

African Swine fever in wild boar in Belgium

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Animal health

Competence :

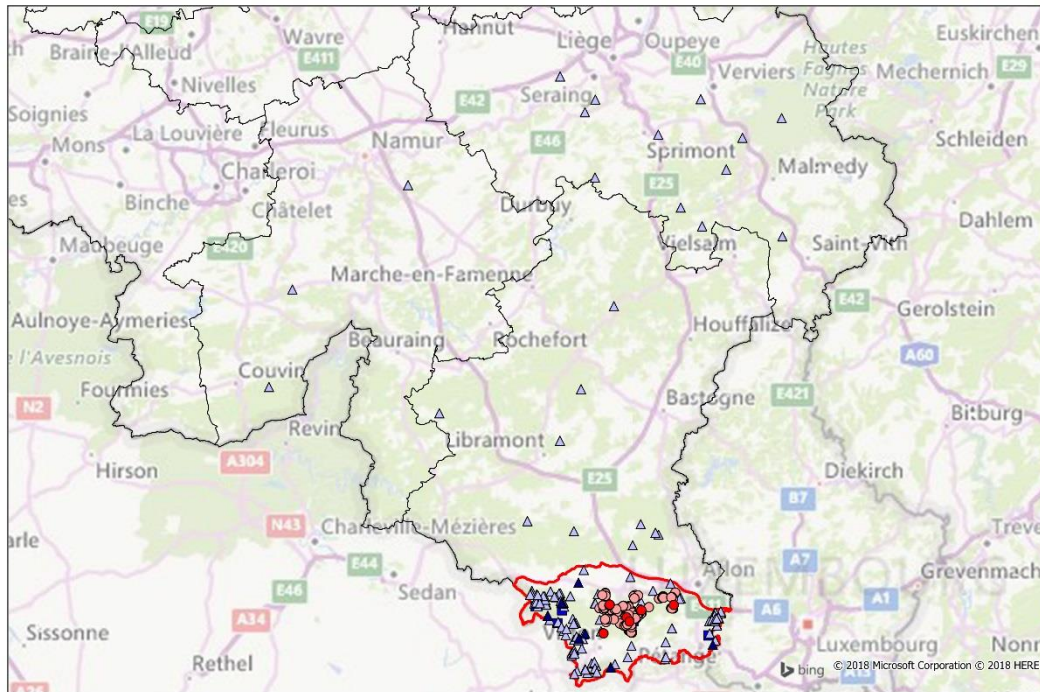
- **Food safety => Federal competence**
“from farm to fork”, incl. Animal health domestic and other captive animals
- **Wildlife => the Regions**
- **Coordination at all levels!**



Confirmed cases in wild boar

On the 20th November 2018 :

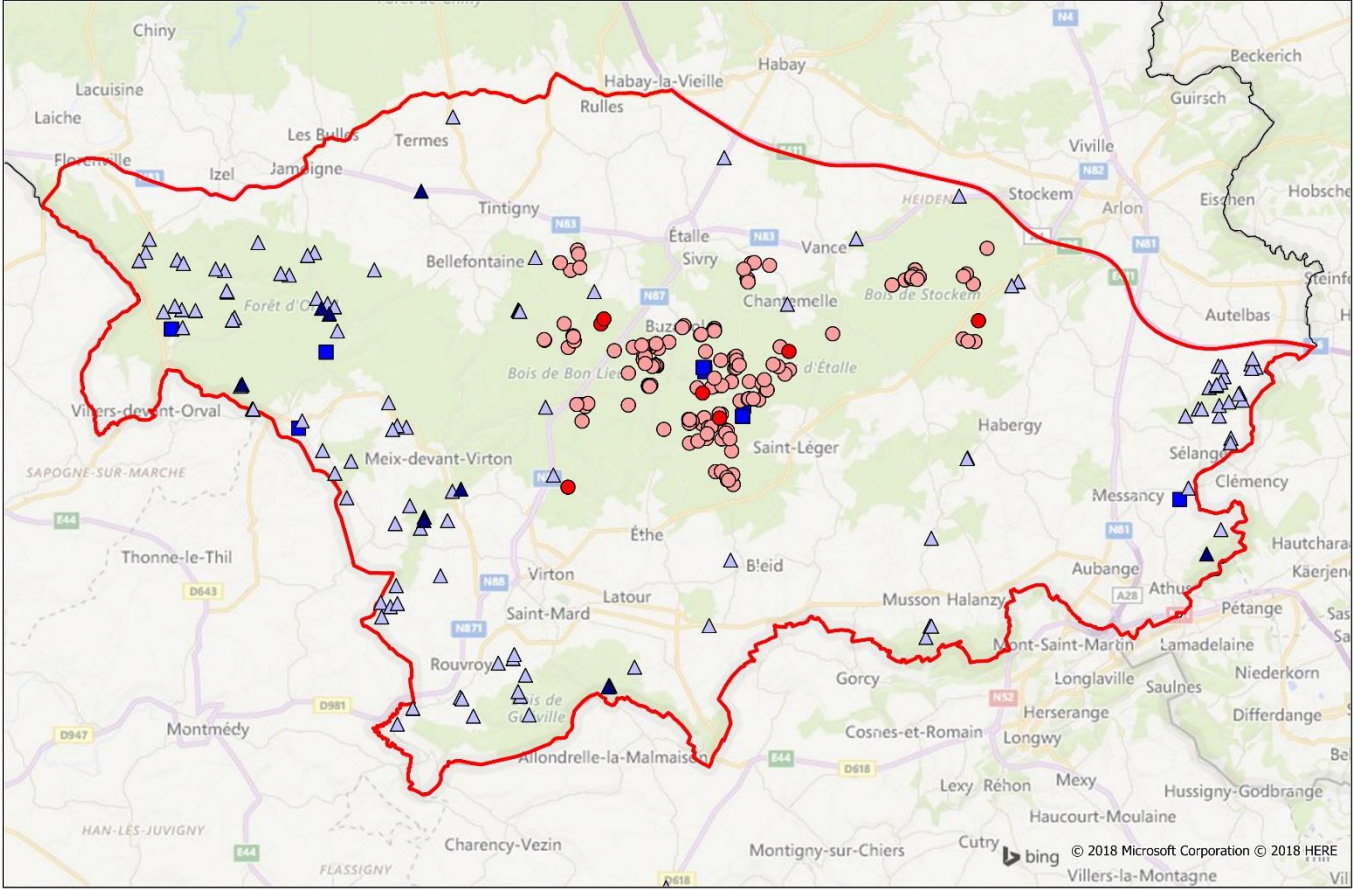
- 437 wild boars sampled
- 384 in the infected zone (CID 2018/1281)
- 180 confirmed cases of AVP in wild boar, all in the infected zone



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Infected zone



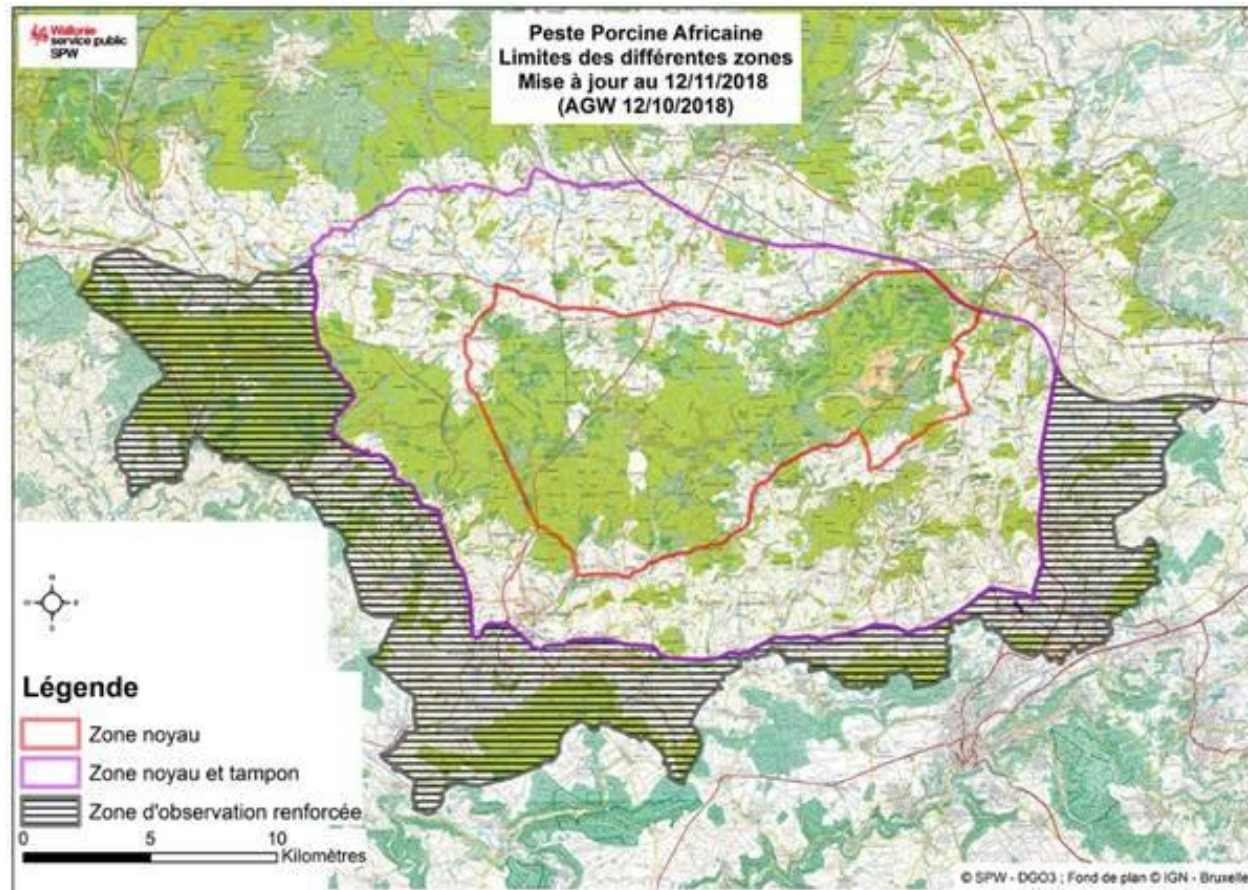
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No outbreaks in domestic pigs!



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region) Wild boar



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region)

Wild boar

Kernel zone

- Ban on hunting wild boar
- Ban on feeding wild boar
- No access to the forest (except for searching dead wild boar)
- Biosecurity measures
 - vehicles, boots, ...
 - Specific instructions for the staff sampling and transporting carcasses
- Searching, collection and testing of all wild boar found dead



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region)

Wild boar

Buffer zone

- Ban on hunting wild boar
- Ban on feeding wild boar
- Limited access to the forest (emergency forest works allowed under strict conditions)
- Biosecurity measures
- Searching, collection and testing of all wild boar found dead
- Fence network completed on the northern, western and southern sides of the buffer zone (other sides with artificial barriers, eg highways)



Measures in the infected zone (Wal. Region)

Wild boar

Reinforced observation zone

- Ban on feeding wild boar
- Access to the forest allowed
- Hunters must organize wild boar culling under strict conditions to eradicate the wild boar population
 - Trained hunters
 - Biosecurity measures
 - Testing of all shot wild boar
 - Rendering of carcasses of shot wild boar
 - 100 € compensation per wild boar for the management of the culled wild boar with respect of biosecurity rules and transport to the collection center.
- Searching, collection and testing of all wild boar found dead



Measures in all regions

Wild boar

- Call center to notify dead wild boar
- Collection and testing all wild boar found dead
- Hunting to reduce the wild boar population



National measures - Pigs

- Additional measures following the introduction of ASF
 - All assemblies of pigs prohibited
 - Only 1-1 transports of pigs
 - No visitors allowed to pig farms if not needed
 - All introduced pigs must pass quarantine
 - Increased surveillance: no treatment of sick pigs without sampling for ASF tests: **1 978 pigs tested on 577 pig farms: all negative!**
- Raising awareness of farmers, hunters and vets

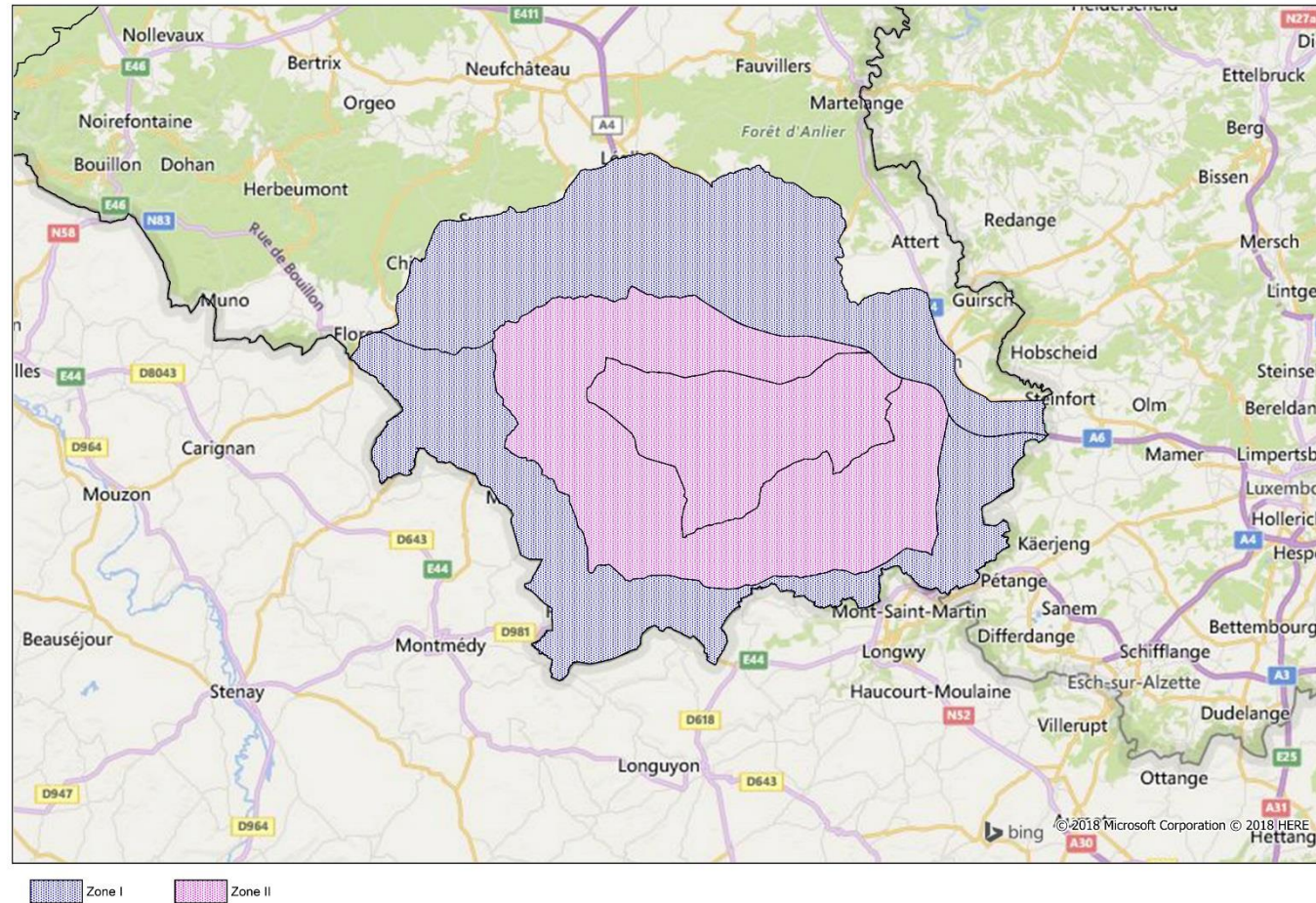


Collaboration with neighbouring countries

- Regular meetings for exchange of knowledge and experience and aligning measures taken



Proposal annex Decision 2014/709/EU



Conclusions

- Measures for the eradication of ASF are in place
- All concerned partners are actively involved
- Preparation started in case an outbreak would occur in domestic pigs



Thank you for your attention

