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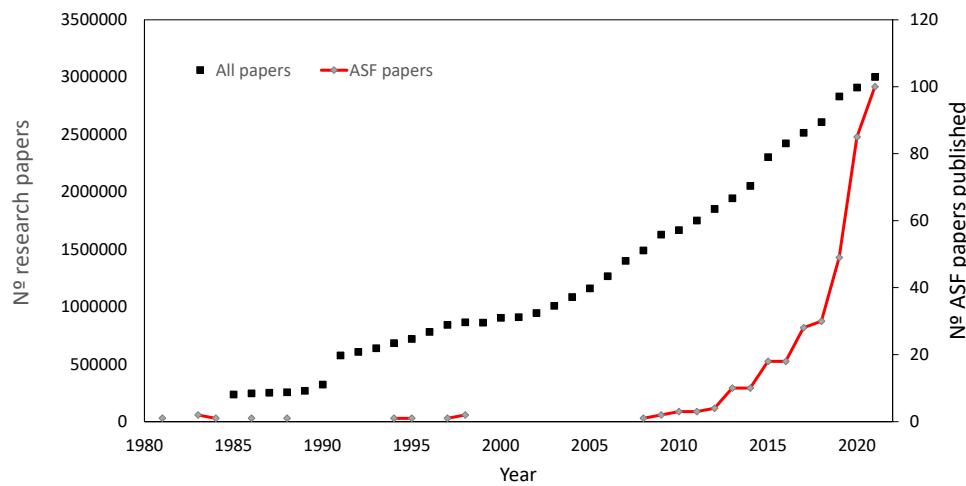
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Wild boar & ASF



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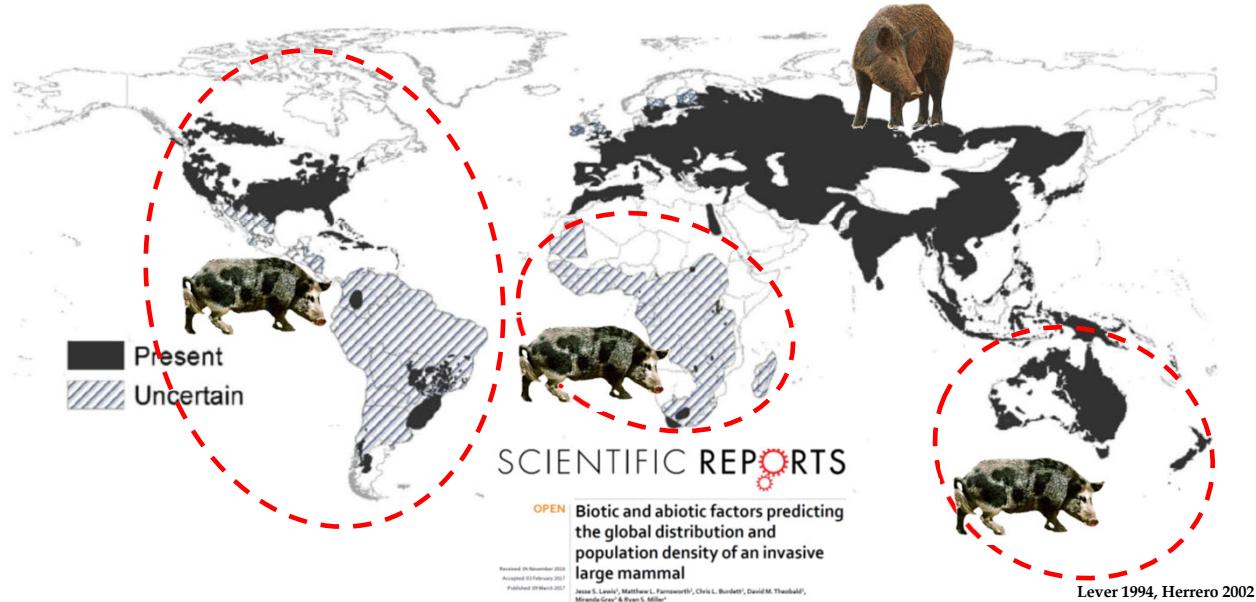
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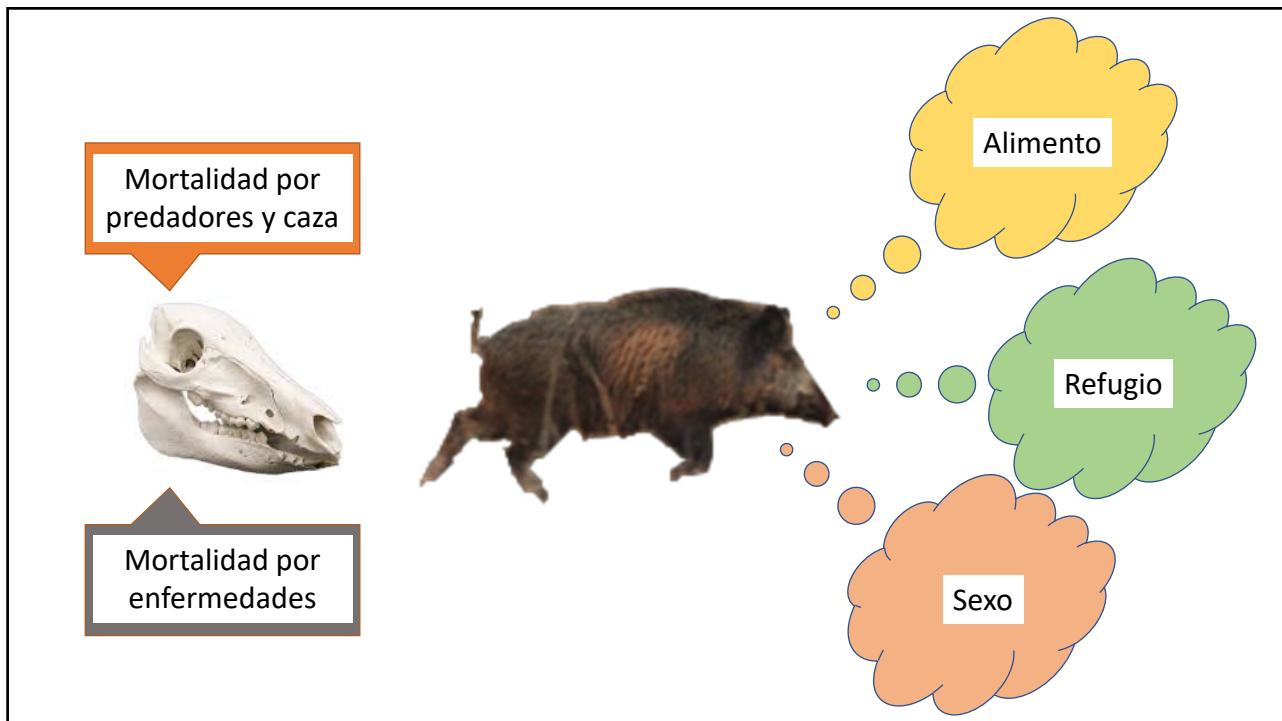
Wild boar & feral pigs, a global concern



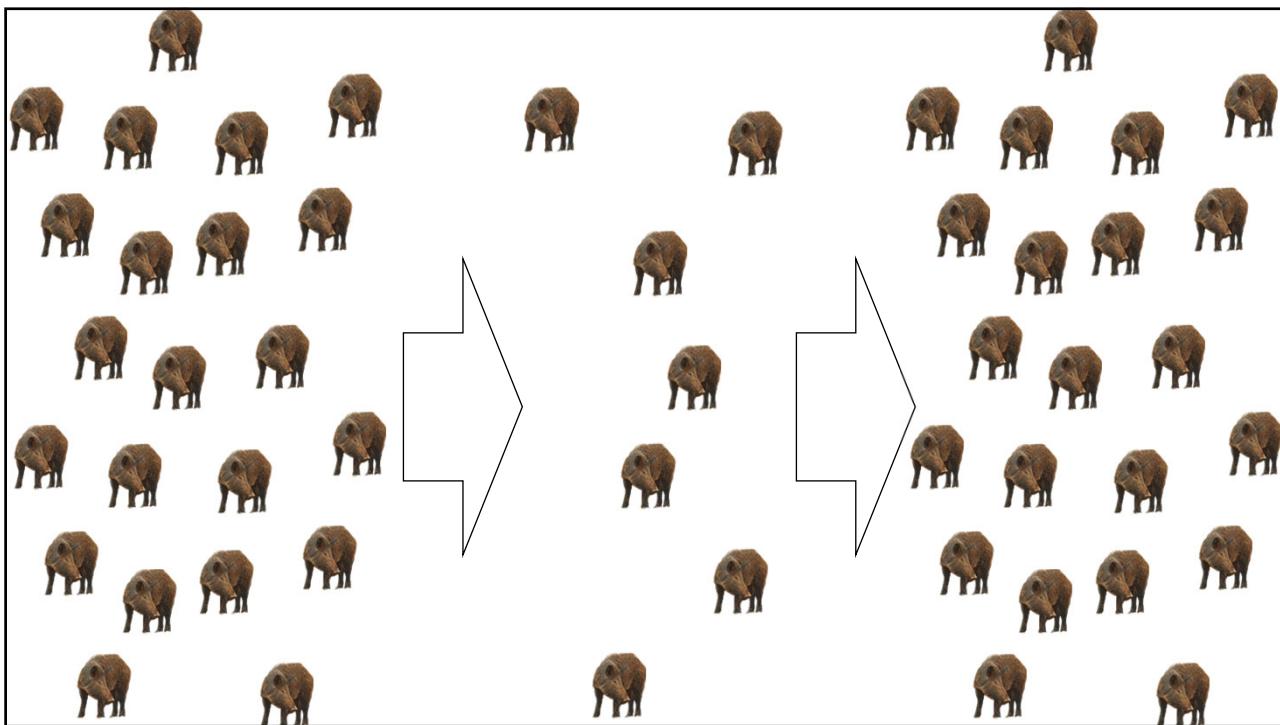
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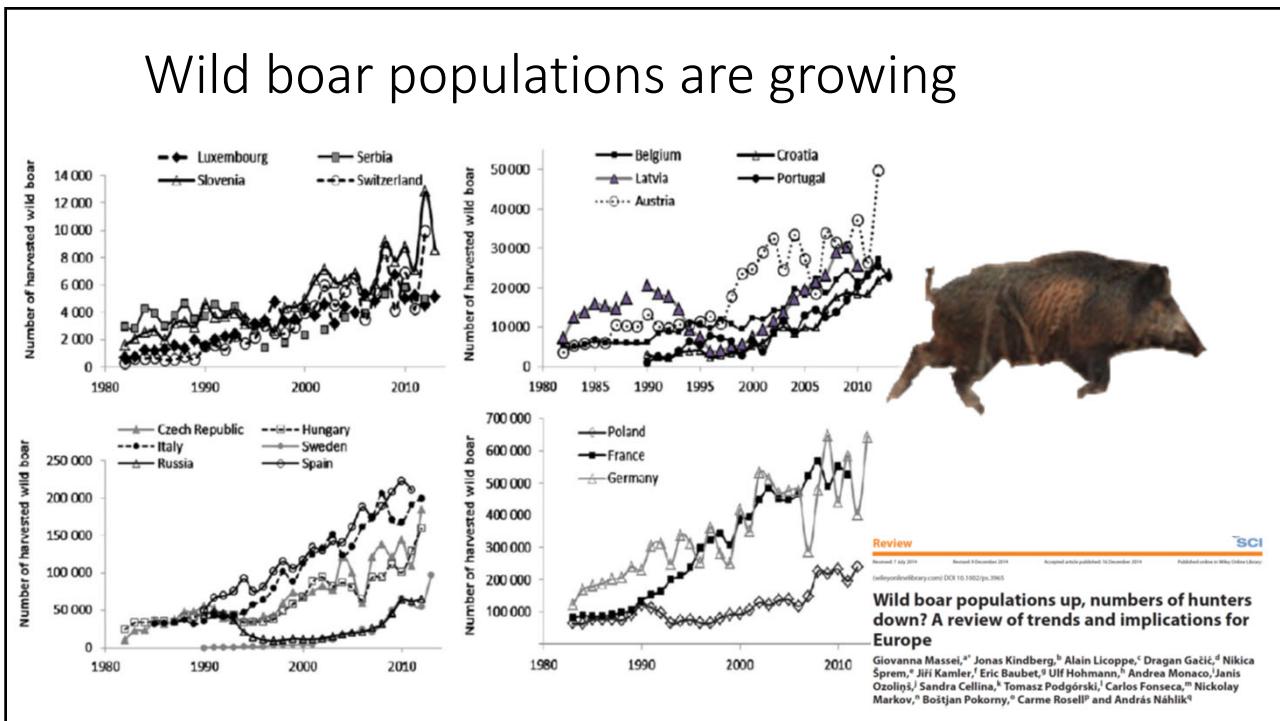
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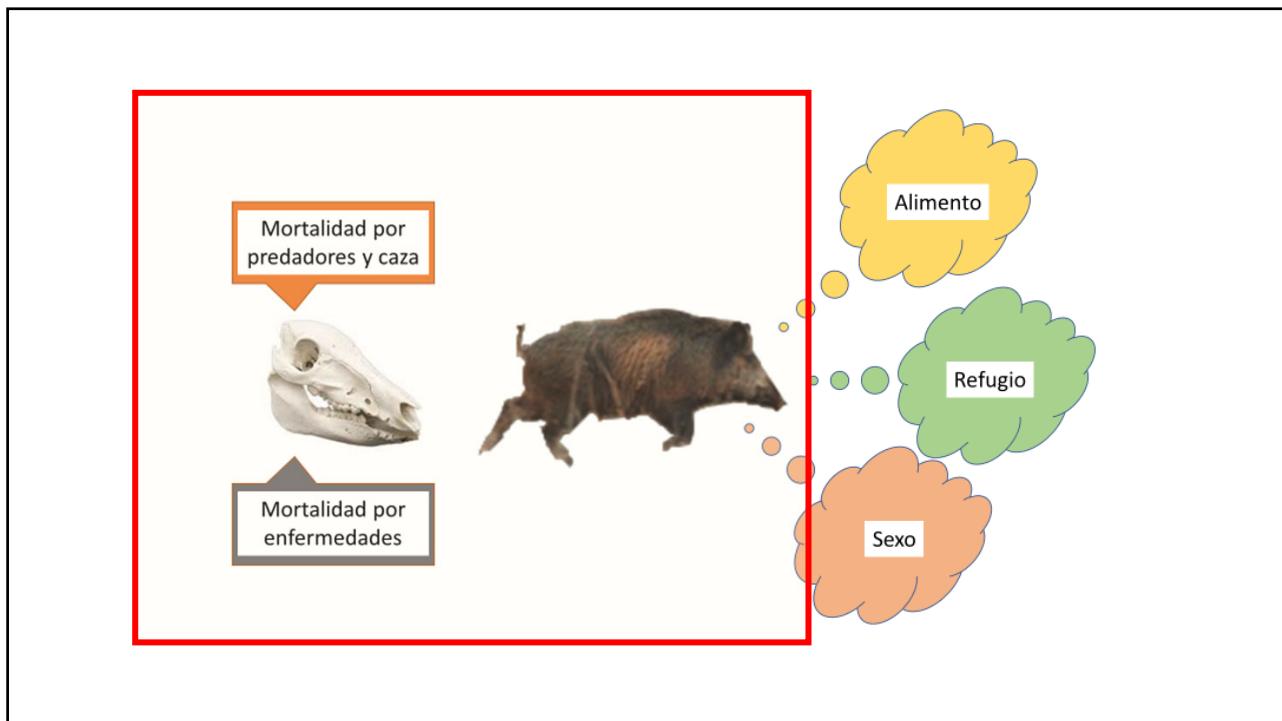
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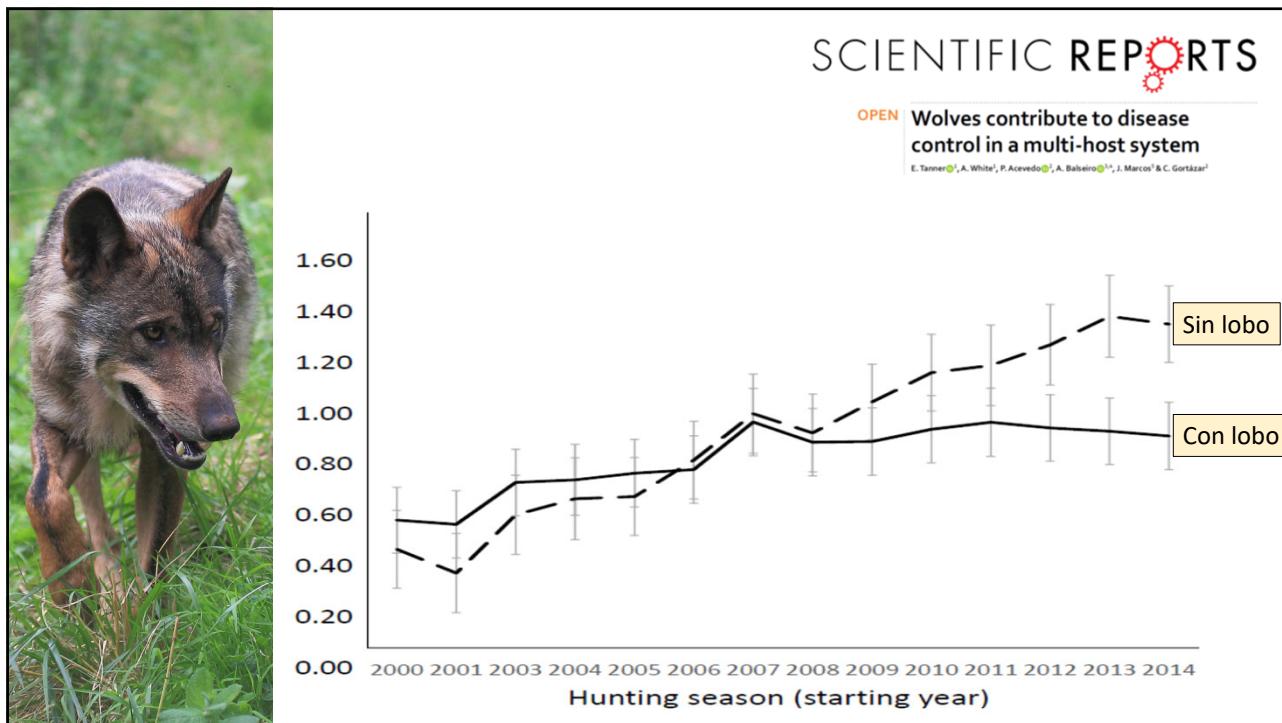
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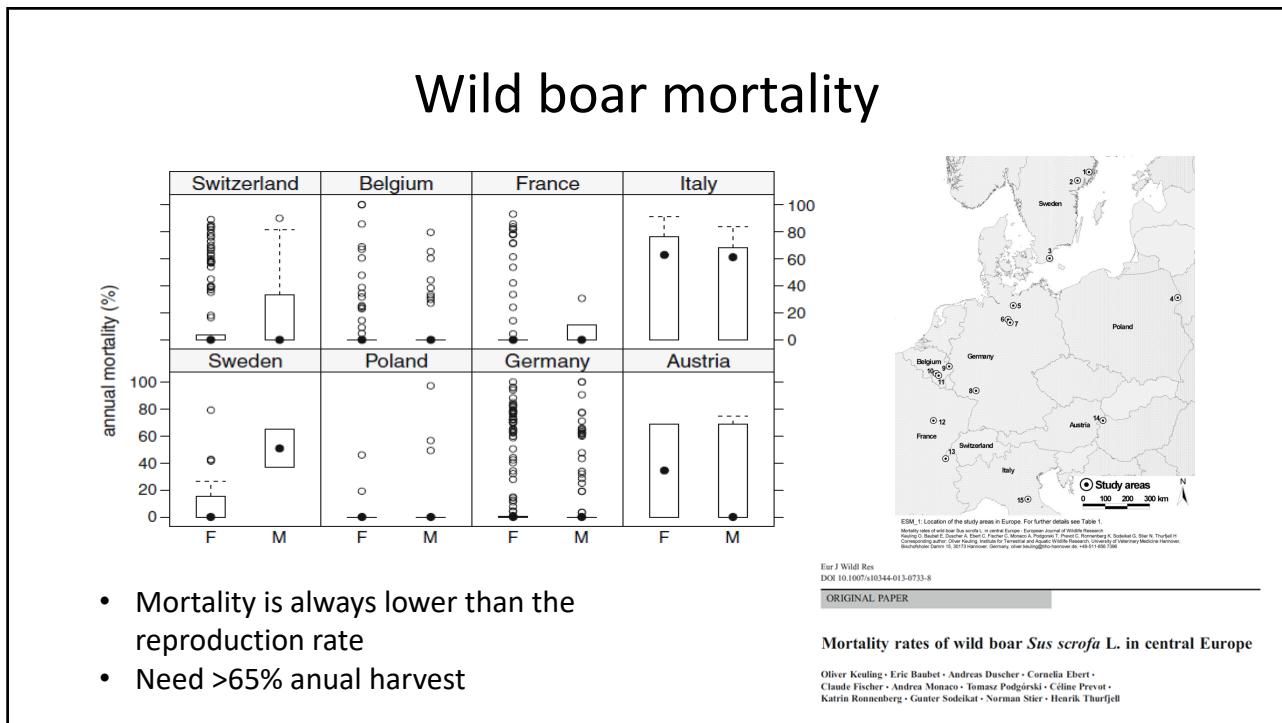
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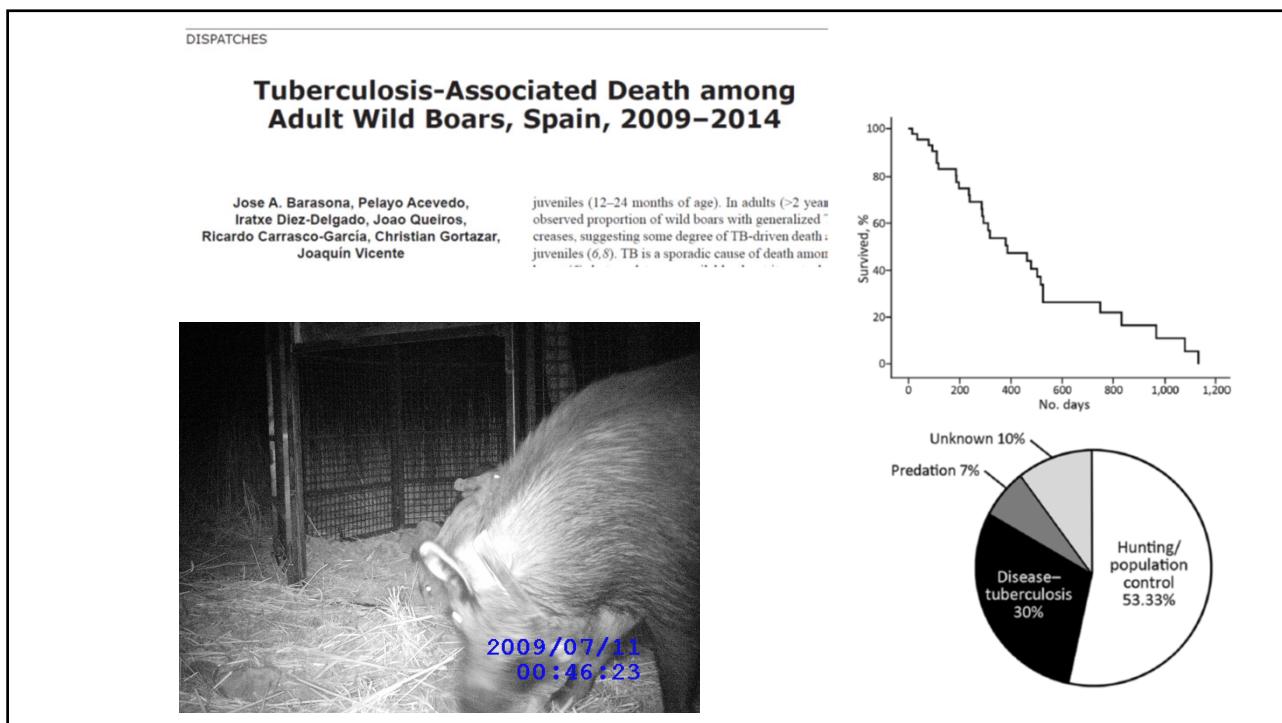
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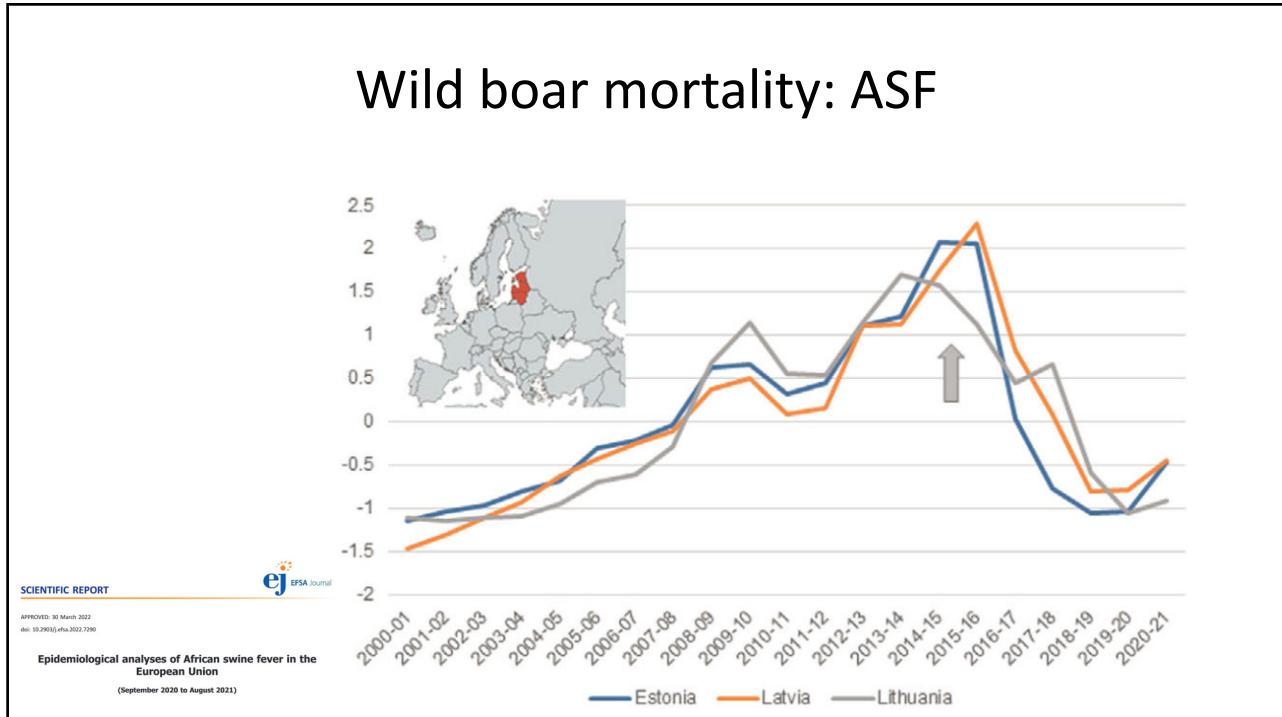
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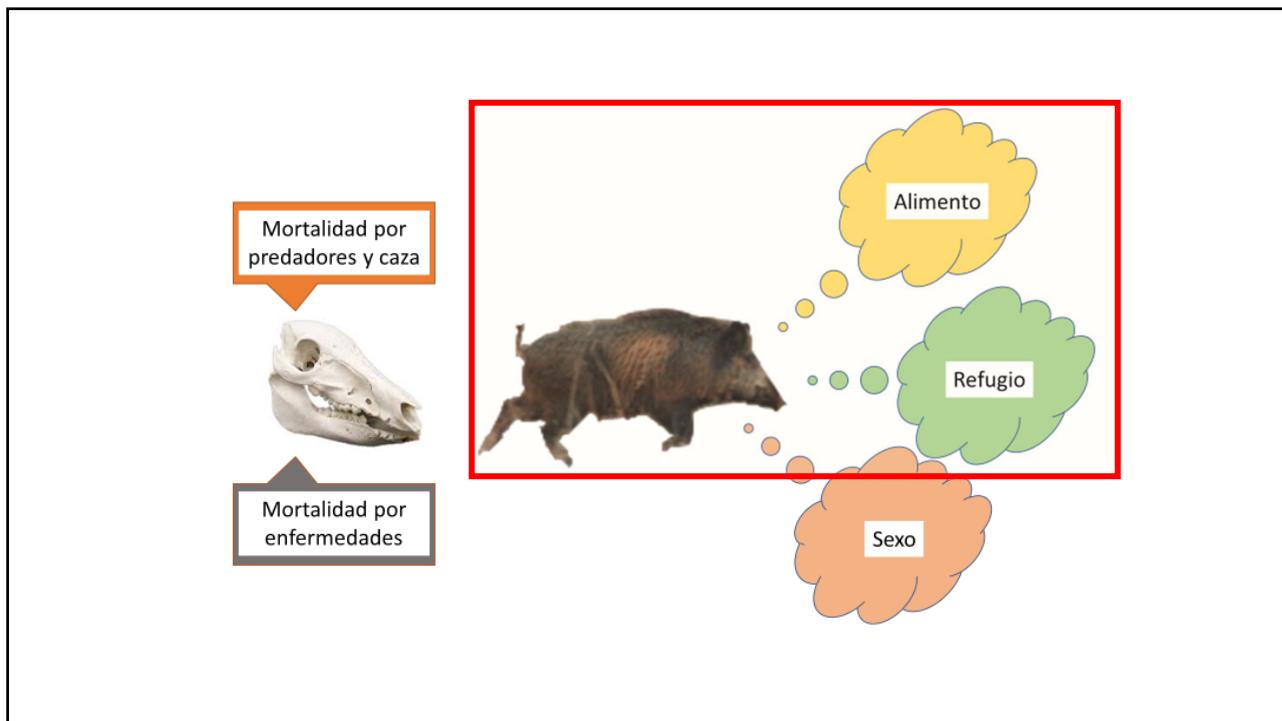
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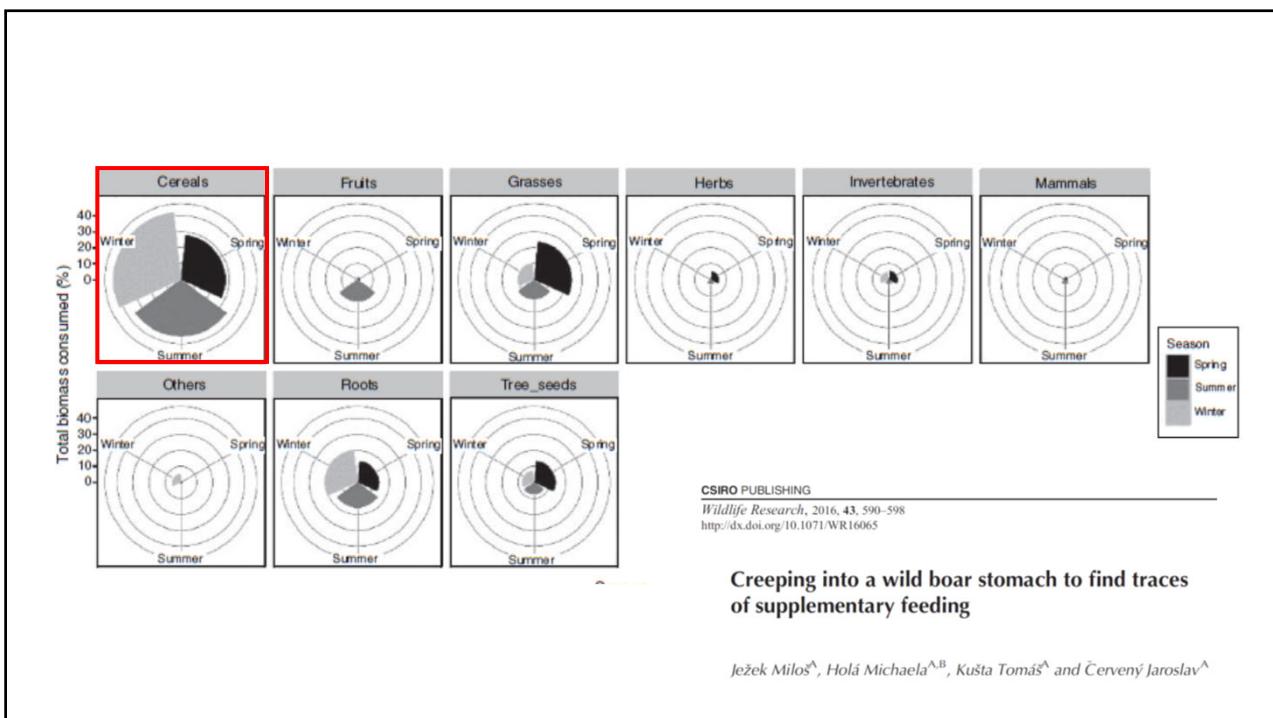
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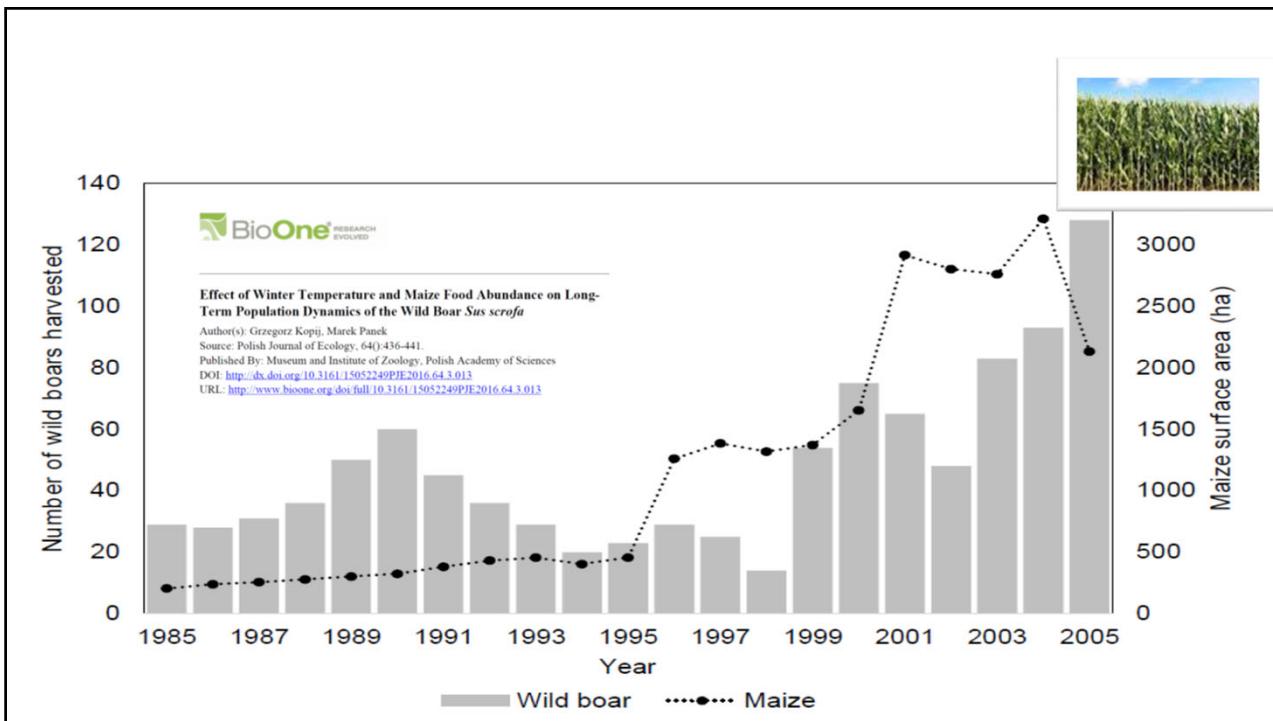
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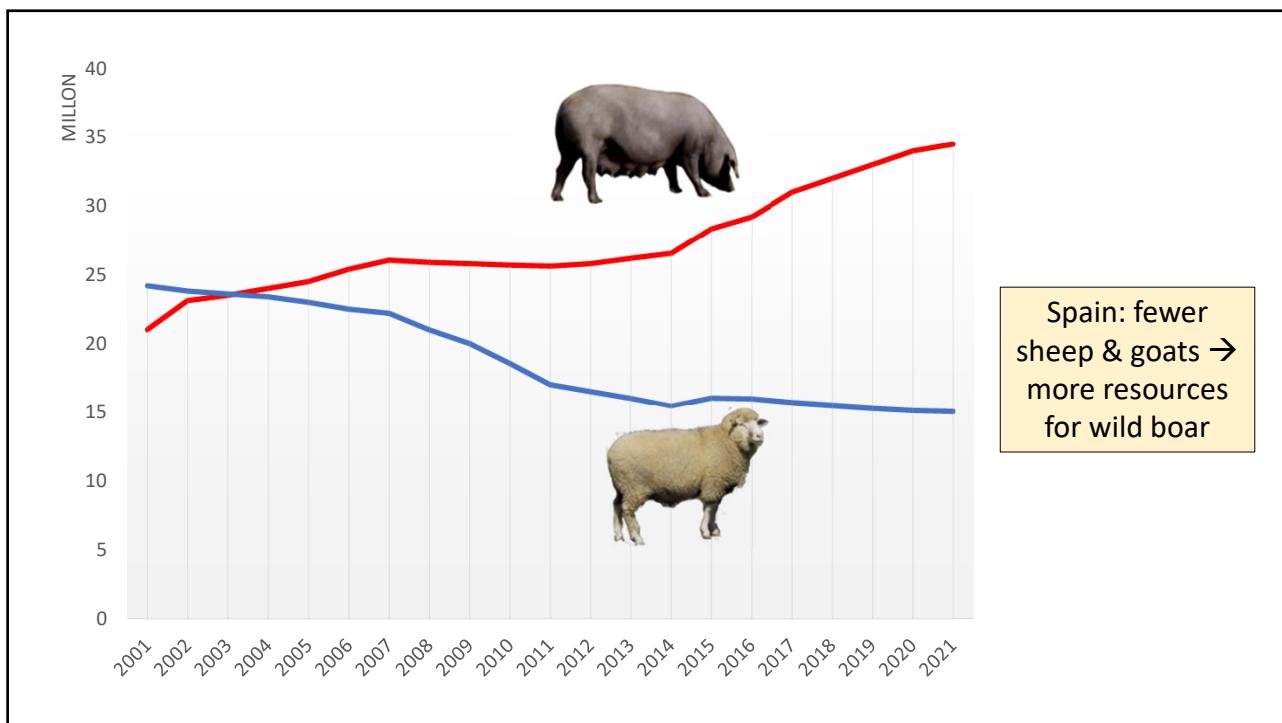
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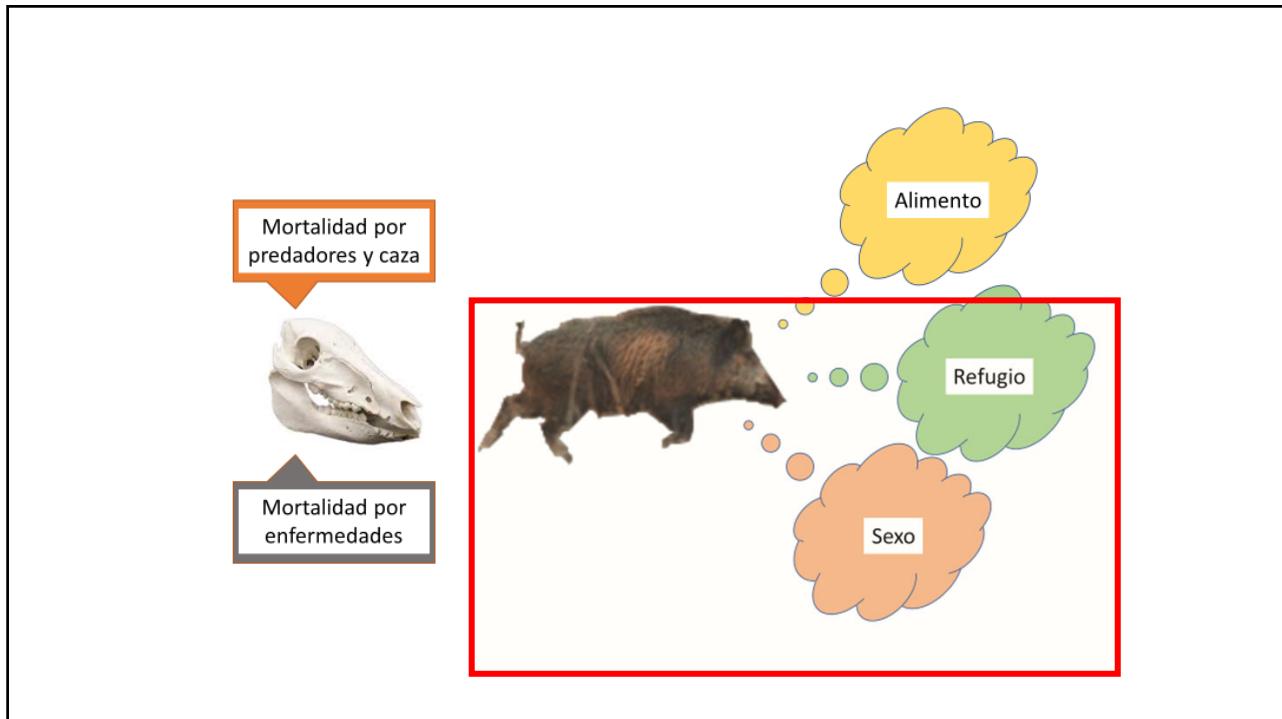
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Reproduction

- Matriarchial social groups, joined by males in mating season
- Sows can get pregnant as early as 7 months old
- Average litter size 4.4 piglets/female
- “r strategist” with potentially rapid population growth rates
- Reproduction is slightly seasonal (parturition peak in February)



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The social wild boar

- Inter-group contacts and aggressive behaviour can occur...
- At feeding sites
- At waterholes
- During the mating season



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Wild boar spatial behavior

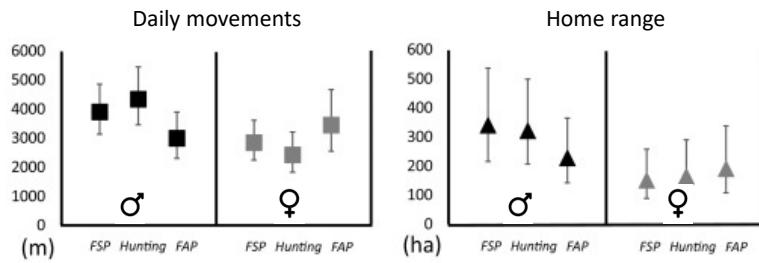


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Differences in wild boar spatial behaviour among land uses and management scenarios in Mediterranean ecosystems

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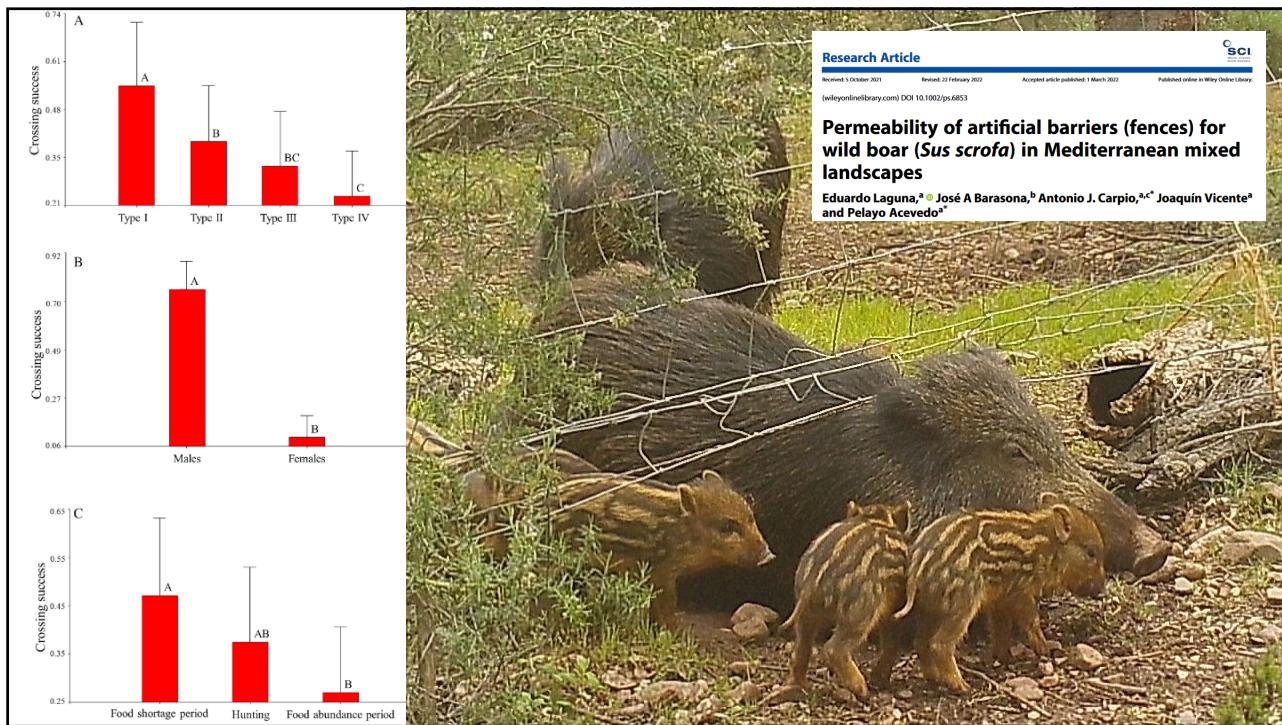


- Daily movements: 257-12,900 m (mean \approx 4,000 m)
- Home range: 32-5,139 ha (mean \approx 400 ha)

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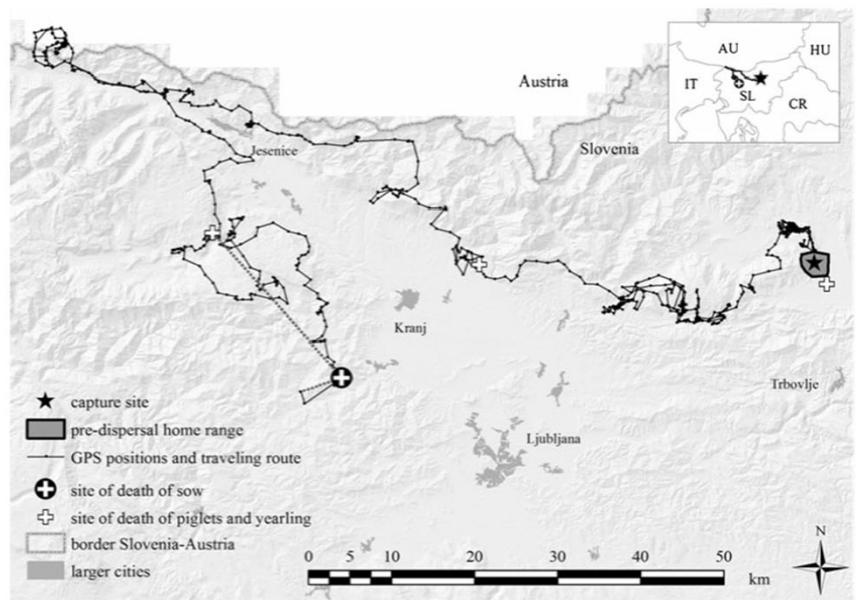
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Dispersal and long-distance movements

Fig. 2 Travelling route of the wild boar sow, its eight piglets and a yearling after they left their home range. The sow's 2-month dispersal ended with a culling 60 km from capture site. In between, it maximally moved 100 km away from its pre-dispersal home range

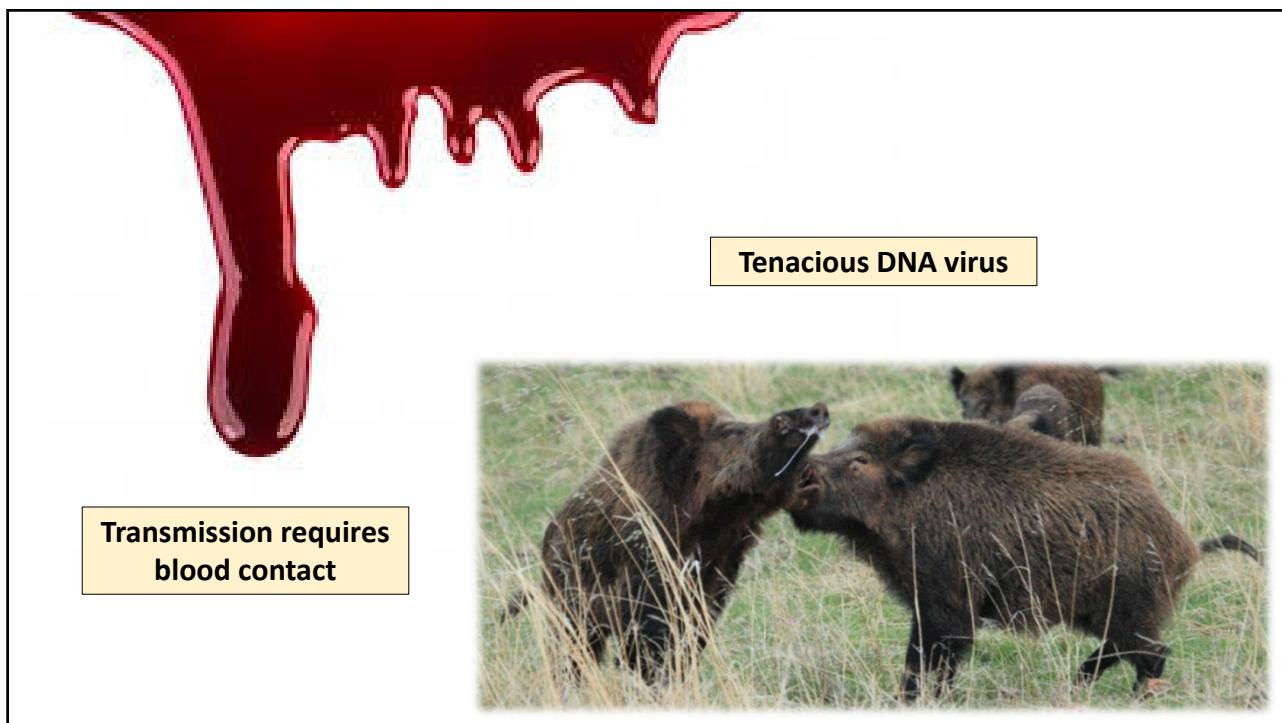


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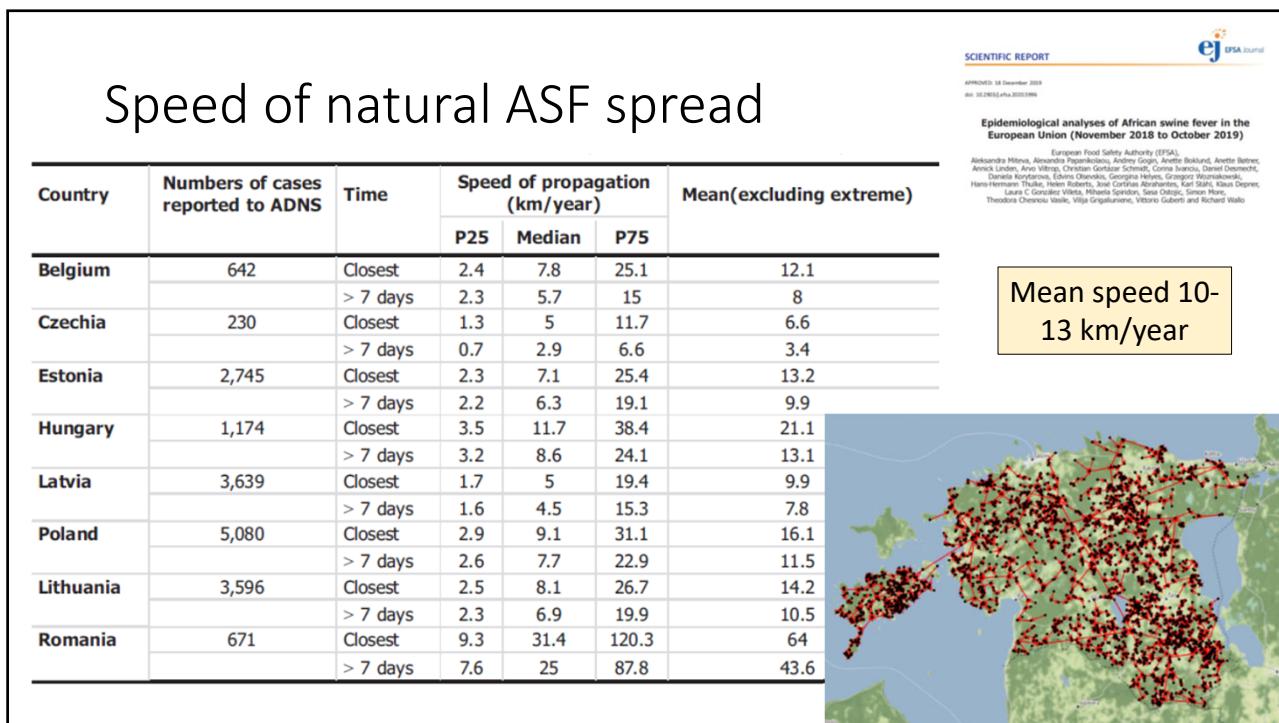


Wild boar play a key role in the spread of ASF, yet despite their significance, little is known about the key mechanisms that drive infection transmission and disease persistence

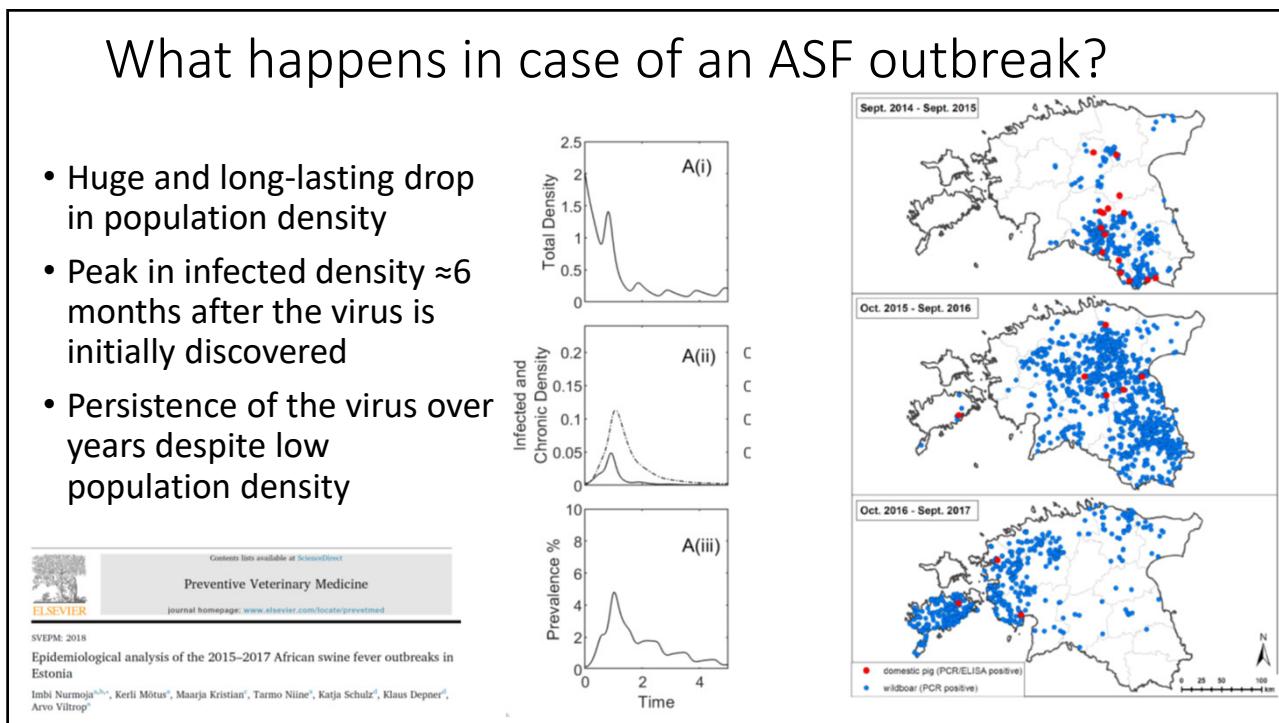
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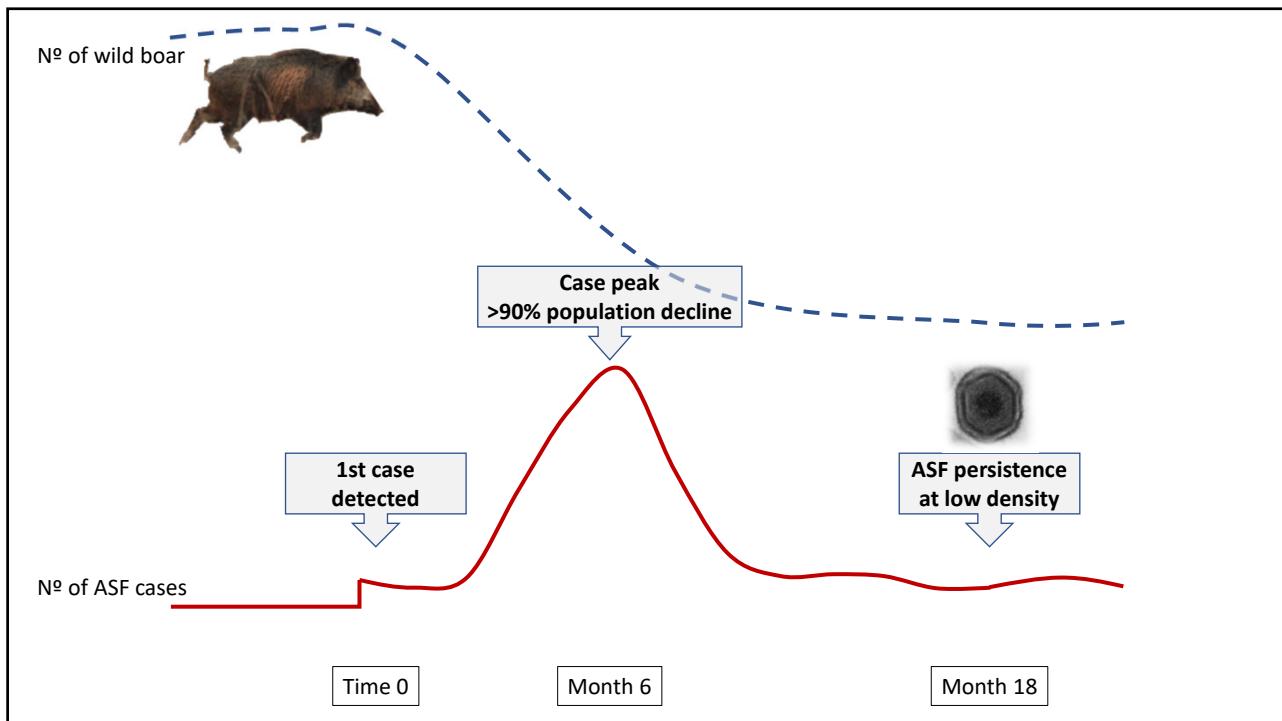
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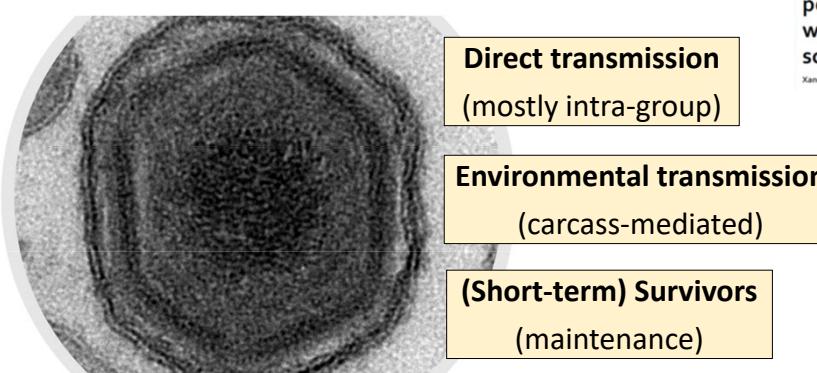
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Insights from modelling

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- All 3 mechanisms are essential to capture the initial population crash and long-term persistence of ASF at low density.
- The long-term persistence of ASF makes the virus difficult to eradicate and increases the opportunity of infectious spread to neighboring populations.

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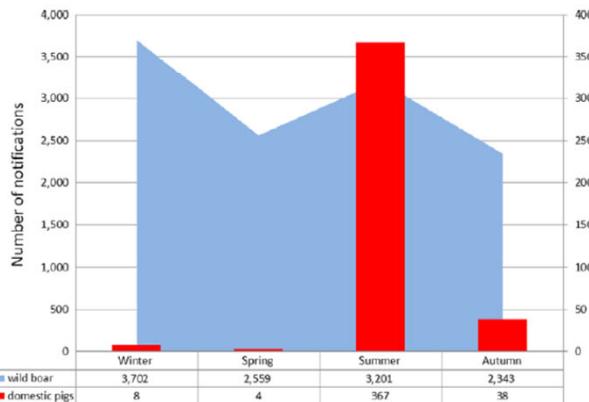


RAPID COMMUNICATION

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Infection of pigs with African swine fever virus via ingestion of stable flies (*Stomoxys calcitrans*)Ann Sofie Olesen¹ | Louise Lohse² | Mette Frimodt Hansen² | Anette Boklund² |Torbjørg Halvorsen² | Graham J. Belsham² | Thomas Bruce Rasmussen¹ | Anette Bøtner¹ |René Redeker²

Is ASF seasonality vector-mediated?



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SHORT COMMUNICATION

The contribution of insects to African swine fever virus dispersal: data from domestic pig farms in Lithuania

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M. MASILIS^{2,3} and V. JONUŠAITIS²*Stomoxys**Musca**Culex*

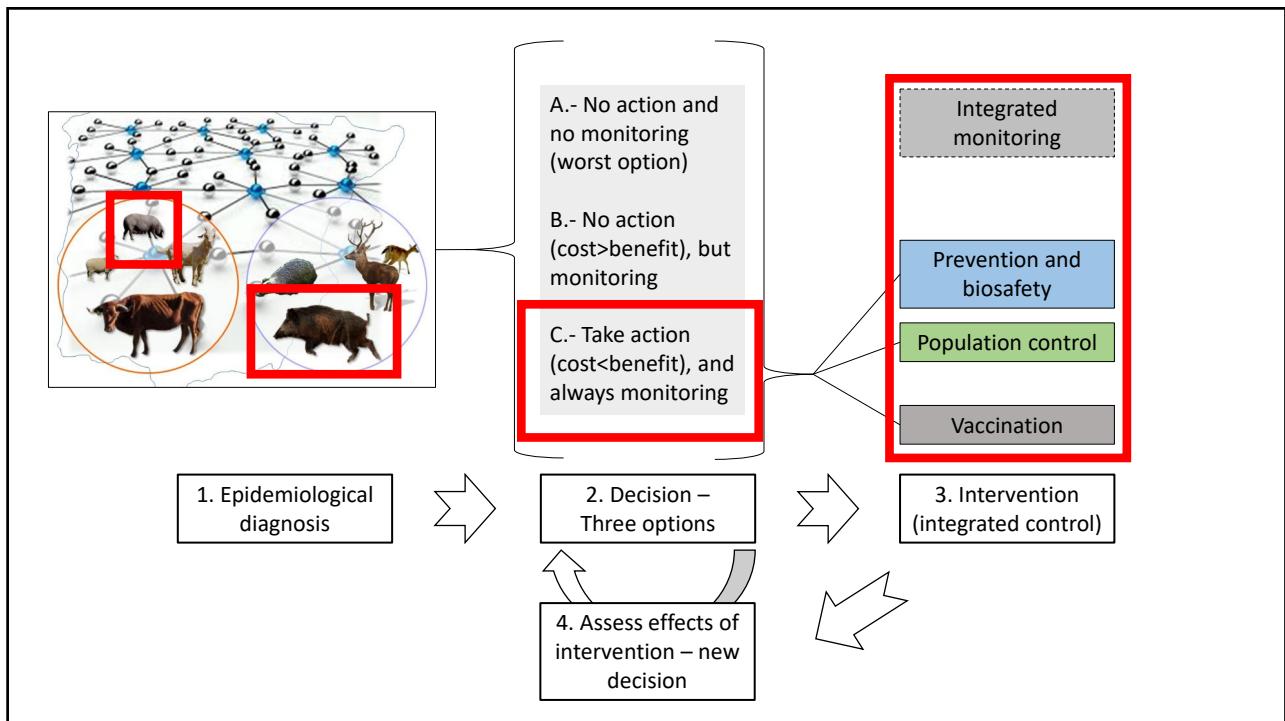
Table 2. Number of target Diptera insect specimens collected using Nzi traps in Lithuania in 2018 and 2019.

Insect family and genus	Poškaičiai*	Papečiai†	Skuolai†	Poškaičiai*	Sirvydai*	No of tested insects‡	Ažuolų Büda†,§	Total trapped
	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	
Tabanidae								
<i>Haematopota</i>	71	4	16	4	25	10	1	121
<i>Hybomitra</i>	52	63	5	5	699	5	0	824
<i>Chrysops</i>	1	2	3	1	5	2	0	12
Muscidae								
<i>Stomoxys</i>	48 (8)	47	9	59	124	94	367 (1)	654
Other	34 (1)	75	0	19	1	13	0	129
Culicidae	2 (1)	11	2	11	23	20	8	57
Calliphoridae	44	20	5	76 (1)	64	41	29	238
Total					185			2035

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ASF vaccines

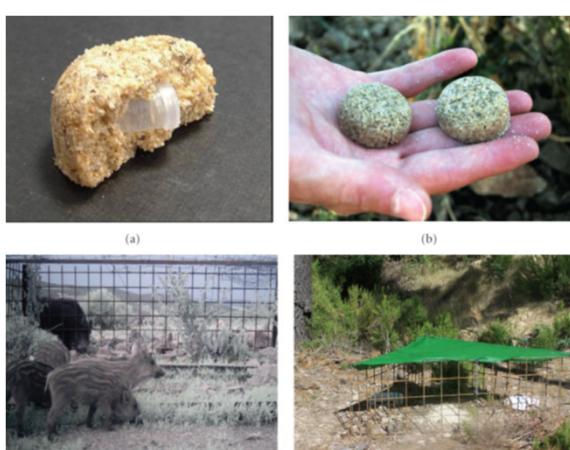
- Inactivated → safe but ineffective
- Vector and subunit → safe but low level of protection
- Live attenuated → dangerous
- Recombinant live attenuated → maybe
- (other)



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ASF vaccines

- Baits needed → IREC bait achieved uptake rates >70%



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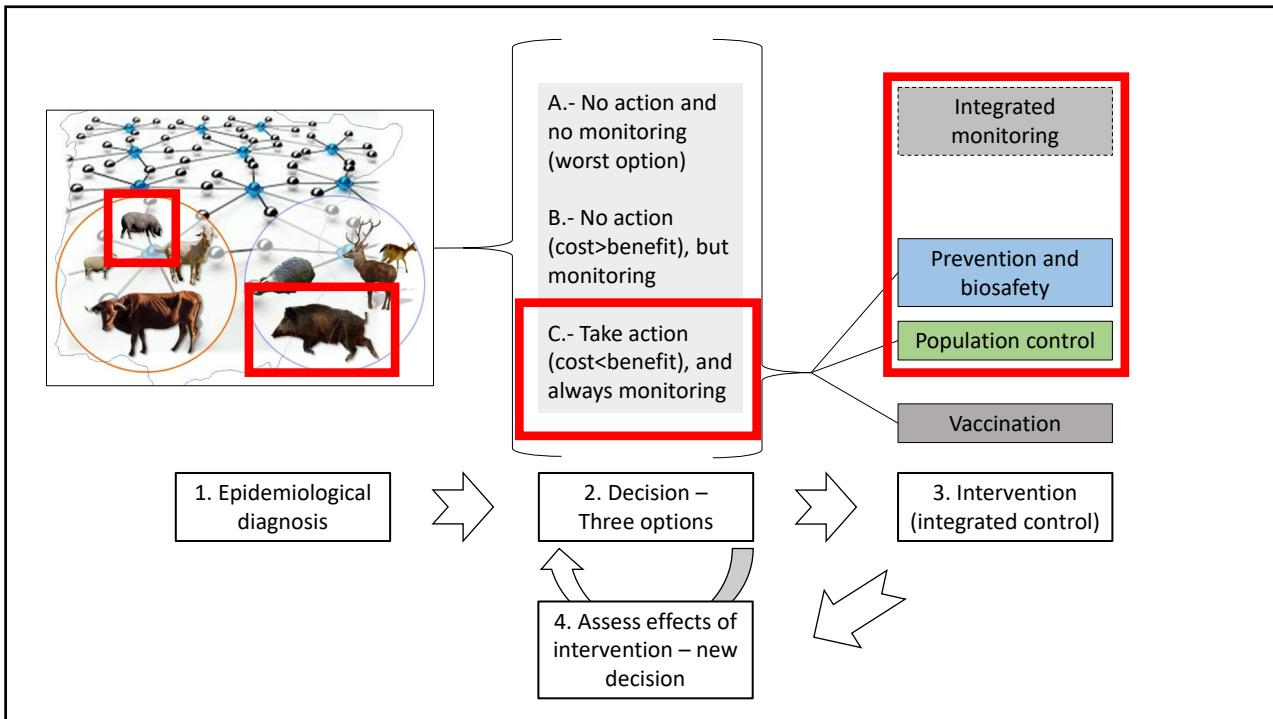
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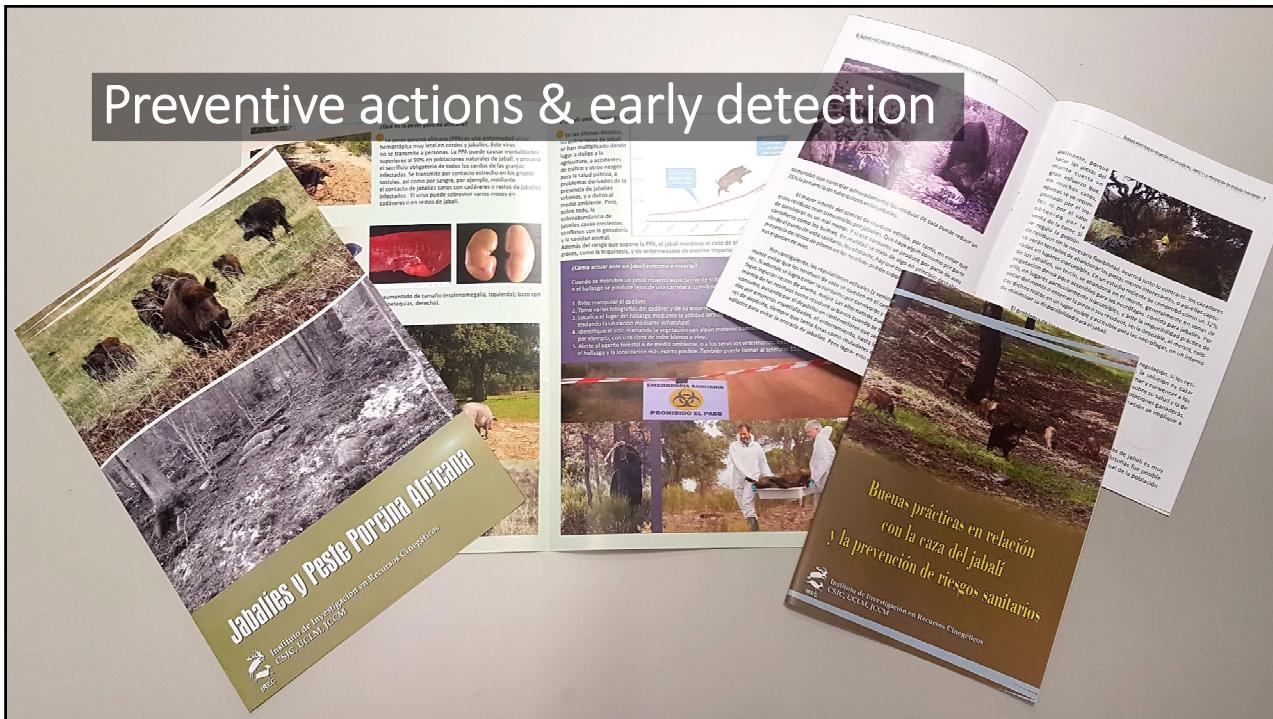
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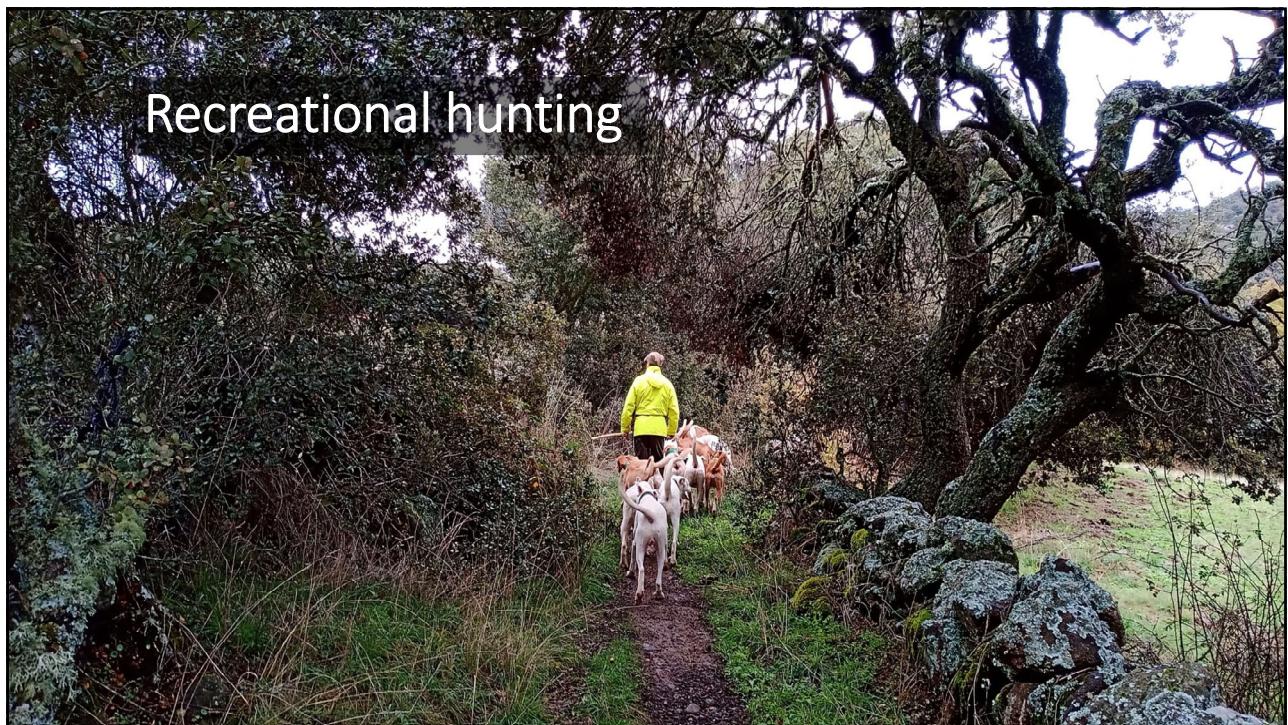
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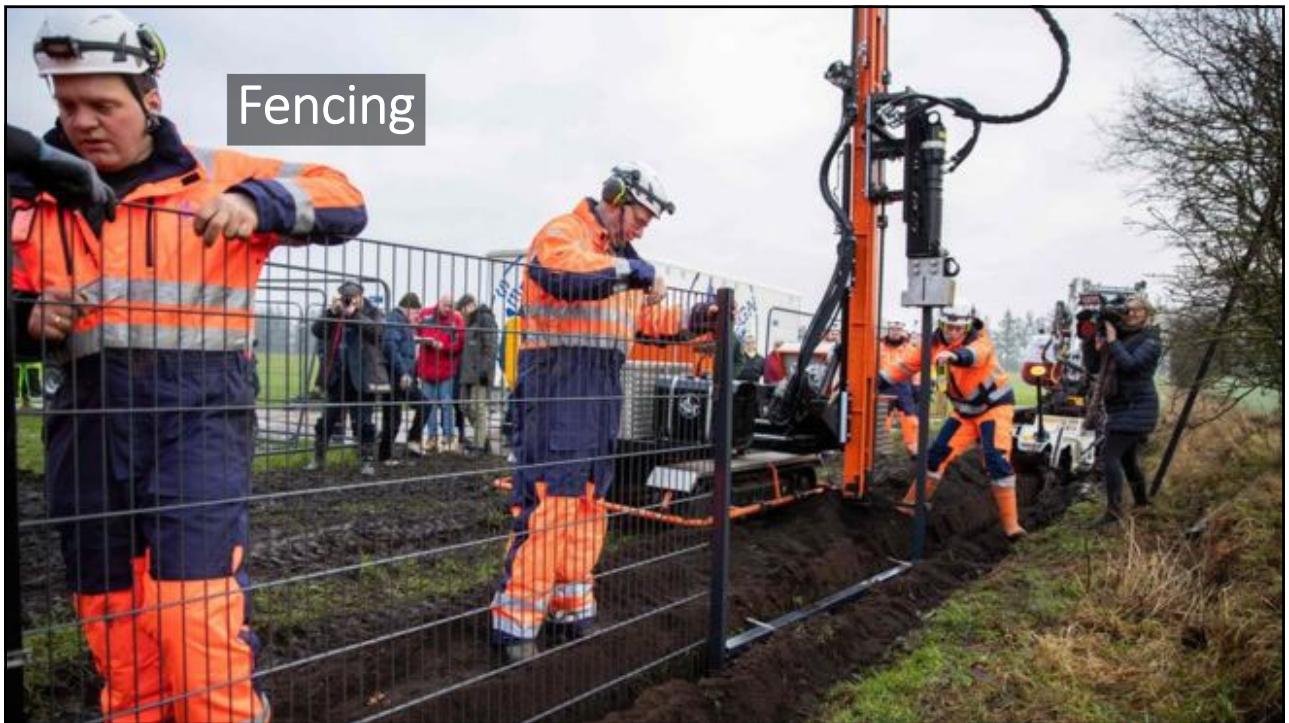
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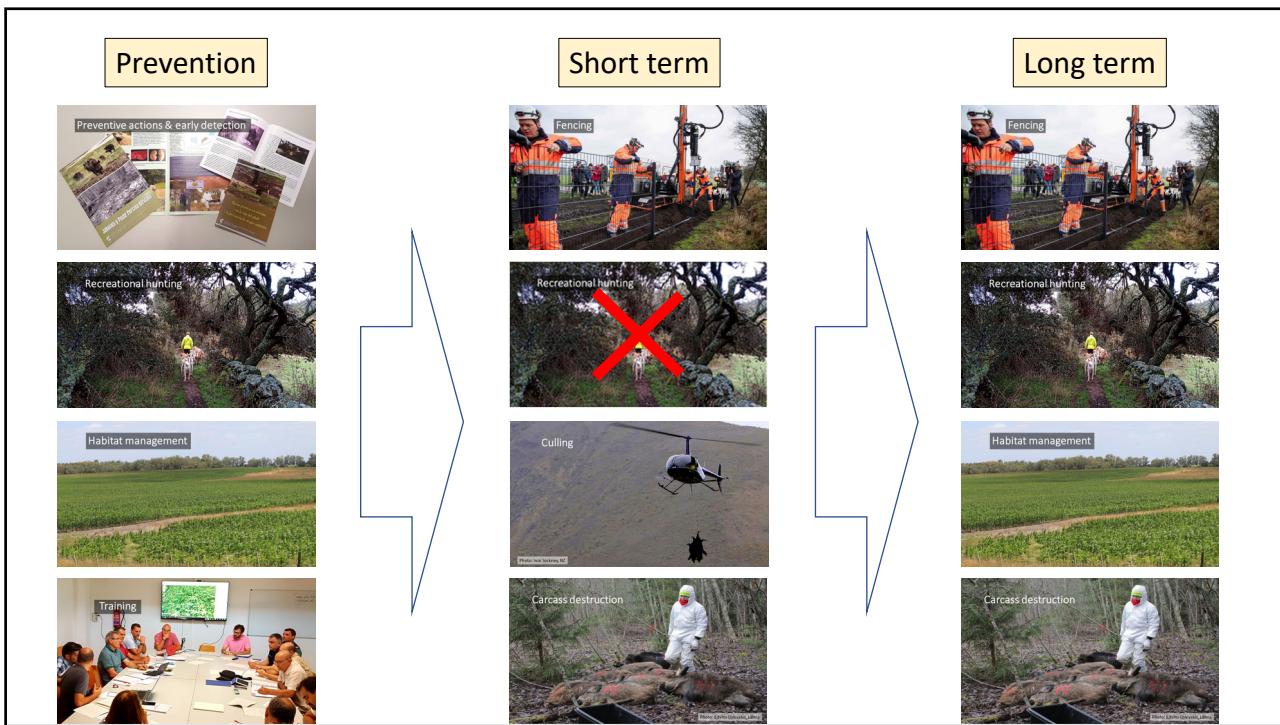
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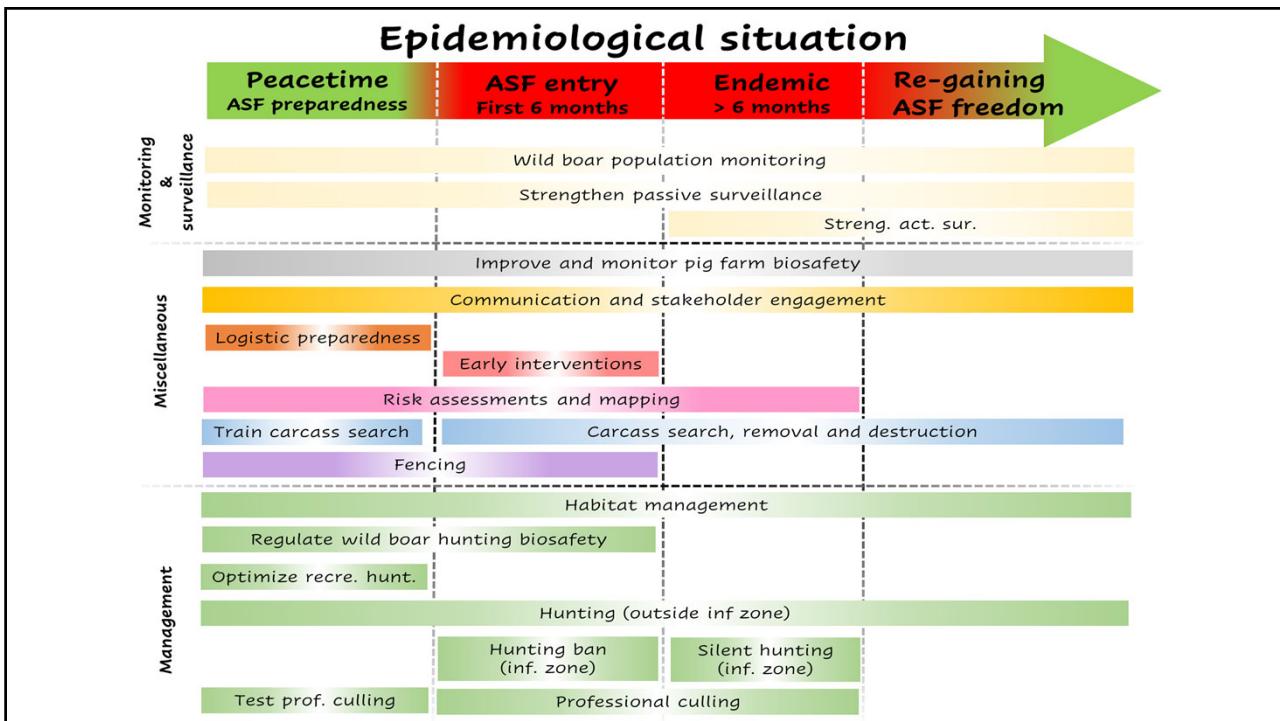
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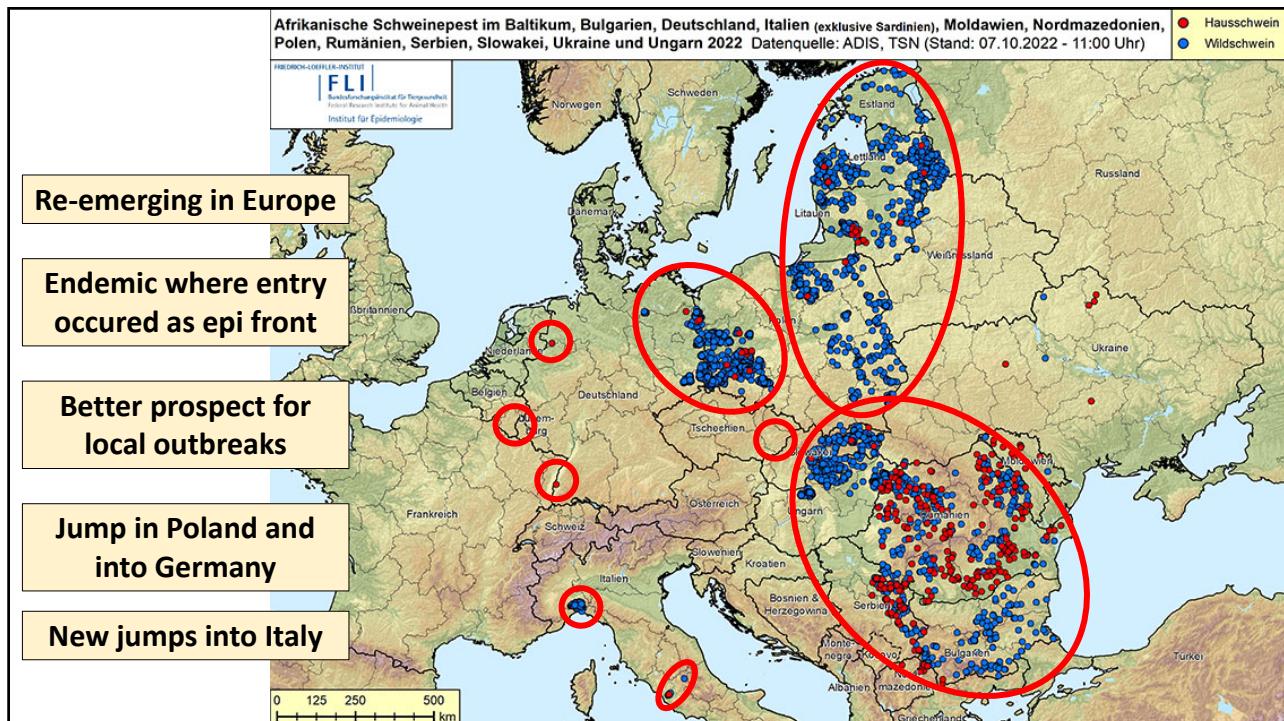
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Endemic zones

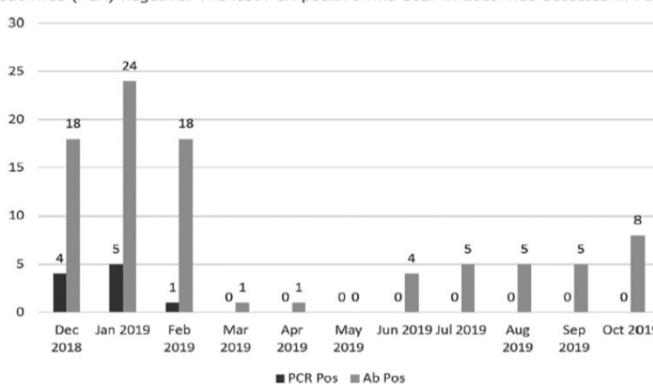
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Wild boar maintain ASF even at low density

African Swine Fever scientific report



The epidemic of ASF in Estonia has been in a descending phase since the beginning of 2018. The last outbreaks in domestic pig herds occurred in summer 2017 and the number of cases detected among wild boar has been gradually decreasing. Most cases detected in wild boar have been antibody positive but virus (PCR) negative. The last PCR-positive wild boar in 2019 was detected in February.



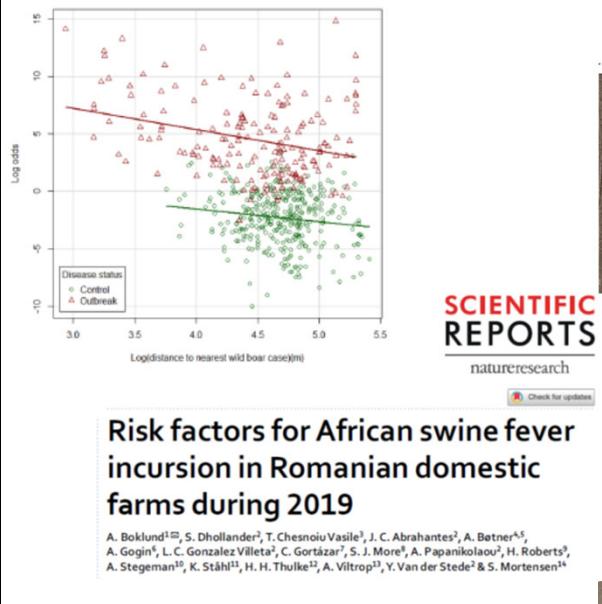
Persistence at very
low WB density

Fading out?

Figure 6: Numbers of ASF virus (PCR)-positive and antibody (Ab)-positive wild boar detected in Estonia in the period 1 December 2018 to 31 October 2019

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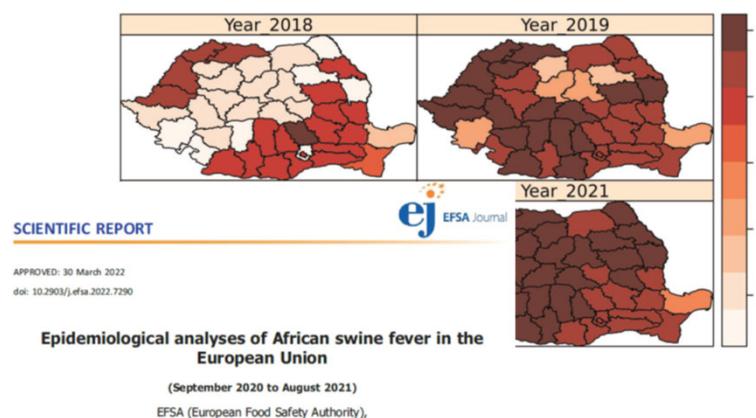
Focus on pig farm biosecurity



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Keep wild boar populations hunted?

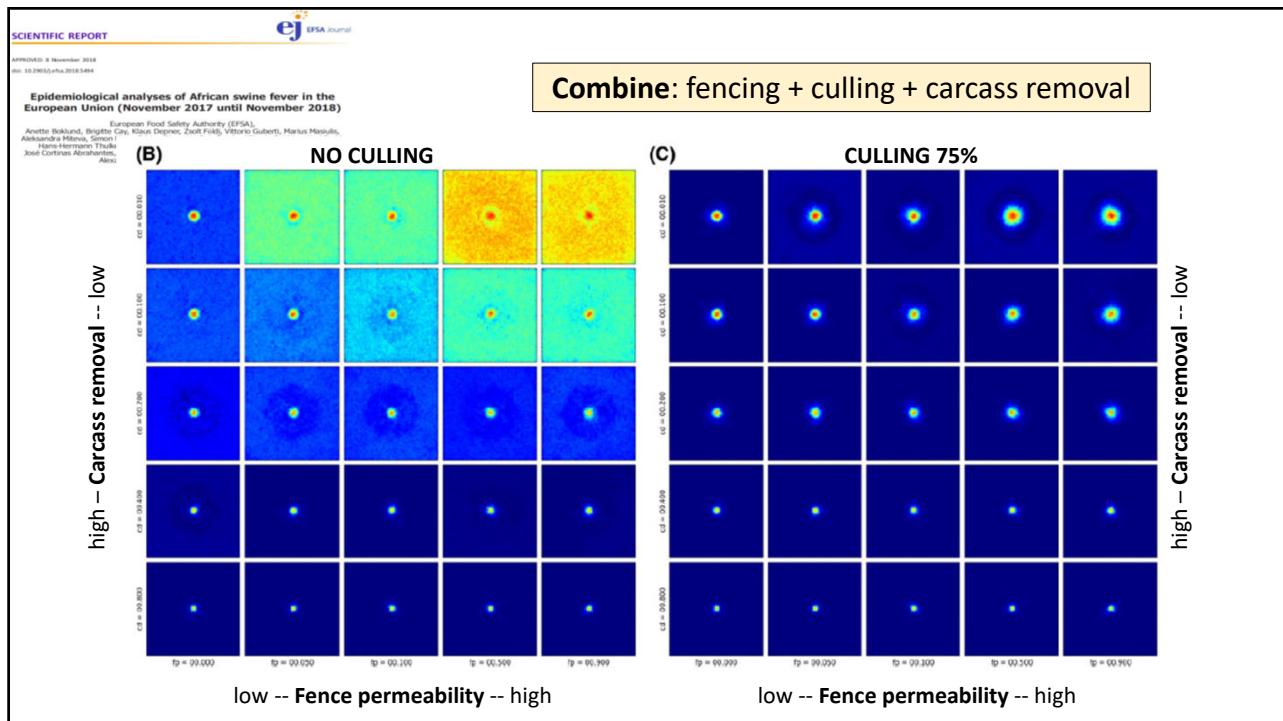
- “intense hunting helps to reduce the probability of recording positive PCR results in wild boar in Romania”



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Local outbreaks

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Expect better control prospects if:

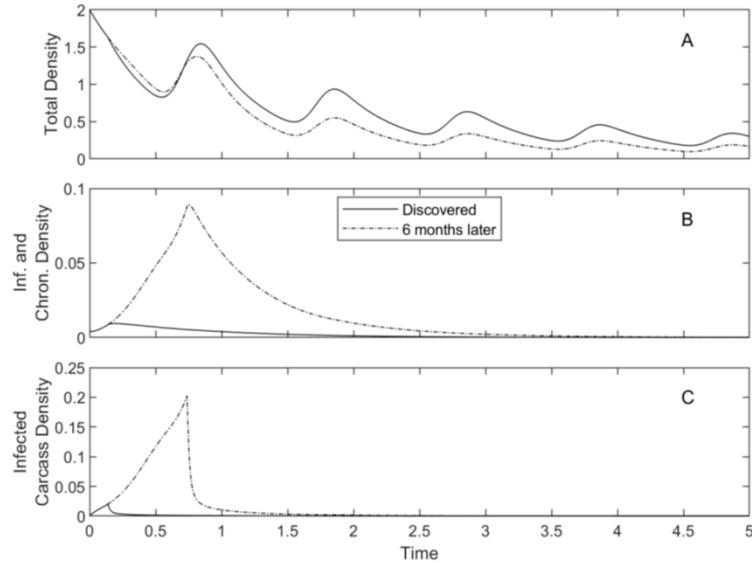
Early detection
→Interventions start early

**Lower wild boar density
and habitat quality**

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Belgium: control measures in wild boar

- **Zoning:** infected area + peripheral zones
 - WB feeding strictly prohibited
 - Initial hunting ban in the infected area
 - Partial ban of circulation and logging
- **Carcass search and removal:**
 - Active & systematic
 - Immediate carcass removal to rendering plant
- **Fencing:**
 - Network of concentric fences on the border & within the zones (~300 km). Goals:
 - (i) slowing down spread
 - (ii) creating tight depopulation corridors
- **Depopulation:**
 - Trapping, night shooting, single hunting on baiting points, driven hunts with/without dogs with specific restrictions according to the area
 - Hunters were involved in the depopulation operations. Compensations (50 EUR or 100 EUR per wild boar, depending of the area) provided to agreed hunters w. specific training on biosecurity procedures, including packaging and transport of culled wild boar to the collect/diagnostic centres

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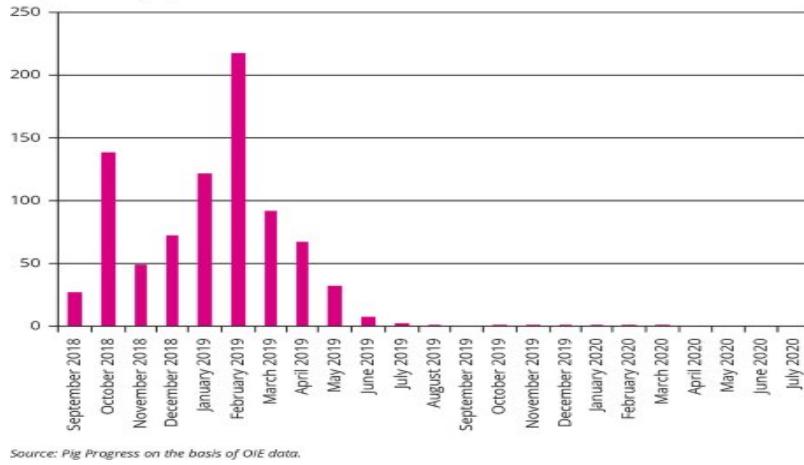
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Belgium: ASF-free again

Figure 1 - ASF outbreaks in Belgium's wild boar population, Sept 2018-July 2020.



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CZECH REPUBLIC

Infected zone 57 km²
190 ASFV+ wild boar (3/km²)
Time till clearance 1 year

BELGIUM

Infected zone 600 km²
833 ASFV+ wild boar (1.4/km²)
Time till clearance 2 years

MAINLAND ITALY

Infected zone >>1,600 km²
114 ASFV+ wb (0.07/km²)
Time till clearance ?

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	Czech Republic	Belgium
Timing	Jun 2017 – Apr 2018	Sep 2018 – Ongoing (data 30 Sep 2019)
Infected surface	500 km ²	<1106 km ²
Kernel zone with most cases	57 km ²	X>10 ≈500 km ²
Fencing	Incomplete	Incomplete
N ^{er} confirmed ASF cases	230 (0.46/km ²)	827 (1.3/km ²)
N ^{er} of wild boar culled	3563 (7.13/km ²)	≈2800 (2.53/km ²)
N ^{er} of carcasses found & destroyed	319 (0.64/km ²) until Feb 2018	≈820 (1.64/km ²) by Sep 2019

Early detection is of Paramount importance to prevent local spread

Main control tools: Fencing (even incomplete); Carcass destruction; Culling

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Belgium: ASF-free again

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Table 6: Minimum requirements during Exit Strategy proposed for two different epidemiological scenarios

	Exit Strategy I	Exit Strategy II
Target	Freedom following eradication scenario (see EU strategy ^(a))	Freedom following control scenario (see EU strategy ^(a))
	Local containment of epidemic in small area, e.g. the past epidemics in the affected area in Czechia and Belgium	Countrywide spread of epidemic, large area, e.g. Estonia and Latvia
Screening Phase (SP): all samples negative		
Passive surveillance	Number of carcasses – 2% of hunting bag prior to ASF introduction (2% HB)	Test at least 1 carcass per 1,000 km ² per year (SP 1) ^(b) (baseline intensity)
Active surveillance	No specific requirements	Test all hunting bag for virus
Confirmation Phase (CP): all samples negative		
Passive surveillance	Number of carcasses – 2% of hunting bag prior to ASF introduction (2% HB)	Test at least 1, 2 or 6 ^(c) carcasses per 1,000 km ² per year (CP1, CP2 and CP3, respectively) ^(b) (increased intensity)
Active surveillance	No specific requirements	Test all hunting bag for virus
Minimum monitoring periods	Combination of duration Screening Phase (phase A) with the adequate period for Confirmation Phase can be seen in Figures 30–32. Example: To achieve a failure rate of maximum 2% (solid line) after 12 months applying Exit Strategy II's Screening Phase (including 1 carcass per 1,000 km ² per year) one may need to monitor further 11 months in the Confirmation Phase with 1 carcass per year and 1,000 km ² (Figure 30), 7 months with 2 carcasses (Figure 31), 3 months when collecting 6 carcasses (Figure 32)	

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Front wave

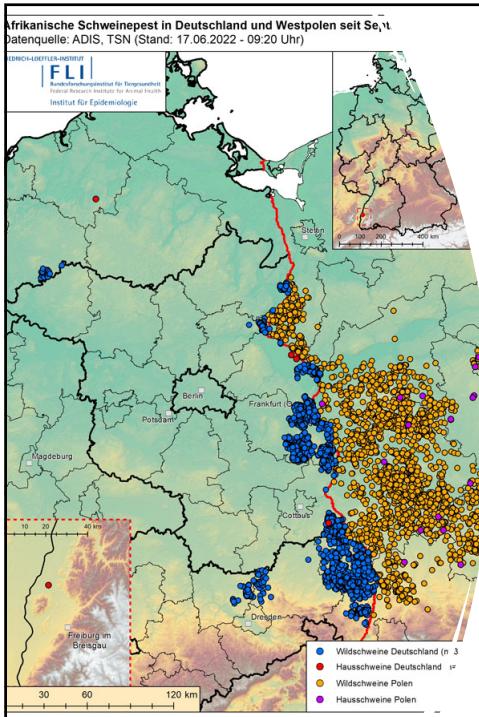
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Polish-German border, 1939



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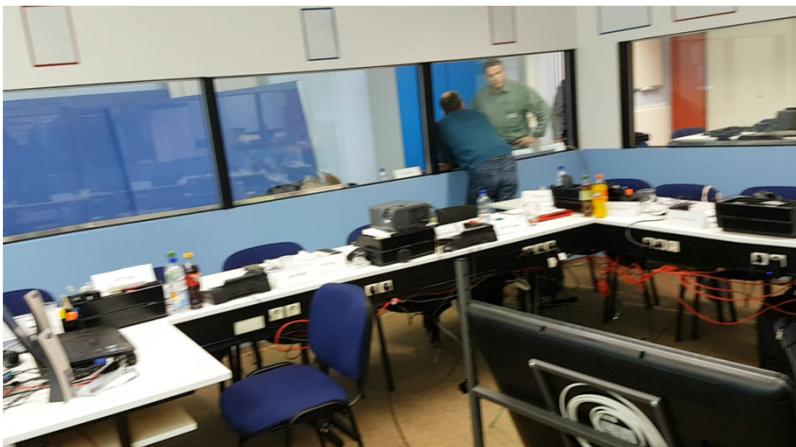


Germany and Poland 2022

- Challenging, front-like setting
- Attempts to contain the wave failed
- (Hoping for oral vaccines)

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German ASF preparedness

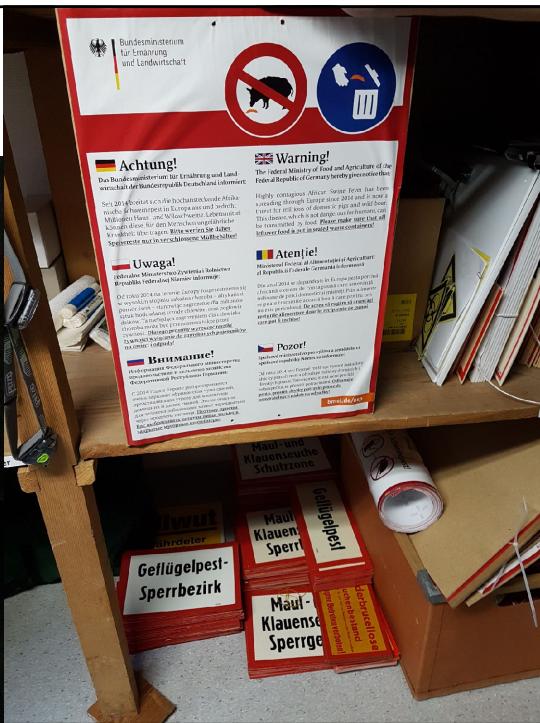


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Verbrauchsmaterial	
Absperrband rot/weiß	3
Gewebelebendband, silber	4
Gewindeschlitzband	3
Wickelband	5
Kabelbinder 360mm	1
Kabelbinder 200mm	1
Kabelbinder 150mm	1
Schrauben, Kreuz 4.0 x 30 mm	500
Dübel, 12mm	25
Dübel, 10mm	60
Hochvolt 2000W	1
Pezzinger 2,8 x 25 mm	1000
Absperrleine 10m	1
Schrauben Schellen	1

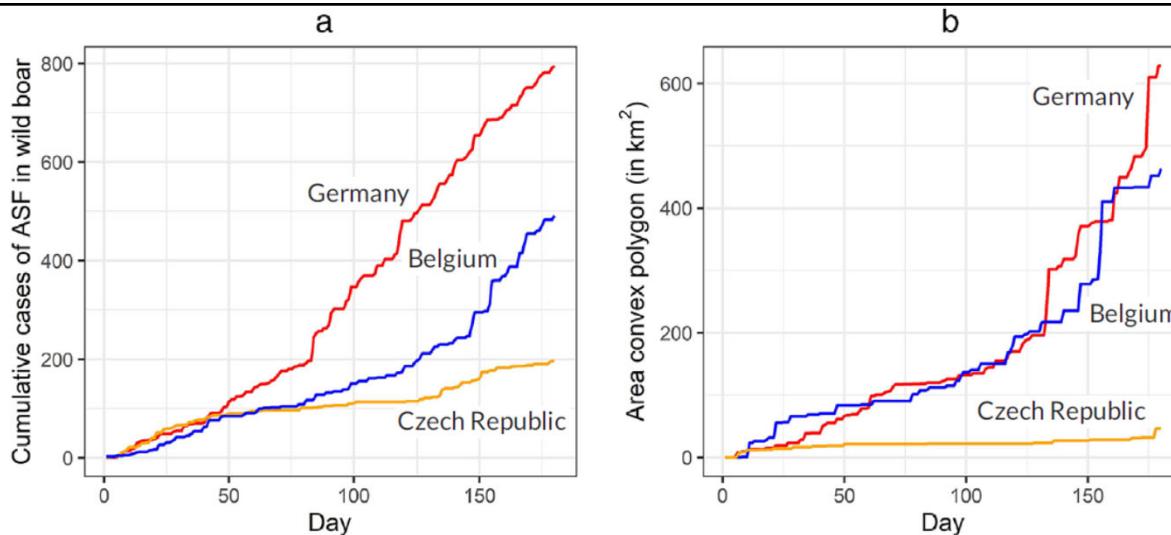
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German ASF preparedness

AEG Schlagbohrmaschine	
Ryobi Akkuschrauber	1
Kabelklemme 50mm	1
Selenschneider	1
Kraftzange	1
gekröpfter Ringschlüssel 6 bis 17	1
Steinbohrer 10mm	1
Steinbohrer 12mm	1
Feststiel	1
Hammer	1
Heißdüse 1500W	1
Spannring m. Ratsche 8mm	2
Stahllampe	3
Erdrägal	0
Adapter Verlängerung, blauer Stecker	1



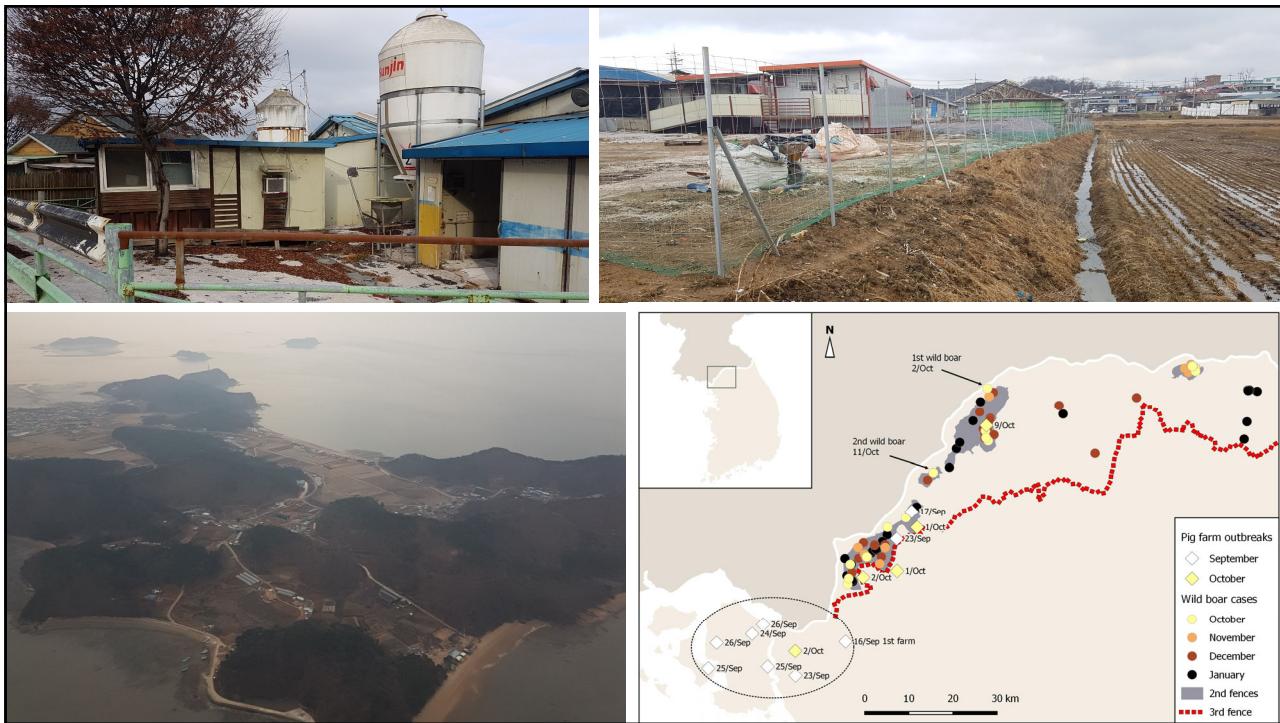
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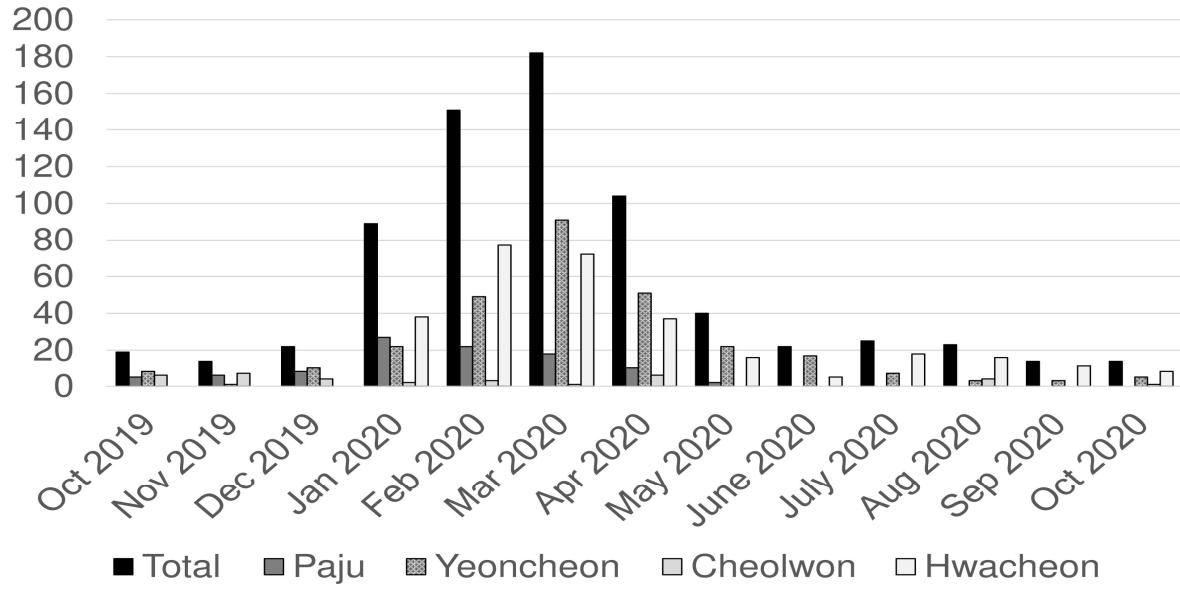


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South Korea



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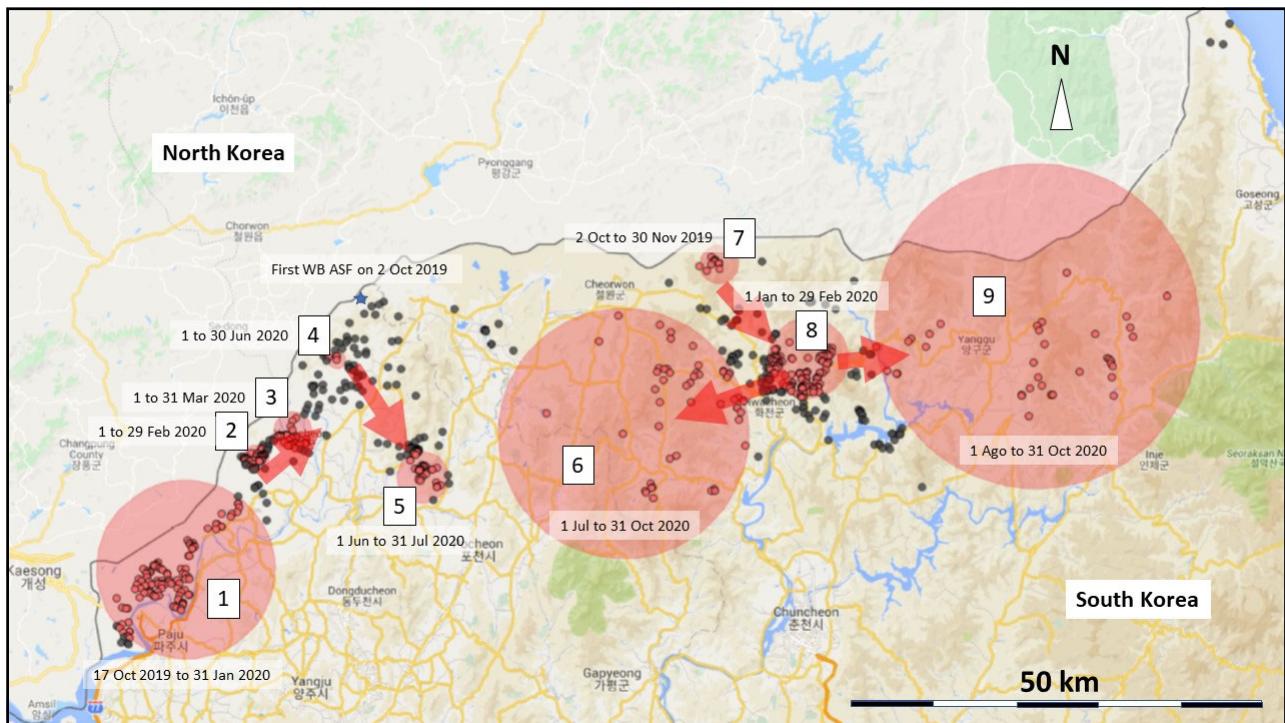
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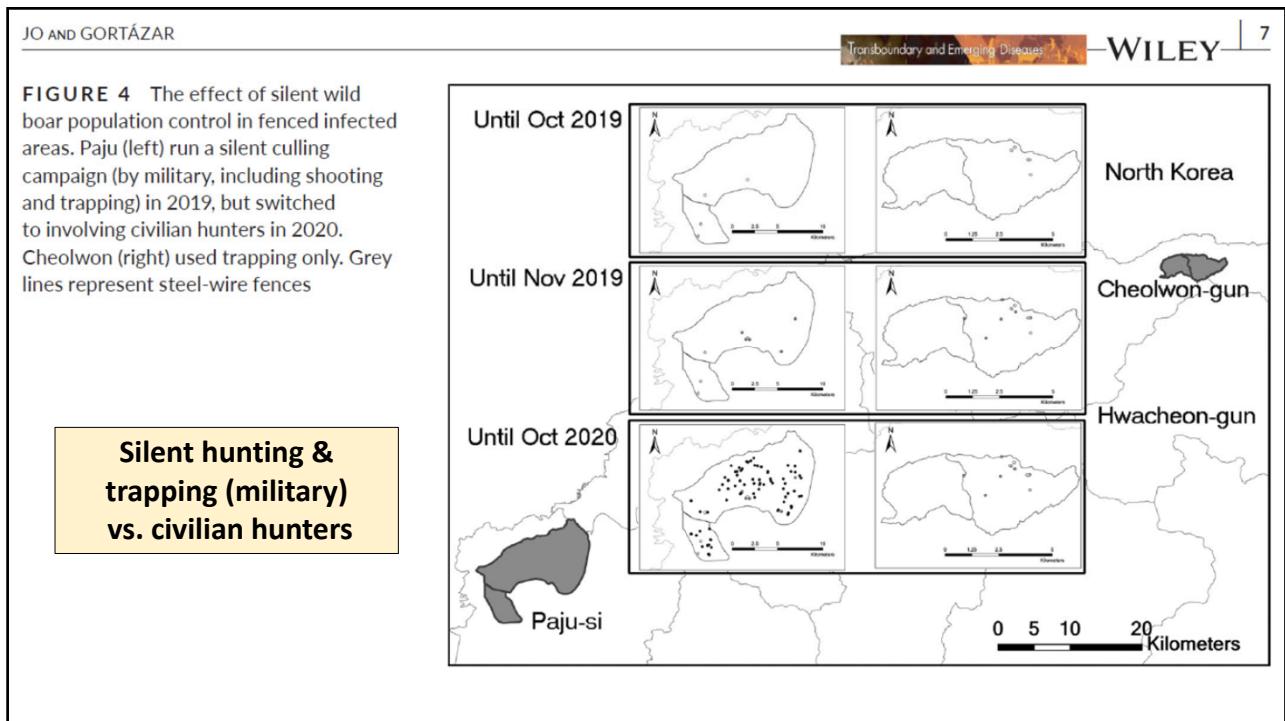
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Front waves are difficult to stop...



...unless you fight like Ukrainians!

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Presentation structure

- Intro
 - Wild boar and feral pig ecology
 - ASF epidemiology
 - ASF control tools
- Disease control by scenario
 - Endemic regions
 - Point introductions
 - Epidemic fronts
- **Preventing ASF during peacetime**
 - Pig farm biosafety
 - Population monitoring
 - Hunters & WB control
- Conclusions



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Can we control ASF in wild boar?

- A: point introductions

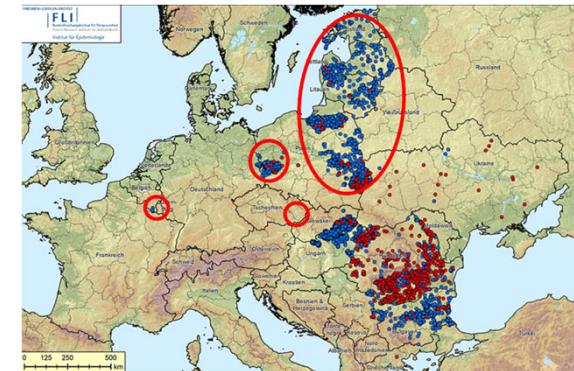
- Czechia
- Belgium

OK
OK

- B: epidemic front

- Europe
- South Korea

NO
NO



Point entry might be controlled – Epidemic fronts?

Uninfected countries: focus on prevention

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Pig farm biosafety

Jiménez-Ruiz et al.
Porcine Health Management (2022) 8:2
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s40813-021-00246-7>

Porcine Health Management

- Improve farm perimeter fencing
- Other BSMs depending on farm type (open air vs. indoor)
- Monitor BSM implementation
- Promote R&D on BSM efficacy
- Remember: farm biosafety is a must, can be (much) improved, but is not 100% effective

RESEARCH

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Characterization and management of interaction risks between livestock and wild ungulates on outdoor pig farms in Spain



Saúl Jiménez-Ruiz^{1,2} , Eduardo Laguna¹ , Joaquín Vicente^{1*} , Ignacio García-Bocanegra² , Jordi Martínez-Guijosa¹ , David Cano-Terriza³ , María A. Risalde^{3,4} and Pelayo Acevedo¹

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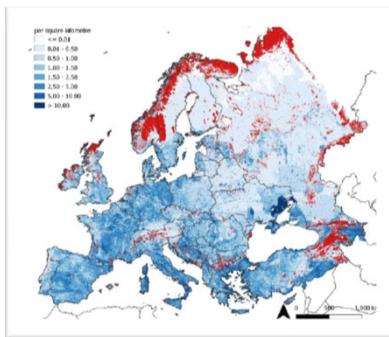
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African swine fever and outdoor farming of pigs

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Mette Herskin, Miguel Ángel Miranda Chueca, Virginie Michel, Barbara Padalino,
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Monitoring wild boar & feral pigs



ENETWILD

A european network of wildlife professionals capable of providing reliable data on species distribution, and abundance of selected host species and their pathogens.

<https://enetwild.com/reports-docs/>

EFSA Supporting Publications

External scientific report | New Report
Guidance on estimation of abundance and density data of wild ruminant population: methods, challenges, possibilities
ENETWILD consortium | S. Grigorio, M. Apóstolo, F. Braga, J. Vives, P. Arribalzaga, Palencia R. K. Petersen, O. Welling

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Analysis of wild boar-domestic pig interface in Europe: preliminary analysis
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Harmonization of the use of hunting statistics for wild boar density estimation in different study areas
Report based on comparison of case studies in different wild boar populations representation of the different management and hunting conditions across Europe

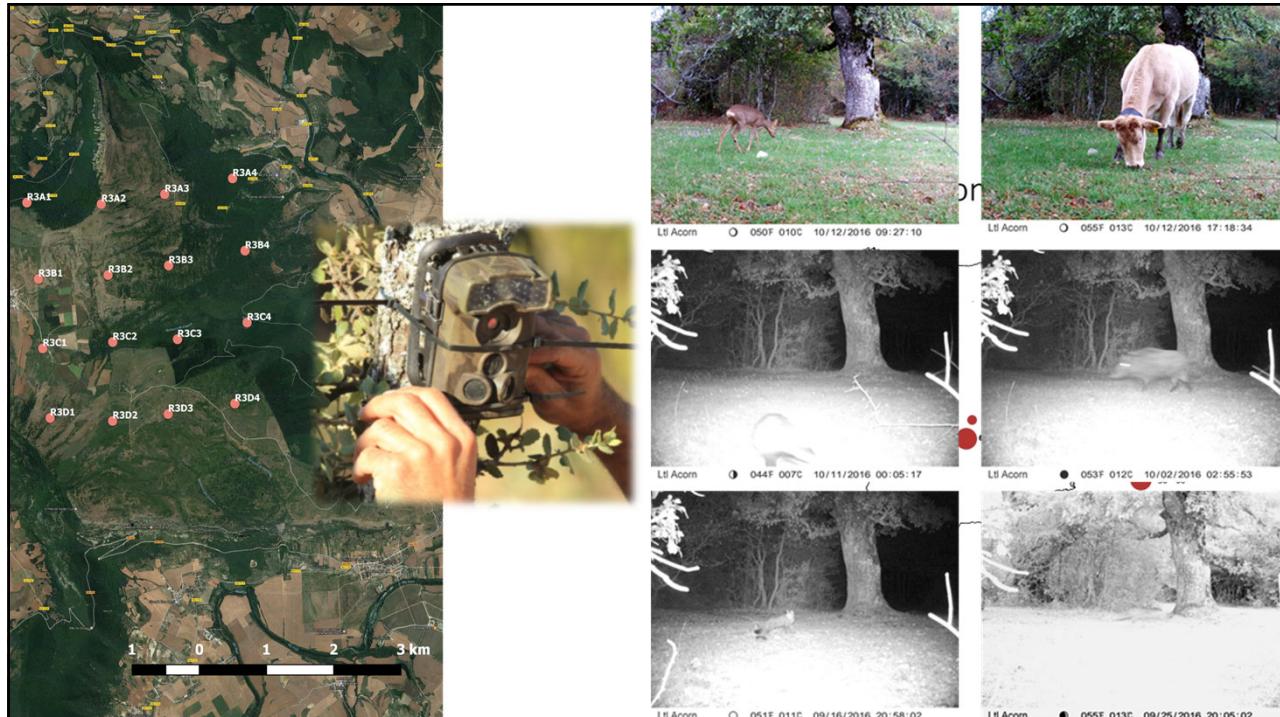
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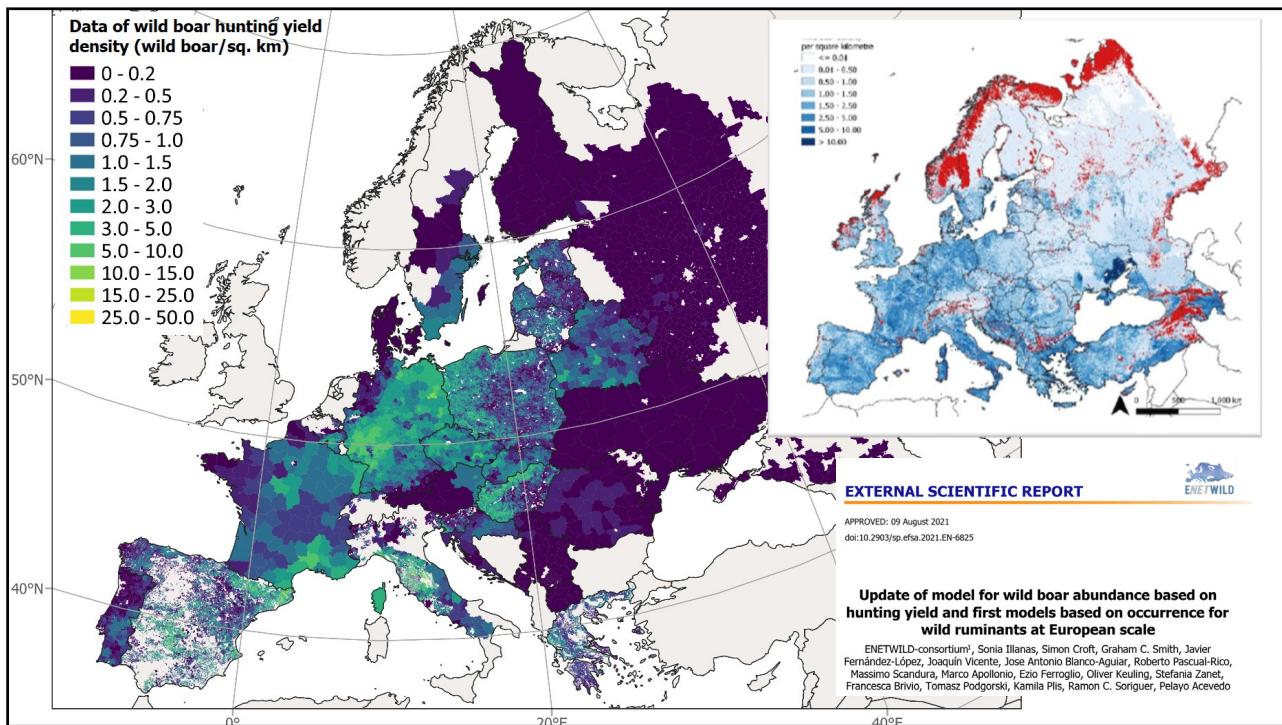
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- In Europe, EFSA is taking the lead
- EFSA-funded Enetwild consortium:
 - New tools for wildlife abundance assessment
 - Maps and data on WB density & WB-pig interface

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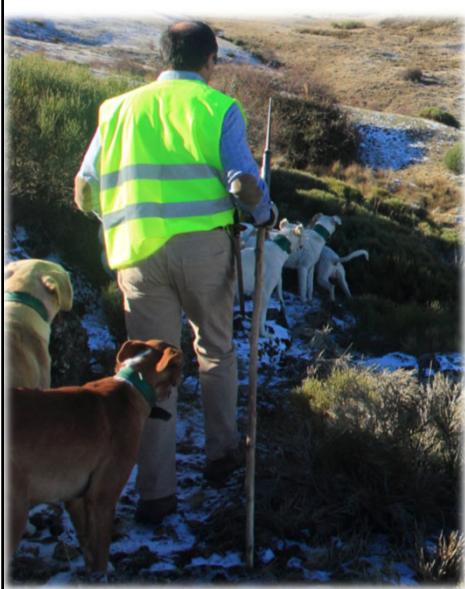


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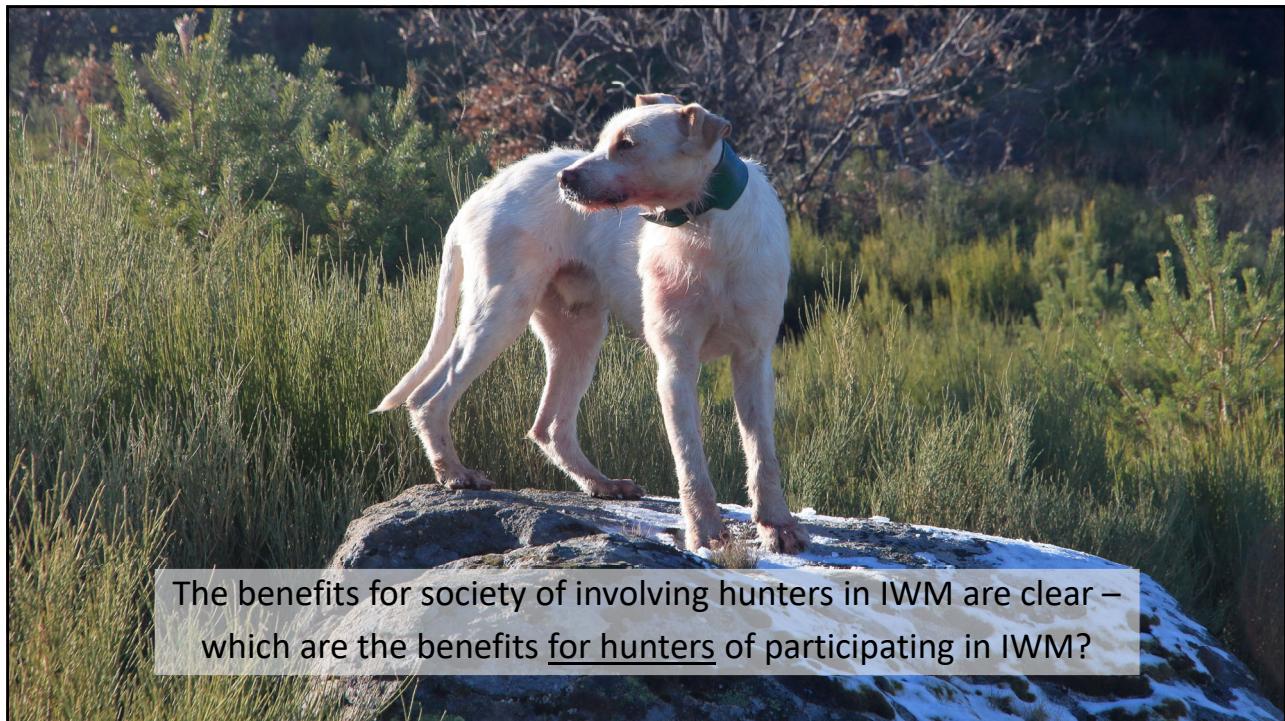
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The role of hunters



- Help in sampling
- Mortality detection
- Smart game management
- Pest species control (wild boar)
- Targeted culling of sick individuals
- Game meat hygiene and offal disposal

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GUÍA

VIGILANCIA SANITARIA FAUNA SILVESTRE

AYÚDANOS A MANTENER LA SALUD DEL CAMPO

Fieldguide for hunters
available at:
<https://www.irec.es/divulgacion-cientifica/guia-vigilancia-sanitaria-fauna-salvaje/>

Sampling training for hunters
available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqj5YeB1VoLYdF9CVNasxCg/videos>

Training and veterinary support

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Can we control wild boar?

Opciones para control de jabalí

• Aumentar la mortalidad

- Caza recreativa
- Control profesional
- Medios no autorizados en Europa: lazos, tóxicos
- Favorecer a los depredadores: lobo

Mortalidad por predadores y caza



Mortalidad por enfermedades



• Reducir el reclutamiento

- Control de fertilidad
- Manejo del hábitat: reducir alimento

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Can hunting control wild boar or ASF in wild boar?

- **Romanian** hunting grounds: intense hunting is a protective factor for ASF
- **Czechia & Belgium** used both silent culling & hunting
- In **South Korea**, silent culling delayed ASF spread while amateur hunting accelerated ASF spread
- **Modeling** insights:
 - “White zones” might work
 - Slower ASF spread at lower WB density
 - Integrated control: carcass destruction + fencing + culling
- Some **experts** are against hunting for wild boar or ASF control



EFSA 2014, O'Neill et al. 2020, Jo and Gortázar 2021, EFSA et al. 2022

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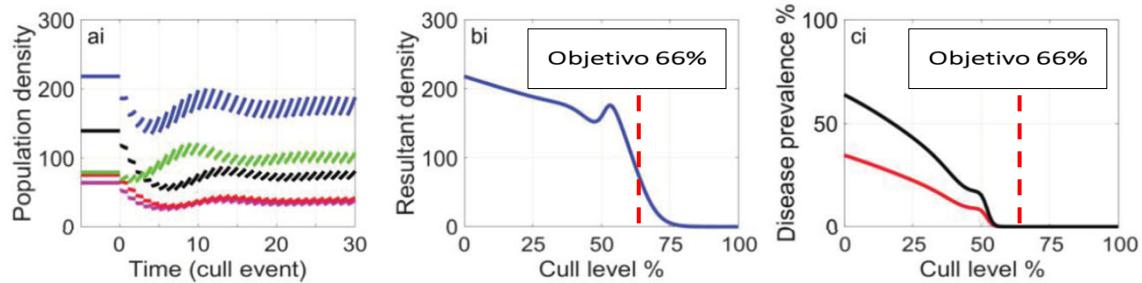
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E-ARTICLE

The Critical Role of Infectious Disease in Compensatory Population Growth in Response to Culling

Eleanor Tanner,^{1,*} Andy White,¹ Peter W. W. Lurz,² Christian Gortázar,³ Iratxe Diez-Delgado,³ and Mike Boots⁴

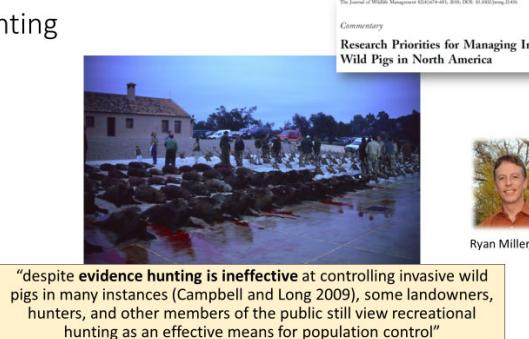
Hunting effect on...
- Wild boar density
- Disease prevalence
...depends on culling intensity



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Can hunting control wild boar?

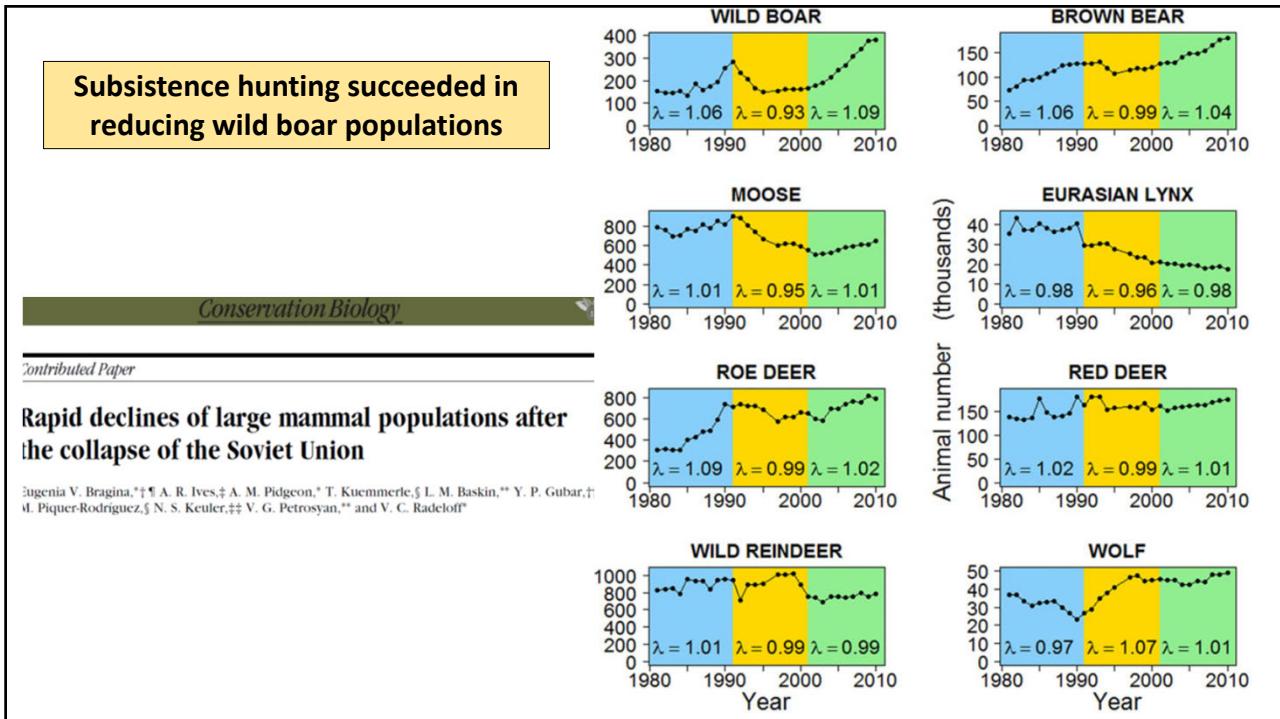
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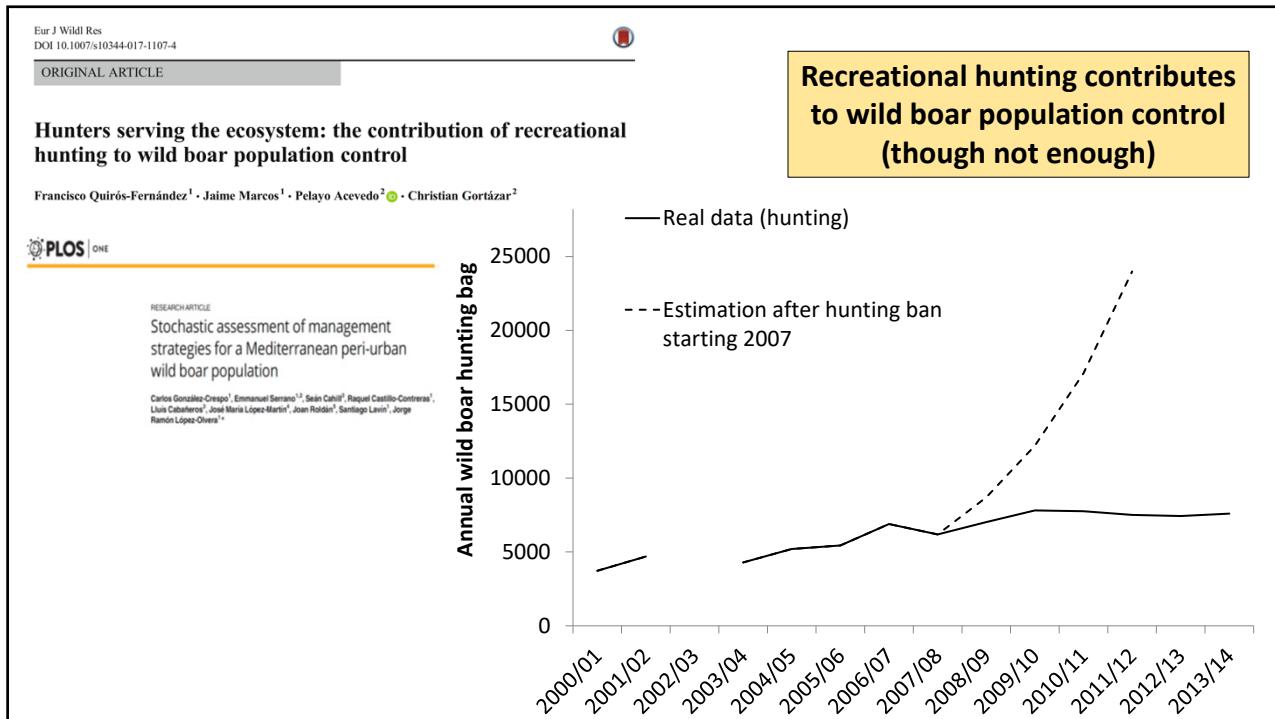
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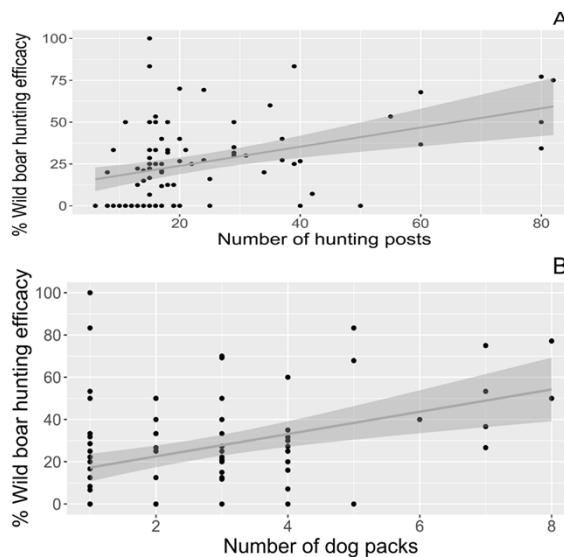


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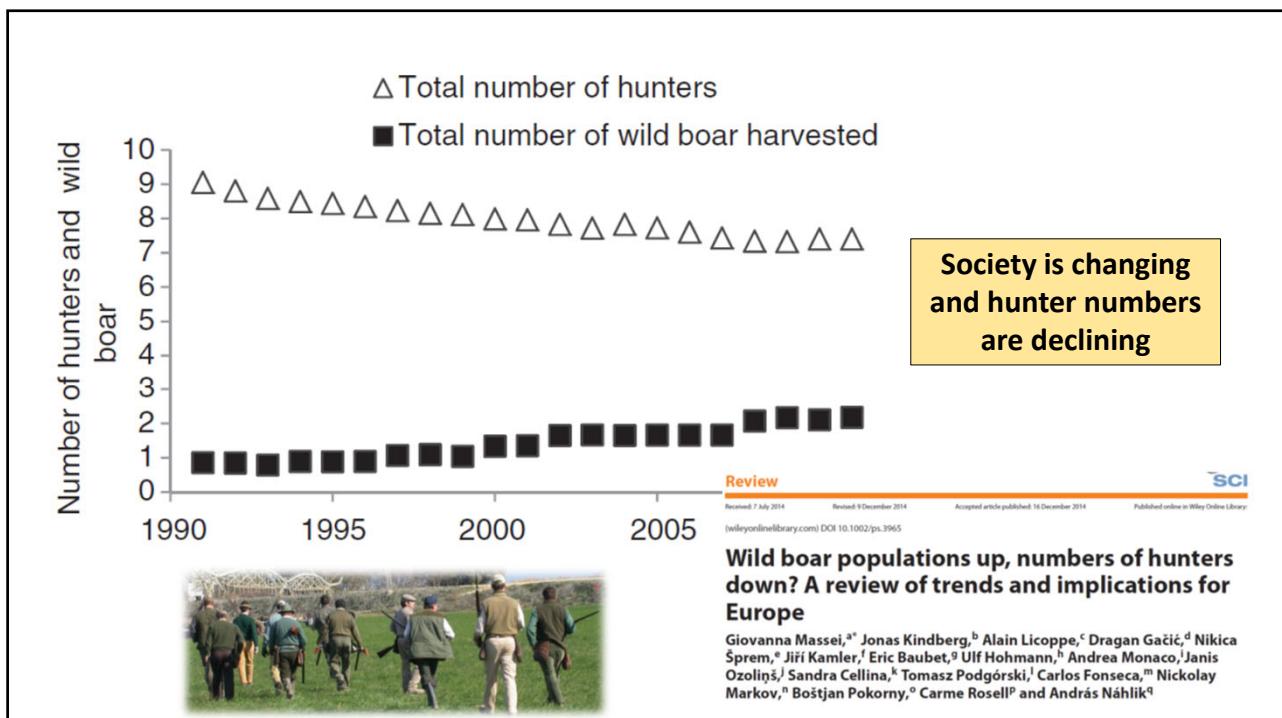


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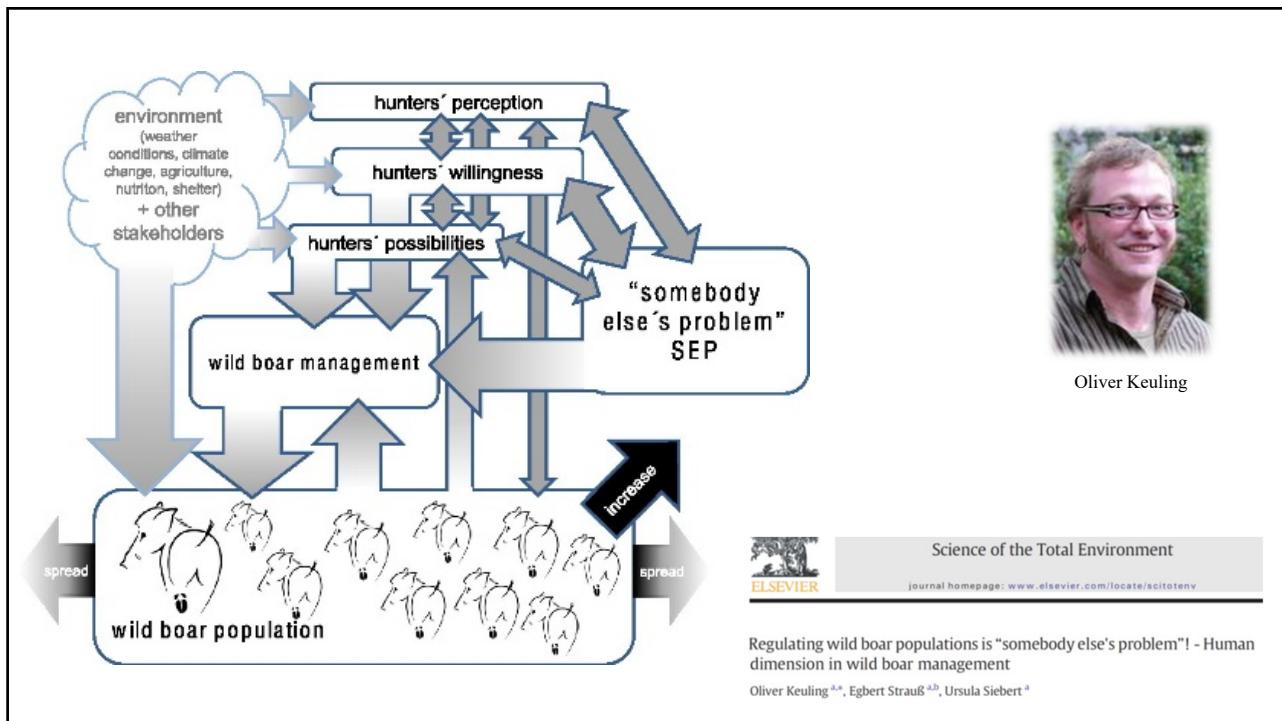
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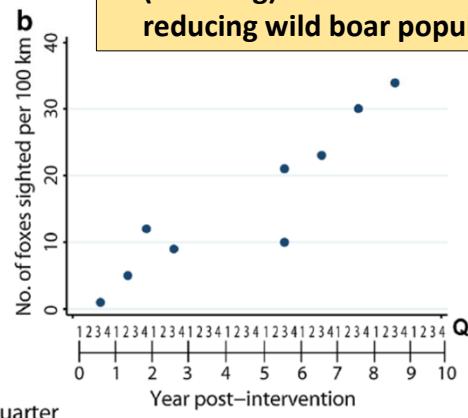
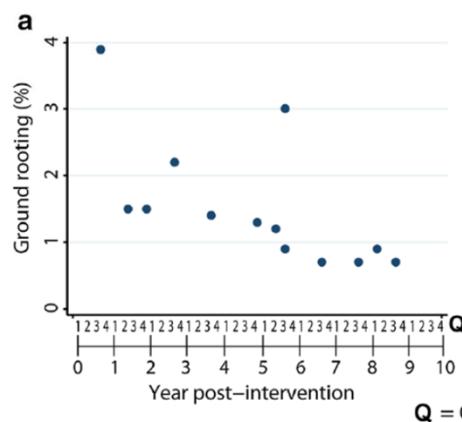
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Coping with wild boar in a conservation area: impacts of a 10-year management control program in north-eastern Argentina

Ricardo E. Görtler · V. Martín Izquierdo · Guillermo Gil · Marcelo Cavichchia · Aristóbulo Maranta



Professional population control (shooting) succeeded locally in reducing wild boar populations



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Research Article

Trap Style Influences Wild Pig Behavior and Trapping Success

BRIAN L. WILLIAMS,¹ School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36844

Table 3. Approximate per-pig costs associated with wild pig trapping at Fort Benning, 29 February–29 April 2008.

Trap style	Trap nights ^a	New captures ^b	Trap costs	Half additional costs ^c	Total approximate costs	Cost per pig
Box	252	12	\$4,200.00	\$3,855.70	\$8,055.70	\$671.31
Corral	252	59	\$3,300.00	\$3,855.70	\$7,155.70	\$121.28

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Barasona et al. BMC Veterinary Research 2013, 9:107
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RESEARCH ARTICLE **Open Access**

Trap-effectiveness and response to tiletamine-zolazepam and medetomidine anaesthesia in Eurasian wild boar captured with cage and corral traps

Capture method	Number of traps	Days before activation (mean; range)	Days activated (mean; range)	Days of work	Person-days of work	Number of capture events	Number of multiple captures	Wild boar captured	Wild boar per capture (mean; range)	Mortality	Days per wild boar (mean; range)	Person-days per wild boar (mean; range)
Cage-trap	7	26; 11-44	1.8; 1-5	103	135	13	5	25	1.9; 1-5	1	21.8; 2-46	7.9; 1-16
Corral-trap	7	28.9; 15-45	2.1; 1-3	114	154	11	9	52	4.7; 1-11	4	10.2; 4-33	4.8; 2-16
TOTAL	14	27.4; 11-45	2; 1-5	217	289	24	14	77	3.2; 1-11	5	16.5; 2-46	6.5; 1-16



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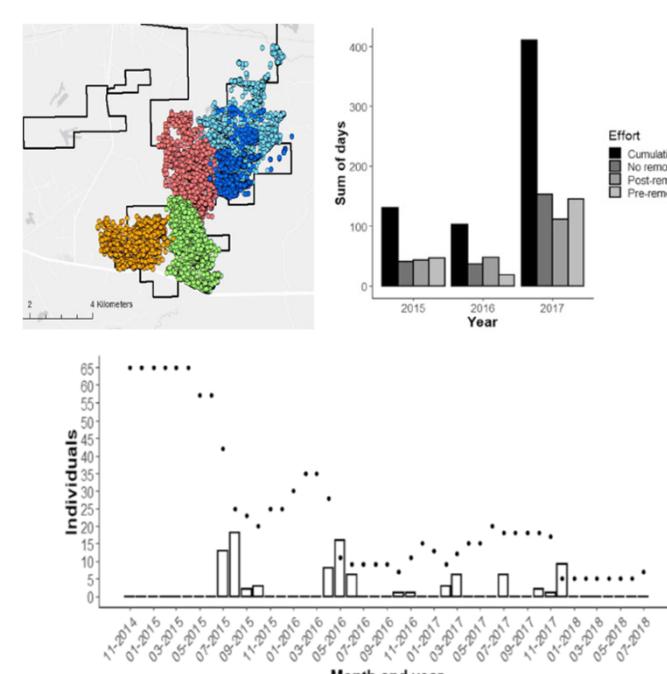
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Shifting to sounders: Whole sounder removal eliminates wild pigs

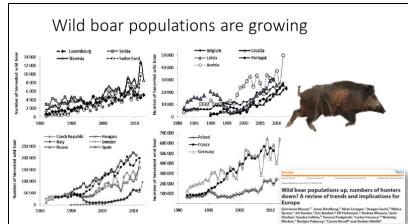
Alexandra A. Lewis | Brian L. Williams | Mark D. Smith | Stephen S. Ditchkoff

- Monitoring at baiting sites ($1/\text{km}^2$) to optimize trap deployment
- 65 pigs on 27 km^2 ($2.4/\text{km}^2$)
- Culling whole social groups
- Corral traps: 5 panels of 5 m + trap door; cameras to target whole groups (sounders)
- 90% population decline in 12 months, 100% in 18 months



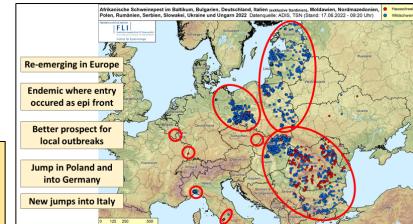
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Concluding...



Invasive species, still expanding

ASF control success depends on setting



- Monitor wild boar or feral pig populations
- (Try to stabilize populations)
- Optimize pig farm biosafety
- Improve early detection (hunters!)
- Train interventions & prepare logistics

Get ready: The question is not if ASF will enter, but when

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Several crises in sight

illustration by Victor Juhasz

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