

African Swine Fever in Greece

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ASF in Greece in wild boar –January 2023 first case





•Dead wild boar (female,1-2 years old, 55 Kg). Near waterfall

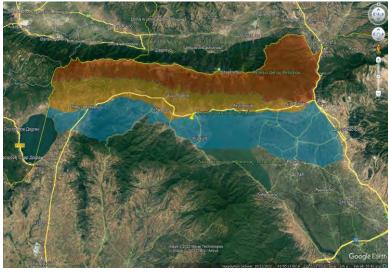
- •Date of suspicion: 18.01.2023
- Date of confirmation: 20.01.2023 (afternoon)
- Location: Municipal department of Petritsi, Municipality of Sintiki, Serres Regional Unit, Region of Central Macedonia

ASF in Greece in wild boar –January 2023 second case



- Dead wild boar (male,2-6 years old, >100Kg).Decomposition
- •Date of suspicion: 23.01.2023
- Date of confirmation: 25.01.2023 morning

• Location: Municipal department of Petritsi, Municipality of Sintiki, Serres Regional Unit, Region of Central Macedonia (2Km from the first case)





•Report to ADIS: 26.04.2023 (Ref.No.2023/3)

Commercial farm

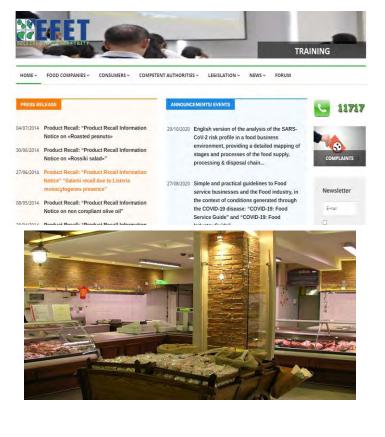
- Date of suspicion: 24.04.2023
- Date of confirmation: 26.04.2023 real – time PCR
- 675 pigs (1 boar,53 sows,621 fattening pigs)
- From 21.04.23 to 25.04.23
 24 sows and 1 fattening pig (fever > 41oC, anorexia, vomiting, hyperemic reddish areas on skin, abortion, death)
- Inside Restricted zone I
- Location: Municipal Department of Kerkini, Municipality of Sintiki, Serres Regional Unit, Region of Central Macedonia

•Report to WAHIS: 27.04.2023





- All measures foreseen in Reg.(EU) 2020/687 and the National Contingency Plan No 260918/2009 are implemented
- Culling of remaining animals (29.04.23)
- Sanitary burial of carcasses (29.04.23)
- Cleaning-disinfection (29-30.04.23)
- Decisions for adoption of measures at Regional Unit Level in Serres
- Cleaning and disinfection slaughterhouses and vehicle transported pigs
- Epidemiological investigation
- ✓ Human factor ?
- ✓ Gaps in biosecurity ?
- ✓ Indirect contact with wild boar ?

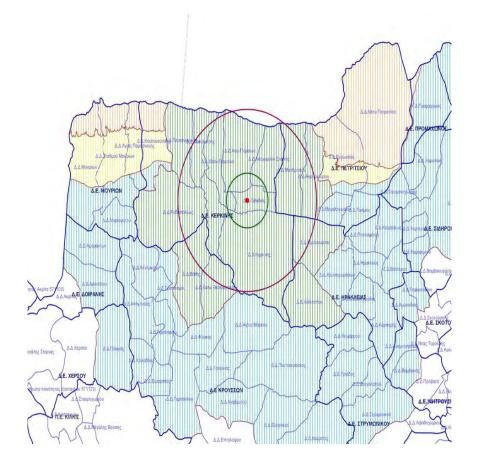




- The pig farmer also owns an approved establishment for the production of meat, meat preparations and meat products <u>without</u> <u>Intracommunity trade or export to third</u> <u>countries activities</u>
- Cooperation with the Hellenic Food Authority
- Traceability checks
- Confiscation of pork meat products produced before the monitoring period for ASF (15 days) calculated backwards from the date on which the suspicion was notified (from 09.04.023)

46,255Kg confiscated in Serres 22,814Kg confiscated in Athens

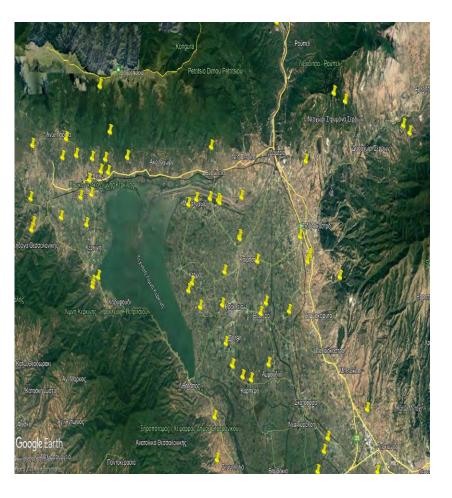




- Delimitation of Protection (3Km) and Surveillance (10Km) Zones
- Total ban of movement of pigs
- Official Veterinarians perform in Protection and Surveillance Zones :

✓ census

- production, health and traceability records analysis,
- ✓ clinical examination of pigs,
- control of the implementation of biosecurity measures,
- ✓ passive surveillance (sampling)



PROTECTION ZONE (0-3Km)

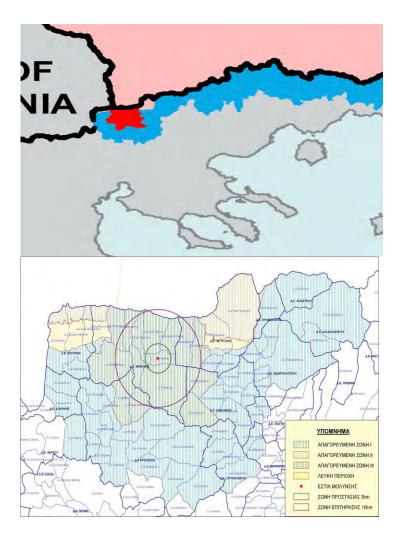
No of visits	Commercial farms	2/2 (27 pigs)
No of visits	Outdoor farms	0/0 (0 pigs)
No of visits	Backyard farms	3/3 (7 pigs)
	SURVEILLANCE ZO	NE (3-10Km)

No of visits	Commercial farms	1/1 (47 pigs)
No of visits	Outdoor farms	5/5 (38 pigs)
No of visits	Backyard farms	4/4 (9 pigs)

SURVEILLANCE ZONE (10-15Km)

No of visits	Commercial farms	s 3/3 (215 pigs)	
No of visits	Outdoor farms	4/5 (106 pigs)	
No of visits	Backyard farms	4/4 (26 pigs)	

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- Delimitation of New Restricted Zones I II and III according to Reg.(EU)605/2021
 - Circular 701/140178/10.05.2023: «Restricted Zones due to confirmation of outbreaks of African Swine Fever in Greece-movements of pigs, fresh meat and meat-based products, animal by-products and animal feed in and out of restricted zones»

Cooperation with Departments of slaughterhouses, animal by-products, feed control within our Ministry and Hellenic Food Authority

- Delimitation of Restricted Zones
- Measures in Protection and Surveillance Zones
- Movements of pigs kept in Protection and Surveillance Zones
- Movements of pigs kept in Restricted Zones I ,II and III
- Specific conditions for movements of fresh meat ,meat-based products, animal by-products and animal feed in and out of Restricted Zones

ASF in Greece in domestic pigs –May 2023 second case



•Report to ADIS: 17.05.2023 (Ref.No.2023/4)

- Outdoor farm, Greek black pig, 14.2 Km from the first case
- Date of suspicion: 15.05.2023
- Date of confirmation: 17.05.2023 real – time PCR
- 31 pigs (4 boar,27 sows)
- From 13.05.23 to 15.05.23 3 sows (sudden death)
- Inside Restricted zone I

• Location: Municipal Department of Chrysohorafa, Municipality of Irakleia, Serres Regional Unit, Region of Central Macedonia

•Report to WAHIS: 18.05.2023

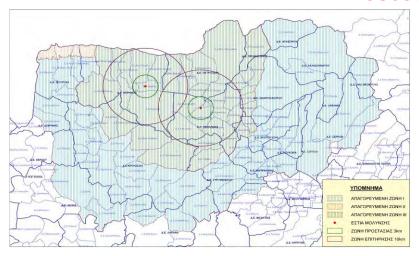
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- Circular 743/151723/18.05.2023: «Restricted Zones due to confirmation of outbreaks of African Swine Fever in Greece-Amendment of paragraph A of Circular 701/140178/10.05.2023 »

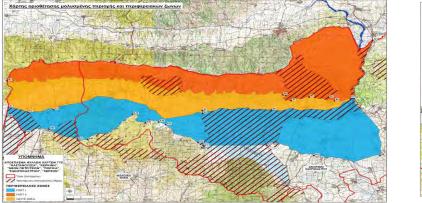
PROTECTION ZONE (0-3Km)

No of visits	Commercial farms	0/0 (0 pigs)
No of visits	Outdoor farms	0/0 (0 pigs)
No of visits	Backyard farms	5/5 (0 pigs)

SURVEILLANCE ZONE (3-10Km)

No of visits	Commercial farms	0/2 (976 pigs)
No of visits	Outdoor farms	0/0 (0 pigs)
No of visits	Backyard farms	13/18 (33 pigs)

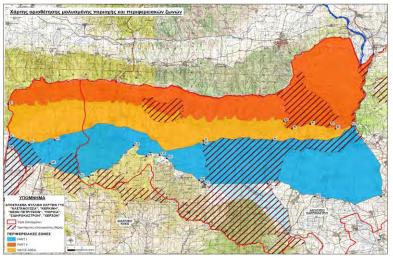
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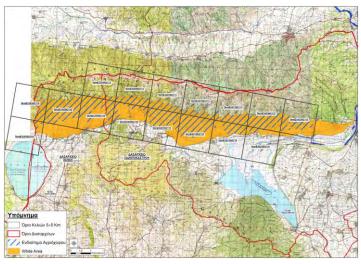




- ✓ A new Joint Ministerial Decision YΠENN/ΔΔΔ/44809/1443/27.04.2023 issued as regards specific measures for the prevention and control of African Swine Fever in Resricted Zones in accordance with Executive Regulation (EU) 2021/605
- ✓ White area (restricted zones I III) : Intensive hunting of wild boar, extinction of wild boar population from hunting groups
- The White Area is divided in 16 reference grids (5x5 km) depending on the density of wild boars ,the ecology of the species, its population status, its geographical distribution, the extent and quality of its habitat and the epidemiological data for the ASF
- In each grid, specific targets for hunting of wild boar are set in order to eradicate the wild boar population

ASF in Greece in wild boar Measures to be implemented





- ✓ Passive surveillance: Sampling, sanitary burial of dead wild boar
- ✓ Active Surveillance: Sampling, sanitary burial of hunted wild boar
- Auxiliary measures can be used by the scientific collaborators of the Hunting Associations:
 - 1. Anesthetic guns
 - 2. Capture traps, infrared cameras for 24-hour monitoring
 - 3. Satellite radio transmitters to be placed on adult female wild boars
 - 4. Drones with thermal cameras

Results from Passive and Active Surveillance in Wild Boar

Year	Category	No. of samples
	Found dead	4 (2 positive)
2023	Road Accident	0
	Hunted	450

Results from Passive Surveillance in domestic pigs

Year	No of samples tested for ASFV	Results
2023	310	8 positive

Results from Active Surveillance in domestic pigs

Year	No of samples tested for ASFV	Results
2023	1140	0



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