



Standing Group of Experts on ASF in Europe under the GF-TADs umbrella

24th meeting (SGE ASF-24)

03-04 April 2025

ASF SITUATION
period covered April 2024 - 31 March 2025

North Macedonia

Wild boar surveillance

In the zones of the country already considered affected at the beginning of the period

Wild boar found dead

Period considered (<i>for the year before 31 March 2025</i>)	N° wild boar found dead	% PCR positive	% seropositive
	129	83.85%	/

Wild boar hunted

Period considered (<i>for the year before 31 March 2025</i>)	N° wild boar hunted	% PCR positive	% seropositive
	2257	7.67	/



Wild boar surveillance

In the zones of the country considered free until at least the beginning of the period

Wild boar found dead

Period considered (<i>for the year before 31 March 2025</i>)	N° wild boar found dead	% PCR positive	% seropositive
	7	71.43%	/

Wild boar hunted

Period considered (<i>for the year before 31 March 2025</i>)	N° wild boar hunted	% PCR positive	% seropositive
	1013	4.84%	/



Cases in wild boar – country map

The incidence of ASF in wild boar in the first semester of 2024, with the total number 245 ASF cases increased compared to 2022 and 2023 (36 cases in 2022 and 163 cases in 2023).

The ASF disease spread from 11 hunting grounds in 2022 and 40 hunting grounds and one national park in 2023 to a total 72 hunting grounds in 2024.

Period considered (*ideally 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025*)



Coverage and number of samples taken during active surveillance in 2024 (01.01.2024-30.06.2024)

ASF INFECTED HUNTING GROUNDS ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE 01.01.2024 - 30.06.2024 POSITIVE CASES

Big game - Positive

ID	Hunting ground	Tested	Positive
102	Glavovica	25	2
104	Zrnovska Reka	3	1
113	Nidje	1	1
116	Sokolica	21	5
124	Milasin	29	4
125	Kovanci	15	1
126	Vasoka Chuka	10	3
128	Koprishnica	1	1
132	Bezica	14	1
134	Strovja	21	3
135	Stepanci	8	4
150	Zhelezna Reka	29	7
151	Dobra Voda	16	5
152	Botushe	16	2
153	Trebovlje	18	2
156	Sushica	15	8
157	Greshnica	32	2
158	Slansko	12	1
159	Turja	19	1
161	Knezhino	18	1
162	Tajmishko	13	2
164	Karaman	36	7
171	Belica	13	2
187	Smilanci	5	1
189	Bigla	16	1
190	Golak	22	2
191	Vlajina	17	2
192	Sarajevo	21	9
193	Ratevska Reka	20	3
194	Djani Tepe	46	10
197	Mushkovo	8	1
199	Osajnica	18	7
200	Vrneshka	12	1
	deshka Reka	37	9
	s	5	5
	hilovski Stani	13	1

Big game - Negative

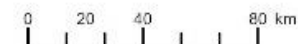
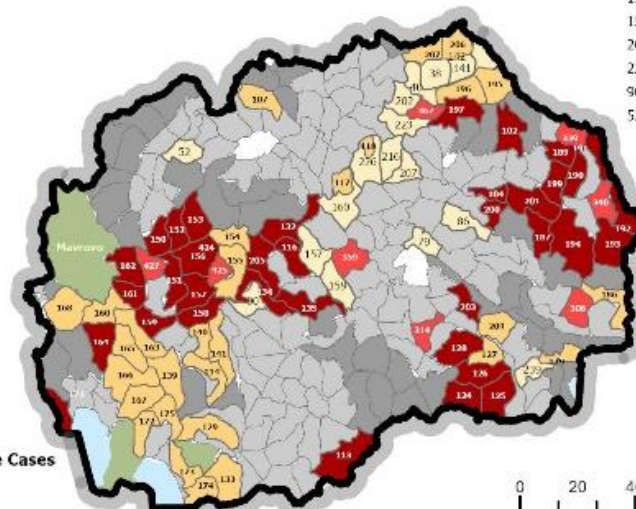
ID	Hunting ground	Tested
107	Brodec	1
114	Zhurche	5
117	Krushje	6
118	Stanjevci	6
127	Stara Reka	1
129	Obilovo	32
133	Baba	20
139	Bazernik	35
140	Divjaci	34
141	Ostrici	35
154	Tazhevo	1
155	Deutica	22
160	Dushtegubica	12
163	Prostranje	21
165	Debarca	36
166	Brezhani	52
167	Zavoj	73
168	Stogovo	13
172	Istok	12
173	Kurbinovo	32
174	Brajchino	6
175	Plaka	45
179	Bashiboz	5
186	Ograzhden	30
195	Ruen	9
196	Borovo	6
204	Gradec	25
206	Luke	23
207	German	8

Small game - Positive

ID	Hunting ground	Tested	Positive
173	Bosilovo	2	2
183	Disan	4	4
35	Kiselica-Deichevo	12	2
121	Chifik	12	1
152	Gmchishko	9	6
193	Zhivalevo	5	2
24	Ramne	15	2
25	Vir	14	8
149	Bukojchani	44	4

Small game - Negative

ID	Hunting ground	Tested
79	Dragovo	2
86	Gaber	8
40	Otoshrnica	14
38	Petralica	4
141	Gradec	17
142	Kiselica-Palanka	12
239	Chestovo	3
207	Mechkuvci	3
226	Sopot	6
216	Orel	2
160	Otovica	1
159	Krmino	1
157	Chashka	1
202	Kuklica	8
223	Rudari	16
90	Rilevo	5
52	Grupchin	1



Legend

State border	Small game hunting grounds - active surveillance with positive results	Small game hunting grounds - active surveillance samples	Small game hunting grounds - No data
Big game hunting grounds - active surveillance with positive results	Big game hunting grounds - active surveillance samples	Big game hunting grounds - No data	National park

Region	Animals tested	Positive Cases
Vardar	101	27
East	274	51
Southwest	559	48
Southeast	125	11
Pelagonia	282	4
Polag	39	8
Northeast	130	3
Skopje	15	0
Total	1,529	171

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Coverage and number of samples taken during active surveillance in 2024 (01.01.2024-30.06.2024)

ASF INFECTED HUNTING GROUNDS PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE 01.01.2024 - 30.06.2024 POSITIVE CASES

Big game - positive

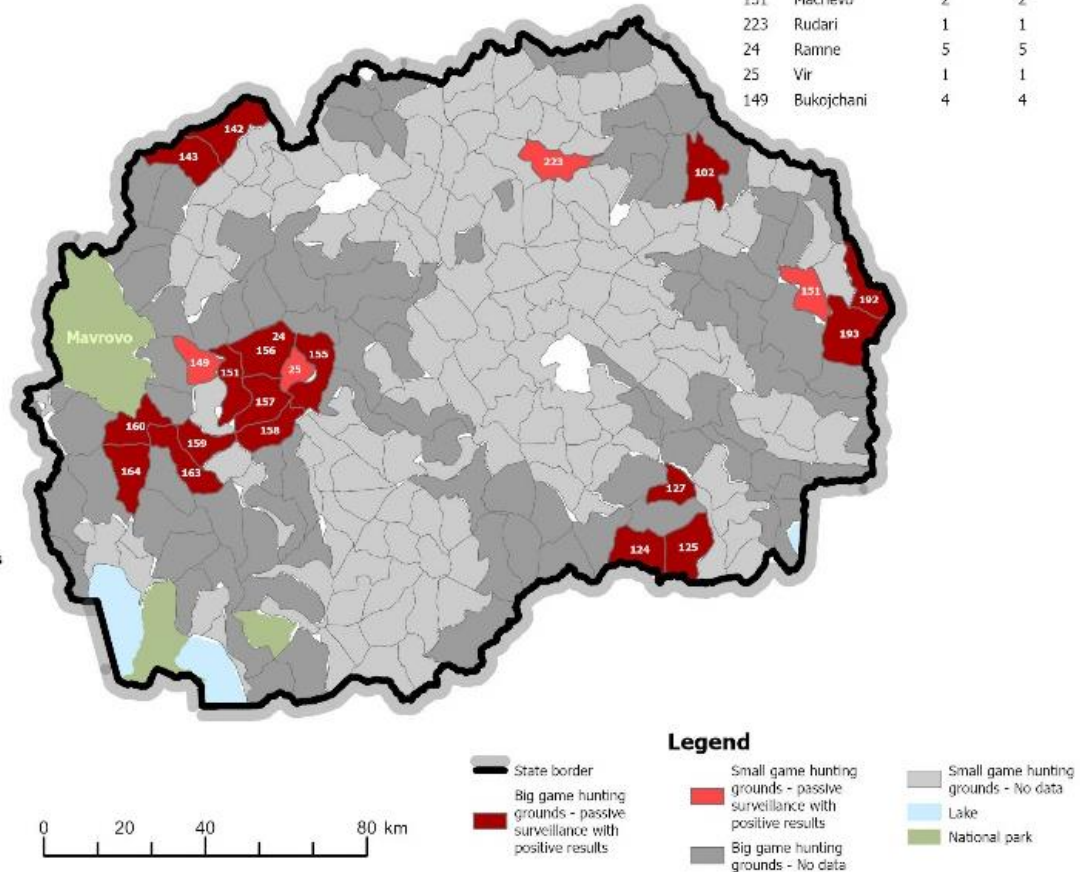
ID	Hunting ground	Tested	Positive
102	Glavovica	3	3
124	Milisin	1	1
125	Kovanci	2	2
127	Stara Reka	4	4
142	Ljuboten	5	5
143	Vejce	2	2
151	Dobra Voda	10	10
155	Dautica	4	4
156	Sushica	5	5
157	Greshnica	8	8
158	Slansko	1	1
159	Turla	7	7
160	Dushegubica	1	1
163	Prostranje	7	7
164	Karaorman	8	6
192	Sarajevo	9	7
193	Ratevska Reka	2	2

National park	Tested	Positive
Galichica	0	0
Pelister	0	0
Mavrovo	7	6

Region	Animals tested	Positive Cases
Vardar	0	0
East	16	14
Southwest	61	59
Southeast	7	7
Peloponia	0	0
Polog	14	13
Northeast	1	1
Skopje	0	0
Total	99	94

Small game - Positive

ID	Hunting ground	Tested	Positive
151	Machevo	2	2
223	Rudari	1	1
24	Ramne	5	5
25	Vir	1	1
149	Bukojchani	4	4



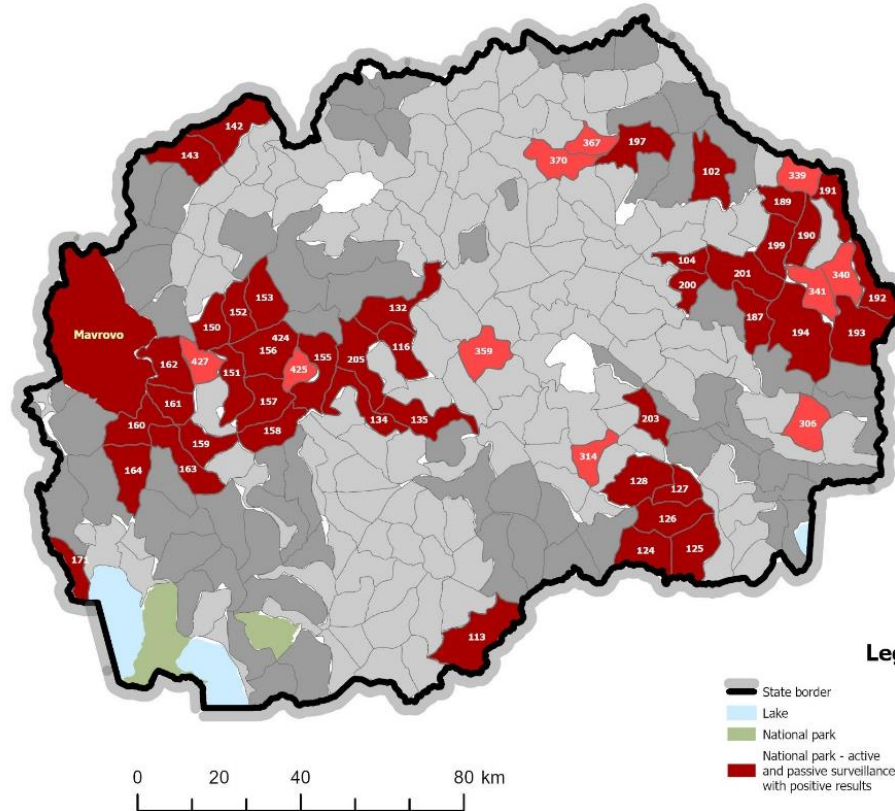
ASF INFECTED HUNTING GROUNDS ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE 01.01.2024 - 30.06.2024 POSITIVE CASES

Big game - Positive

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102	Glavovica
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113	Nidje
116	Sokolica
124	Milisin
125	Kovanci
126	Visoka Chuka
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191	Vlaina
192	Sarajevo
193	Ratevska Reka
194	Djami Tepe
197	Mushkovo
199	Osojnica
200	Vrteshka
201	Gradeshka Reka
203	Lipa
205	Nezhilovski Steni

Small game - Positive

ID	Hunting ground
306	Bosilovo
314	Disan
339	Kiselica-Delchevo
340	Chifik
341	Machevo
359	Gmchishte
367	Zhivalevo
370	Rudari
424	Ramne
425	Vir
427	Bukojchani



1625 wild boar individuals tested - 1526 samples for active surveillance and 99 samples for passive surveillance – disease confirmed in 245 individuals (151 active vs 94).

In the first half of 2024, the FVA improved passive surveillance, with the total number of 99 samples under the passive surveillance program increasing compared to 2022 and 2023 (16 samples in 2022 and 39 samples in 2023).

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Active and Passive surveillance per region in hunting grounds in 2024 (01.01.24-30.06.24)

Region	Type of Surveillance	Number of animal tested	Number of Positive Cases	% Positive Cases	Number of Cases
Vardar	active	101	27	26.73	27
Vardar	passive	0	0	0	0
East	active	274	51	18.61	51
East	passive	16	14	87.5	16
Southwest	active	559	47	8.40	47
Southwest	passive	61	59	96.72	61
Southeast	active	125	11	8.8	11
Southeast	passive	7	7	100	7
Pelagonia	active	283	4	1.41	4
Pelagonia	passive	0	0	0	0
Polog	active	39	8	20.51	8
Polog	passive	14	13	92.85	14
Northeast	active	130	3	2.30	3
Northeast	passive	1	1	100	1
Skopje	active	15	0	0	0
Skopje	passive	0	0	0	0
Total		1625	245	15.07	250

151
Positive
- active

94
Positive
- passive

Interval for Positive Cases in Active Surveillance within the Range of (min 2.3% to max 26.73%)

Interval for Positive Cases in Passive surveillance within the Range of (min 87.5% to max 100%)

→ In period 01.07-31.08.2024, Additionally 26 positive case in wild boar population (23 in frame of passive surveillance and 3 frame of active surveillance)

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Domestic pigs surveillance

In the zones of the country considered free until at least the beginning of the period

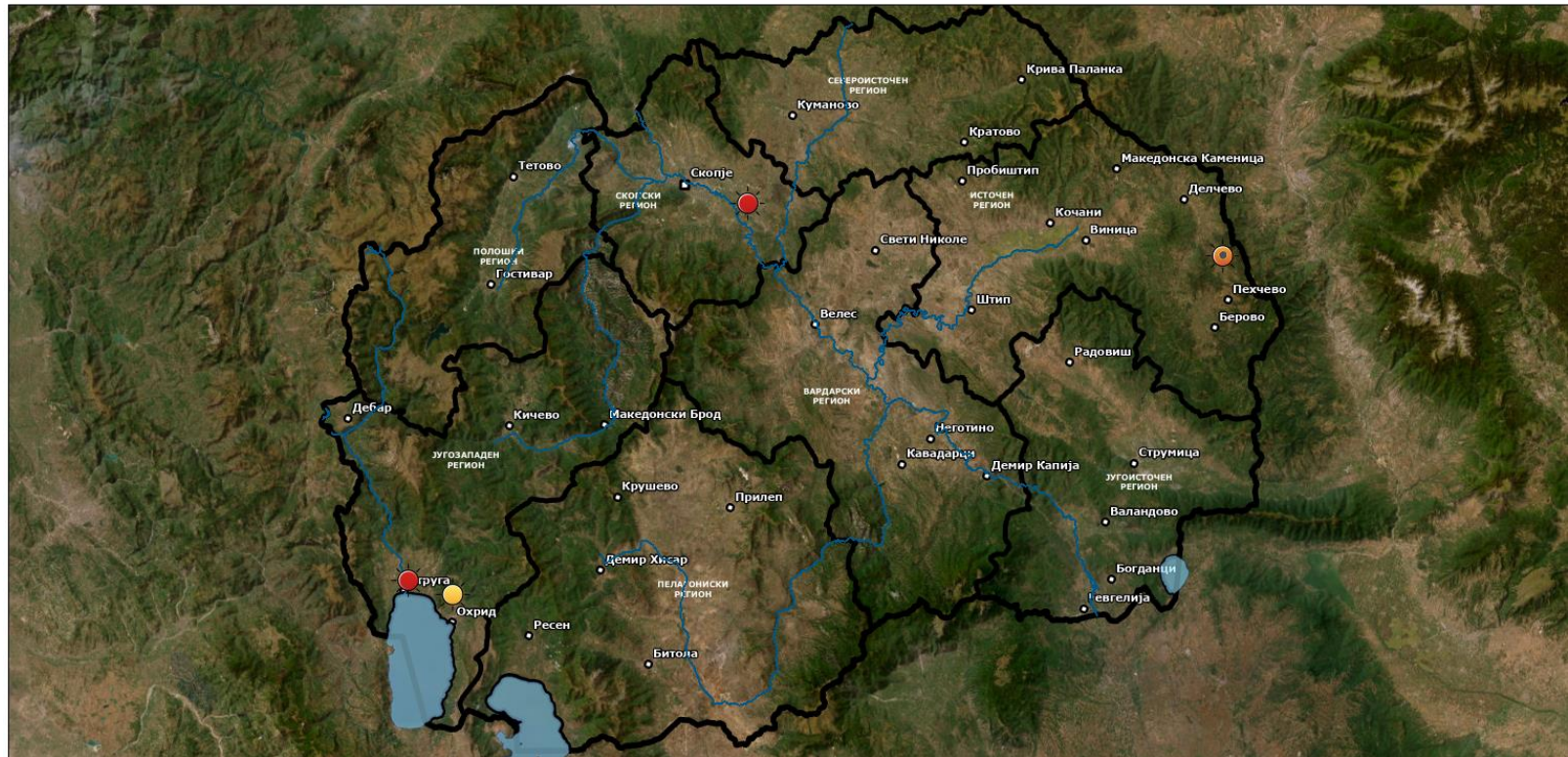
Period considered (<i>ideally</i> <i>1st April 2024 – 31st March</i> <i>2025</i>)	N° suspicions Commercial farms / backyards	N° confirmed outbreaks Commercial farms / backyards
	1/3	1 / 3

In the zones of the country already considered affected at the beginning of the period

Period considered (<i>ideally</i> <i>1st April</i> <i>2024 – 31st March 2025</i>)	N° suspicions Commercial farms / backyards	N° confirmed outbreaks Commercial farms / backyards
	0 / 1	0 / 1

ASF outbreaks - domestic pigs 2025

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ASF outbreaks in domestic pigs

Red dots	Non commercial farms	Vlg. Moroishta, Struga and Vlg. Mralino, Ilinden (7 animals)
Yellow dot	Commercial farm	Vlg. Gorno Lakocherej, Ohrid (40 animals, 2 dead)
Orange dot	Case of Illegal disposal of domestic pig	Vlg. Pancharevo, Pehchevo (1 dead pig)

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ASF TRAININGS AND SIMULATION EXERCISE

→ BTSF workshop on African Swine Fever (ASF) 19-22 February, 2024, in Skopje.

The workshop was attended by representatives from:

- (MAFWE) - Hunting Inspection and Hunting Sector;
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Skopje and Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food;
- Hunting Federation and National parks: Mavrovo, Pelister, Galichica, and Shar Planina;
- Public Enterprise for National Forests;
- Pig Breeders Associations: "Gicko"; and "Macedonian Pig."

The focus was on updating and transposing the EU legal framework and international standards /recommendations on ASF to enhance national legislation, particularly regarding wild boars.

→ FVA in the frame of the project: Improved animal disease control and implementation of the food safety system” EuropeAid/138778/DH/SER/Multi conducted 3 Simex in 3 established LDCC: Skopje, Shtip and Prilep on management of ASF outbreak in domestic pigs and wild boars in North Macedonia

→ The Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA), within the framework of the FAO project TCP/RER/3907 (Emergency response to the ASF outbreak in the Western Balkans), organized a SimEx in Veles on 11-12 March 2025. The exercise focused on managing ASF outbreak in domestic pigs and wild boars in North Macedonia.



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