



# Core Group Report - March 2021

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## This report was produced using OIE data.

Deteriorating	No Change	Improving	Undetermined
Situation is	Update does not	Situation is	New incident or
deteriorating and / or	change the disease	improving or	emerging disease /
there is an increased	risk for animal health	seasonal risk is	threat with unknown
risk to the UK		decreasing	risk to UK

### **Foot and Mouth Disease**

Low risk – no change

In March, FMD outbreaks were reported: serotype O in Mauritius (1).

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

# **Low risk for wild bird incursion** – reduced from very high\*.

In March, in **EUROPE** outbreaks of **HPAI H5N8** were reported in domestic poultry in Estonia (2), Italy (2), Netherlands (1), Poland (14) and Sweden (9). **HPAI H5N8** was also reported in wild birds in Austria (15) Croatia (3), Czech Republic (13), Estonia (19), Finland (9), France (5), Hungary (1), Latvia (16), Lithuania (4), Netherlands (10), Norway (9), Poland (16) and Sweden (27). **HPAI H5N5** was reported in domestic poultry in Sweden (1). **HPAI H5N5** was also reported in wild birds in Austria (1), Czech Republic (1), Hungary 1) and Sweden (11). **HPAI H5N1** was reported in wild birds in France (1) and Netherlands (5). **HPAI H5N4** was reported in wild birds in Netherlands (2). **HPAI H5Nx** was reported in domestic poultry in Ukraine, and in wild birds in Austria (7), Belgium (6) Sweden (7) and Ukraine (3). In **ASIA**, outbreaks of **HPAI H5N8** were reported in domestic poultry in Afghanistan (1) and Kuwait (7). **HPAI H5N2** was reported in domestic poultry in Taiwan (1). Other reports included **HPAI H5N5** in poultry in Taiwan (2) and **HPAI H5N5** in wild birds in Taiwan (1). In **AFRICA**, **HPAI H5N8** was reported in poultry in Algeria (1), in wild birds in Algeria (1), and **HPAI H5N1** in poultry in Niger (3).

See relevant risk assessments at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-europe">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-europe</a>

<sup>\*</sup> The risk of AI H5N8 incursion in wild birds was reduced from Very High to Medium at the beginning of March 2021. This was then reduced further to Low at the end of March 2021.



### African Swine Fever

# Medium risk – no change

In March, in **Europe**, reported outbreaks of ASF in domestic pigs have continued in Romania (53), Russia (4) and Ukraine (1). Reports of ASF in wild boar continue in Hungary (575), Latvia (22), Romania (75) and Russia (4). **Elsewhere**, outbreaks of ASF in domestic pigs were reported in China (6), Malaysia (7), Philippines (27) and South Africa (23).

### Classical Swine Fever

# Very low risk - no change

In March, Japan reported no new outbreaks in domestic pigs, and there were no new wild boar reports. Elsewhere, outbreaks in domestic pigs were reported in Brazil (2).

## Bluetongue

# Low risk - no change

In March, in **Europe**, there were cases of **BTV-8** in Belgium (1) and of **BTV-16** in Greece (13) and **BTV-4** in Greece (11). Elsewhere, there were no other reports of BTV.

### Newcastle disease

### Low risk - no change

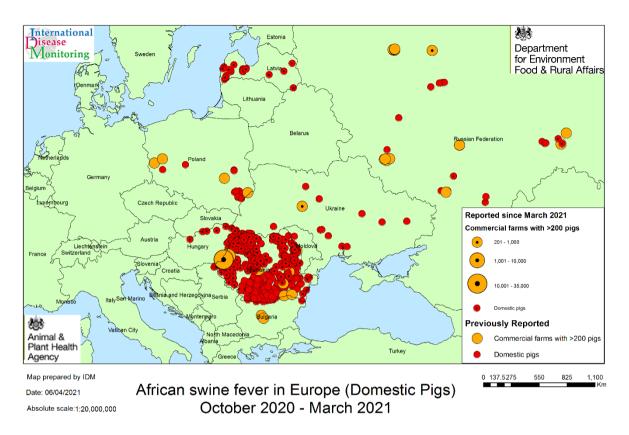
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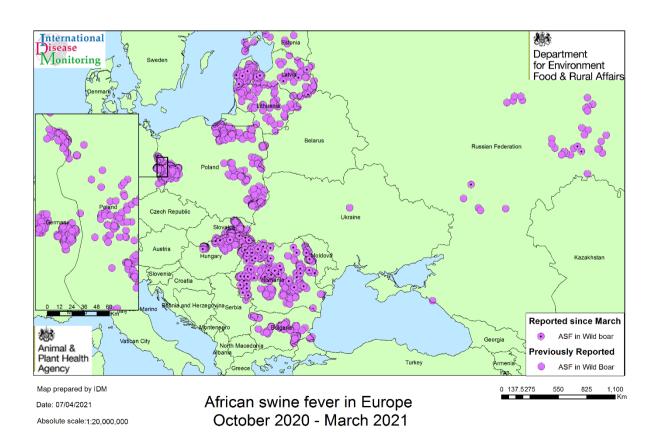
### African Horse Sickness

### Very low risk - no change

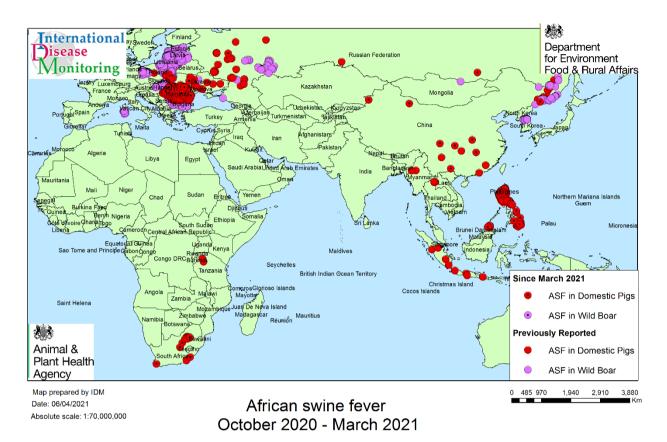
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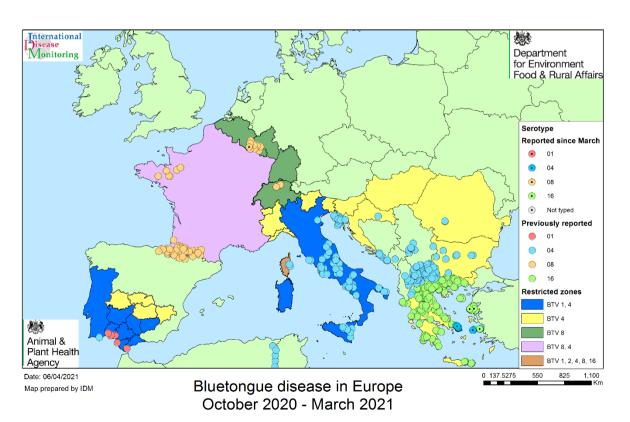






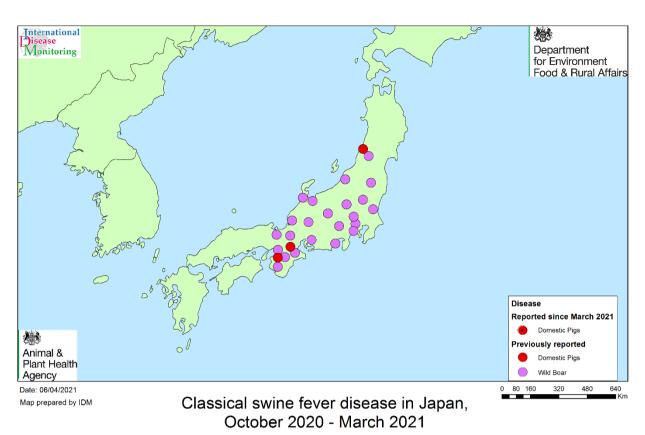


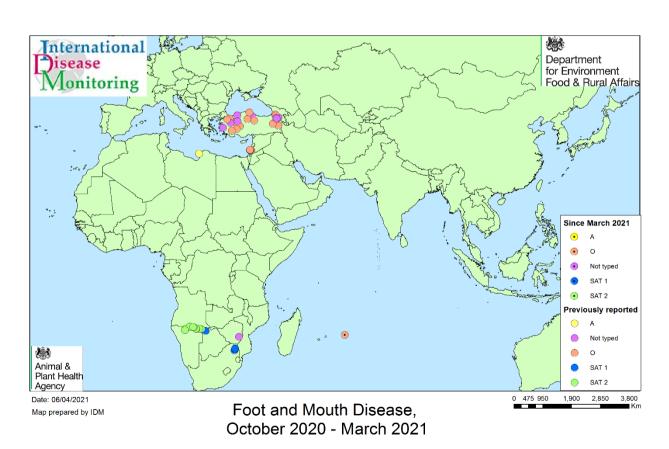




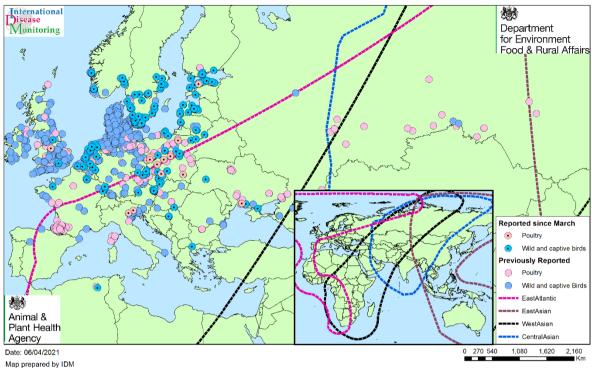












Highly pathogenic avian influenza in Poultry, Captive and Wild birds October 2020 - March 2021 Overlay: migratory bird flyways

