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A(H5N1) Human & Avian influenza – none

"INSIDE" events: West Nile - Croatia

"OUTISDE" events: none

Location: World

Event:

A(H5N1) – Human

Event:
& Epizootic

No new event has been reported this week

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

Location: West Nile Event: Croatia <u>Comments</u>

- On 22nd August 2012, the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture reported to <u>OIE</u> 2 outbreaks of West Nile virus in equine, in Vukovar-Syrmia county, at the border with Bosnia and Serbia (cf. map 1).
- A total of 3 confirmed WNV equine cases have been detected in the framework of active serosurveillance (no clinical signs).

Map 1. Vukovar-Syrmia county, Croatia



- Human and equine surveillance is implemented in Croatia (cf. <u>Note on 2010 & 2011 seasons WNV circulation in EpiSouth countries</u>):.
- So far no West Nile Neuro-invasive Disease (WNND) in human or equine has been reported in Croatia.
- Nonetheless, in 2011, a low intensity of WNV was found in horses through sera testing. A higher intensity of WNV was found through seroprevalence surveys in horses in the Eastern and continental parts of the country.
- To date, within EpiSouth countries, Tunisia, Greece, Palestine and Israel reported WNDD human cases (cf. eWEB n°230); Greece, Italy and Croatia reported WNV cases in equine.