





Standing Group of Experts on ASF in Europe

under the GF-TADs umbrella

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ASF SITUATION from 10 September 2019 to 05 May 2020

Greece

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	N° wild boar found dead	% PCR positive	% seropositive
<i>10</i> /09/2019 – 15/04/2020	9	0	0

Wild boar hunted

Period considered 10/09/2019 – 15/04/2020	N° wild boar hunted	% PCR positive	% seropositive
10/09/2019 – 15/04/2020	33	0	0

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

Wild boar found dead

Period considered (ideally 10 September to 05 May 2020)	N° wild boar found dead	% PCR positive	% seropositive
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Wild boar hunted

Period considered (ideally 29 May to 10 September)	N° wild boar hunted	% PCR positive	% seropositive
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Cases in wild boar – country map

Period considered: 10 September 2019 to 28 April 2020:

ASF has been not detected in Greece in wild boars until now



Domestic pigs surveillance

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

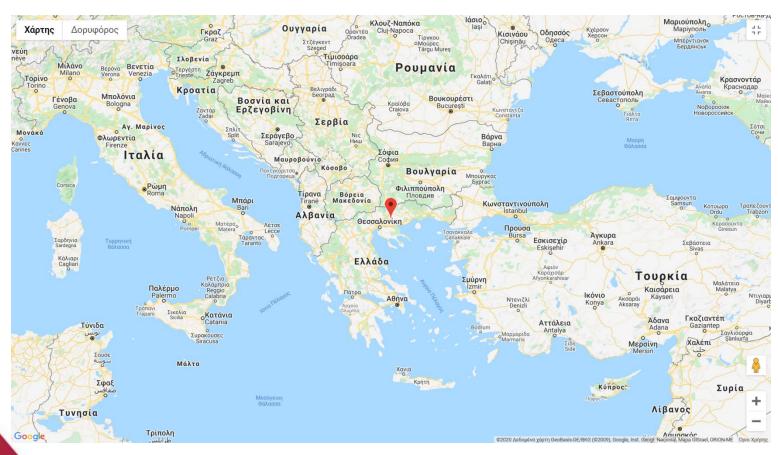
Period considered (ideally 10	N° suspicions	N° confirmed outbreaks
September to 05 May 2020))	Commercial farms / backyards	Commercial farms / backyards
10/09/2019 – 15/04/2020	2/ 6 (number of suspect farms – clinical suspicion with issuance of Decision for Suspicion by the CA) Passive Surveillance samples (including clinical suspicions as well as dead pigs without symptoms): 29 animals sampled from commercial farms & 13 animals sampled from backyard farms)	0/1

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September to 05 May 2020)	Commercial farms / backyards	Commercial farms / backyards
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Outbreaks in domestic pigs – country map

Period considered: 10 September 2019 to 28 April 2020:



ASF Surveillance and Covid-19 pandemic

- Movement restrictions for people, caused by Covid-19 pandemic: surveillance rates especially in wild boars have been affected
- Hunting groups consisted by many members is not feasible
- Limitations in staff resources in veterinary services (parental leave related to closed schools, susceptible to Covid-19, groups of employees)
- However, surveillance was intensive, despite the pandemic, in the Protection and Surveillance Zone in Central Macedonia Region (Serres and Thessaloniki Regional Units), following the ASF case in Greece

During the period of pandemic:

- Official vets, conducted all necessary clinical controls and samplings in pig farms according to the Art. 10 and 11 of Dir. 60/2002
- A big number of samples have been tested by veterinarians of the NRL (active and passive surveillance in domestic pigs and mainly active surveillance in wild boars)

THANK YOU

