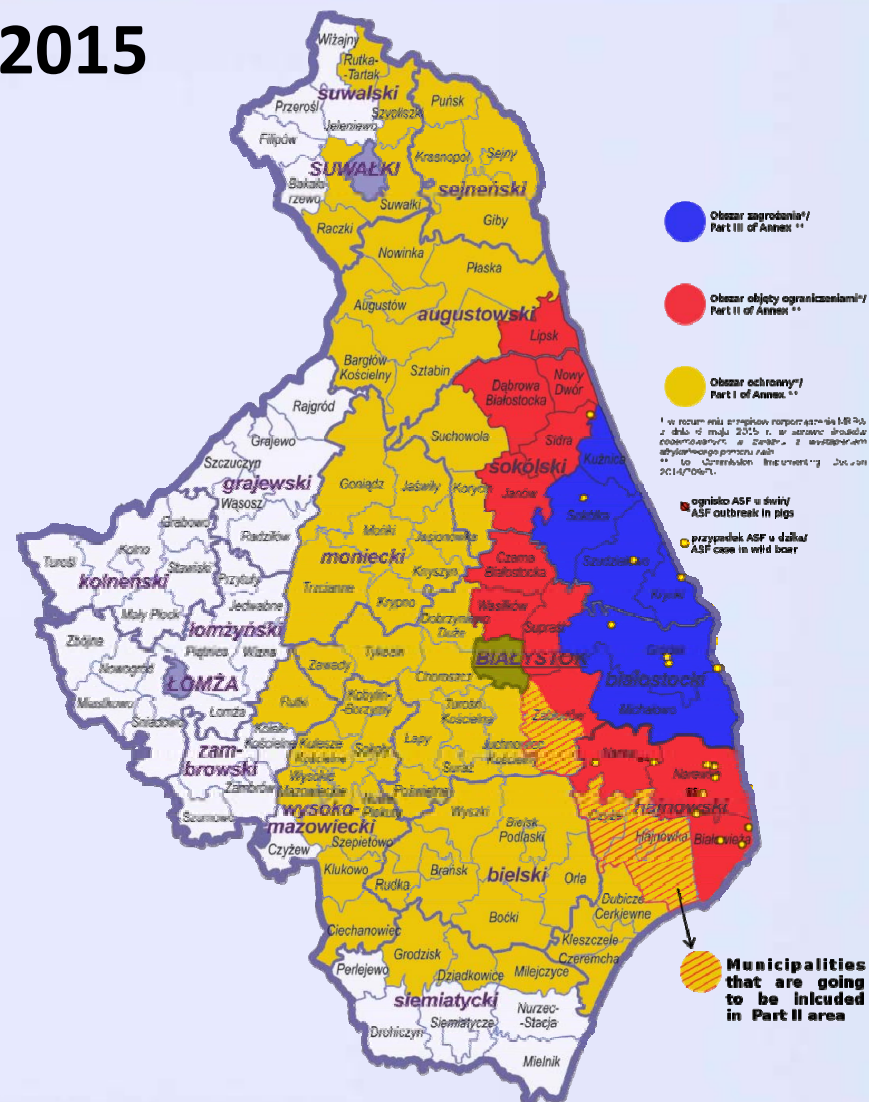


Epidemiological situation in 2015

In 2015 1 outbreak in pigs and 41 cases in wild boar were detected in Part III zone

In the second half of 2015 only 7 cases in wild boar were detected there (last one – on 31 December 2015)

No cases nor outbreaks were detected there in 2016



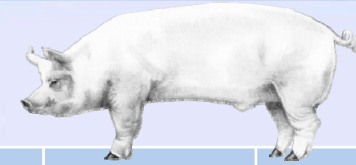
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ASF Surveillance - pigs

In areas listed in Part III samples are collected from pigs:

- in case of suspicion of the occurrence of ASF
- sick or dead pigs, for which infection with ASF virus cannot be excluded (from dead pigs, showing atypical or suspicious clinical symptoms)
- as well as from pigs slaughtered for the production of meat intended for personal use



2015	Live pigs	Dead pigs
Part III zone	1 528	2
All areas under restrictions	14 293	33

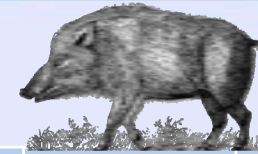
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ASF Surveillance – wild boar

In areas listed in Part III samples are collected from:

- every dead wild boar (including also animals killed during road accidents)
- every shot wild boar



2015	Shot wild boar	Dead wild boar
Part III zone	1 361	84
All areas under restrictions	8 565	304

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Management in wild boar population

In Part III zone the following measures were applicable in 2015:

- Restrictions on types of hunts to be performed
- Ban on feeding the wild boar (baiting is allowed)
- Financial incentives for hunters
- Increased hunting quota for wild boar
- As of March 2015 the wild boar population was accounted for app. 1700 heads ($d=0.96$)
- Since April 2015 until 31 December 2015 app. 1031 wild boar were shot (70% of the hunting quota for season 2015/16, with 3 months left in the hunting season)
- Next census: March 2016

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Number of pig holdings in the zone decreases

In Part III zone the following circumstances had impact on the number of pig holdings:

- Activities carried out in ASF outbreaks (for the first 2 outbreaks – killing pigs in all holdings in protection and surveillance areas; for outbreak no. 3 – killing pigs in all holdings in protection area)
- Implementation of the programme for biosecurity for 2015-18
- Negative economic impact of trade restrictions on the profitability of pig /pork production in the zone
- Certain assessments indicate that by the end o 2015 the number of holdings decreased by app. 50% (about 150 holdings) in comparison to the end of 2014

ASF eradication strategy



Poland meets the set criteria for lifting the
Part III zone

We hope that this application will receive a
favorable opinion



Thank you for your attention