

World Organisation of Animal Health

## Subject: Highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in a wild red fox in Sweden

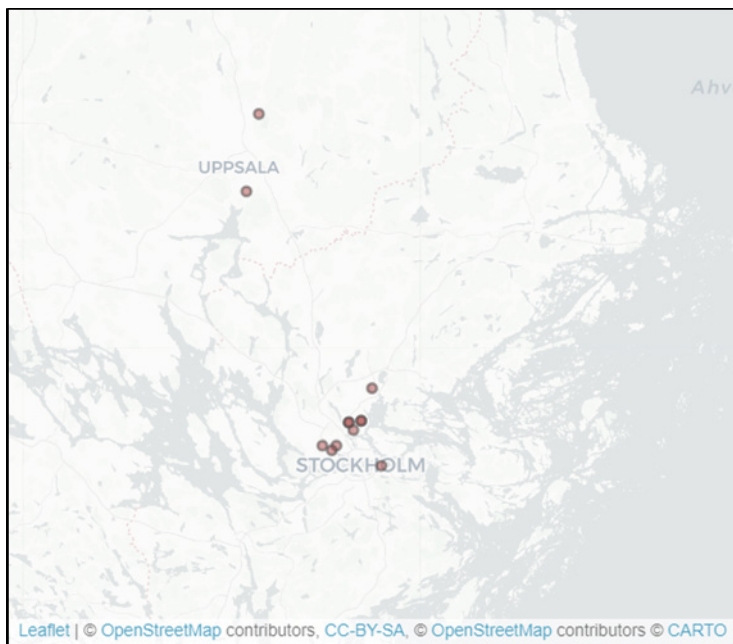
In accordance with Article 1.1.5 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code we would hereby like to inform the World Organisation of Animal Health and Member Countries, of a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) subtype H5N1 confirmed in a wild red fox (*Vulpes Vulpes*) in the municipality of Uppsala, Sweden. The fox was found dead on 20 July. The diagnose was confirmed on 27 July 2023 by real time PCR at the Swedish National Reference Laboratory for avian influenza (National Veterinary Institute).

There have been several cases of HPAI subtype H5N1 found in red foxes during 2023 (see map below). The previous cases have been reported in the 6-months report to WOAHA.

We will keep you informed on further development of the epidemiological situation.



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*Map of findings of highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1 in wild mammals (red fox) in Sweden during 2023.*