

# How to protect your pigs from **African Swine Fever**

Recognising and preventing ASF



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# What is African Swine Fever – ASF?

African swine fever is spreading in Timor-Leste. This new disease only affects pigs and is highly contagious and often fatal.

# Did you know?

ASF kills pigs

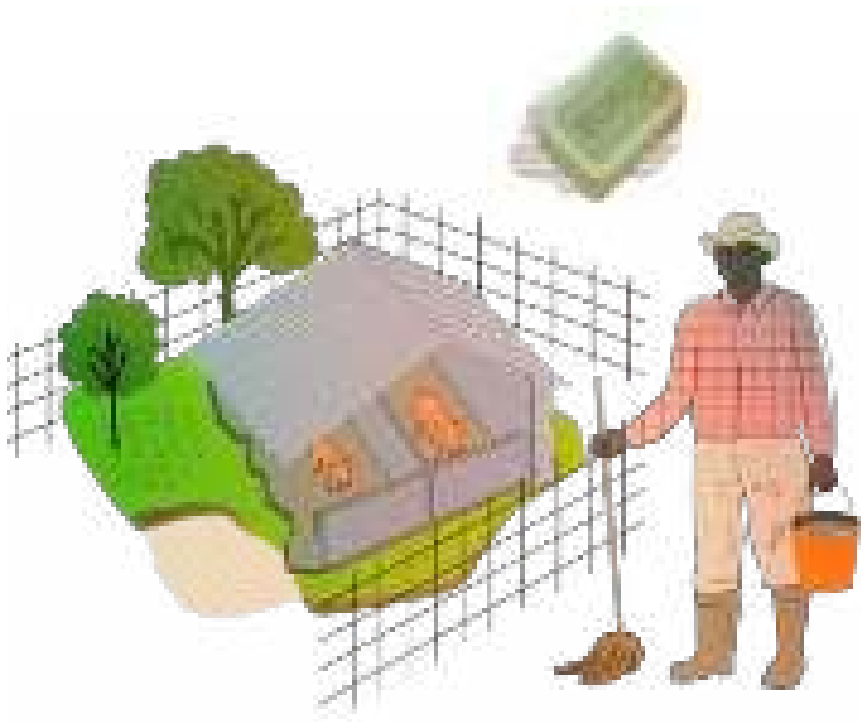


It won't affect humans or other animals. **There is no vaccine or treatment.**

# How to keep your pigs safe:

## 1. Keep your pigs in a pen

- ✓ Use **concrete for the floor**
- ✓ Build a **roof** so that the pigs are in the shade
- ✓ Clean out **food** and **water troughs**
- ✓ **Clean the floor** to remove any food or animal waste
- ✓ It is best if you can **build septic tanks**



These actions will **improve the hygiene of your pigs.**

## 2. Feed your pigs the right Food

### ✓ Do

- ✓ Feed specially **formulated pig feed**
- ✓ **Feed boiled or properly cooked clean food and vegetables** at home
- ✓ Give **clean water**



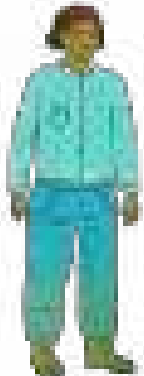
### ✗ Don't

- ✗ Feed any **left-over food, garbage, meat and meat products**

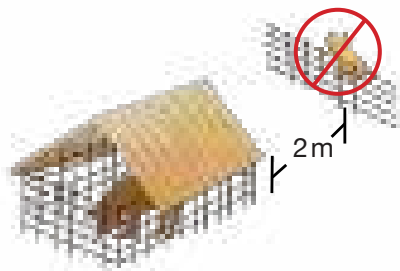


These actions **will help them grow and stop them from getting ASF** and other diseases.

### 3. Practice good biosecurity



Nominate **one person to look after your pigs**. This person is your **PIG KEEPER** and feeds them, cleans them and cleans the pen.



**Do not allow anyone else** – including visitors or other animals - near the pen.



No other **cars, vans or bikes** are allowed near the pen.



The **PIG KEEPER** should have **special tools**, cleaning and feeding equipment, clothing and boots.

- **Clean these** every time you use them, **BEFORE** going near the pen, and keep them separate from other equipment.
- Do not use these for any other activity.

These actions will **protect your pigs from other humans and other pigs**.

# What to do?

Are your pigs **sick or dying**?

Ring the **MAF Hotline**

**AND** contact your local **Municipal Technician**.

**Remember** – ASF can look like other diseases, so it is very important to **REPORT** your sick pigs.

# Report sick pigs!

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# If your pigs die? Still report it!

Proper disposal is important



1. **Don't slaughter sick pigs.** Butchering them could lead to spread of ASF through movement of pork products.
2. **Don't feed infected pig** to other animals.
3. Burial trenches and pits must have at least the **depth of 1.5 metres**. The width can depend on size of your pig.
4. Before proper burrial, the pig should be **covered in disinfectants**, to prevent infected blood seeping into the ground.
5. The pigs should only be one layer thick in the pit – this prevents other animals from digging them up.
6. **Change clothes and wash your hands** after you bury your pig.
7. Clean your pig pens using **disinfectants or detergents**. If you can, **consult your local Veterinary Technician or MAF** before restocking.