

ASF preparedness activities in Portugal

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Action Plan for the Prevention of African Swine Fever 2022-2024

Components



WORKING GROUP - 2019 Stakeholders:

- Institute for the conservation of nature and forests (ICNF)
- National reference laboratory (INIAV),
- Swine producers' associations (FPAS)
- Scientific society of the swine sector (SCS)
- Hunter's associations (ANPC, Fencaça, CNPC, CPM)
- Meat industry association (APIC)

Reinforcement of biosecurity

- Pig holdings
- Animal transport
- Related to hunting

Surveillance



Active surveillance

- Domestic Slaughterhouses
- Wild boar Hunting

Passive surveillance

Wild boars – Found dead + road killed

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Contingency plans

- Training
- Development of an information system to support activities related to contingency plans

Reinforcement of official Controls

- Controls on cleaning and disinfection of animal transports
- Controls during hunting (during evisceration of wild boar)
- Controls on movement of carcasses of hunted wild boar

Communication and awareness

- Meeting with Stakeholders
- Seminars and workshop about ASF and pig farm biosecurity
- Publication of flyers on ASF in domestic pig and wild boars

Wild boar population management

Study of the wild boar population coordinated by ICNF

Reinforcement of biosecurity - Activities



> Farm Biosecurity



• **Studies on biosecurity** on intensive pig farms (conducted in 228 pig farms in all country) and on outdoor pig farms (conducted in 55 outdoor pig farms in Alentejo region)

Both studies were carried out in collaboration with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lisbon (FMV-UL), and FPAS and SCS

- Development of an IT system to support the classification of farm biosecurity based on scored questionnaires adapted to type and dimension of pig farm - ongoing
- Elaboration of farm biosecurity manuals based on the studies carried out

Review of national legal biosecurity requirements regarding pig farms

(proposal of a decree-law)







Reinforcement of biosecurity - Activities



- > Biosecurity in animal transportation
- Entry in operations of the Animal Transport Information System (SITA) which allows:
 - Dematerialization of approval processes facilities for cleaning and disinfection animal transport
 Online issue of cleaning and disinfection declarations for vehicles used to transport animals

principais doenças das espécies cinegéticas

Biosecurity in hunting



- **Pilot project** for the collection and treatment of **by-products** from hunting grounds (conducted in 55 hunting grounds by the Consortium consisting of the hunter association (CPM), the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), the University of Coimbra (Functional Ecology Center) and FMV-UL)
- **Study on biosecurity** at the interface between domestic animals and wild ungulates in hunting grounds in the southern region of Portugal (conducted in 55 hunting grounds collaboration with the UTAD and FMV-UL)
- Review of national legal biosecurity requirements in the wild boar hunting activity (proposal of a decree-law)

Surveillance - Activities



➤ Improvement of passive surveillance in wild boar by using an application of immediate notification of wild animal mortality – ANIMAS

Accessible via smart phones and computers to vets, environment police, forest guards, nature watchers, hunters, hunting area managers, researchers and the general public

Year	N.º dead wild boar Notified	N.º wild boar tested for ASF	Laboratory test	Sample	N.º of negative results	N.º of damaged results
2020	1	1	PCR-RT	Organs	1	0
2021	3	1*	PCR-RT	Organs, blood and bone	1	0
2022	53	29*	PCR-RT	Organs, blood and bone	25	4

ASF active surveillance in slaughterhouses

Year	N.º of sample	Laboratory test	N.º of positive results
2019	2.083	ELISA	0
2020	1.870	ELISA	0
2021	3.464	ELISA	0
2022	3.784	ELISA	0





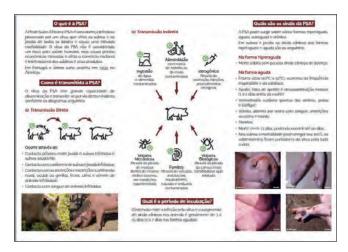
Dead wild boar notified in ANIMAS - Year 2022



Promocional vídeo of the application of Immediate Notification of Wild Animal Mortality **ANIMAS – Plataforma – YouTube**

Communication and awareness - Activities

- Regular meetings with stakeholders (pig sector, hunting sector, ICNF, INIAV)
- Workshops and Seminars about the disease, emergency measures and prevention plan
- Courses on Introduction to the main diseases of game specie, included ASF to forest guards and hunters
- Distribution of flyers on ASF in domestic pig and wild boar
- Publication of information notes about the ASF situation in the EU - released at the DGAV portal







Thank You

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