The Hessian Ministry of Agriculture and Environment is introducing a digital, standardised wildlife management system across the state, developed by linqi

Digital reporting system for wild boar sightings: Hesse relies on linqi in its fight against African swine fever

Hesse, 15 October 2026 | The Hessian Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment, Viticulture, Forestry, Hunting and Regional Identity has introduced a standardised, state-wide digital reporting system for wild boars found dead. Anyone who comes across a carcass or wishes to report a hunted animal can now do so with just a few clicks. The solution is based on the no-code platform linqi. It records the findings via an online form without the need for registration and automatically assigns them to the relevant veterinary authority. The new, fully digitised wildlife management system is designed to contain African swine fever, which has been present in Hesse for over two years. The aim is to halt the further spread of the virus and restore Hesse to disease-free status in the long term.

How hunters and veterinary authorities benefit

Since African swine fever (ASF) first appeared in Hesse in June 2024, a total of 7,097 sightings have been reported in southern and northern Hesse. Of these, 2,340 tested positive (as at 14 October 2026). Until now, there has been no standardised, state-wide reporting procedure for dead or suspicious wild boars. Yet the time taken to report a find determines how quickly a carcass can be examined and a possible outbreak identified. The solution developed with linqi speeds up this process and reduces the administrative burden.

Hunters, forestry operations and forest visitors can now report a find whilst out and about in just a few steps and do not have to work out for themselves which authority is responsible. The information reaches the veterinary authorities in a structured format, meaning it does not need to be re-entered or requested from the reporters. This shortens the process from the discovery, through recovery, to sample analysis and the reporting of results. This also benefits animal welfare: the sooner a carcass is reported and recovered, the lower the risk of further wild and domestic pigs becoming infected. Standardised reports and clearly defined responsibilities also facilitate coordination between hunters, foresters and the authorities.

How reporting works with linqi

This dynamic, intelligent online form can be used without registration and adapts to the information entered.

1. **Open the link:** The form can be accessed directly via a link, without the need to log in.
2. **Fill in the details:** First, the person making the report selects their role from a drop-down list – for example, private individual, hunter or veterinary authority. The date of discovery or kill can then be selected directly from the calendar. Finally, the location is recorded using the smartphone's GPS or by marking it on a map.
3. **Provide further information:** Depending on the reporter's role and the location where the animal was found, additional fields appear for the relevant details.
   - **For hunters**, the system automatically populates the hunting ground name based on the location. They then enter the animal species and reason for submission (killed whilst healthy, killed whilst sick, fallen game, roadkill), scan the game tag using the integrated barcode scanner, and select the estimated age and sex with a single click. Photos can also be attached.
   - **Veterinary authorities** can enter additional details, such as weight, surroundings and the condition of the limbs, as well as further notes. Selection lists with single or multiple-choice options are available for this purpose
4. **Submit the report:** Once all the required details have been entered in full, the report can be submitted.

linqi: The platform behind the reporting portal

The reporting portal was implemented using the no-code platform linqi. 'No-code' means that specialist departments within public authorities, associations and businesses can set up and customise digital workflows themselves without any programming knowledge. The wildlife management system demonstrates that this approach can also be used to implement processes that hardly anyone initially considers when thinking about digitalisation. Using linqi's modular system, workflows such as this one can be easily put together: record a report, determine responsibility, forward it in a structured manner, and document the response. On this basis, it is also possible to digitise, for example, damage reports in forestry or agriculture, inspection and survey reports in livestock farming and hunting grounds, as well as applications for permits, procurement and approvals. To this

end, linqi offers, for instance, an intuitive form designer, options for optimised document management, and security and data protection features.

"A report sent by a hunter in the woods via smartphone must reach the relevant veterinary authority directly, so that it can deal with the find as quickly as possible. At the same time, the digital implementation has helped to structure the process more clearly and to define responsibilities unambiguously. It is precisely this principle that can be applied to other reporting processes, such as those for trichinellosis or Aujeszky's disease," says Jörg Sager, CEO of linqi. *"Even though we merely provide the tool, we are delighted – as we are with every use of our software – when it takes the workload off the shoulders of those responsible."*

Found a dead animal? Report it here!

Go to the digital registration portal: https://wtms.linqi.app/s/hessen-wildschweinmeldung-asp

Background: African swine fever

African swine fever (ASF) is a viral disease that affects domestic and wild pigs, causes great suffering to the animals and is fatal in most cases. It poses no danger to humans or other animal species, and consuming pork does not pose a health risk. The virus is transmitted directly via the carcasses of infected animals and indirectly via food waste, clothing, vehicles and equipment. There is currently no effective vaccine. The latest figures and maps are available at https://schweinepest.hessen.de.

About linqi

linqi is a no-code platform for the digitalisation and automation of workflows in businesses, public administrations and government bodies. Departments can design forms and processes themselves and integrate them with existing systems. Hosting is available either in German, ISO 27001-certified data centres, on the organisation's own infrastructure, or at a location of their choice. According to the company, more than 500,000 active users worldwide use linqi. Further information: www.linqi.de

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