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WEST NILE CURRENT SITUATION, NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM AND FUTURE OF THE DISEASE IN SPAIN





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WNV NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM IN SPAIN (I)

- Surveillance (“EVITAR NET” framework) since 2001 (Doñana, Delta del Ebro) → 30% seroprevalence in some species in Doñana
- Surveillance program implemented since 2007
- During mosquitoes activity period: March-April until October-November
- Two surveillance levels:
 - birds, mosquitoes
 - horses





WNV NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM IN SPAIN (II)

- Target areas: criteria
 - Density of migratory birds
 - Density of mosquitoes or optimal conditions
 - Proximity to endemic areas
 - Proximity to outbreaks
 - Previous data of seroprevalence

- 4 main areas:
 - Wetlands in North of Catalonia
 - Ebro's Delta
 - Doñana National Park
 - Wetlands in Mediterranean Basin: Valencia, Murcia and Balearic Islands





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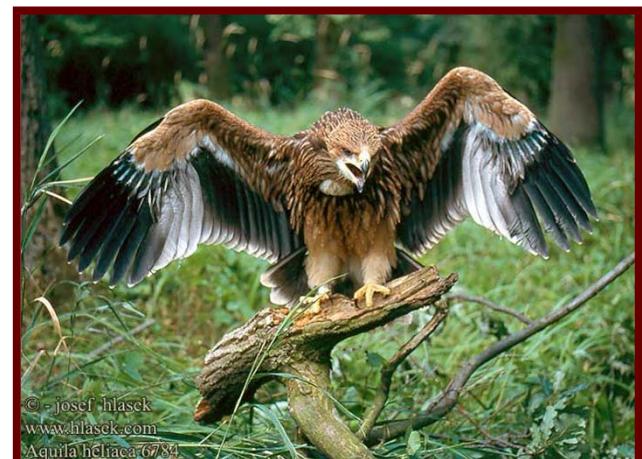
WNV NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM IN SPAIN (III)

| | Passive Surveillance | Active Surveillance | Note | Intervention Zone |
|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Wild birds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal mortalities<input type="checkbox"/> Sampling (brain, heart, kidney, blood, CSF) | Risk based sampling | <p>Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Seroconversion and viral circulation detection.2. Virus identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Recovery centers<input type="checkbox"/> Zoos nearby<input type="checkbox"/> Killed game animals<input type="checkbox"/> AI samples, other procedures (banding) | <p>a) Wetlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Doñana<input type="checkbox"/> Ebro's Delta<input type="checkbox"/> North of Catalonia<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean wetlands: Valencia, Murcia, Balearic Islands. |
| Mosquitoes | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Traps positioning<input type="checkbox"/> Virus research<input type="checkbox"/> Mosquitoes population dynamic research | <p>Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mosquitoes population dynamics2. Fortnightly sampling | <p>b) Wetlands nearby equine holdings.</p> |
| Horses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Clinical symptoms<input type="checkbox"/> Sentinels<input type="checkbox"/> Sampling (blood, brain, heart, kidney, CSF) | Sampling in risk areas in case of epidemic wave | | |



NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM OUTCOME

- 5740 birds and 860 horses tested (2008-2010) m2
- In recent years WNV antibodies have been detected in migratory birds in centre and south Spain (10%)
- Virus isolated in migratory birds: 4 eagles and 1 stork



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Diapositiva 5

m2 añadimos los 600 sueros de la investigación???
malvarezf; 12/05/2011



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WEST NILE IN SPAIN 2010 (I)

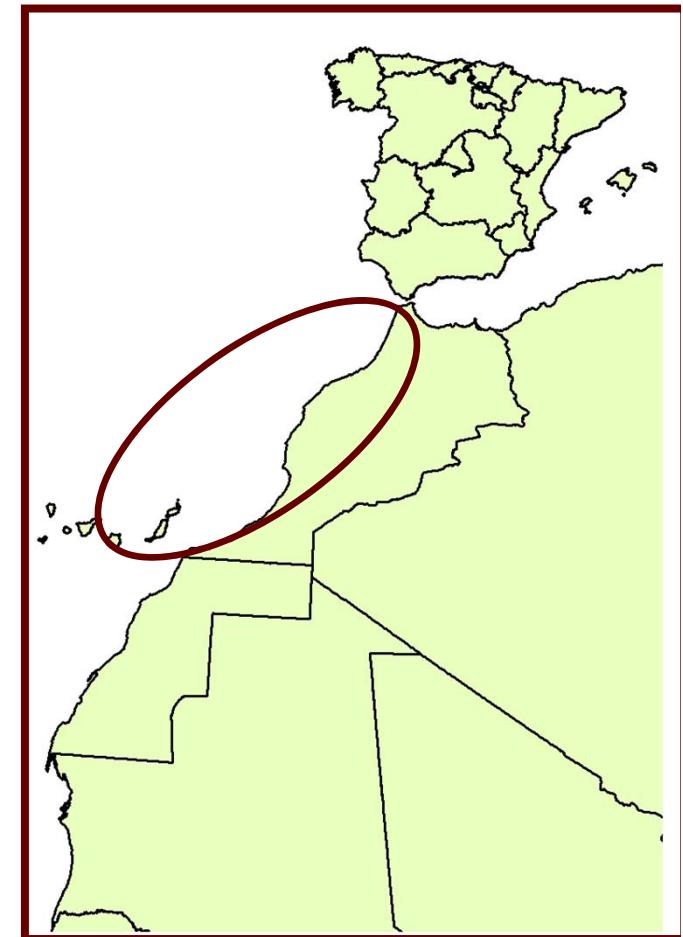
Notified outbreaks in Morocco
in August 2010



Surveillance reinforcement in
Spain



Manel Soria - 2006





WEST NILE IN SPAIN 2010 (II)

- Primary outbreak
(clinical suspicion in
horses): Jerez de la
Frontera, Campiña.
CÁDIZ

10/9/2010

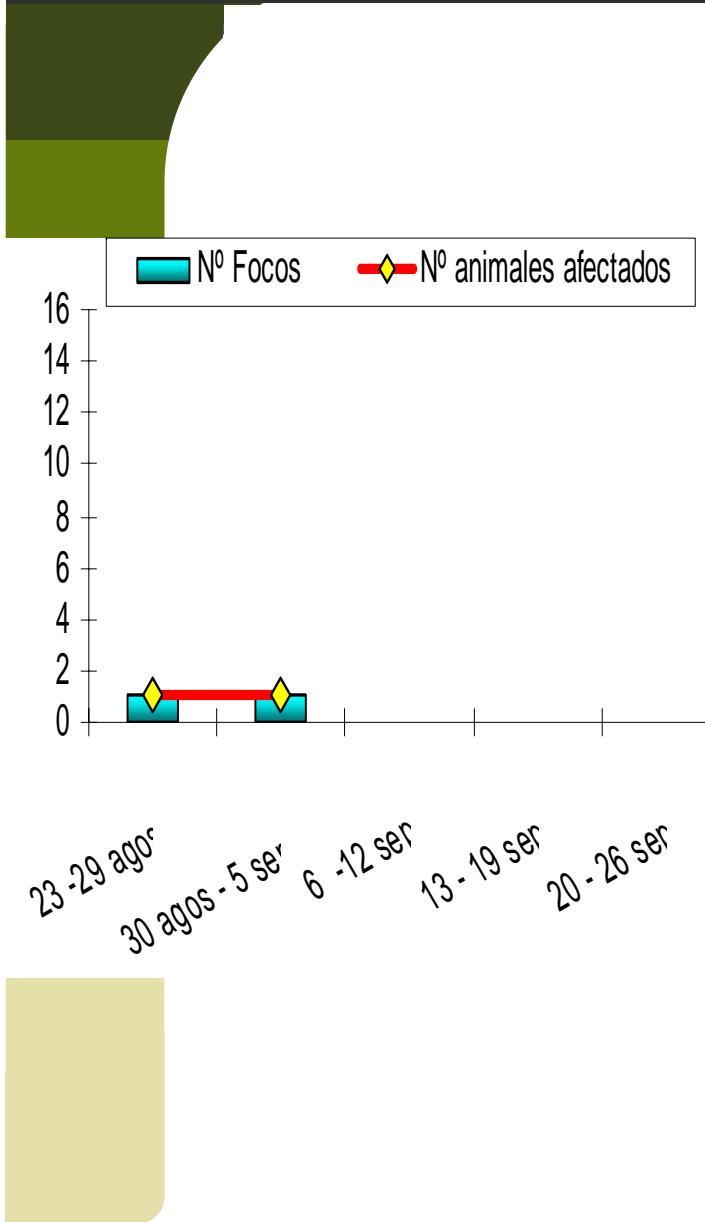
- Diagnostic:
 - IgM ELISA
 - RT-PCR





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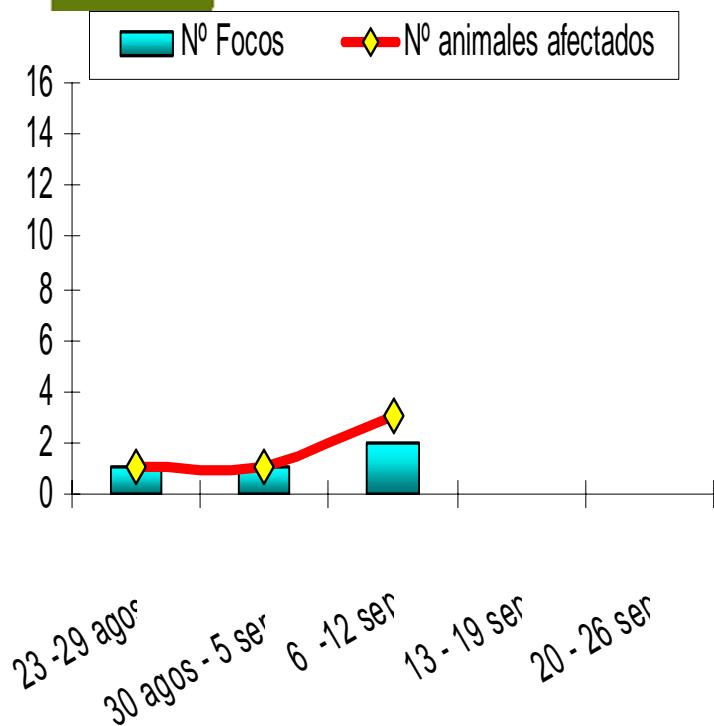
2nd week (30 August- 6 September)





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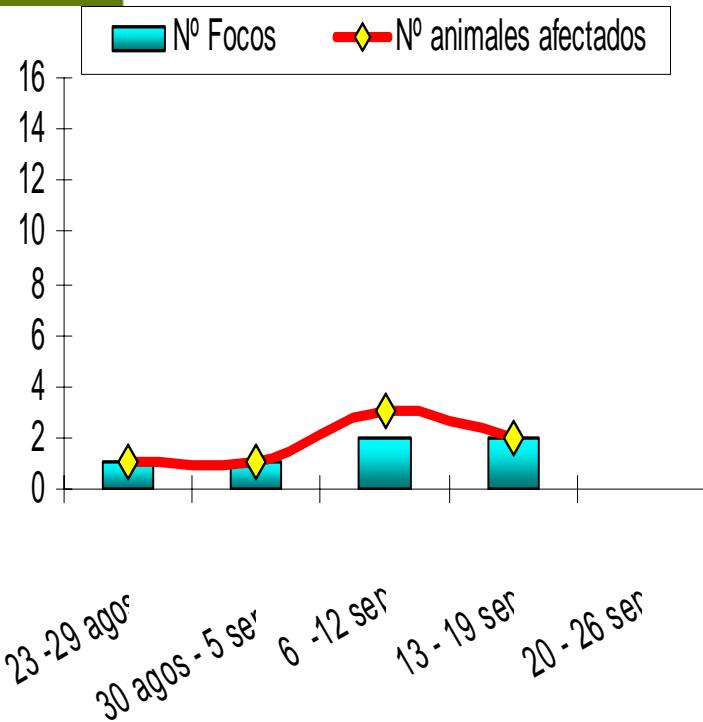
3rd week (6- 12 September)





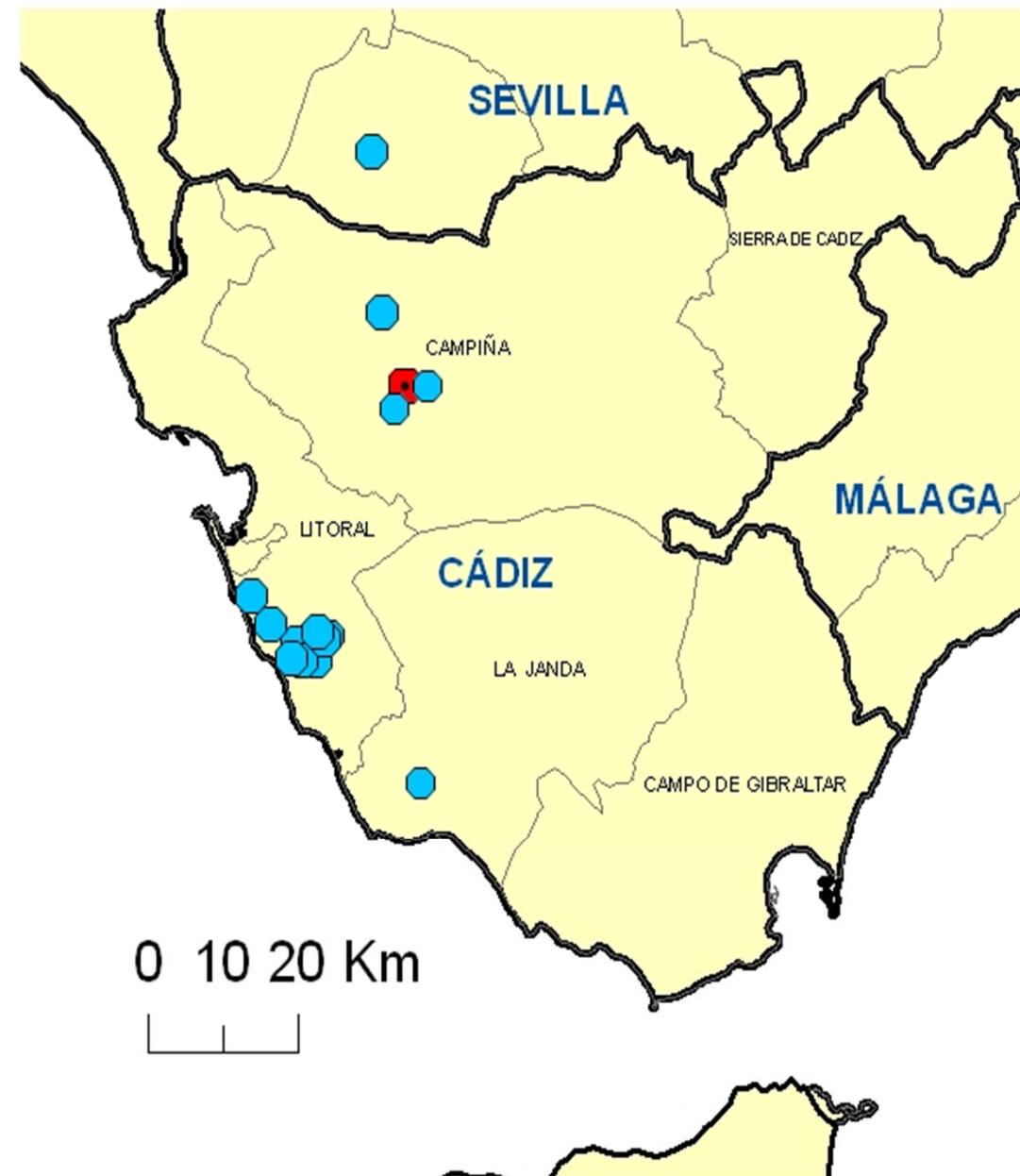
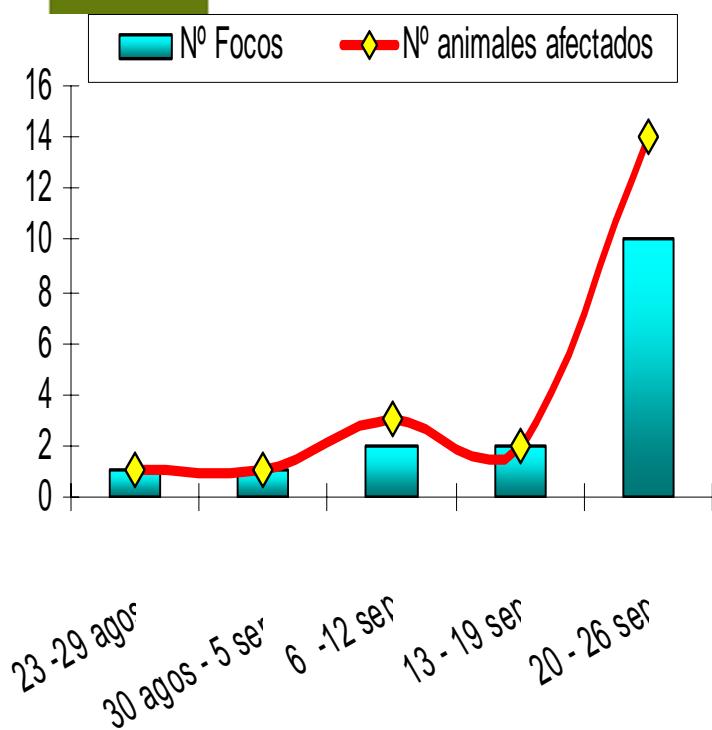
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4th week (13- 19 September)





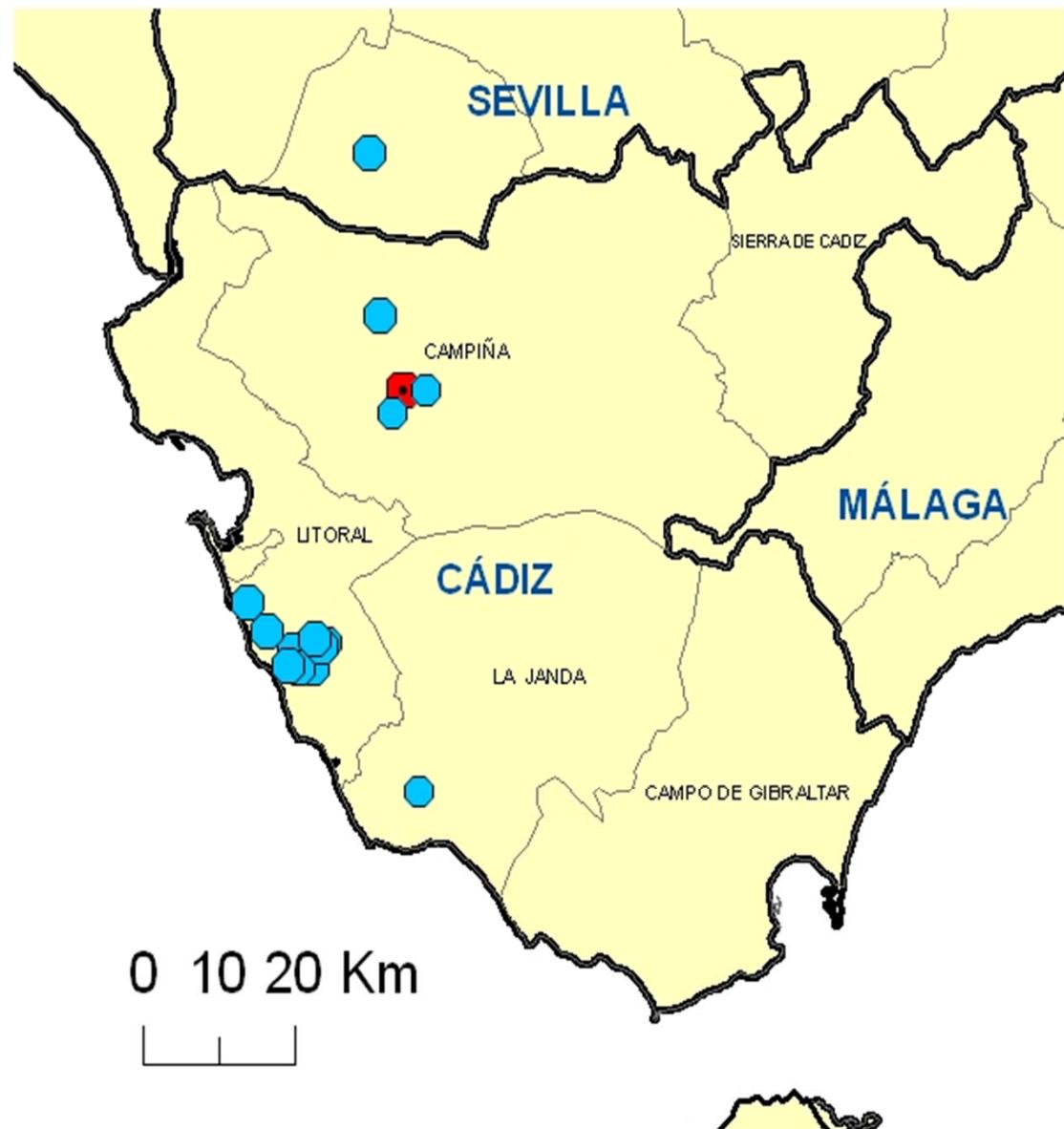
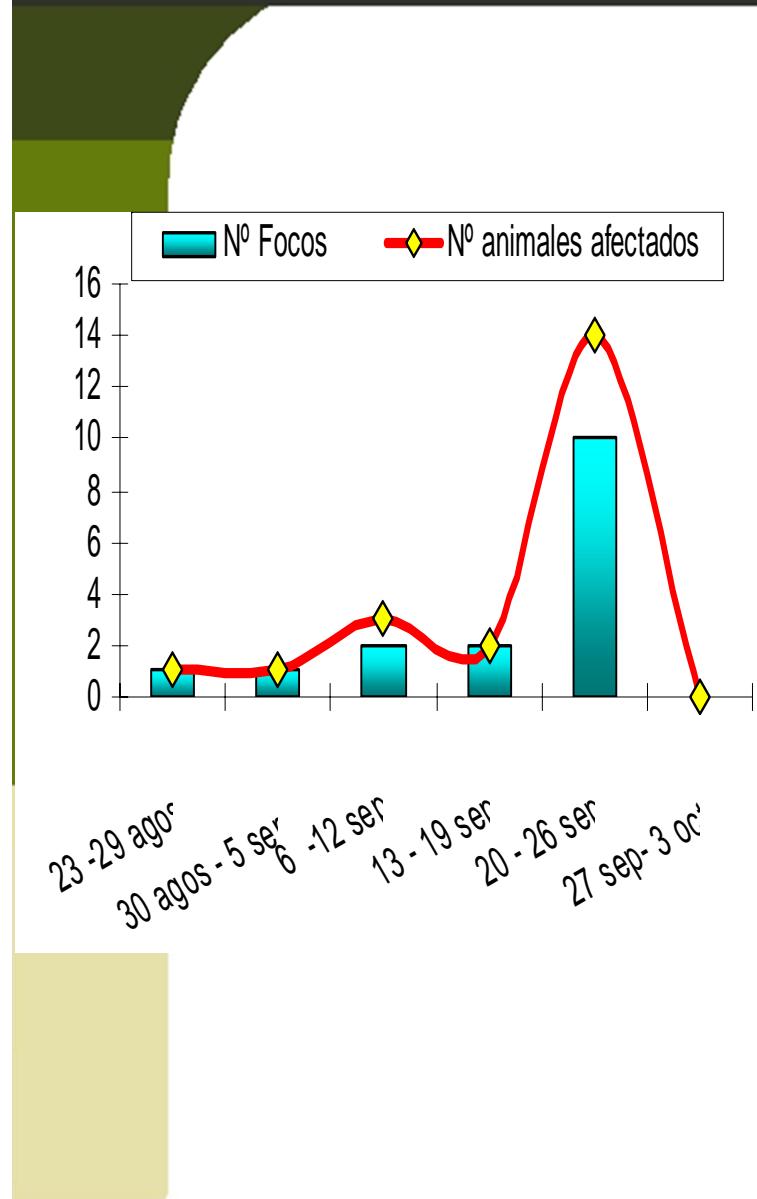
5th week (20- 26 September)





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6th week (27 September–3 October)



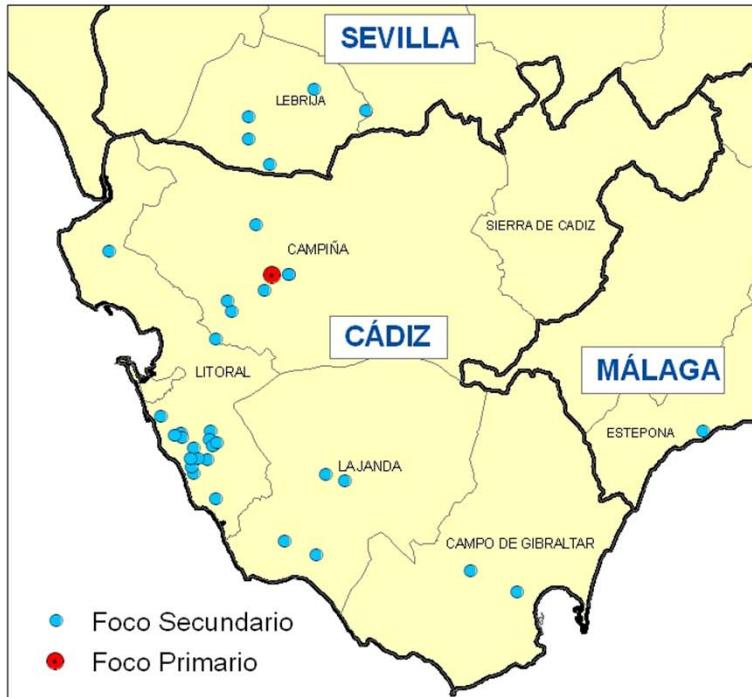


(3 October-13 December)

Focos Fiebre del Nilo Occidental. 15 de enero 2011



| Provincia | Total |
|--------------|-----------|
| Cádiz | 30 |
| Málaga | 1 |
| Sevilla | 5 |
| Total | 36 |



■ 2 cases in
humans
(CÁDIZ)

SUSCEPTIBLE
ANIMALS (horses)

AFFECTED ANIMALS

DEAD ANIMALS

1001

45

8

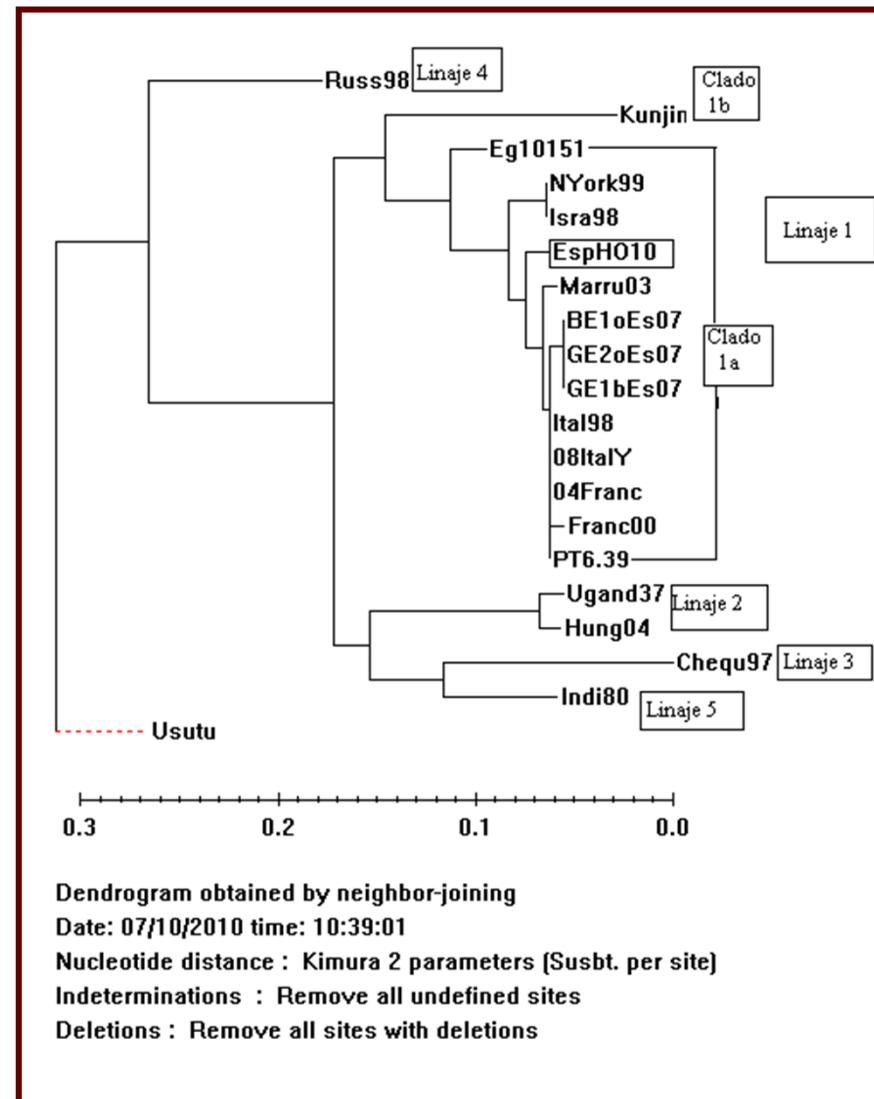


WEST NILE IN SPAIN 2010 (III)

Spain 2010
Lineage 1



Relation to strains
from: France, Italy,
Portugal and Morocco
(2003-2009)





WEST NILE IN SPAIN 2010 (IV): IMPLEMENTED MEASURES

- Epidemiological research.
- Census and clinical examination of horses on farms.
- Vector control.
- Communication and coordination with Public Health Authorities.
- Surveillance reinforcement in horse holdings and wildlife in the affected areas and nearby.
- No market restrictions (OIE “dead end host”)
- Voluntary application of inactivated vaccine on horses (authorized by EU): equine census 30.000 in the affected area, vaccinated 12.000.



WEST NILE IN SPAIN: FUTURE OF THE DISEASE (I)

- Surveillance reinforcement in wetlands, affected areas and nearby.
 - Horses
 - Wildlife
 - Human beings
- Possibility of new outbreaks in 2011.
- Communication, collaboration and coordination with Public Health Authorities and Autonomous Regions Authorities.





WEST NILE IN SPAIN: FUTURE OF THE DISEASE (II)

- A virus circulation study (serology) has been undertaken in horses in the affected areas and nearby:
 - 600 samples
 - IgM ELISA
 - Outcome
- A WNV vaccination study on poultry is being carried out:
 - In partridge and pheasant
 - Inactivated complete virus vaccine
 - Protein from virus coat





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