

African swine fever in Lithuania - update



**3 – 4 November 2014,
State Food and Veterinary Service,
Lithuania**

ASF/WB/8



- In Vilnius county, Vilnius district municipality, Nemencine parish, **in the Part II area** of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- 3 wild boars, from which one positive (6 month, female) was hunted on 09 October 2014 in the forest located around 21 km from the border with Belarus.
- All 3 wild boars have been destroyed by burning.
- Up till now no further positive wild boars have been found.



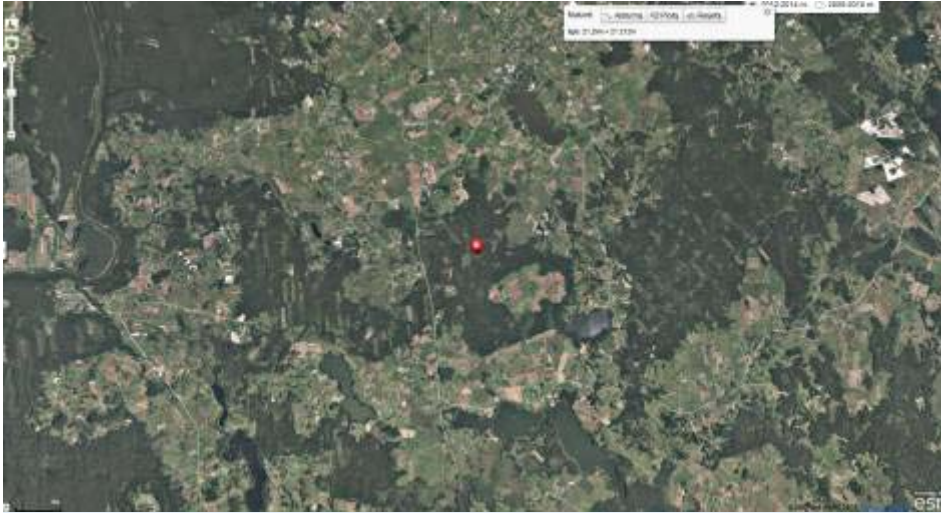
Ways of virus introduction

Movement of infected wild boars or infected materials from an infected area:

Most likely hypothesis.

- The distance from the Belarus border is approx. 21 km.

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- In Alytus county, Alytus district municipality, **in the Part II area** of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- On 11 of October 6 wild boar found dead in the Plikioniu forest (same forest where on 30 of September positive hunted wild boar was detected).
- On 15 of October 5 wild boar found dead.
- On 21 of October 4 wild boar found dead.



Ways of virus introduction

Re-infection of the wild boars from previous cases following by secondary infections:

Most likely hypothesis.

- The distance from the previously detected ASF in wild boar on 24 of January 2014 is approx. 8 km.
- Positive hunted wild boar detected on 30 of September.
- Hunt was forbidden from 30 of September, only investigation of the area (hunters and official veterinarian) and collection and destruction of dead wild boar was allowed.

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- In Vilnius county, Švenčionys district municipality, Ceikinų parish, in the Part III area of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU.
- The positive 5 wild boar was found dead on 28 of October in the forest located around 9 km from the border with Belarus.
- ASF was confirmed after testing organs and bones with RT-PCR in all 5 wild boars.



Ways of virus introduction

Movement of infected wild boars from an infected area:

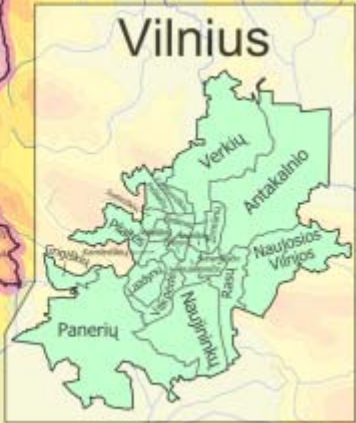
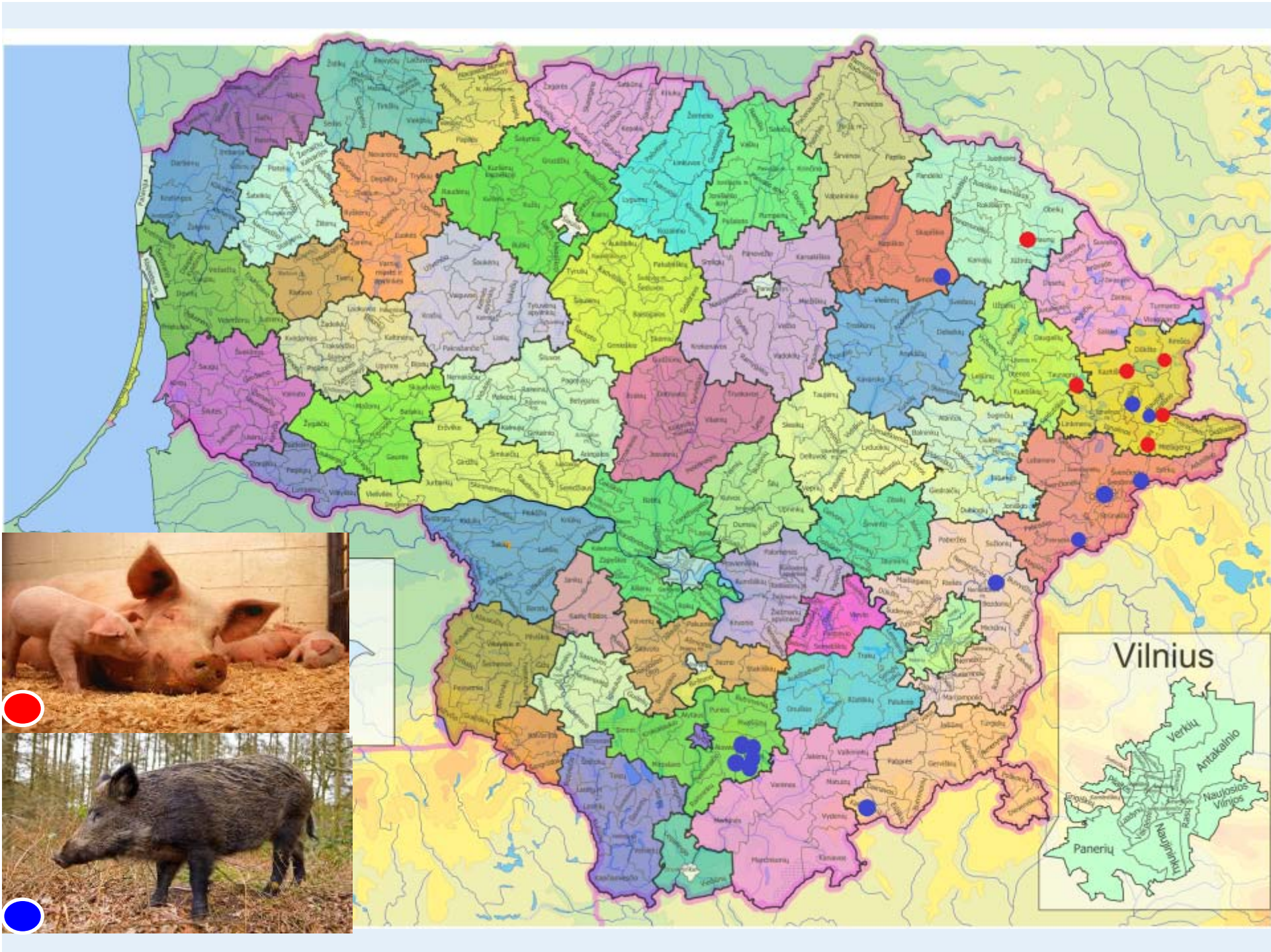
Most likely hypothesis.

- The distance from the Belarus border is approx. 9 km.

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- In Panevėžys county, Kupiškis district municipality, Šimonių parish, in the Part III area of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- 3 wild boars were hunted on 22-24 October 2014
- On 31 October ASF was confirmed in one (10 month, male) out of the 3 hunted wild boars
- ASF was confirmed after testing organs with RT-PCR in one wild boar.



Actions taken (1)

- **An intensive awareness campaign** on prevention and biosecurity measures against ASF is carried out;
- **The surveillance** of domestic pigs and wild boars is carried out in the entire territory of Lithuania;
- **Inspections** are carried out in all pig holdings in the surrounding regions in order to check the biosecurity measures, for the purpose of clinical investigation and sampling to ensure early detection of the introduction of the ASF virus;
- **All pig holdings have been repeatedly advised** to immediately notify in case of increased mortality or morbidity;
- **Till 15 of December in the Part III area** of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU all pigs in holdings with low biosecurity measures will be early slaughtered after ASF tests.

Actions taken (2)

- **Veterinary certification** rules have been approved and implemented; Before the movement of pigs from their keeping place clinical examination are carried out and veterinary certificate are issued 24 hours prior their movement;
- **Hunting with beaters is forbidden** in Part III of the Annex of the Decision 2014/709/EU and in all regions bordering with Belarus; In other territories hunting with beaters is provided once per month in one hunting unit.
- **Intensive communication with hunters** - all discovered dead wild boars or killed in road accidents are delivered for ASF testing to the NRL.

Thank you for your attention