

# African Swine Fever Eradication plan Slovakia

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# Aim of the presentation

- ▶ 1. Summary : ASF in Slovakia- history / state of play
- ▶ 2. Eradication plan main elements description, explanation
- > 3. action plan within eradication plan

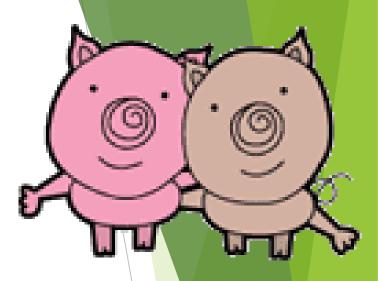


# Current situation - domestic pigs

- Starting of ASF outbreak occurrence: 24.7.2019
- ► Area of occurrence: all outbreaks within cca 15-20 km radius only in district Trebišov
- All outbreaks in non commercial holdings
- Measures adopted in accordance with 2002/60/EC

No. of pig holdings	No. of killed/destroyed	No. of samples taken	No. of positive samples (PCR)	No. of positive samples	
depopulated	pigs			(IPMA)	
55	205	134	24	12	

- Last/outstanding (11 outbreak) confirmed on 19.8.2019
- All measures in the surveillance and protection zones in accordance with 2002/60/EC lifted on 6. December 2019
- ► ASF monitoring in domestic pigs ongoing on the whole territory of Slovakia

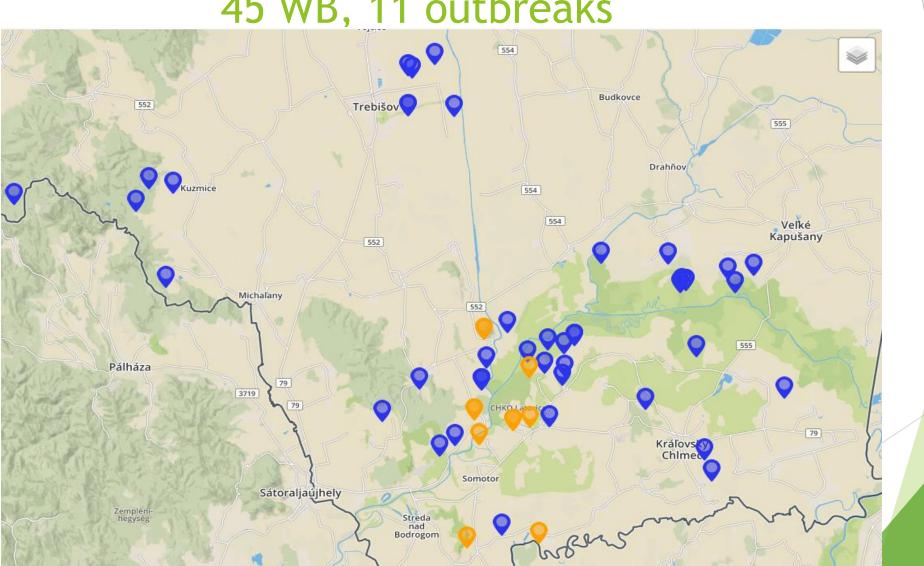


### Current situation – wild boars

- Starting of ASF case: 8.8.2019
- Area of occurrence: all ASF cases within cca 50 km radius only in Trebišov and Michalovce districts – all in part II ( see map)
- ► Confirmed ASF cases in wild boar on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 :

35 confirmed cases

ASF in Slovakia - state of play 10.02.2020 45 WB, 11 outbreaks



# Current regionalisation of the Slovak Republic

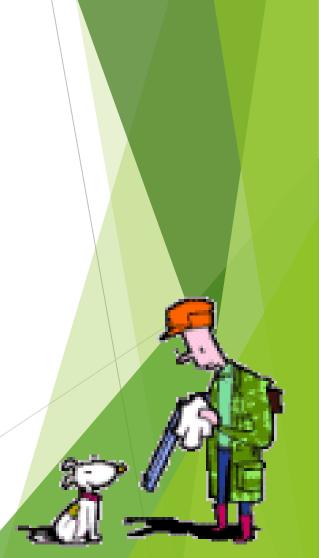


Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EEC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever

- Art. 16: "Member States shall submit to the Commission within 90 days of the confirmation of a primary case of African swine fever in feral pigs a written plan of the measures taken to eradicate the disease in the area defined as infected, and of the measures applied on the holdings in that area."
- Plan sent to the commission in November 2019
- Evaluation done by the EC
- Comments sent to the slovak authorieties in December 2019 / February 2020
- Further explanations/updates of the plan done by Slovak experts and sent back to the EC for further evaluation on 8.1.2020 and 7.2.2020

# Eradication plan – main elements

- Legal powers, Aim of plan, Financial provisions
- Description and demarcation of the geographical and administrative areas
- Population of wild boars and domestic pigs
- ► Veterinary measures in wild boars and domestic pigs
- Laboratory testing
- Information campaign



# Legal powers

### Slovak legislation

- ► Act No. 39/2007 Coll. on veterinary care,
- ► Act No.274/2009 Coll. on Hunting and amending subsequent laws

### **EU** legislation

- ► Council Directive 2002/60/EC laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever
- ► Commission Decision 2003/422/EC approving an African swine fever diagnostic manual
- Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States
- SANCO/7138/2013, working document: Guidelines on surveillance and control of African swine fever in feral pigs and preventive measures for pig holdings
- SANTE/7113/2015 Rev 11, working document, Strategic approach to the management of African Swine Fever for the EU;



# Aims of the eradication plan

- > To prevent spreding of disease in wild boars population
- > To prevent introduction of disease to domestic pigs holding
- > To reduce the wild boars population
- Eradication of African swine fever in wild boars population in the infected areas



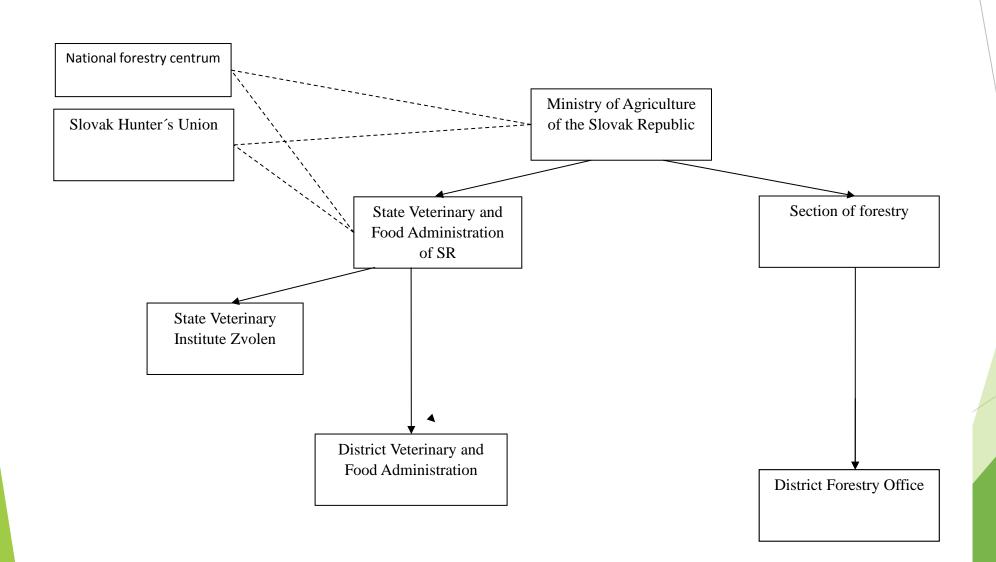
# Financial provisions

### State budget

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
- State Veterinary and Food Administration
- Sampling and delivering of the sample
- > To reduce wild boar density
- Laboratory testing
- Compensation for farmers and hunters

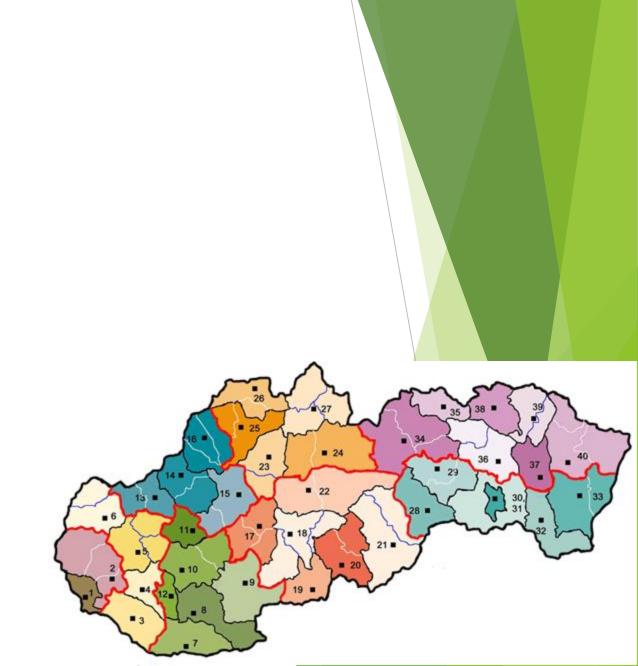


# Organisation and supervision



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- SVFA central veterinary authority
- ▶ 40 DVFA s − regional veterinary authorities



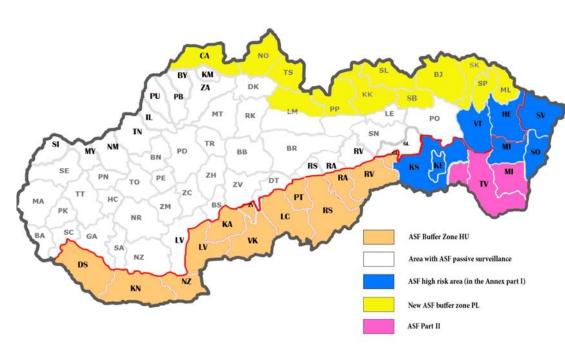
# The role of veterinary authorities

- State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic
- proposal of the plan of disease eradication
- regionalization of the Slovak Republic from the viewpoint of ASF
- determination of the monitoring in the Slovak Republic
- evaluation of the monitoring in the Slovak Republic
- adoption of measures based on the disease situation in the Slovak Republic
- submission of reports to the European Commission
- proposes to the Minister of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic the budget for performance of the eradication plan
  - District Veterinary and Food Administration
- ordering of measures for users of hunting grounds and pig farmers
  - discussion of measures with users of hunting grounds and pig farmers
- methodical direction of users on sampling and sending of samples, storage of hunted wild boars and on their handling (manipulation)
  - evaluation of boar game density
- evaluation of the monitoring and disease situation in the region
- payment of financial compensations and subsequent submission of them to the State Veterinary and Food Administration of SR for re-invoicing



# Description and demarcation of the geographical and administrative areas

- Infected areas (Part II)
- High risk areas (Part I)
- Buffer zones (areas bordering with Hungary and Poland)
- Area with passive surveillance
- Changing new epidemiological situation
   (WD "Principles and criteria for geographically defining
   ASF regionalisation")





# Buffer zones established

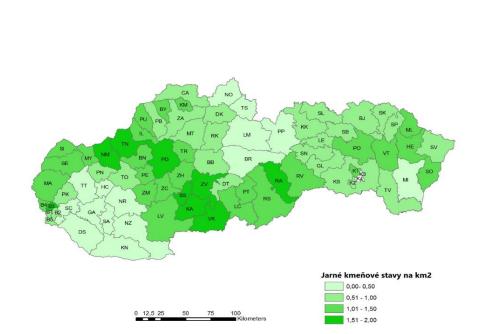
- ► ASF buffer zone in the Slovak Republic
- an area covering the territory of districts neighboring the Ukraine, Poland and Hungary.
- There are not any natural or artificial barriers on the border preventing wild animals from movement.
- the border consists mostly of the forested/wooded area with low degree of elevation and low settlement, representing the "ideal" conditions for migration of wild boars across the territory of the border.
- Regarding the latest development of the epidemiological situation in Poland confirmed closer SK has already established enhanced monitoring system of wild boar in the slovak/polish border. (valid from 01.01.2020)

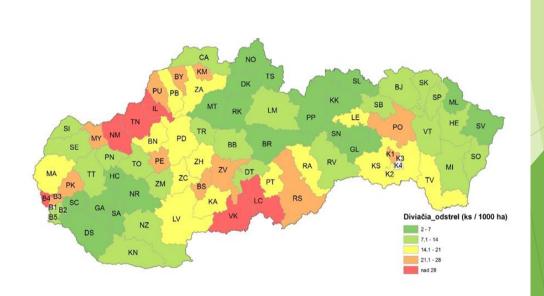
# Population of wild boars

Slovakia – wild boars population aprox. 70 000 animals (up to 100. 000)

Spring basic herd 2018/19 (per km²)

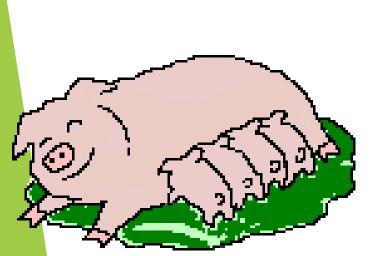
Hunting of wild boars 2018/19 (number/10 km<sup>2</sup>)





# Population of domestic pigs

- ▶ Slovakia active 390 commercial pig farms with aprox. 520 0000 animals
  - registered 7500 backyard holdings with aprox. 8300 animals
- High density of pigs west-south part of Slovakia





### Veterinary measures in domestic pigs

### Diseases surveillance in domestic pigs

- Passive suspected pigs on the whole territory of Slovakia
- ▶ Passive sampling of death animals in the infected area, high risk area, buffer zones
- Clinical surveillance in all registered pig holdings

### Movement of pigs

- According CD 2014/709/EU
- monitoring through taking the samples directly in the holding: virological monitoring of all sick domestic pigs with ASF-clinical signs and virological monitoring of all death domestic pigs with ASF-clinical signs in all pig holdings which are mentioned in the Central Database of Animals



# Domestic pigs - infected areas

- Infected areas (Part II and III)
- The surveillance of ASF in domestic pigs:
- clinical surveillance in all pig holdings which are mentioned in the Central Database of Animals
- monitoring through taking the samples directly in the holding: virological monitoring of all sick domestic pigs with ASF-clinical signs and virological monitoring of all death domestic pigs with ASF-clinical signs in all pig holdings which are mentioned in the Central Database of Animals.
- ▶ taking the samples directly in the holding: virological monitoring of death domestic pigs (each week at least the first two death regardless of estimated cause of deat in each production unit) in all pig holdings (including backyard farms) which are mentioned in the Central Database of Animals in the infected areas.
- Passive surveillance: in both commercial and backyard holdings.
- In case of dead of pigs the competent local veterinary autority provides the check of registration of this holding in the Central database of animals.
- In case that holding is still not registred (backyard holdings) the competent authority will arrange the registration without any delay. Taking into account that the samples are taken by private vets, they are involved in whole process of identification. (created, Model application for laboratory testing of domestic pigs", the obligation of inserting the number of farm which is in the central database of animals is one part of this application).



# Breeding of pigs/ domestic slaughtering

- ▶ District Veterinary and Food Administration may decide to order temporary ban of breeding of pigs in backyard farms in the municipalities of villages corresponding the hunting ground where positive WB have been confirmed and the owner is not able to fulfil the biosecurity requirements preventing introduction of the virus into the holding. The ban could be assesed after 12 months by the expert group by taking into account the situation of ASF occurence in WB population in that hunting ground.
- Domestic slaughtering is allowed under certain conditions and offical supervision of official vet. Authority (DVFA). Each owner of pigs is obliged to report domestic slaughtering at least 24 hours in advance. Official veterinarian will arrange the sampling (organs post-mortem) upon sampling schema- for laboratory investigation of the samples to exlude the presence of ASF vires and to confirm the health status of slaughtered pig.

### Veterinary measures in domestic pigs

**Biosecurity measures** (According WD "Strategic approach to the management of African Swine Fever for the EU")

- No contact between the pigs and susceptible animals, feed, utensils
- Stock-proof fencing of commercial farms
- ► Home slaughtering only under veterinary supervision sampling in the infected area (as described)
- No unauthorized persons/transport are allowed to enter into the pig holding
- Disinfection measures
- Check of biosecurity in the holdings (frequency of checks!)

### Additional measures to promote increase number of registered back-yard holdings

- For increasing number of registered back-yard holdings use:
- information from the private veterinarians
- information from the Municipal Offices
- information from the public

## Veterinary measures in wild boars population

### Diseases surveillance in wild boar

- Active Infected area, high risk area, buffer zones
- Passive whole territory of Slovakia

### Monitoring and searching for dead wild boar

- Sampling
- Database
- Financial provision for hunters
- Biosecurity
- Rendering of carcasses



### Veterinary measures in wild boars population

### **Reduction of population density**

- Restricted areas: intensive hunting (outside the infected zone)
- Rest of the country: intensive hunting
- Selective hunting of female wild boars
- Sustainable feeding: forbidden!
- Financial provision for hunters

### Other measures

- Biosecurity in hunting grounds (by products, clothes...)
- No movement of hunted wild boars until negative laboratory result are available





# WB measures - density

Measures for decreasing the density of wild boar game and achieving standardized basic herds

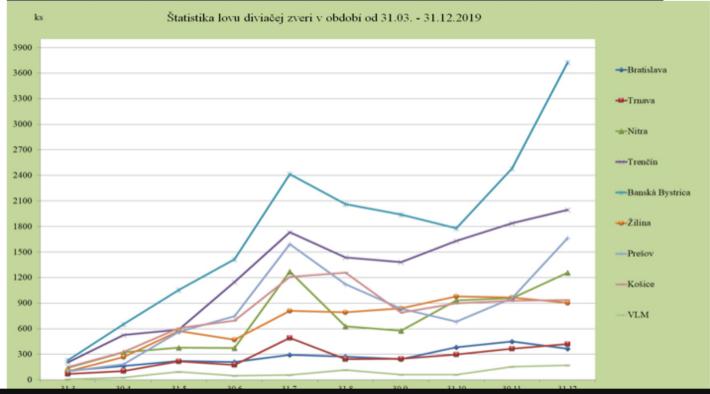
- ➤ Year-round ban of sustainable feeding of the cloven-hoofed game by the grain feed excluding the farmed game system.
- ► All-year hunting of the wild boar game at the baiting place, if hunting had not been temporarily prohibited.
- ▶ Density: re-assesed: Maximum 1 baiting/feeding place can be established in the hunting ground for every 300 hectares of the hunting area. Max 30 kg feed /baiting place within one month.
- ► Financial support: for hunting of adult female wild boars and last year female. wild boar after submitting genital organs, excluding hunting of adult female wild boars and last year female wild boars breaded in the game preserves due to the SVFA SR Guidelines.
- Hunting of game in a prohibited or incorrect way according to the Special Guideline, according to order of the Slovak Chief Veterinary Officer



# **Hunting of wild boar**

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Trnava	178	104	173	187	620	829	362	1596	1141	2567	2623	18	421
Nitra	282	481	240	445	1011	1988	1382	2227	2542	3760	6838	33	1258
Trenčín	396	436	336	314	2188	2827	2249	4858	6654	7778	12479	157	1996
Banská Bystrica	1471	1374	1291	1128	5467	3991	3015	10170	8258	18399	17766	232	3728
Žilina	424	312	391	249	2975	1519	1044	4499	3575	8289	6699	113	902
Prešov	772	549	548	310	3292	1599	1221	6344	4435	10956	8114	227	1664
Košice	547	571	457	523	3081	2371	1399	3497	2937	7582	7801	199	938
VLM	88	101	72	57	359	177	141	455	310	974	786	2	169
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# Biosecurity measures- hunting groundsdocumentary checks

- Compliance of monthly reports of hunting and mortality of the wild boar game
- all samples for laboratory investigation from all hunted and dead wild boars,-if the samples were appropriate for investigation and if the samples were taken by the trained staff.
- Control of use of the game related to the compliance with measures for introduction of game into the market (introducing game into the market only after recieving the negative result on ASF in the buffer/infected zone, Trichinella, documentation of investigation of the game after hunting by the trained person, document of origin of the hunted game) will be carried out.
- Control, if the hunting manager is keeping the records of dividing the game for the private persons.
- Control of rendering plant documentation, if the dead wild boars, animal-by products were safely disposed in the processing rendering plant. In case of finding shortcomings during the documentary control based on importance, an inspector shall impose elimination of the shortcomings:
- Elimination of shortcomings on site or/and the date of elimination of the shortcoming
- In case of repeated finding of the same shortcomings or non-compliance with imposed veterinary measures inspector shall order sanctions due to the Act No. 39/2007 Coll. On Veterinary Care



# Control in hunting ground by inspector

- an interview with the hunting manager to detect the presence of wild boar game in the hunting ground, natural food supply, migration routes, figures of current population of the wild boar, its health status, behaviour, places of location or movement, risks of direct or indirect contact with domestig pigs, the way of handling with hunted wild boars and their remains, the system of searching dead wild boars.
- the prohibition of sustainable feeding by means of visit of randomly chosen feeding place. At the feeding place for other cloven-hoofed game he/she shall control if there the feed is also attractive for wild boars.
- randomly chosen baiting/feeding place and the amount of feed on the spot .
- If the control is carried out after reporting the dead wild boar, inspector shall also perform control of safe disposal of the cadaver (see also procedures depending the area determined). If DVFA permits safe disposal of the cadaver or animal-by products by burning on site, the inspector shall control whether the user of the hunting ground observes all measures for prevention of spread of ASF during this activity. If all the measures preventing the spread of the disease are met, the next control of handling with the cadaver shall DVFA carry out randomly upon ist decision.
- control f the place for storage of the hunted wild boar until the results of the laboratory investigation for ASF are available
- the availability od disinfectants mean/procedures of cleaning and disinfection
- The control whether the user of the hunting ground in the buffer zone or infected zone:
  - availabitly appropriate place for changing clothes and shoes before entering and leaving the hunting ground.
  - an appropriate place for evisceration/dressing of hunted wild boar
  - an appropriate place for storage of the hunted wild boar until receiving the result of laboratory investigation for ASF.

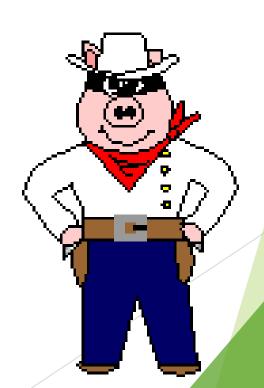


# Hunting grounds -frequency of controls

- Controls are carried out <u>in all</u> hunting grounds for which the veterinary measures were imposed in the buffer zone and ASF infected zone by means of local finding in the hunting ground in a following way:
- in ASF <u>infected zone</u> at <u>least once a year</u>
- in ASF <u>high risk area</u> (part I and buffer zone) in at least <u>50% of the hunting grounds</u> (preferentially in the hunting grounds where the controls have not been carried out yet and in the hunting grounds with high density of WB or in those where shortcomings were found by performing of cross checks)
- on the <u>other territory of SR</u> the control shall be carried out during the year in <u>at least 20% of the hunting grounds</u> (preferentially in the hunting grounds high density or in those where shortcomings were found by cross checks (DVFA competence).

# Laboratory testing

- Samples are tested only at the State Veterinary Institute in Zvolen National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for ASF
- Used testing methods are the following:
- Testing for the presence of ASF virus using PCR method
   Primary sampling on the whole territory of Slovakia
- Testing for the presence of antibodies against ASF virus
   Additional sampling in the infected and risk areas



### Information campaign

### Meetings and trainings

- Hunters, stakeholders, village managers
- Private vets

### Information leaflets

- distributed to hunters, farmers, private veterinarians
- public area

### **Public information**

Web sides, TV news







√akazy a choroby zvier: × + ∨





(mŕtvymi alebo chorými) ošípanými alebo voľne žijúcimi diviakmi. Avšak ľudia a naimä poľovníci

- alebo tepelne neupravené mäso) alebo odpadky obsahujúce infikované mäso (napríklo

Poľovníci monitorujú zdravotný stav voľne žijúcich zvierat a zohrávajú dôležitú úlohu v systéme

mŕtveho diviaka, zvažovať, či nebolo zviera nakazené **africkým morom očípaných** (najmä v infikovaných oblastiach alebo ohrozených oblastiach).. Počas Vašich poľovníckych vychádzo

- shynutých tiel diviakou
- trofeje na mieste a <u>vždy pred opustením poľovného revíru</u>

- Dodržiavať zákaz prikrmovania diviakov počas celého roka.



# Cooperation of parties involved

- ► The biologists from national forest centrum are invited to take part the meetings regarding ASF management; they cooperate to create maps/tables in relation wild boar management/density/hunting
- ► Training for hunters : ASF epidemiology, measures, wild boar management each DVFA before issuing the measures hunters are trained for sampling/understanding the measures which is /will be necessary to fulfil
- meeting/conference of central veterinary authority with hunters association topic: ASF; participation of SVFA reprsentatives on hunters event- presentations/information campagn regarding developement of the situation
- educations veterinary expert- university staff- a part of local centre or eradication of disease, presentation of Chief Veterianary Officer of the Slovak Republic to the lectors stuff and students regading epidemiological situation in Europe and worldwide, special part focused on ASF issue
- private veterinarians- by designation as official vets must be familiar with ASF issue- for that reasons a special meeting are organised by each DVFA; regulary (twice/three times per year) meetings with presidency of chambre of private veterinarians
- cooperation-cross check offcial vets DVFA and representatives of forests department (district offices) to check wild boar hunting/practicies
- in the infected area meeting of parties involved to evalute the development of the situation
- regularly meeting of SVFA representatives with epizootologists from DVFAs at least twice a year to go through whole ASF issue
- meetings of expet groups in relation to ASF yearly evaluation of the fulfillment the eradication programme approved by national (EC in the following years) level;

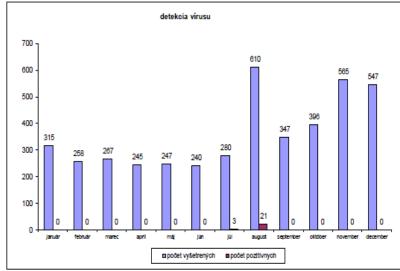


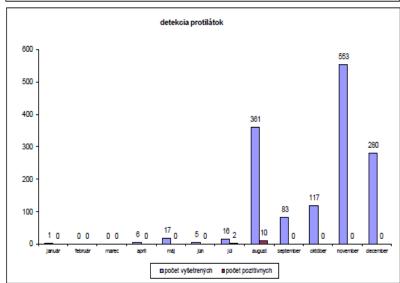
The overview of training for hunters, stakeholders and village managers

Date		Participants	Number of participants trained
26.7.2019	Measures infected area	hunters, stakeholders, village managers	28
1.8.2019	Measures infected area	village managers	30
20.8.2019	Measures infected area	hunters	40
16.9.2019	Measures infected area	hunters	38
8.11.2019	Measures infected area	hunters, stakeholders	52
In total	Measures infected area	hunters, stakeholders, village managers	188

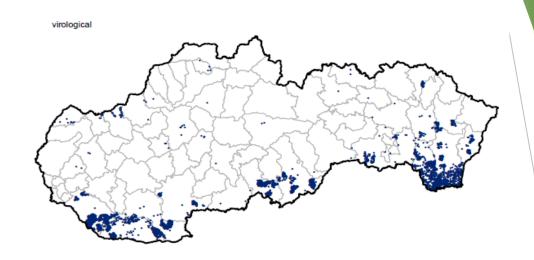


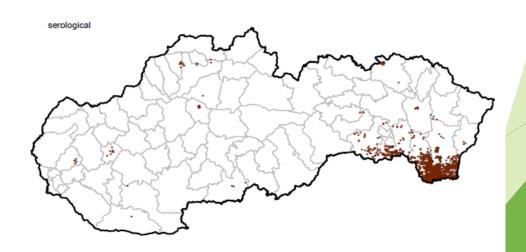
### Počty laboratórnych vyšetrení ASF u domácich ošípaných na Slovensku v roku 2019





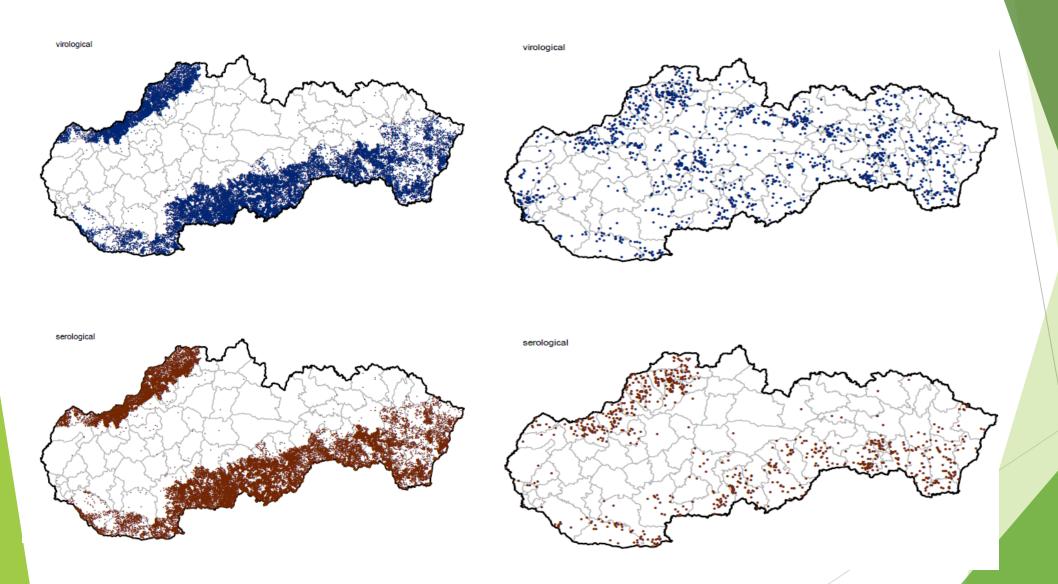
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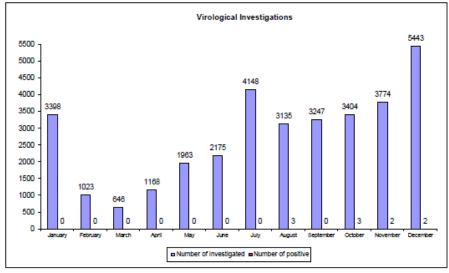


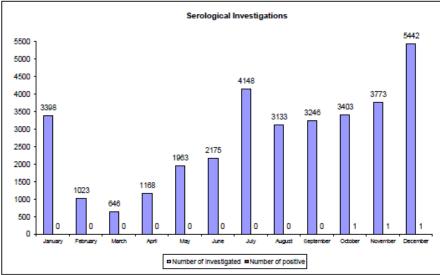
Geographical distribution of samples submitted for ASFV investigation in wild boars in Slovakia during 2019 - active surveillance

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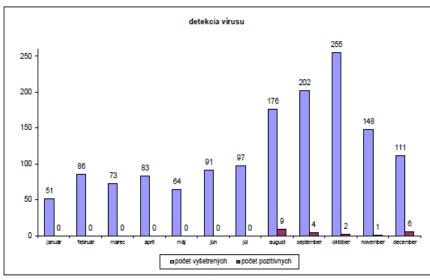


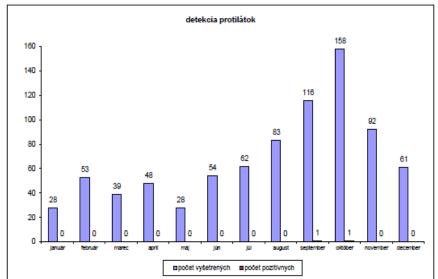
### Laboratory Investigations of ASF in wild boars in Slovakia during 2019 - active surveillance





### Počty laboratórnych vyšetrení ASF u diviakov na Slovensku v roku 2019 - pasívny monitoring





## Questions raised

- ► ASF measures to be applied to domestic pigs- the same for part I and Part II(III)
- The biosecurity checks should be performed minimum once per year in all holdings (commercial and non-commercial) in the areas included in the annex to Decision 2014/709. adjusted
- Financial provisions: a)which kind of samples will be paid? b)which percentage of sampled hunted wild boar (active surveillance) will be reimbursed Passive surveillance all samples, PCR Active surveillance in determined areas- virology (PCR), and also serology; Percentage of sampled hunted wild boar: buffer zones-part I- part II(III)- 100% of samples /hunted WB
- hunting of sub-adult female wild boar is also encouraged? Yes
- Farmed game holdings:

Farmed game holdings in whole Slovakia: 47

Buffer zone: 16 - open air:9 -stables with enclosures: 7

Part I.: 2 -open air: 0 -stables with enclosures: 2

Part II: 0 -open air: 0 -stables with enclosures: 0

- feed at bating place adjusted
- introduction only to the local market of wild boar fresh meat only from Part I after ASF negative tests results Yes
- outdoor keeping of pigs prohibited
- Decision 2014/709 (Article 15 prohibition of dispatch of live feral pigs from the areas listed in the Annex to other areas in the territory of the same Member State which are not listed and prohibition of dispatch of live feral pigs to other Member States and to third countries Confirmation. The certification of wild boars is not allowed on the whole Slovak territory

# Conclusions Action plan - domestic pigs

		measure	period of the implementation
		laboratory testing (serology + virology) in case of mass deaths, clinical symptoms (e.g. fever, haemorrhagic lesions, etc.), as well as in case of specific path-anatomic lesions found at slaughtering	24 months after the last ASF case
	surveillance	official checks on holdings in the infected area at least twice a year with an interval of at least 4 month (biosecurity, records of the owner on death rate and treatment, list of animals, clinical examination and sampling and testing of pigs over the age of 60 days	24 months after the last ASF case
		all dead or diseased domestic pigs with African swine fever symptoms (e.g. lack of appetite, fever, apathy, etc.) shall be notified to the responsible DVFAs	24 months after the last ASF case
		no pigs shall enter or leave the holding without authorisation by the responsible DVFA	12 months after the last ASF case
domestic pigs		preventing contacts with wild boars; wild boars must not have access to any material, and in particular to feed, litter nad water, which may subsequently come into contact with the pigs on the holding	12 months after the last ASF case
domes	70	appropriate disinfection means at the entrances and exits of buildings housing pigs and of the holding itself	12 months after the last ASF case
	other measures	ban on feeding green fodder	12 months after the last ASF case
	other 1	ban on the use of cereal crops harvested in the infected area for feeding pigs shall be applied for at least 6 weeks after their harvesting ("quarantine of cereal crops");	After each harvesting season
		ban on the use of straw litter	12 months after the last ASF case
		keeping animals in closed premises without outside yards	12 months after the last ASF case
		hygiene measures to reduce the risk of African swine fever virus spreading shall be applied by pig keepers coming into contact with wild boars	12 months after the last ASF case

# Conclusions Action plan - wild boars

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	يو ا	laboratory testing (serology + virology) of all found dead wild boars	24 months after the last ASF case
	surveillance	laboratory testing (serology + virology) of all hunted wild boars	24 months after the last ASF case
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		ban of feeding of wild boars except of baiting at baiting places	12 months after the last ASF case
wild boars		ban on drive hunting	12 months after the last ASF case
wil	other measures	disposal of wild boars hunted in zones part II-III in rendering plant	12 months after the last ASF case
	other	disposal of wild boars hunted in buffer zones and part I zone in rendering plant or on the spot by burial after testing for ASF with negative results	12 months after the last ASF case
		installation of electric fences- if necessary	
		installation of odour fences- if necessary	2019 ahead
		ban on entering to the high risk area- if necessary	

# Thank you for your attention!

