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# A PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR THE QUEST, RETRIEVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF WILD BOAR CADAVERS AT THE ONSET OF AN AFRICAN SWINE FEVER EPIDEMIC

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### ANNEX 3: ZONING APPLIED TO ASF MANAGEMENT OF WILD BOAR IN ITALY

Since the publication of the ASF National Surveillance and Eradication Plan (NEEP hereafter), the following activities must be carried out at regional level on all national territory:

- Adoption of Regional Plans of Urgent Interventions (*Piani Regionali Iterventi Urgenti*, PRIU hereafter)
- Execution of enhanced passive surveillance surveys at monthly cadence
- Enforcement of mandatory reporting of dying or dead wild boars to the Local Health Unit (ASL hereafter) (LAW N. 29, 2022)
- Enforcement of restrictions on the transportation of captured wild boars, as specified by regions, and following ASLs authorization
- Execution of ASF diagnostic tests on all wild boar cadavers found in the field, and on all suspect cases as per DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) N. 689, 2019
- Culling of all captured, illegally detained, or unidentified suids. Avoidance of wild boar urbanization.

Once EU zoning is instituted, ASF management activities must be undertaken accordingly; inside the infected area (RZ II and RZ III), these include:

- Active search of wild boar cadavers, focussing on peripheral areas.
- ASF testing for all wild boars found dead, moribund, captured, or culled.
- Adoption of a plan for management, sampling, and disposal of cadavers; setup of collection points for sampling and temporary stocking.
- Depopulation of wild boar by means of control, favouring techniques that minimize animal movement. Specific biosecurity measures must minimize the risk of viral spread.
- Setup of trapping devices to facilitate control activities.
- Ban on hunting on wild boar; ban on collective hunting (> 3 hunters) for all other species.
- Ban on export of wild suids and derived products.
- Ban on transportation and export of all living animal, except for culling.
- Restriction on all outdoors activities.
- Enforce the ban on attractive feeding for wild boar.
- Fencing, aiming at limiting animal movement and facilitate ASF eradication measures.

Inside RZ I, activities must be tailored to the results obtained in the infected area; these include:

- Enforcement of passive surveillance, including enhanced passive surveillance
- Unrestricted hunting and culling of wild boar, aimed at removing the maximum number of animals possible.
- ASF testing of all culled animals, unless a derogation by the ASF Commissioner is provided.
- Ban on transportation and export of all living animal, except for culling and butchering.