

Situation report period covered – 19 February 2024– 10 March 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 19 February 2024 and 10 March 2024.

Key messages and Recommendations

- During the period covered by this report **two countries in Europe** reported new ASF events, while **seven countries in Europe** updated their ongoing events. No new events or updates on ongoing events have been provided by countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Oceania. **Four** new outbreaks were reported in domestic pigs and **196** in wild boar.
- It is also worth highlighting that **Albania** notified an important event outside the period covered by this report (event start date February 09). Albania notified the very **first occurrence of ASF in the country** (This report is not considered in the statistics below as it started outside the reporting period of this situation report).
- Since January 2022, **eight** countries have reported ASF as a first occurrence in the country, while **nine** countries have reported its spread to new zones. This shows that the disease continues to spread to new countries and new zones in countries already affected.
- During the period covered by this report, two countries reported the recurrence of ASF: Moldova, and Ukraine.
- ASF continues to represent a global threat and WOAHA 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. As with all vaccines, [WOAHA stresses the importance of using only high-quality vaccines](#) with demonstrated effectiveness and safety, in accordance with standards in the Terrestrial Manual.
- 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 [Chapter 4.18](#) of the Terrestrial Code.

- WOAHA 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 (19/02/2024 – 10/03/2024)

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)

Europe

Moldova reported a recurrence of the disease (event started on 05 February)

Ukraine reported one recurrence of the disease (events started on 01 March in Dnipropetrovs'k administrative division)

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):

Europe

Seven countries updated their ongoing events: Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, and Ukraine.

Africa, Asia, Americas, and Oceania

No ongoing events updated

The number of outbreaks, cases and losses during the reporting period 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	0	0	0	0	0
Europe	4	196	408	305	408
Oceania	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	196	408	305	408

*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 before the reporting period

Europe

Albania reported the first occurrence of the disease in the country (Kukës area, event started on 09 February).

Africa, Americas, Asia, and Oceania

No new events reported

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

Two new self-declaration has been published by [Netherlands](#) and [Azerbaijan](#).

Twenty-two self-declarations from 21 countries are currently active (Table 2)

Table 2: African swine fever self-declarations of freedom submitted to WOAAH 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
Azerbaijan	22-01-24	Country
Netherlands	14-02-23	Country
Ireland	09-11-23	Country
United States of America	06-10-21	Country
United States of America	06-10-21	Zone
Belgium	01-10-20	Country
Canada	03-07-19	Country
Kazakhstan	22-10-18	Country
United Kingdom	01-11-07	Country
Mexico	19-07-18	Country
Mauritius	23-04-12	Country
Azerbaijan	02-06-11	Country
Austria	01-11-07	Country
Cyprus	01-11-07	Country
Denmark	01-11-07	Country
Finland	01-11-07	Country
France	01-11-07	Country
Italy	01-11-07	Zone
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Slovenia	01-11-07	Country
Spain	01-11-07	Country
United Kingdom	01-11-07	Country

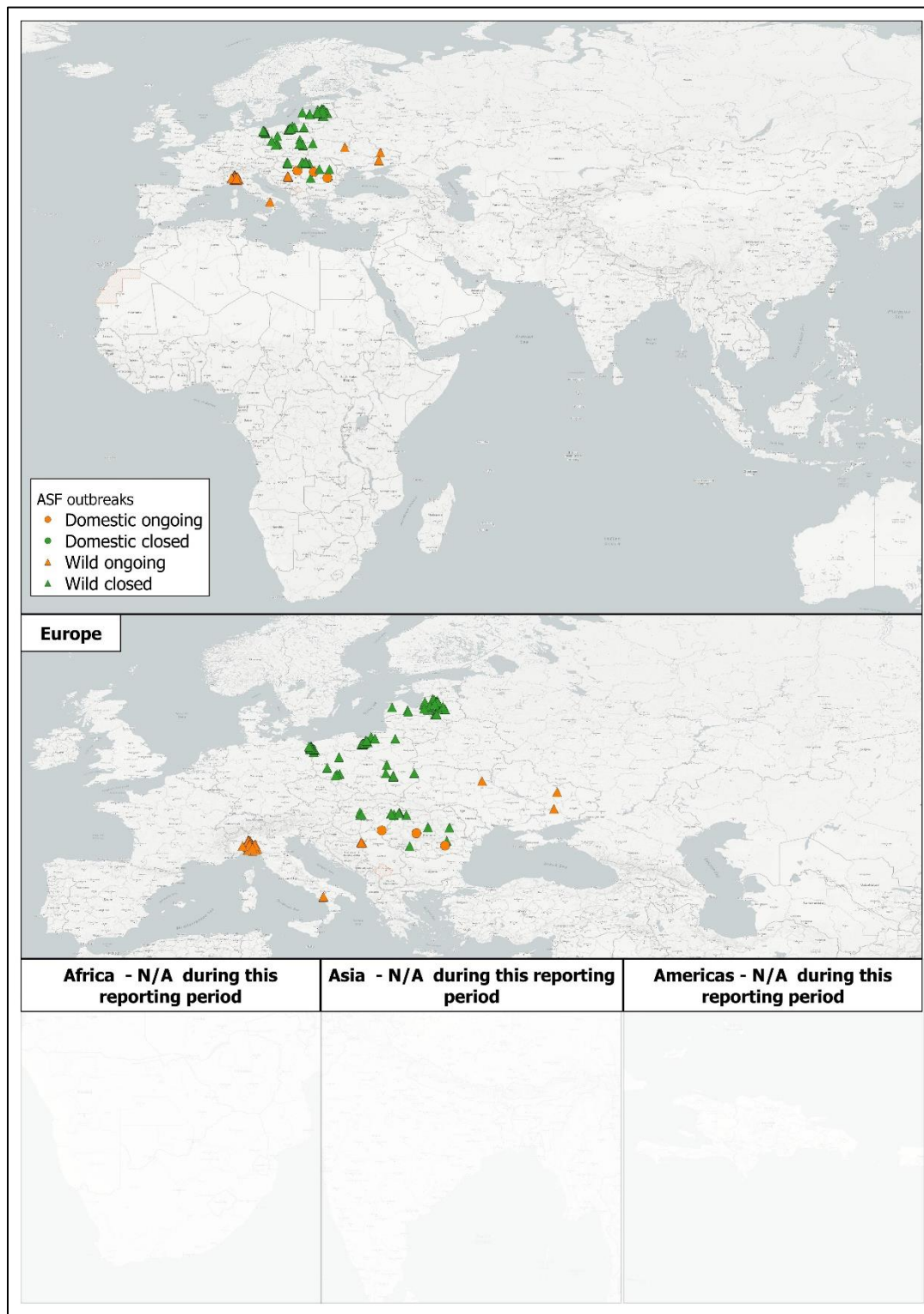


Figure 1: Map of ASF outbreaks which started during 19 February 2024 – 10 March 2024 in domestic animals and wildlife. Zoomed views of areas where updates occurred in the last period are provided as well.

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 52 countries, affecting more than 489,000 pigs and more than 18,100 wild boars (data reported through INs and FURs), with more than 1,384,000 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	153	0	24,113	0	25,531
Americas	53	0	355	0	4,940
Asia	1,816 ¹	102	65,039	500	353,180
Europe	4,525	11,813	399,915	17,623	1,001,067
Oceania	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,547	11,915	489,422	18,123	1,384,718

*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 WOAAH resources

- [ASF webpage](#)
- [Awareness communication tools](#)
- WOAAH *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*
- WOAAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*
- ASF Reference Laboratory [summary](#) of available PoC kits to guide field workers, practitioners and decision-makers in their use

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¹ About 1,000 updated outbreaks reported by the Philippines with the last follow-up report in February.