

# KOSOVO

Regional African Swine Fever (ASF) Wild Boar Management Workshop

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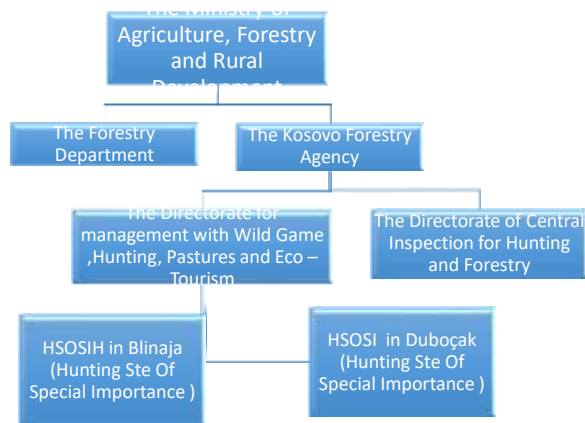
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## Kosovo's Forest Area

- Public forests  
:295,200ha
- Private forests  
:180,800ha
- Unowned forests:  
5000ha
- Total : **481,000ha**



## Game management and hunting overview



## OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE HUNTING



## Game management and hunting overview-2

- Size of the hunting grounds (min 2000 ha– average 18000ha – max 48000ha)
- **Do you have fenced hunting grounds? How common?** The Hunting site of special importance in Blinaja is of the closed type ( fenced ) and it is established by Decision of the the MAFRD is of total area of **2795 ha. Which manages The Kosovo Forestry Agency,**
- **Hunting seasons: in general and for wild boar-** The Hunting Session in the Republic of Kosovo is regulated by **Administrative Instruction nr.11/2007.** Dependently by of the wild game the hunting is banned in the period of breeding and their movement.  
**Hunting season of wild boar is from 01.07-31.01 while for sows from 01.07-31.12,**
- **Most common method/s of hunting (individual, group, driven, other)-** The most common methods of the hunting are individual and in groups in ambush and by watching towers
- **Based on what factors is wild boar management planned -** The wild boar sector is based on long-term and annual management plans of hunting managers where each hunting ground has its own specifics, where a special importance is given to keeping the biological balance of the hunting ground.
- **Do you have wild boar farms?** No
- **Do you move live wild boar for hunting purposes? How is it regulated? With the pursuit of hunting dogs, chase (creating noise).**

## Changes in wild boar management due to ASF

- Is there a ban on supplementary feeding / baiting currently? **There is currently no ban on additional meals,**
- Is there a ban on movement of live wild boar? **There is currently no ban on moving wild live pigs, but needs a health certificate,**
- Is there increased hunting pressure? How and where? **Are there pressures for hunting growth and at certain times between illegal hunting especially in areas where they have not been established and are not provided in hunting site management.**
- Any fencing done or planned? **Yes, there is a request from a Joint Hunting Manager in the Municipality of Kamenica to allow you to fence a surface of about 800 ha of hunting land that is located in state and private properties,**
- How are you increasing ASF awareness of hunters and others? **Awareness of ASF oof hunters and stakeholders by media, brochures, leaflets and meetings with Associations.**

# Wild boar population data

Wild boar population data – hunted					
Calendar OR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Hunting year	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Estimated wild boar population	No data	1600	1881	1950	2000
Number of shot wild boar	No data	230	402	480	508
Number of wild boar found dead because of traffic accident	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Number of wild boar found dead not because of traffic accidents	8	10	9	14	12

- What is the method of population estimation? The estimation methods of the population are two . One is counting of the additional food intake and by installing of the static cameras,
- Who provides the data? The data are provided by hunting guards and other personnel involved in their feeding reported by the managers of the hunting sites.

# Wild boar population data - hunted

Number of hunted wild boar by sex			Number of hunted wild boar by age (define your age groups)			
Calendar OR Hunting year	Male	Female	Calendar OR Hunting year	Age group Young	Age group Average	Age group Old
2016 OR 2016/2017	215	197	2016 OR 2016/2017	162	120	120
2017 OR 2017/2018	262	218	2017 OR 2017/2018	192	144	144
2018 OR 2018/2019	271	237	2018 OR 2018/2019	206	151	151

## ASF surveillance in wild boar

- When did you start passive surveillance (dead wild boar)? In the 2018 there was 12 dead wild boars. All of them have been tested and there was found that they had parasite disease. The Food and veterinary Agency is in the process of the procurement of the kits for testing of ASF
- When did you start active surveillance (hunted wild boar)? There is No active surveillance.
- Do you have disease monitoring program/s in wild boar other than ASF? Describe disease/s, starting date, active/passive, samples taken, etc. There is a monitoring program for 2016 for CSF in domestic pigs and wild boar population and samples were taken.

## Passive surveillance for ASF in dead wild boar

Calendar or Hunting year	Number of wild boar found dead because of traffic accidents	Number of wild boar found dead not because of traffic accidents	Total number of wild boar found dead tested for ASF
2017 or 2017/2018	0	14	No testing's
2018 or 2018/2019	0	12	No testing's
2019 ongoing			

- How are dead wild boar reported (phone, letter, e-mail, mobile app, other)? Notification by telephone , by e-mail. Report sheets and manager of the hunting site.
- Who takes samples from dead wild boar (hunter, veterinary, other)?, Trained hunters and veterinarians,
- Where are dead wild boar sampled (forest/on-site, laboratory, other)? The dead wild boars are tested in the Lab for parasites.
- Which samples are taken from the dead wild boar? Wild boar carcass.
- Method of disposal after sampling (none, bury, burn, render, other)? . The Wild boar carcass was rendered.
- Which laboratory method is used to test the samples (ELISA, PCR, both, other)? Laboratory test for testing of parasites.

## Active surveillance for ASF in wild boar

Calendar or Hunting year	Number of wild boar shot	Number of shot wild boar tested for ASF
2017 or 2017/2018	No data	No data
2018 or 2018/2019	No data	No data
2019 ongoing		

- How is active surveillance for wild boar coordinated?
- There have not been provided data to us for monitoring of the diseases nor (ASF ,CSF ). It is planned the during the year to purchase the kits for testing of such disease.

Thank you for attention