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## Trade in pork – The perspective of a Member where ASF is present in wildlife



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## OIE Terrestrial Code

### Chapter 4.4. "Zoning and Compartmentalization"

#### Principle

animal subpopulation with a specific animal health status **defined by veterinary authorities**

**Zoning** applies to an animal subpopulation defined primarily on a **geographical basis** (using natural, artificial or legal boundaries)

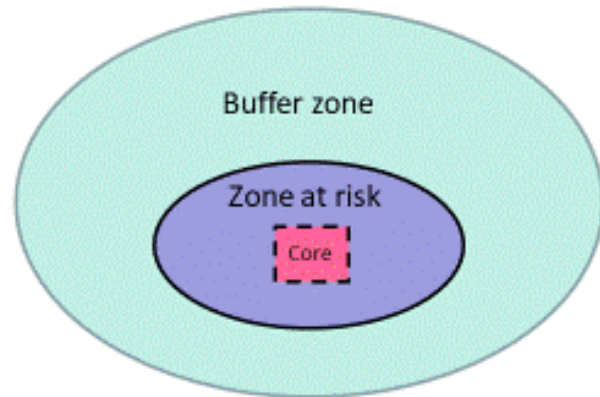
**Compartment** applies to an animal subpopulation defined primarily by **management and husbandry practices** related to biosecurity

#### Purpose

- - Disease prevention or control
- - Ensuring safe – international – trade

## Zoning in the case of ASF-outbreaks in wild pigs

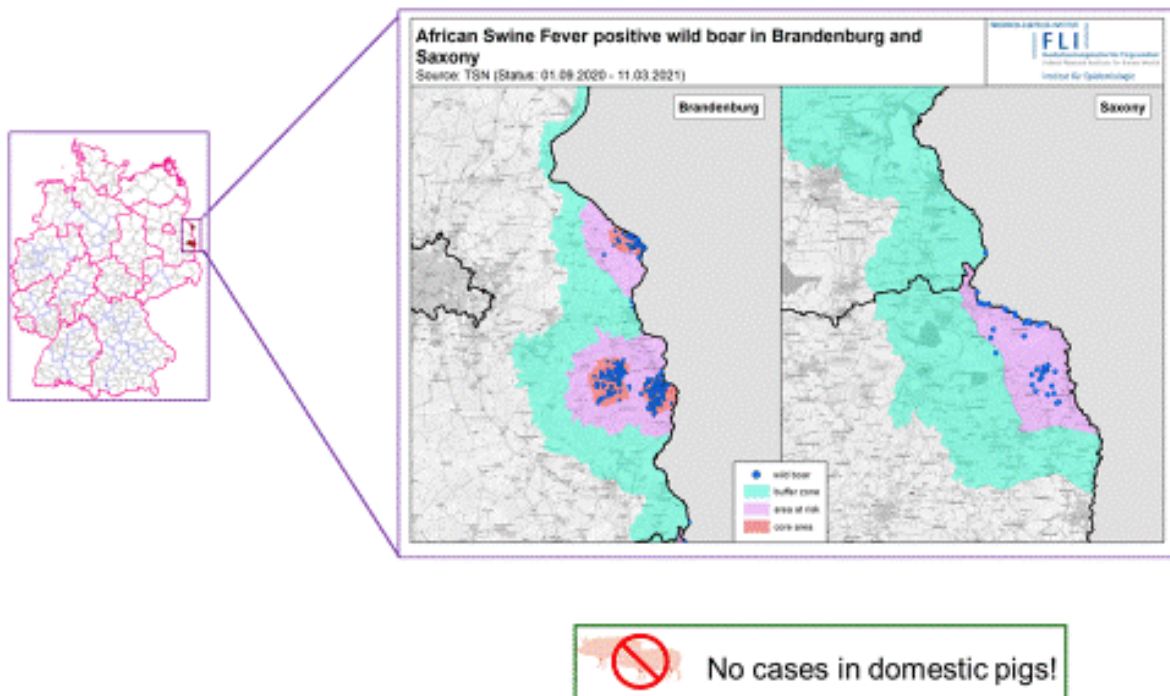
Zones are determined according to following criteria, among others:



- Possible spread of the pathogen
- Wild boar population
- Animal movements within the wild boar population
- Natural boundaries and surveillance capabilities

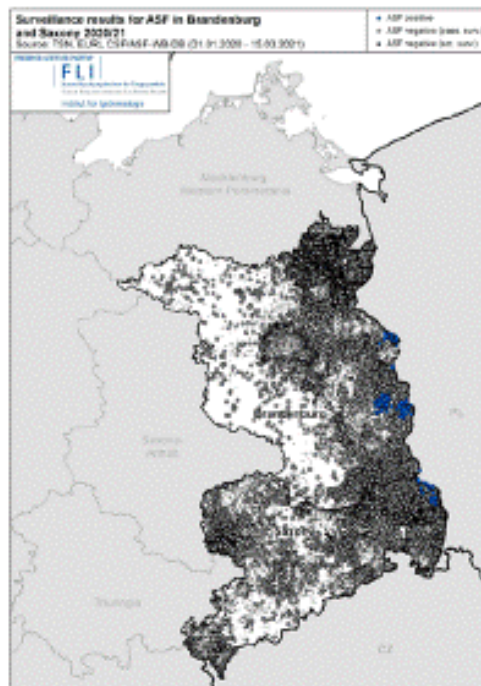
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## ASF cases only in wild boar in Germany

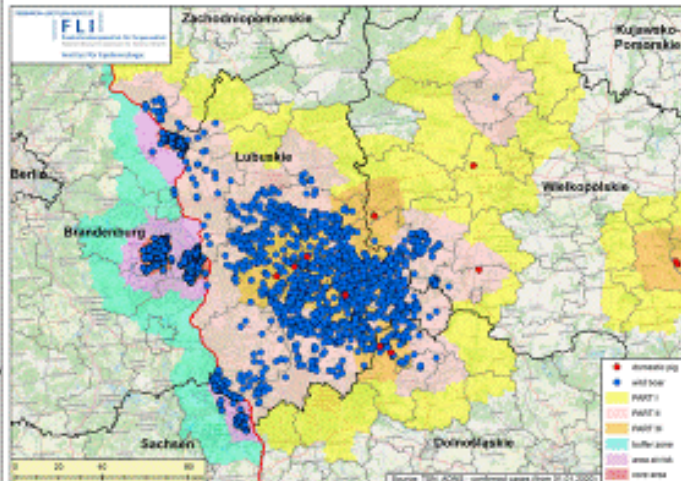


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## ASF cases only in wild boar in Germany



 No cases in domestic pigs!



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## Fencing measures

### Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

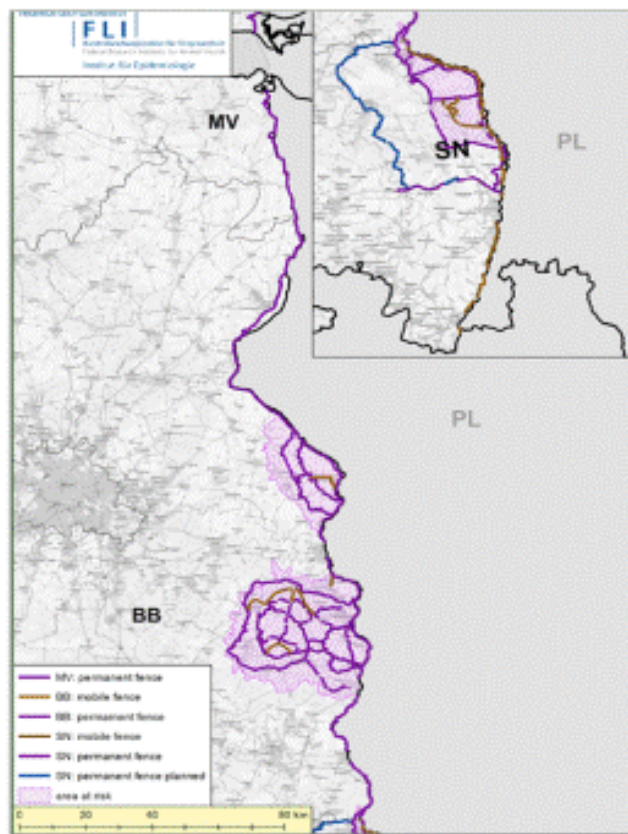
- Permanent fence at the border to Poland

### Brandenburg

- Permanent fence at the border to Poland
- Net of permanent fences in the restriction zones plus mobile fences as ad hoc measures


### Saxony

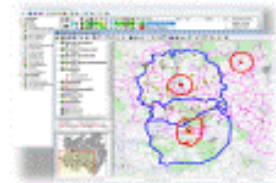
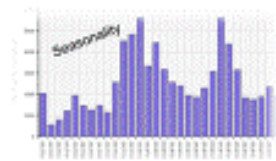
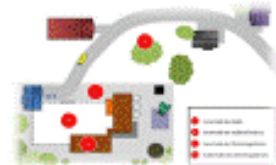
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## ASF-Zoning as comprehensive strategy

- Animal identification, registration and traceability
  - Trade and Transport
- Biosecurity measures
  - Awareness campaigns
  - Strict legal requirements for pig husbandry
  - Hunting and wildlife hygiene
  - Interactive "Risk traffic light"- tool: [Risikoampel Universität Vechta](#)
  - Targeted measures within and outside zones
- Disease notification system & monitoring
  - Swine Fever Monitoring Ordinance
  - App to report found wild boar carcasses: 
  - Animal disease notification systems (national, EU, OIE)
- Control and contingency plans
  - Animal Health Act, Swine Fever Ordinance



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## Trade partners of Germany

### 1. Category:

Appreciating the German control measures and therefore:

- Fully recognize the **zoning** measures (no additional requirements as **EU-Regulations**)
- Approve **safe commodities** in accordance with *Article 15.1.2* of OIE Code
- Accept **processing** in accordance with *Article 15.1.17* of OIE Code

In line with **OIE-Regulations without** further cost intensive specifications

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## Trade partners of Germany

### 2. Category:

Appreciating German control measures in addition with additional bilateral negotiated guarantees and therefore:

- Accept **general zoning or compartmentalization** in accordance with the Code (e.g.: ban export from larger zones or refuse the foreseen exemptions)
- Accept **processing** in accordance with *Article 15.1.17* of OIE Code
- Approve **safe commodities** in accordance with *Article 15.1.2* of OIE Code

In line with **OIE-Regulations with** possibly cost intensive specifications

## Trade partners of Germany

### 3. Category:

No trade in accordance to OIE possible:

- **No** recognition of **general zoning or compartmentalization** in accordance with the Code
- **No** acceptance of **processing** in accordance with *Article 15.1.17* of OIE Code
- **Refusal** of **safe commodities** in accordance with *Article 15.1.2* of OIE Code

**Not** in line with **OIE-Regulations**

## Steps on our way to secure trading based on OIE specifications

By Members, where **ASF is present** in wild boar and/or domestic pigs:

- Strict control and eradication measures by affected countries
- Transparency and reliability about these measures and the current situation in these states

Countries that maintain **trade partnership** contacts:

- Recognition of international scientific findings
- Acceptance of different risk status depending on ASF evidence only in wild boar or also in domestic pig population

**OIE:**

- Effective measures to ensure compliance with the code by importing and exporting countries

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As a convinced member of the EU

Germany

would be pleased to assure third countries of its far-reaching measures to prevent the spread of ASF

and

would like to support international exchange to ensure secure trade against the backdrop of the major challenge of ASF.



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