

National action plan on wild boar management

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Basics

- Working document SANTE/7113/2015-Rev 12: „Strategic approach to the management of African Swine Fever for the EU“
 - Annex IV
- FAO animal production and health; manual 22: „African swine fever in wild boar ecology and biosecurity“

Presentation of the structures in Austria regarding hunting

- Umbrella Association Hunting Austria („JAGD ÖSTERREICH“)
 - Hunting is a matter of the 9 Federal Provinces – 9 different hunting laws
 - All hunting associations of the Federal Provinces are members of the umbrella association
 - Description of the tasks of the hunting associations

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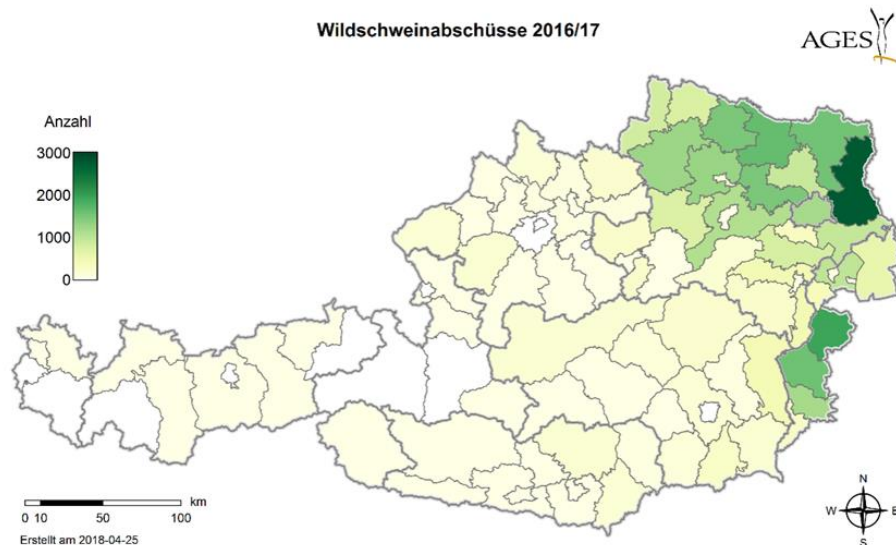
- Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
 - Animal disease control
 - Establishment of expert groups
 - Networking when different disciplines are needed
 - Creation of contingency plans
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Presentation of the structures in Austria regarding hunting

- AGES: Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety Ltd.
 - National Reference Laboratory for ASF
 - Risk assessment and risk communications

Description of the wild boar population in Austria

- Estimation of the WB density based on the hunting bag



Training the hunters

- Basic understanding of the disease and sampling



Short films
Folder
Lectures
Webinars
BTSF workshop

<https://www.ages.at/themen/krankheitserreger/afrikanische-schweinepest/>

Hunting measures to decrease the wild boar density

- JAGD ÖSTERREICH defined a catalog of measures to decrease the WB density
- General call for increased hunting
 - No hunting rest for WB; suckling wild boars may not be shot
 - Preventive measures
 - Advice against hunting abroad
 - Periodic control fo streams, ponds
 - Report of fallen WB to the official veterinarian

Support from the hunters

- Surveillance programme
- Feeding ban
- Biosecurity (also described in the contingency plan)
- Reduction of the WB density by targeted hunting
- Depending on the classification of the area, different hunting measures are taken
- Close co-operation with the competent authorities

Support from the NRL

- Training programmes (vets, hunters)
- Distribution of sampling sets (swabs, tubes, material for safe packaging, submission forms)
- Securing the test capacity (many COVID-19 tests are performed by the AGES)
- Feedback to the authority and the hunters by using the database

Thank you
for your attention



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