Global ASF situation

Biosecurity Standard

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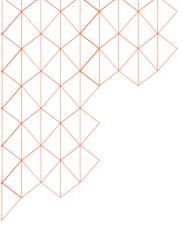
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Global control of ASF is achieved*

No new countries affected with ASF

Decline in the number of countries affected by ASF

Decline in the number of ASF cases

Reduced losses due to ASF



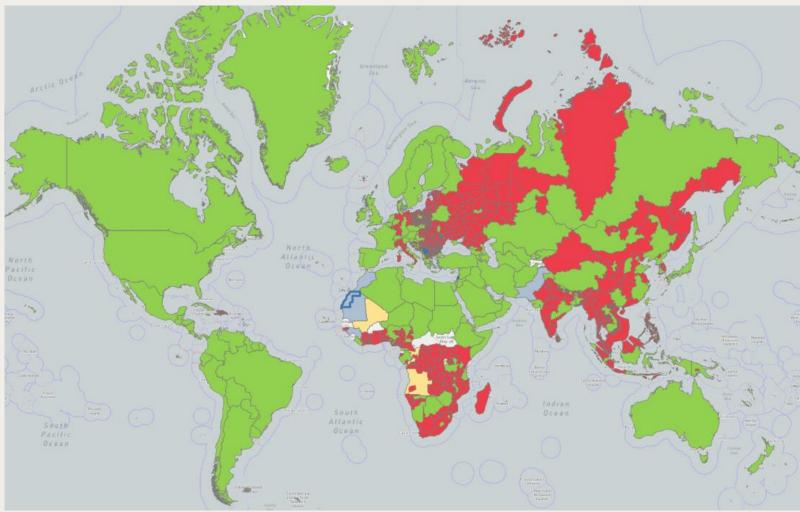
ASF Reporting

Category	N outbreaks
Domestic	20,267
Wild	38,959
Both animal categories	3,999
Total	63,225

68 countries and territories reporting the disease present / suspected





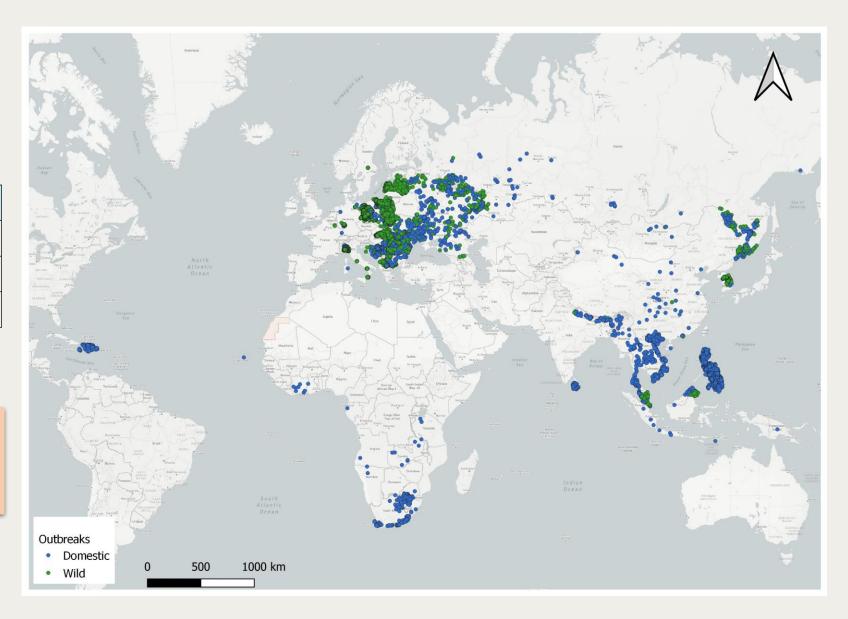




Reporting Disease

Category	N outbreaks
Domestic	15,756
Wild	38,191
Total	53,947

50 countries and territories reporting the disease present





3 countries reported the first occurrence of the disease:

✓ Montenegro (January), Albania (February) and Sri Lanka (October).

Some countries already affected reported the spread of ASF to new areas:

- ✓ Bhutan (May, June and July), Côte d'Ivoire (March), Germany (June and July) and Poland (May).
- ✓ No further spread in the Americas
- ✓ Wild pigs playing a major role
- ✓ Since 2020: Only 6 countries recovered (2 reinfected)



WOAH ASF situation report

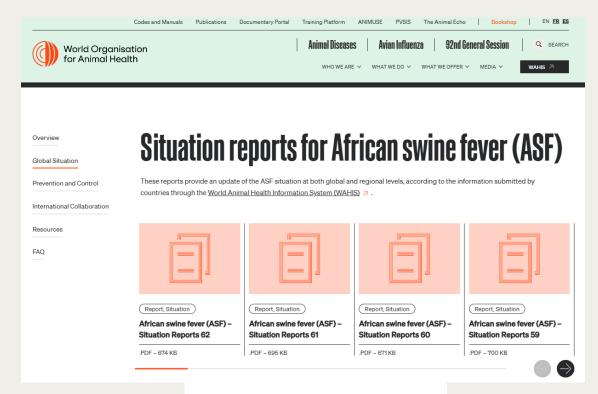
AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) Situation Report 62

Period covered: February 2025

This report provides an update of the ASF situation, according to the information shared with WOAH.

Key highlights

- During the period covered by this report, three countries in Europe reported new ASF events, while 13 countries in Europe updated their ongoing events. No new outbreak was reported by countries/territories in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Oceania. Fifty-one new outbreaks were reported in domestic pigs and 735 in wild boar, in Europe, with 3,910 animal losses in domestic pigs.
- Most of the outbreaks reported during the period are in high density pig farming areas.
- The number of outbreaks reported in domestic pigs and wildlife through immediate
 notifications and follow up reports has shown some increase in the recent period, and 17
 outbreaks were reported more than 10 km outside previously affected areas. The recurrence
 of ASF in Ukraine represents an ASF "jump" of more than 100 km from the nearest reported
 ASF outbreaks. This once again highlights the importance of strict biosecurity measures to
 prevent the spread of the disease.
- Since January 2022, 12 countries have reported ASF as a first occurrence in the country, while
 11 countries have reported its spread to new zones.
- Since January 2022, more than 934,000 cases in pigs and more than 31,400 cases in wild boars have been reported, with more than 1,990,000 animal losses in domestic pigs.
- . Since January 2022, 64 countries and territories have reported the presence of ASF.





ASF – related activities

GF-TADs SGE ASF meetings In 2024

Europe

- ✓ Control of ASF in wild boar populations
- ✓ Cross-border cooperation

Asia and the Pacific

✓ Risk communication and community engagement

Africa

✓ Outbreak management

WOAH Standards

- Terrestrial Manual Chapter 3.9.1.
 - ASF vaccine section
 - Report of the BSC meeting in Feb 2025



New guidelines (under development)

- Risk management at wildlife-livestock interface
- ASF vaccine field evaluation and post-vaccination monitoring





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Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) + e-learning

PVS evaluation follow-up missions with ASF-specific content

ASF – related activities



ASF Reference Laboratory Network





- PoC test
- Ring test
- Genomic platform
- Validation of new assays to detect recombinants
- Research coordination (STAR-IDAZ, GARA)
- Training
- New Ref Lab Experts (Spain and UK, China)

Our toolbox

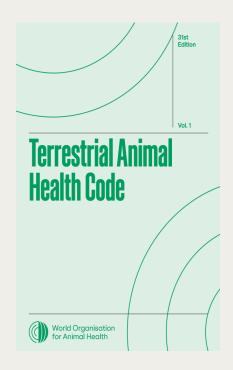






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Terrestrial Code Chapter 4.X Biosecurity

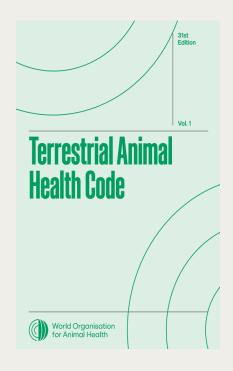


Purpose: 'provide guidance to the *Veterinary Authority* and other relevant actors, on the <u>principles</u>, <u>implementation and **evaluation**</u> of *biosecurity* to support disease prevention and control programmes'

Glossary Definitions: Biosecurity, Biosecurity plan and swill

Biosecurity: 'means a set of **management**, **behavioural and physic**al measures designed to reduce the likelihood of entry of pathogenic agents into a given population and the exposure of animals to these pathogenic agents in order to avoid their establishment and spread **within and from** that population'

Terrestrial Code Chapter 4.X Biosecurity



Efforts, since September 2022

- 3 meetings of the ad hoc Group
- 6 meetings of Specialists Commissions
- 3 rounds of Member comments.

Thanks to Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Korea (Republic of), New Zealand, South Africa, the UK, the USA, AU-IBAR, and the EU for providing comments..

Outline

- Art 4.X.1. Introduction
- Art 4.X.2. Purpose and scope
- Art 4.X.3. General provisions
- Art 4.X.4. Roles and responsibilities
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- Art 4.X.6. Transmission Pathways
- Art 4.X.7. Components of Biosecurity
- Art 4.X.8. Biosecurity Plan
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SECTION 4.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

CHAPTER 4.X. BIOSECURITY

Article 4.X.1.

Introduction

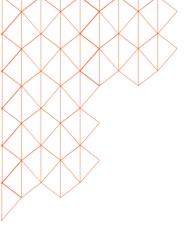
Biosecurity is the cornerstone of <u>animal</u> health programmes and as such should be implemented to prevent and control diseases in *populations*. In addition to reducing the risk of disease, the benefits of *biosecurity* include a reduced need foruse of veterinary medicinal products; reduced killing of animals for disease control purposes; reduced economic losses; protection of livelihoods; assurance of sustainability of minoroused animal production; improved food security and food safety; promotion of animal, human and environmental health: and assurance of safe trade and business continuity.

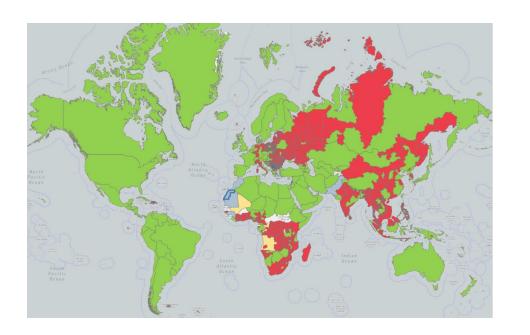
Article 4.X.2.

Purpose and scope

This chapter provides general principles and recommendations to allow for a consistent approach that could be applied to implement *biosecurity* for a *population* or *subpopulation* irrespective of the settings or scale, such as at <u>farm or non-production establishment</u>, <u>herd/flock</u>, <u>compartment</u>, <u>zone</u>, <u>or country</u>, <u>zone</u>, <u>compartment</u>, <u>herd/flock</u>, <u>farm or non-production establishment</u> level.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide guidance to the *Veterinary Authority* and other relevant actors, as described in Article 4.X.4., on the principles, implementation and evaluation of *biosecurity* to support disease prevention and control programmes. The chapter applies to *animals*, their gatherings and husbandry systems, to all components of animal keeping and transport, and to the interface between domesticated *animals*, *wildlife*, humans and *wildlife* the environment.





So what next?.....

ASF Control: Were will be in the next 5 years

What do we have in our toolbox?



- What tools do we need to support our aspiration?
 - What can we do now?

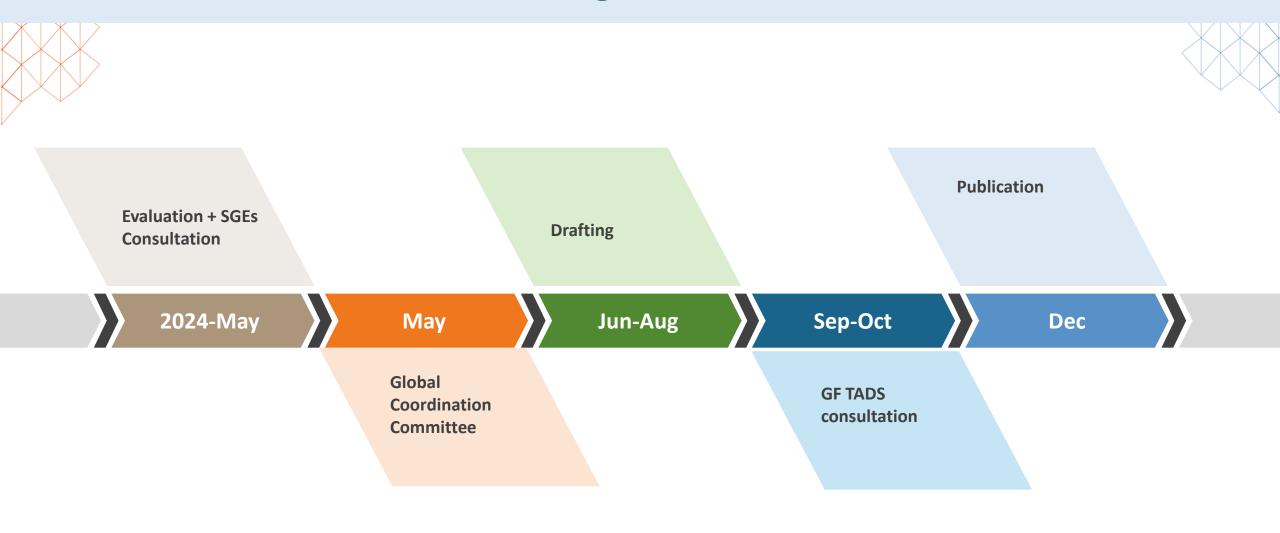
- Where are we today?
- What tools/ resources do we have currently?

5-year horizon

- Where will we be?
- What is a realistic aspiration?



The next GF-TADS initiative to global control of ASF



Your opinion is important



- 1. How has the Global Initiative for ASF been useful in guiding regional/ national activities for ASF?
- 2. Strengths of the Global Initiative for ASF?
- 3. Weaknesses of the Global Initiative for ASF?
- 4. What improvements are you expecting? E.g. structure, scope etc

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Thank you



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