



Report of the ASF Working Group

5th Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever (ASF) for the Americas "Implementation of ASF action plan"

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Global control of African swine fever: GF-TADs Initiative

Global Initiative

Recognising ASF as a priority TAD, the 'Global Control of African Swine Fever: A GF-TADs Initiative' was launched in 2020 under the GF-TADs framework:

- **Objective 1.** Improve the capability of countries to control (prevent, respond, eradicate) ASF using OIE standards and best practices that are based on the latest science.
- **Objective 2.** Establish an effective **coordination and cooperation** framework for the global control of ASF.
- **Objective 3.** Facilitate **business continuity**.

Global control of ASF is achieved*

No new countries affected with ASF

Decline in the number of countries affected by ASF Decline in the number of ASF cases

Reduced losses due to ASF

* The goal is achieved by meeting the four defined criteria. Meeting some of the criteria would indicate progress in achieving global control

Outcomes

Capability of countries to control ASF is

 Improved understanding of strengths and weaknesses of the Veterinary Services to control ASF

Outcome 1

- Improved capability to conduct risk assessment
- Improved capability to conduct risk management
- Improved capability to conduct risk communication

Outcome 2 Regional & global coordination and

- cooperation is improved Disease information is transparent, accurate,
- up to date and accessible Effective regional & global expert networks strengthen inter-sectoral coordination & cooperation
- · Development agencies and technical partners recognise values of ASF control and provide financial & technical support
- ASF global research is active and coordinated, addressing needs

Outcome 3

National & international trade based on international standards and guidelines is facilitated

- International standards for safe trade are understood, accepted and promoted
- International standards are implemented

Outputs

- · Evaluation of capability of Veterinary Services to control ASF
- · Provision of technical guidelines, tools and training on risk assessment
- Provision of technical guidelines, tools and training on risk management
- Provision of tools, training and schemes on risk communication that target diverse audiences
- · Mechanism to facilitate notification, collection and dissemination of disease information
- Expert networking facilitated through GF-TADs and relevant frameworks
- · Project proposals developed and implemented considering synergies among different initiatives
- Support activities to promote ASF global research networks
- · OIE standards for safe tradedeveloped and revised based on latest scientific information, and promotion efforts
- · Technical guidelines provided for the effective implementation of international standards for safe trade

Objectives

Objective 1

Improve capability of untries to control ASF **

Objective 2

Establish effective coordination and cooperation framework

Objective 3 Facilitate business continuity

** Defined as to either prevent, respond or eradicate, depending on the national or regional situation

Global Initiative & ASF Working Group

- Global Initiative stems from regional initiatives and promotes regular exchange of experiences across regions and partners
- Framework to ensure synergy and good coordination, with outputs, outcomes and indicators attached to objectives
- ASF Working Group established to steer and monitor the implementation of the Global Initiative and contribute to development and support of ASF control strategies at global and regional levels

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Global control of African swine fever A GF-TADs initiative





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Standing Group of Experts

- Four regional SGEs established: Africa (2022), Americas (2019), Asia-Pacific (2019), Europe (2014)
- Technical forum that brings together decision makers and experts to coordinate regional efforts and address ASF control in collaborative and harmonised manner across the region
- Promote regular exchange of information and best practices in ASF management
- Instrumental in supporting the Global Initiative

Proposal: Inter-regional SGE for ASF

- Strengthen inter-regional cooperation and dialogue on ASF prevention and control
- Inform strategic priorities common across the 4 regions
- Review progress of Global Initiative
- Provide recommendations to the ASF WG



Focus areas of the ASF Working Group (2022 – 2023)

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Outcome 1: Capability of countries to control ASF is improved

Outcome 1.1. Improve understanding by countries of strengths and weaknesses of national Veterinary Services to control ASF

• Promote tools provided by WOAH, FAO, partners (e.g. PVS, lab management tool) and support Members in choice of tools

Outcome 1.2. Improved capacity to conduct risk assessment

- Promote studies on role of wild pigs
- Facilitate studies and training on RA, value-chain analysis, social sciences...

Outcome 1.3. Improved capacity to conduct risk management

- Enhance lab capacity
- Explore alternatives to mass culling
- Promote PPP

Outcome 1.4. Improved capacity to conduct risk communication

• Develop communication materials targeting different stakeholders, including on wild pigs





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Outcome 2: Regional and global coordination and cooperation is improved

Outcome 2.1. Disease information is submitted in a transparent and timely manner, is accurate, up to date and readily accessible

- Monitor occurrence of low virulence, vaccine-like ASFV strains
- Promote sharing of virus sequences (e.g. genomic platform)

Outcome 2.2. Effective regional/global expert networks strengthen intersectoral coordination and cooperation

• Promote inter-regional cooperation on ASF control – inter-regional SGE

Outcome 2.3. Facilitate the recognition by development agencies and technical partners of the value of ASF control and their active participation

- Promote involvement of PPP
- Engage key customs/border organisations (IATA, WCO, Interpol, IMO) in activities

Outcome 2.4. ASF global research is active and coordinated to address scientific needs

• Define parameters for safe and efficacious ASF vaccines



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Outcome 3: National, regional and international trade of pigs and their products, based on international standards and guidelines, is facilitated

Outcome 3.1. International standards for safe trade are well-understood, accepted and promoted

• Describe options for ASF vaccination strategies

Outcome 3.2. International standards are implemented effectively

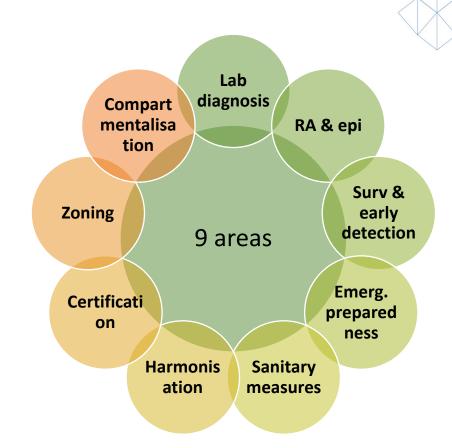
• Curation of case studies on zoning and compartmentalisation in ASF control



Other activities

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Global Initiative

- Developed logical framework, with outcome and output indicators
- Outcome indicators (1 & 3) to be based on self-evaluation by countries on capacity of Veterinary Services specific to ASF
- 9 questions altogether concerning different scopes of activity
- Helps inform strategic priorities and activities of the FAO and WOAH
- Being piloted with handful of countries, roll out to all countries to complete by end 2022



Other activities

Improving Veterinary Services: PVS Pathway

 Stay tuned for PVS Evaluation Specific Content for ASF to be launched by the end of 2022

ASF Reference Laboratory Network

- Summary of point-of-care test kits to enable rapid testing at point of disease to support field workers, practitioners and decision-makers
- Proficiency testing for ASF for the Americas region







THANK YOU

