#### Situation report period covered – 13 May 2024– 02 June 2024

This report provides an update of the African swine fever (ASF) situation, according to the information submitted through the World Animal Health Information System of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WAHIS) between 13 May 2024 and 02 June 2024.

#### **Key messages and Recommendations**

- During the period covered by this report **one country** reported a new ASF event, while **six countries in Europe** and **one country in Asia** updated their ongoing events. No new outbreak was reported by countries/territories in the Americas, Africa, nor Oceania. **Eleven** new outbreaks were reported in domestic pigs and **132** in wild boar. The majority of outbreaks were reported in Europe and few in Asia.
- Since January 2022, **10** countries have reported ASF as a first occurrence in the country, while **11** countries have reported its spread to new zones.
- Bhutan notified an event outside the period covered by this report (event start date May 01). Bhutan notified the first occurrence of ASF in a zone (Bumthang administrative division) in wild boar. The reporting of ASF in wildlife in Bhutan is relevant from a biodiversity conservation point of view, as the endangered endemic suid (global population estimated in 250 adult individuals), the pigmy hog, is likely to be located in the region. This report is not included in the statistics below as it started outside the reporting period of this situation report.
- ASF continues to represent a global threat and WOAH highlights the importance of implementing strict biosecurity, an early reporting and response system, and maintaining a high level of disease awareness among all actors involved in the value chain.
- There are countries that have approved or are conducting field trials of the use of modified live vaccine candidates against ASF Genotype II. <u>WOAH stresses the importance of using only high-quality vaccines</u> with demonstrated effectiveness and safety, in accordance with standards in the Terrestrial Manual, including those that have been drafted for ASF vaccines.
- The use of non-compliant and poor-quality vaccines may not confer any protection against ASF and risks spreading vaccine viruses that could result in acute or chronic disease. These vaccine viruses could also recombine with field strains to generate novel strains that could evade detection and result in acute, chronic and persistent ASF infections.
- Any vaccination strategy for ASF should be undertaken as part of a well-designed vaccination programme that considers factors including the local epidemiology of ASF, the expected objectives and the adequacy and sustainability of the relevant technical, financial and human resources. The vaccination programme should also include post-vaccination surveillance and monitoring as well as an exit strategy for the cessation of vaccination, as per <a href="Chapter 4.18">Chapter 4.18</a>. of the Terrestrial Code.
- WOAH urges its Members to continue to promptly notify the occurrence of ASF and to share the
  relevant epidemiological information, including information on any newly detected recombinant
  strains and vaccination trials that can facilitate transparency and assist the global control of the
  disease.

### Recent updates (13/05/2024 - 02/06/2024)

To describe the current disease situation of ASF, this section covers: (a) a list of new events which started during the period (reported through INs); (b) information on events that started before the period but were still ongoing during the period (reported through FURs); (c) new events which started before the period but were reported through INs during the period and (d) the geographic distribution of new outbreaks that started during the period. This information is based on INs and FURs received by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The outbreaks are displayed on a map in Figure 1.

# New events by world region (reported through INs) (see Figure 1)

<u>Europe</u>

Ukraine reported a recurrence of the disease (events started on 20 May in Kiev administrative divisions) Asia, Africa, Americas, and Oceania

No new events reported

# On-going events for which there were new outbreaks, by world region (reported through FURs) (see Figure 1):

Asia

One country updated its ongoing event: Korea (Rep of)

<u>Europe</u>

Six countries updated their ongoing events: Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Romania.

Africa, Asia, Americas, and Oceania

No ongoing events updated

The number of outbreaks, cases and losses during the period covered by this report are displayed in table 1.

Table 1: Summary of the number of outbreaks, cases and animal losses caused by ASF in the different world regions during the reporting period.

	Outbreaks		Cases		Losses*
	Domestic pigs	Wild boar	Domestic pigs	Wild boar	Domestic pigs
Africa	0	0	0	0	0
Americas	0	0	0	0	0
Asia	1	0	59	0	1,577
Europe	10	132	133	145	210
Oceania	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	132	192	145	1,787

<sup>\*</sup>Losses (deaths + animals killed and disposed of): this figure refers to losses in the establishments affected by the outbreaks and it does not include the animals culled in areas around the outbreak for controlling the disease.

#### Recent updates outside reporting period

Events, reported through INs, which started before the reporting period, but reported during the reporting period of the previous situation report are listed here to capture any new events whose outbreaks would not be captured otherwise.

## New events by world region (reported through INs) which started <u>before</u> the reporting period <u>Asia</u>

Bhutan reported the first occurrence of ASF in a zone, in wild boar (event started on 01 May) in Bumthang administrative division.

Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania

No new events reported

### Self-declaration of freedom for ASF submitted during the reporting period

Seventeen self-declarations from 16 countries are currently active (Table 2)

Table 2: African swine fever self-declarations of freedom submitted to WOAH that are still active. The table shows the date since which the declaration has been active and whether it covers the whole country, a zone or a compartment. The table is sorted with the most recent self-declaration at the top.

Member	From	Country/zone/ compartment	
Portugal	18-04-24	Country	
Austria	26-03-24	Country	
Mexico	21-03-24	Country	
Spain	13-03-24	Country	
Azerbaijan	22-01-24	Country	
Ireland	09-11-23	Country	
Netherlands	14-02-23	Country	
United States of America	06-10-21	Country	
United States of America	06-10-21	Zone <sup>1</sup>	
Belgium	01-10-20	Country	
Canada	03-07-19	Country	
Kazakhstan	22-10-18	Country	
Cyprus	01-11-07	Country	
Finland	01-11-07	Country	
Luxembourg	01-11-07	Country	
Slovenia	01-11-07	Country	
United Kingdom	01-11-07	Country	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Self-declaration of the establishment of a Protection Zone for U.S. Territories in the Caribbean (Commonwealth of Puerto Rico1 [PR] and the U.S. Virgin Islands2 [USVI]).

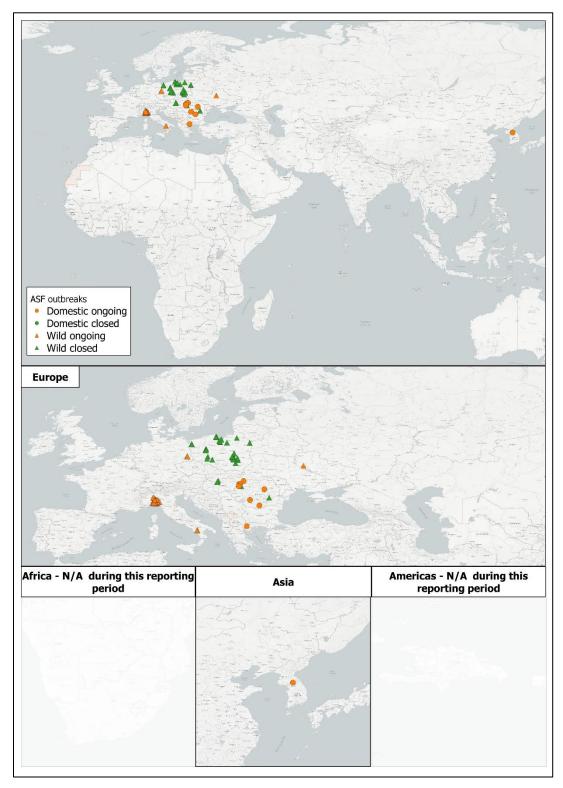


Figure 1: Map of ASF outbreaks which started during 13 May 2024 – 02 June 2024 in domestic animals and wildlife. Zoomed views of areas where updates occurred in the last period are provided as well.

#### Summary of the ASF situation by world region (2022-2024)

In total, since January 2022 ASF has been reported as present in five different world regions in 54 countries, affecting more than 505,000 pigs and more than 20,000 wild boars (data reported through INs and FURs), with more than 1,397,000 animal losses. Further details, split by world region, are included in Table 3.

Table 3: Summary of the number of outbreaks, cases and animal losses caused by ASF in the different world regions since January 2022 (data reported through INs and FURs – these figures cover only epizootic situations while additional information reported through SMR for enzootic situations are not included here because of submission delays).

	Outbreaks		Cases		Losses*
	Domestic pigs	Wild boar	Domestic pigs	Wild boar	Domestic pigs
Africa	171	0	24,882	0	32,661
Americas	53	0	355	0	4,940
Asia	1,818	103	65,105	511	354,764
Europe	4,595	13,141	415,020	19,714	1,004,768
Oceania	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,637	13,244	505,362	20,225	1,397,133

<sup>\*</sup>Losses (deaths + animals killed and disposed of): this figure refers to losses in the establishments affected by the outbreaks and it does not include the animals culled in areas around the outbreak for controlling the disease.

#### More information and WOAH resources

- <u>ASF webpage</u>
- Awareness communication tools
- WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code
- WOAH <u>Manual</u> of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals
- ASF Reference Laboratory <u>summary</u> of available PoC kits to guide field workers, practitioners and decision-makers in their use
- Addressing African swine fever: protocols and guidelines for laboratory diagnosis

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