



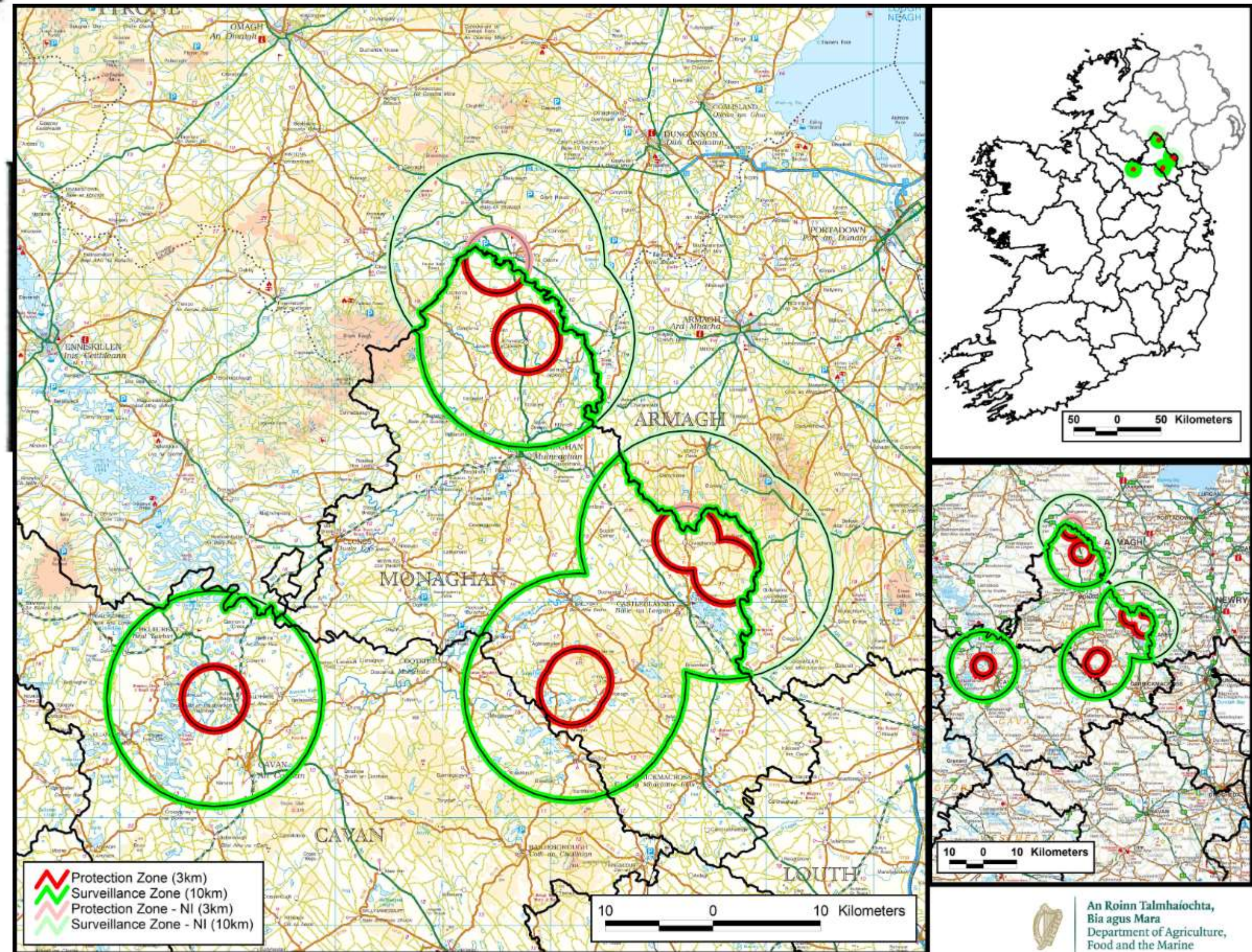
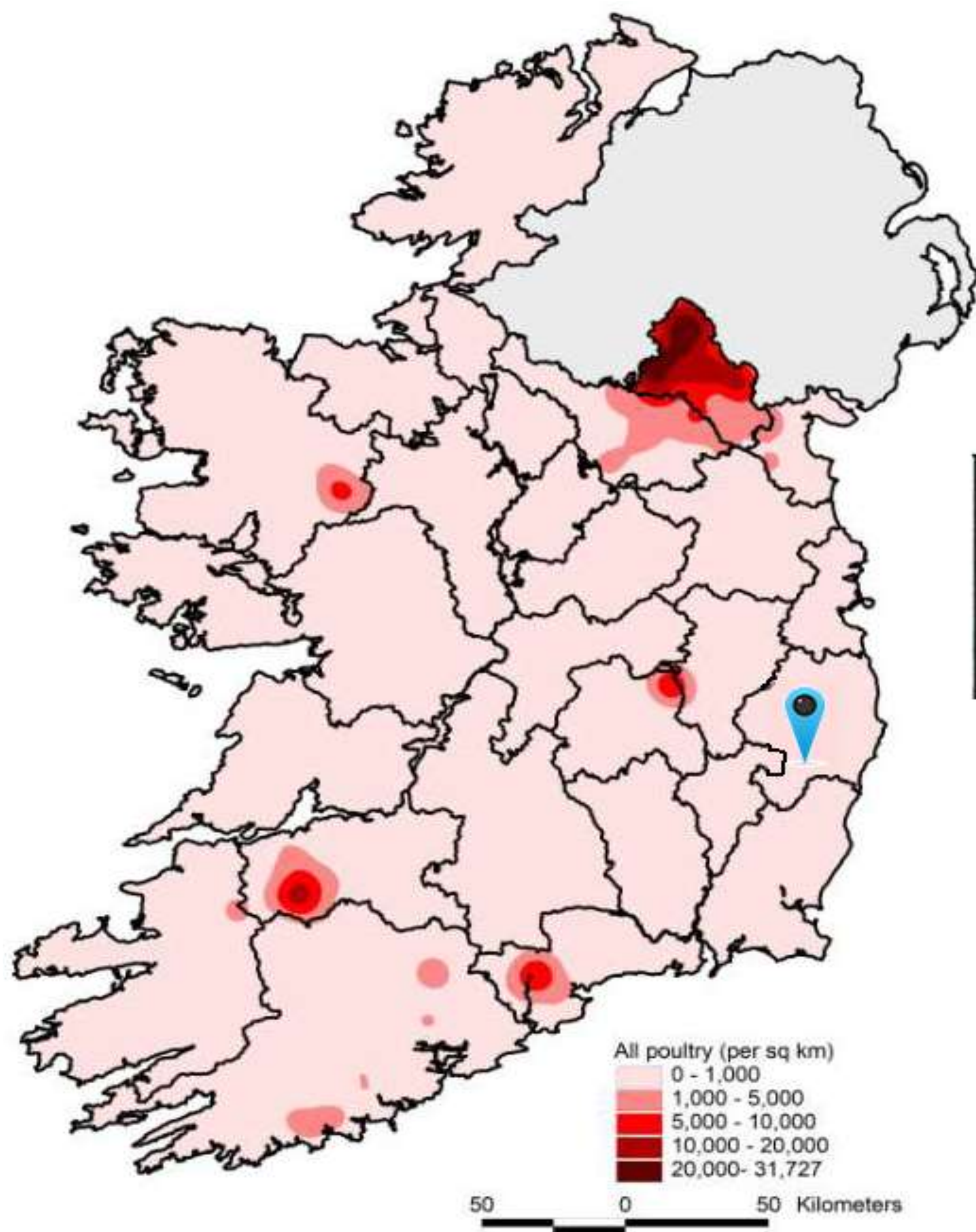
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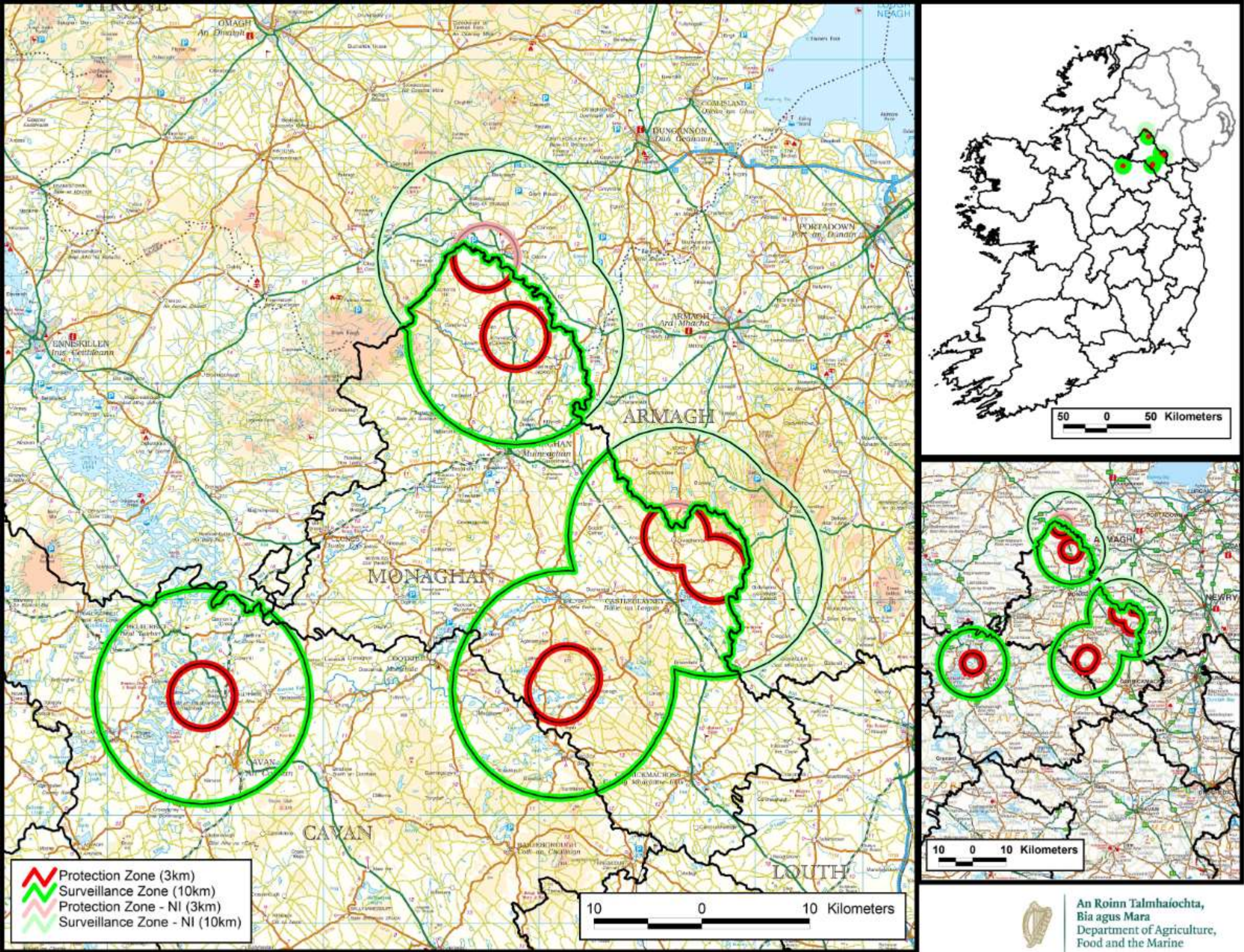
## **Self-declaration of disease freedom from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

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# HPAI Poultry Outbreaks - 2021/2022 Season



- Poultry-dense region
- 6 outbreaks in IE
  - First outbreak confirmed November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - Last outbreak confirmed December 20<sup>th</sup> 2021
- 6 outbreaks in NI
  - Some zones spanned both jurisdictions
  - Co-operation and collaboration with DAERA colleagues
- Stamping out policy
- 3km Protection/ 10km Surveillance Zones
- Certain requirements e.g. Movement licencing, designation of meat plants, hatcheries & egg packing centres, surveillance & sampling



# Planning, Preparing and Collecting

- **Starts before a outbreak ever occurs**
  - **Background relationships, communications, cross border collaboration**
- **Surveillance\***
  - **Effective**
- **Record-keeping**
- **Previously published dossiers**

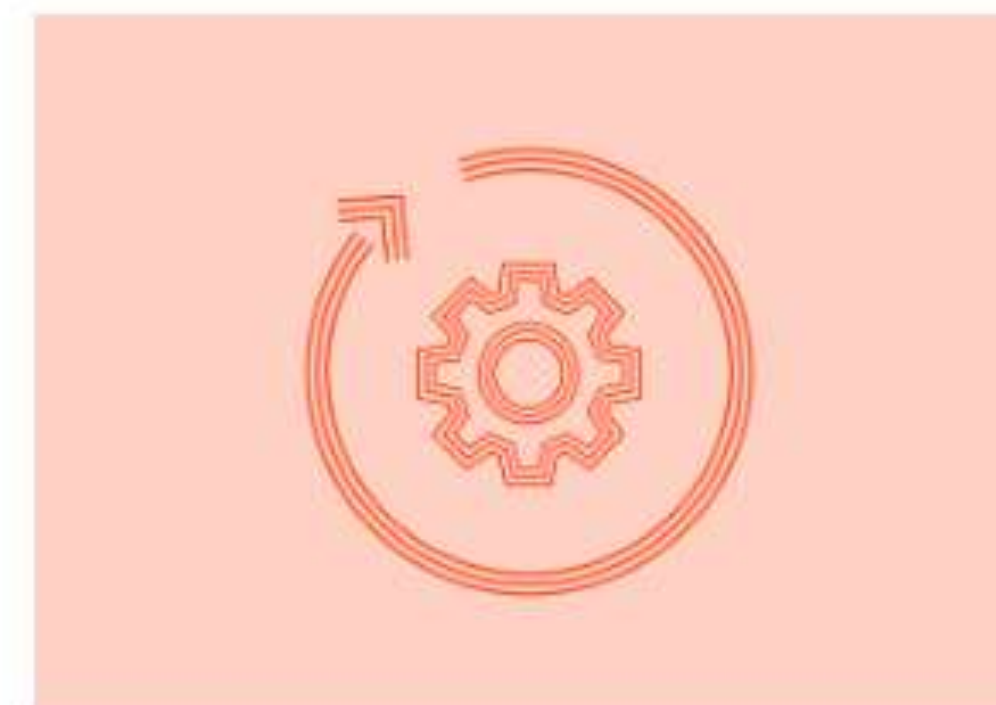
# Self-declaration dossier

## All in the preparation

- Self-Declaration SOP
- TAHC -Disease Specific Chapters/Articles
- Records-supporting evidence

## Simple language

- Translation
- What do you want the reader to know –make it easy
- Reference back to relevant Chapters/Articles in TAHC
- Hyperlinks
- Annexes



Standard Operating Procedures

SOPs self-declarations A





# Self-declaration dossier

## Clear headings

- Introduction
- AI situation
- Control and eradication measures in response to outbreaks
- Surveillance programme (EWS, wild birds, poultry)
- Measures implemented to maintain freedom
- Conclusion\*

## WAHIS reports

# Self-declaration



## Purpose

- **Confidence. WOAAH held in high esteem**
  - **Trading partners, stakeholders including the public**
- **Demonstration of openness and transparency**

## Benefits

- **Re-opening of trade**
- **Reputation**

# Challenges –and how we resolved them



## Support from Status Department

## Lessons learned from previous submission

- **Be faithful to SOP/TAHC requirements**
- **Don't forget about importation requirements etc**
- **Describe surveillance around demonstrating absence of infection**
- **Describe approach to seropositive lab results**
- **Record keeping**
  - stay mindful of self-declaration requirements even when still dealing with outbreaks
  - importance of date of C&D of last infected premises