



SYNTHESIS ELEMENTS

General figures: between November 17th 2020 and February 24th 2021, **476** outbreaks notified in breeding in 12 departments, including 341 (72%) in the Landes department (40) and **13** cases in wildlife.

Grand Sud-Ouest: on the basis of an ANSES opinion issued on January 7, 2021, a national decree of January 11, and prefectural decrees of January 15, implementation of preventive felling, of a large area buffer and massive depopulation. These measures concern the Landes (40) and 4 neighboring departments: Gers (32), Pyrénées-Atlantiques (64), Hautes-Pyrénées (65) and Lot-et-Garonne (47).

Other departments affected in breeding: Deux-Sèvres (79), Vendée (85), Haute-Garonne (31), Les Ardennes (08) but to a limited extent

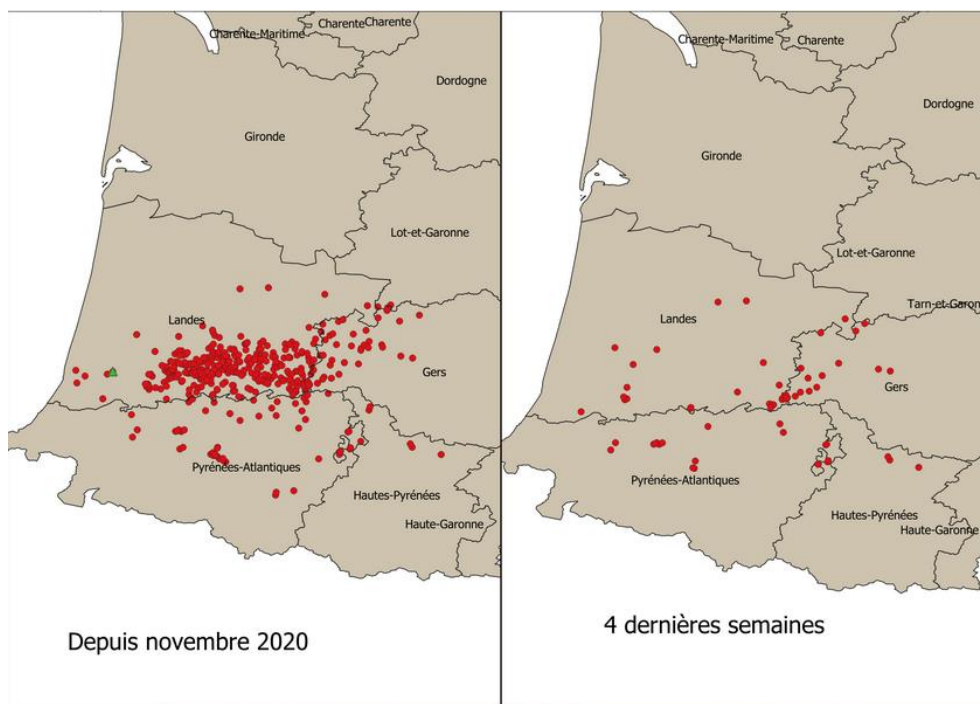
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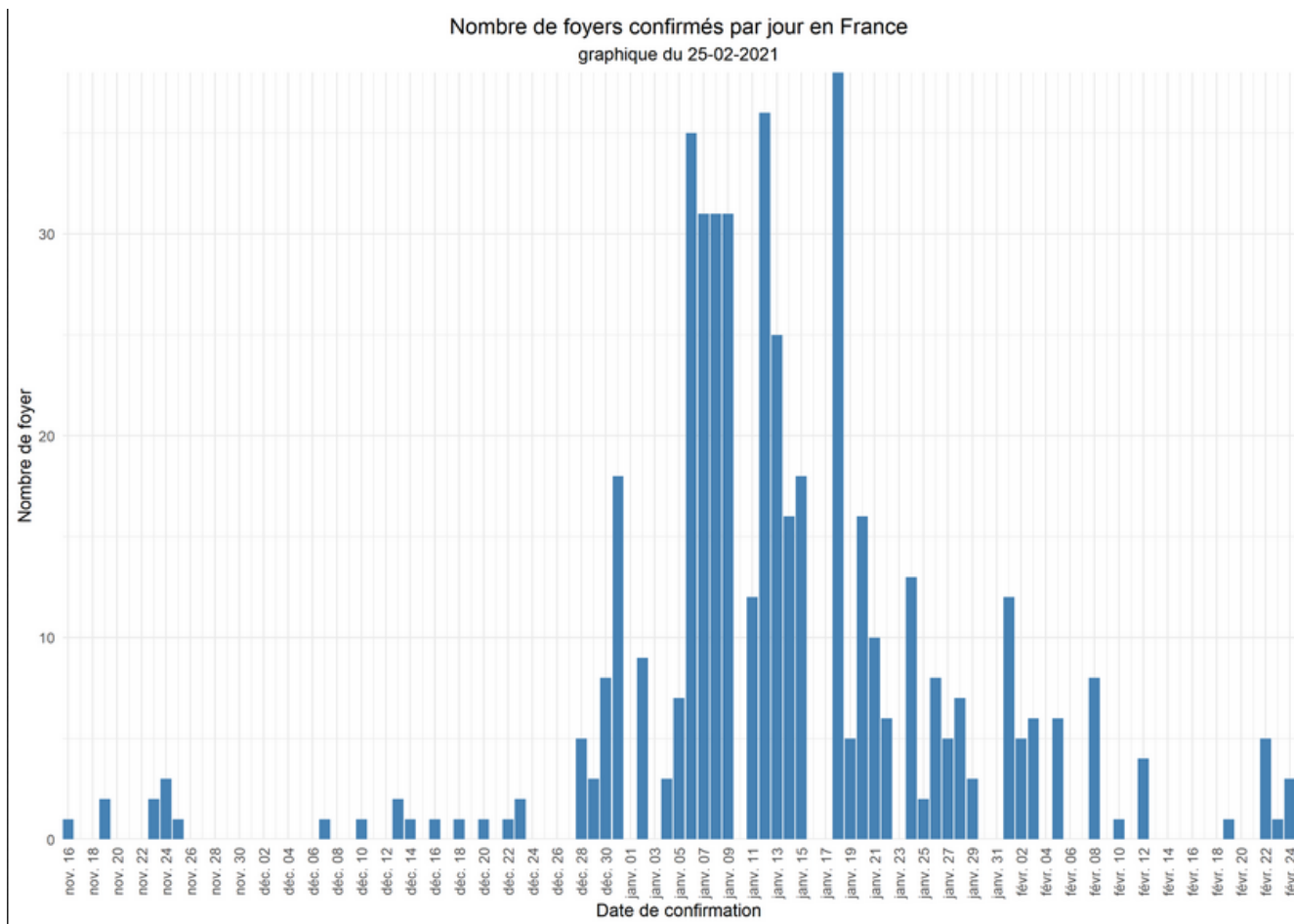
- the H5N8 virus which is rampant in France as in 22 European countries (19 Member States, plus Norway, United Kingdom and Ukraine) and 17 third countries
- the strains circulating in France are not zoonotic, they exclusively affects birds. This means they are not transmissible to humans through the consumption of poultry meat, eggs, fatty liver and more generally any food product
- cases are notified following confirmation from the national reference laboratory
- notification to the OIE (initial and monitoring reports) is made by French authorities in accordance with the provisions of Article 1.1.3 of the Code (weekly, on Friday, if no significant change in the restricted area and immediate if significant change)
- MAA website: <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/influenza-aviaire-le-point-sur-la-situation-en-france>

1. Grand Sud-Ouest (5 departments 32, 40, 47, 64 and 65): extension of preventive slaughter and establishment of a large surveillance zone or "buffer zone"

Based on the ANSES opinion of January 7, the strategy is based on:

- **Preventive slaughter around outbreaks in all of the departments 32,40, 64 and 65, and in some municipalities of the department 47:** the ministerial decree of January 11, 2021 defines the municipalities in which preventive slaughter is implemented in a radius of 5 km around the outbreaks: in the 1st kilometer it concerns all birds without distinction, for the following 4 km it targets all palmipeds and other non-enclosed poultry. Note that a number of outbreaks are now closed with the OIE;
- **The gradual depopulation of a buffer zone in the 5 Grand Sud-Ouest departments:** this includes all the regulated zones (3/10km zones in accordance with Directive 2005/94) as well as the municipalities located within a radius of 10km beyond the border of the surveillance zones of 10km around the outbreaks, i.e. 20km around the outbreaks in total. In each department, the area is defined by prefectural decree. In this buffer zone, birds are brought to the end of their production but restocking is not allowed. In addition, there must be no entry or exit of birds (any poultry, including farmed game) as in conventional restricted areas. The lifting of the buffer zone will not take place before the lifting of all the restricted areas it encircles.
- **Impact of the depopulation strategy in the South-West:** after 6 weeks of application of the preventive slaughter strategy (nearly 3 million poultry) and application of the buffer zone, the number of outbreaks detected in the Sud-Ouest has been neatly decreasing. The maps and figure below show the evolution of the incidence. On the maps, the cumulative mode is on the left, the incidence for last month on the right.





2. Other departments affected: episodes under control (see OIE map next page)

- **The Ardennes department (08)** declared an isolated outbreak on January 29, 2021 in a backyard. This outbreak is declared closed to the OIE. The protection zone was lifted.
- **The Haute-Garonne department (31)** declared an isolated outbreak on January 20, 2021 in a laying hen farm. All analyzes (PCR) carried out on all the farms (20) in relation with this outbreak located in the same department were found to be negative. The protection zone was lifted on the 24th, only a surveillance zone remains.
- **Atlantic facade, West of France (Deux-Sèvres (79), Vendée (85))**

1 outbreak in Deux-Sèvres (79): Saint-Sauveur-Bressuire (14/12, duck breeding) - the zone lifting took place on January 22, 2021.

3 outbreaks in Vendée (85): 2 in Saint-Maurice-des-Noues (13/12, duck breeding; 23/12, poultry breeding), 1 in Saint Christophe du Ligneron (12/1, meat ducks breeding); the restricted areas of the three outbreaks have been lifted. These outbreaks are declared closed to the OIE.

Departments of Yvelines (78) and Corsica (2A, 2B) (animal facilities)

The 8 outbreaks, all outside professional breeding, were declared to the OIE on December 8, 2020. In Corsica (departments of Corse du Sud (2A) and Haute-Corse (2B)), the last restriction zone was lifted on January 20. In the department of Yvelines (78), the zone lifting took place on January 5, 2021.

3. Wild avifauna

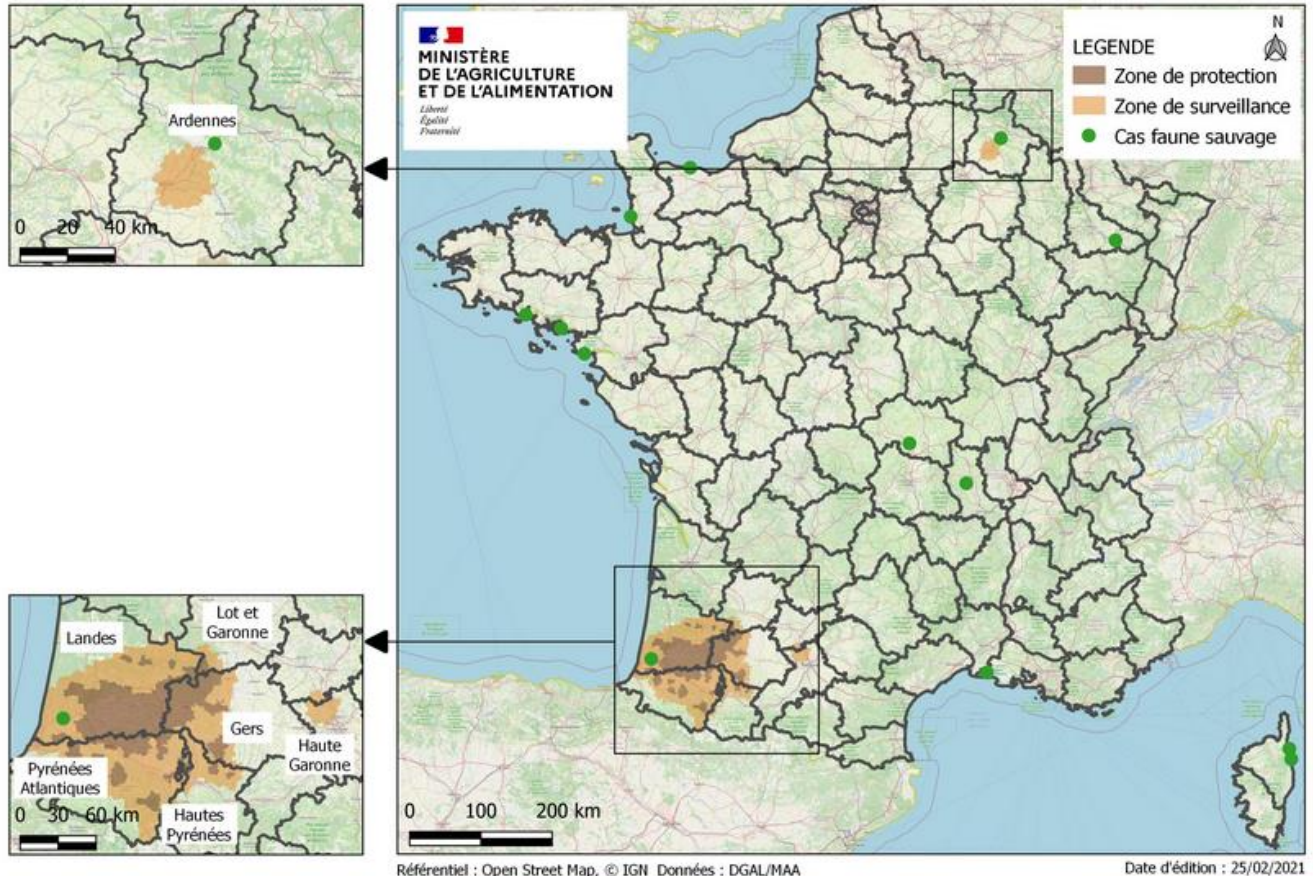
Since the last case confirmed on February 5, 2021, 1 new case (swan) was confirmed on February 12 in the “Allier” department (03).

Nombre de cas dans la faune sauvage		Oiseaux concernés	
Département	Morbihan (56)	2	oies bernache
	Loire-Atlantique (44)	1	oie bernache
	Calvados (14)	1	canard tadorne
	Meurthe-et-Moselle (54)	1	cygnes
	Bouches-du-Rhône (13)	1	oie cendrée
	Haute-Corse (2B)	2	goéland + buse
	Loire (42)	1	cygnes
	Manche (50)	1	bécasseaux maubèche et courlis
	Ardennes (08)	1	moineaux
	Allier (03)	1	cygne
Landes (40)	1	mouette	
TOTAL France		13	

4. Recovering the free-status in departments affected by HPAI :

In accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 10.4, Article 10.4.3 recovery of free status occurs three months after cleaning / disinfection of the last outbreak in the department. For the first department with breeding outbreaks whose restriction zones have been lifted, the Deux-Sèvres department, recovery could take place, in the absence of a new outbreak in this department by April 20, 2021.

French Influenza restriction zones wild / domestic



NB: The map of outbreaks notified to the OIE is temporarily unavailable (change from the WAHIS interface to WAHIS-OIE).