



# GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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## ASF in America: situation and standing group of experts under the umbrella of the GF-TADs for Americas

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Sixteen Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever  
in Europe (SGE ASF16)

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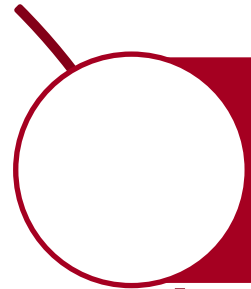
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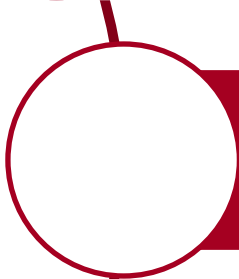
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- The RSC - GF-TADS -2019- agreed on the TORs for the creation of the SGE-ASF.
- The SGE-ASF priority activities were defined as:
  - Border Control,
  - Laboratory Diagnostics,
  - Risk Communication and Emergency Preparedness,
  - Wildlife and Biosecurity.
  - Business continuity

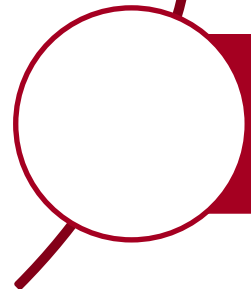
# Assessment of preparedness in the Americas



Summer 2019, a survey of all countries in the Americas was conducted to assess key elements including legal authority, human resources, infrastructure and preparedness planning.



There was variability between and within sub-regions.



Preparedness planning measures such as response planning, training and exercises was the main area requiring strengthening.

# SGE- AFS AMERICAS

## The First Meeting of the SGE on ASF of GF-TADs of the Americas: “Border Control” Colombia at December 3-4, 2019

- Identify potential pathways of entry for ASF virus.
- Establish coordination and cooperation agreements with government border security agencies.
- Increase targeted risk communication activities and heighten vigilance.
- Encourage the private sector and all interested stakeholders to disseminate information on the risk of entry of ASF and its preventive measures.

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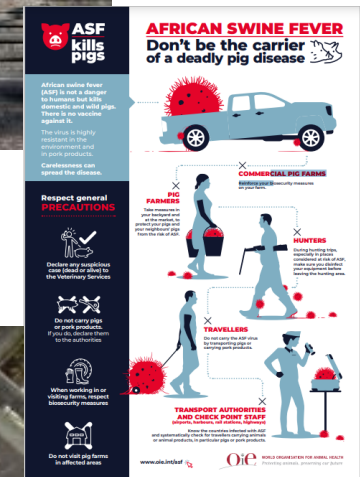
## The Second meeting focused on “Risk of introduction and dispersion both at the regional level and in each of the Countries” E-meeting June 15, 2020

- Apply the Risk Analysis guidelines available in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- Consider the risk pathways for the spread of the disease between sub-regions and countries in the case that the disease enters the Americas region.

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# Capacity Building

- OIE National Focal Points for laboratories and epidemiologist, Mexico, Dec. 2019.
- OIE National Focal Points for Communication, virtual. Aug. 2020
- FAO Online course on ASF preparedness delivered to Latin America and Caribbean countries.
- Other national and sub-regional training
- FAO Sub Regional Project
- Caribbean Willife Project



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# CHALLENGES !!!!

- Implentatation of the Recomendation made by SGE-ASF
  - How we could verify
  
- Following action to strethening the importance of the prevention of ASF
  
- Next meetings SGE- ASF
  - Early Detection and Response
  - Biosecurity
  - Business Continuity
  - Role of wild and feral pigs





Thank you for your attention!



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