Update on African Swine Fever

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Objectives

- Analyse current ASF situation
- Provide an update on ASF detection and diagnosis, epidemiology, impact and measures (with emphasis on wild boars)
- Facilitate harmonized implementation of measures, based on OIE standards, particularly in wild boars
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Objectives

- Improve communication and mutual understanding and cooperation between national VS and all Bodies / organisations related with hunting and protected areas / forests
- On the basis of existing success stories, discuss how VS, hunters and managers of protections areas together can install or improve sustainable mechanisms for surveillance and early detection for wildlife diseases
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**Participants**

- OIE NFPs on wildlife and other gov representatives
- Scientists from relevant OIE RL, CCs and members of the OIE WG on wildlife
- International and national representatives related to hunting and wildlife management and conservation
- Individual experts and participants (EC, organisations with an Agreement with OIE)
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Outcomes: 10 recommendations

1. African swine fever has spread through parts of Eastern Europe since it was introduced in the Transcaucasus region in 2007 and the disease is now considered as being endemic in wild boars in some areas.

2. African swine fever poses a significant threat for porcine health in general and potentially impacts biodiversity and wild boar management over parts of Europe.

3. Many wild animal species play an important role in the epidemiology and spread of disease pathogens, including sows.

4. Strong interaction, between veterinarians on one part and hunters and other persons involved in game and wildlife management on the other part, is crucial for the early detection and surveillance of African swine fever and other wildlife diseases.

5. Awareness and preparedness of all stakeholders and persons involved in game and wildlife management must be maintained and promoted.

6. Wildlife population and wildlife disease dynamics including the consequences of depopulation measures are often complex and need to be better understood.

7. Communication and collaboration at the multi-sectoral and the inter-governmental level are indispensable to detect, control and eradicate diseases at the wildlife-livestock-human interface.

8. The OIE Reference Laboratories and OIE Collaborating Centres lead international research, coordinate diagnostic activities and provide scientific support and expertise.

9. Veterinary Services differ considerably.
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Rec 1 - Veterinary Services and national bodies and organisations responsible for hunting and wildlife management agree upon and enhance official cooperation in all activities related to the detection, surveillance, control and eradication of African swine fever and other specified wildlife diseases.
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**Rec 2** - Awareness and training programmes for hunters and other persons related to game and wildlife management be organised at the national level with the support of Veterinary Services in the field of early detection of specified infectious diseases, carcass inspection and viscera disposal.
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Rec 3 - The CIC and the OIE, with the support of the OIE Working Group on Wildlife jointly develop and publish a practical fact sheet on African swine fever for hunters and other persons involved in game and wildlife management.
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**Rec 4** - Rules on crucial biosecurity measures in relation to the handling of samples, carcasses, viscera and other infectious material be implemented by the responsible national body and strictly observed by the stakeholders involved.
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Rec 5 - The CIC continue its efforts to conclude negotiations to establish a training centre on wildlife diseases for hunters to be managed by CIC with scientific support on the part of the OIE.
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**Rec 6** - Participants take note of recommendations arising from other meetings and conferences related to disease management and the OIE organise further international meetings on African swine fever and other trans-boundary wildlife diseases in order to improve intergovernmental communication and cooperation in the European region.
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**Rec 7** - The OIE with the support of the OIE Working Group on Wildlife continue to **improve current standards and guidelines on African swine fever and other wildlife diseases.**
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Rec 8 - Veterinary Services and hunters agree on national or regional surveillance programs which include communication plans between authorities and hunters, identification of the role of the hunters, continuing education of representatives for hunters and eventually the establishment of a network among hunters for communication, reporting of observations and submitting material to veterinary laboratories.
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Rec 9 - Prior to consideration of undertaking complete depopulation of wild boar as a disease management strategy, a comprehensive risk assessment should be carried out to fully recognize any potentially negative impact.
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Rec 10 - The OIE Reference Laboratories and OIE collaborating Centers continue research into the dynamics of wildlife populations and diseases; the development of non-invasive sampling methods for wild pigs; the role of wild pigs in disease transmission in high and low density populations; the role of ticks in the transmission of infectious agents to both wildlife and humans and the development of a potential vaccine and anti-viral drugs to combat ASF.
## 2. Recent seminar

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Elaboration of an e-depository on ASF under the GF-TADs

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4. New initiative

Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region
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Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region

Objective: strengthening mid-term regional cooperation on ASF control through:

- exchange of information on the ASF situation and control measures applied
- review of national control strategies
- collaboration on laboratory diagnostics
- collaboration on awareness raising campaigns (in affected countries)

- The outcomes of the group’s work will be communicated to other countries in the Region of Europe and the public
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Mechanism:

Umbrellas:
- EC Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed
- GF-TADs Europe
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Participants

Chair: COM
Countries: Countries concerned by ASF (LT, LV, PL, EE, BY, RF, UA)
Other participants: OIE and FAO, CVET team members, EURL, Other experts
Secretariat: GF-TADs Europe Secretariat and COM
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Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region

Modus operandi
- monthly/bi-monthly meetings in the region on a rotating basis
- Invitations to be sent by COM
- Minutes of meetings to be prepared by COM and GF-TADs Europe Secretariat in EN and RU
- Reporting at the Standing Committee in Brussels; at the OIE Regional Commission meetings and Conferences; and at the GF-TADs Europe Steering Committee meetings.
4. New initiative

Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region

**Kick-off meeting**: Monday 22 September

- All countries attended except Belarus
- Objective: to set up the Standing Group, provide a first update of the situation in each country (tour de table), and agree on mechanism, agenda, date and venue of first regular meeting.
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Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region

**Kick-off meeting:** Monday 22 September

⇒ strong support from the countries received

- Modus operandi agreed
- Country participation (CVO + experts)
- First meeting: end of October, Ukraine (back to back with BTSF)
- Key topic: control of the disease in wild boars
5. Conclusions

1. Ensure transparency on ASF situation – OIE MC notification obligations (chapter 1.1)
2. Respect OIE standards on ASF (Chapter 15.1) and other relevant standards (surveillance; zoning; etc)
3. Use available resources (recommendations)
4. Reinforce collaboration among VS and hunters and wildlife/environment organisations
5. Use OIE mediation procedure
6. Reinforce regional collaboration - for countries concerned, be fully involved in the new mechanism / regional ASF Standing Group
7. OIE PVS Pathway
Thank you for your attention!