

What do Lithuanian hunters think of African swine fever and its control

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AIM

Assess the perceptions, concerns and willingness of hunters to support ASF control measures.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

**ANONYMOUS
WEB-BASED
SURVEY**

DISTRIBUTED

**5 MAIN HUNTING
ASSOCIATIONS**

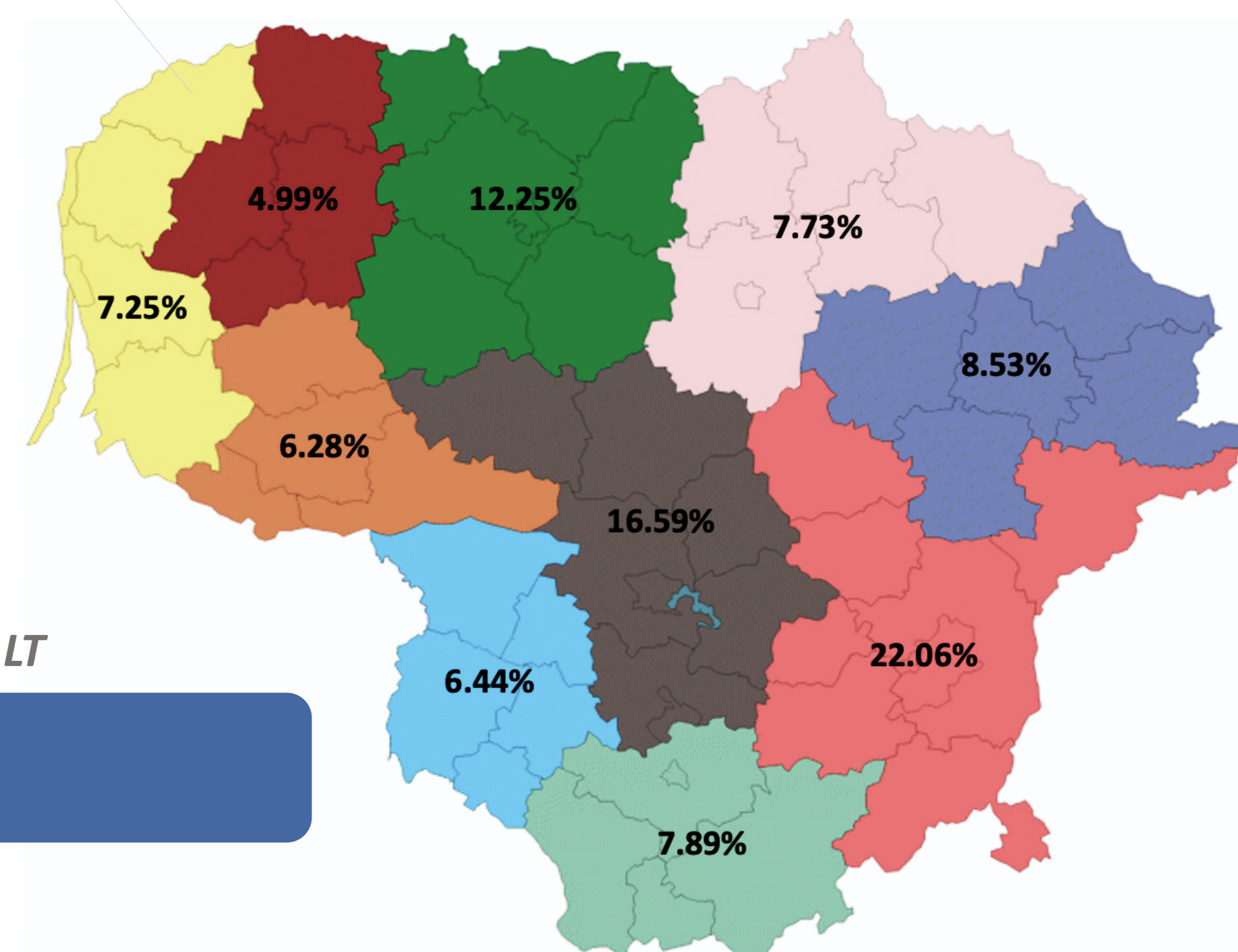
**THE MOST VISITED
HUNTERS WEBSITE
IN LITHUANIA**

REACHED



621 hunters responded
of approx. 30.000 hunters in LT

Distribution of responders across counties in Lithuania



RESULTS

Unsupported ASF control measures

Measures interfering with hunting

Ban of driven or individual hunting

“Increases wild boar population; Would reduce hunters motivation to participate in ASF control.”

Hunting female wild boar

“Unethical. It would eliminate wild boar species.”

Including additional forces

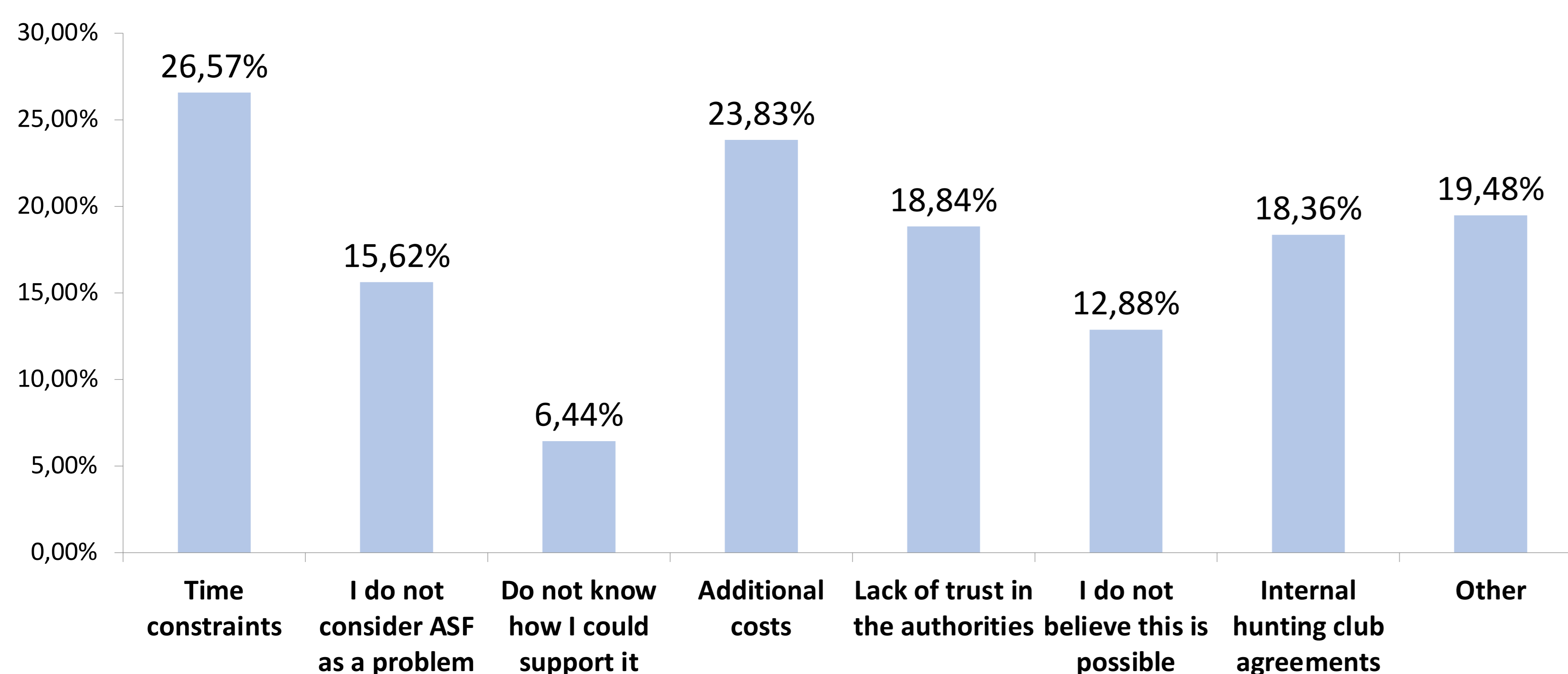
Army and/or police

“Lack of appropriate skills needed; Unnecessary extra costs.”

Ban of supplementary feeding

“Increases wild boar migration; Spreads the disease even further.”

Hindering reasons to support the control and elimination of ASF



Motivational options

47.3%
Reduction of work

37%
Financial incentives

39.1%
Detailed feedback from the authorities regarding the disease status

CONCLUSIONS

- Need to improve important relationships with other stakeholders;
- Measures interfering with hunting, ban of supplementary feeding, female hunting and including additional forces in the field- rejected by hunters;
- Motivational options to increase hunters participation: financial incentives, feedback and the reduction of workload;

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