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# Current FAO initiatives on LSD in the region

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#### **Publications – Early warning messages**



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- November 2013- LSD in the Middle East
- September 2015- LSD in Europe



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Animal Health (OIE).

LSD was first reported in Africa, where it crippled the production potential of cattle and compromised vulnerable livelihoods on the continent. LSD moved beyond Africa in 1989 when Israel confirmed its first LSD outbreak. In subsequent years Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Yemen and the West Bank also reported LSD 4million heads. incursion. Lebanon and Jordan joined LSDaffected countries in 2012 and 2013, and most recently Turkey reported the disease in October 2013 (see Table 1). There is an imminent risk that LSD will

(or has already) become endemic in some countries in the Middle East. Although LSD

considering the area's substantial livestock population. Turkey maintains over 11.3 million heads of cattle. Iraq, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic maintain 2.8 million heads and the Islamic Republic of Iran maintains for approximately 8.5 million heads. Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia combined maintain

At-risk countries include the Russian Federation to the north and Bulgaria and Greece to the west. This is in line with the spread of other significant transboundary animal diseases (e.g. African swine fever, foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox and goat pox) in the region. Moreover, capripoxviruses



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Emergence of lumpy skin disease (LSD) in Europe

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#### on or a total ban of international trade of live animals and animal products (Gari et al. 2001).1

LSD is endemic in many African countries, and is rapidly spreading throughout the Middle East, including Turkey (2013) and Central Asia (Azerbaijan in 2014). In August 2015, Greece reported two outbreaks of LSD in the Evros region along the border with Turkey. The source of the disease is likely to have originated from vectors spread from outbreaks reported in Turkey in the Edirne region in June 2015. In September 2015, the disease was also reported in the Russian Federation in Dagestan not far from the border with Azerbaijan. Outbreaks of LSD in free regions require immediate notification under the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Figure 1 shows the distribution of LSD outbreaks between 2006 and 2015. Poorly regulated movements of high numbers of animals, often associated with

festivities, represent a risk for the introduction

How can LSD be diagnosed?

A basic diagnosis can be made when there is the presence of typical lesions on the skin and in the mouth of infected animals. However, there are other diseases that present in similar forms in cattle, which would require different methods of control and treatment from those for LSD. A definitive diagnosis can only be confirmed by submitting appropriate samples of skin lesions to a laboratory where the virus can be identified. Molecular diagnostic tests such as conventional and real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays are rapid and highly sensitive tests, and are widely used in veterinary diagnostic laboratories.

How is the disease transmitted?

The main pathways for transmission are biting and blood-feeding arthropods, including biting flies and mosquitoes (Ali et al. 2012)

#### **Publications – Position paper**

#### Sustainable prevention, control and elimination of LSD

- Analysis of incursion risk
- Vaccines
- Movement Control
- Stamping Out

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- Carcass Disposal
- Restocking
- Vector Control
- Laboratory support
- Options for combining vaccination, movement control and stamping out
- Areas of uncertainty



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### position paper

SUSTAINABLE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

Eastern Europe and the Balkans

#### **Publications - Monograph on LSD**

 EMPRES 360 Monograph on LSD in the region -<u>http://www.fao.org/3/a-i7982e.pdf</u> (Nov. 2017)



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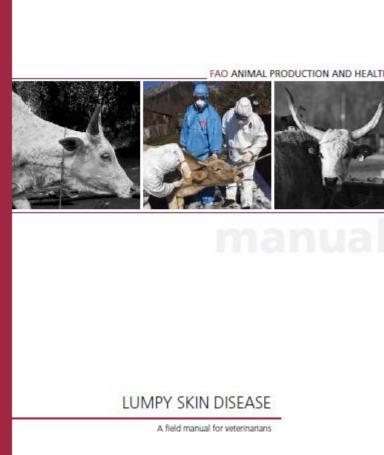


### Publications – Field Manual on LSD

Europe-focused

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- Audience: Private and official veterinarians (in the field and slaughterhouses), paraprofessionals and laboratory staff;
- Contents: Basic epidemiology, clinical recognition, sampling & shipping of specimens, and basics of LSD prevention and



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### Publications – Template of LSF contingency plan

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- LSD Emergency Vaccination Plan
- LSD Surveillance and Early Detection Guide
- This set of documents:

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- Aims to aid VS in the development of their LSD contingency, vaccination and surveillance plans.
- Translated into Bosnian, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian.
- Already applied in Georgia (in progress in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine)

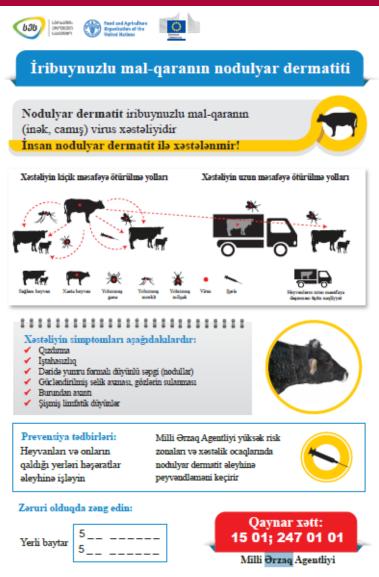
#### **Publications – Awareness materials**

- A 60-second video on the early detection & notification of LSD and BT, and to improve on-farm biosecurity measures.
- Available in <u>Macedonian</u> and <u>Albanian</u>.
- Now being adapted/translated into Bosnian, English, Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian
- <u>Repository of Leaflets and posters on</u> <u>LSD and other TADs</u>:
  - Editable

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• Available in different languages



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#### **Capacity building**

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- Practical training on vector surveillance & taxonomy (LSD-focused) (June 2016, Bulgaria)
- Ad-hoc LSD expert meeting (July 2016, Serbia)
- Regional workshops on LSD prevention and control (Balkans & Caucasus)



#### **Capacity building – Cascade training for field vets**

- North Macedonia, Ukraine Belarus and Moldova
- Developed in close collaboration with Veterinary Agencies

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 To improve field detection, prevention and control of LSD (+ bluetongue)



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### Project on LSD risk mitigation and control in Georgia

Assessment of the situation

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- Technical guidance on LSD control plan
- Development of a LSD contingency plan
- Training on LSD epi, risk based surveillance, outbreak investigation and control
- Training on LSD laboratory diagnosis
- Develop, print and distribute poster: and leaflets



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#### Dear Colleagues,

We would like to update you about the new FAO initiatives/news since the January 2018 update (see below). Please click in the hyperlinks for further information:

- FAO has started a Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) to address preparedness for LSD in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. Activities are expected to start in the coming months;
- FAO has shipped copies of the LSD Manual to countries in the Balkans. Additional copies will be shipped to Central Asian and Eastern Europe at risk countries in the coming days;
- A manual on RVF surveillance is now available on-line. Rift Valley fever may be the next cattle disease following the steps of LSD into the region;
- FAO organized a Training on participatory epidemiology principles and techniques in Georgia applied to ruminants between September and December 2018, and developed a ruminant surveillance system, which integrates participatory disease surveillance and current on-going surveillance activities.

Within the Joint EAO/JAEA program, the following activities have been conducted

# Thank You for your attention