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African swine fever: responding to the global threat



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The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation – at the forefront of surveillance for ASF

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The [International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation \(CIC\)](#) is working with members and partners, including the [World Organisation for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#), to respond to and actively minimise the risk of outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF) among wild pigs, and so minimise the spread of the virus to domestic pigs.

Recent activities

The CIC has been closely following ASF developments since 2012. Most recently, the CIC was involved in the establishment of an African Swine Fever Task Force in 2018 following the outbreak in Belgium. The Task Force, composed of hunting organisations and experts, played a crucial role in persuading the Belgian government to take the necessary steps to attempt to contain the virus.

Joint CIC-OIE activities

The OIE and CIC organised a joint international meeting in Paris, France, in 2014 on the early detection and prevention of ASF. In 2017, the CIC, together with the OIE and other partners, organised a training course on the surveillance of wildlife diseases and the role of hunters in Pravets, Bulgaria, with a special focus on ASF.

Future action

The CIC remains committed to working with the OIE and others in containing and minimising the spread of ASF, with the active involvement of hunters.

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