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- A(H5N1) Human & Avian influenza – none
- “INSIDE” events: West Nile virus– Israel

Location: World

Event: A(H5N1) – Human /Epizootic

Comments

No new event has been reported this week

REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURRING INSIDE THE EPISOUTH AREA (Occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

Location: Israel

Event: West Nile virus

Comments

- On 11th July 2012, 5 cases of WNV (suspect and confirmed) have been reported by the Israeli [Ministry of Health](#) (cf. map1).
- They are the first reported cases by the MoH in Israel for 2012.
- Israel is endemic for WNV since 1947; the occurrence of WNV cases is expected in the country.
- In 2010, 114 human WNV cases have been reported in Israel, and 45 in 2011 (cf. [Note on 2010 & 2011 seasons WNV circulation in EpiSouth countries](#)).
- Although the occurrence of WNV cases in Israel does not constitute an alert, it remains relevant for the neighbouring EpiSouth countries which are not considered as endemic for WNV to be aware that the WNV season has started in Israel.
- On 10th July 2012, one human WNV case has been reported by the Palestinian authorities in Jericho, Palestine (cf. [eWEB n°225](#)).
- Since the beginning of the 2012 season and among EpiSouth countries, Greece, Palestine and Israel are the three first countries having reported WNV human cases, and Italy reported one WNV equine case.
- In 2011, among the 27 EpiSouth countries, 9 reported WNV circulation in human and/or equine (cf. [Note on 2010 & 2011 seasons WNV circulation in EpiSouth countries](#)).

Map 1. Suspected and confirmed human WNV cases and mosquitoes positive to WNV in Israel in 2012, as of 11.7.2012 (source: MoH Israel)

