



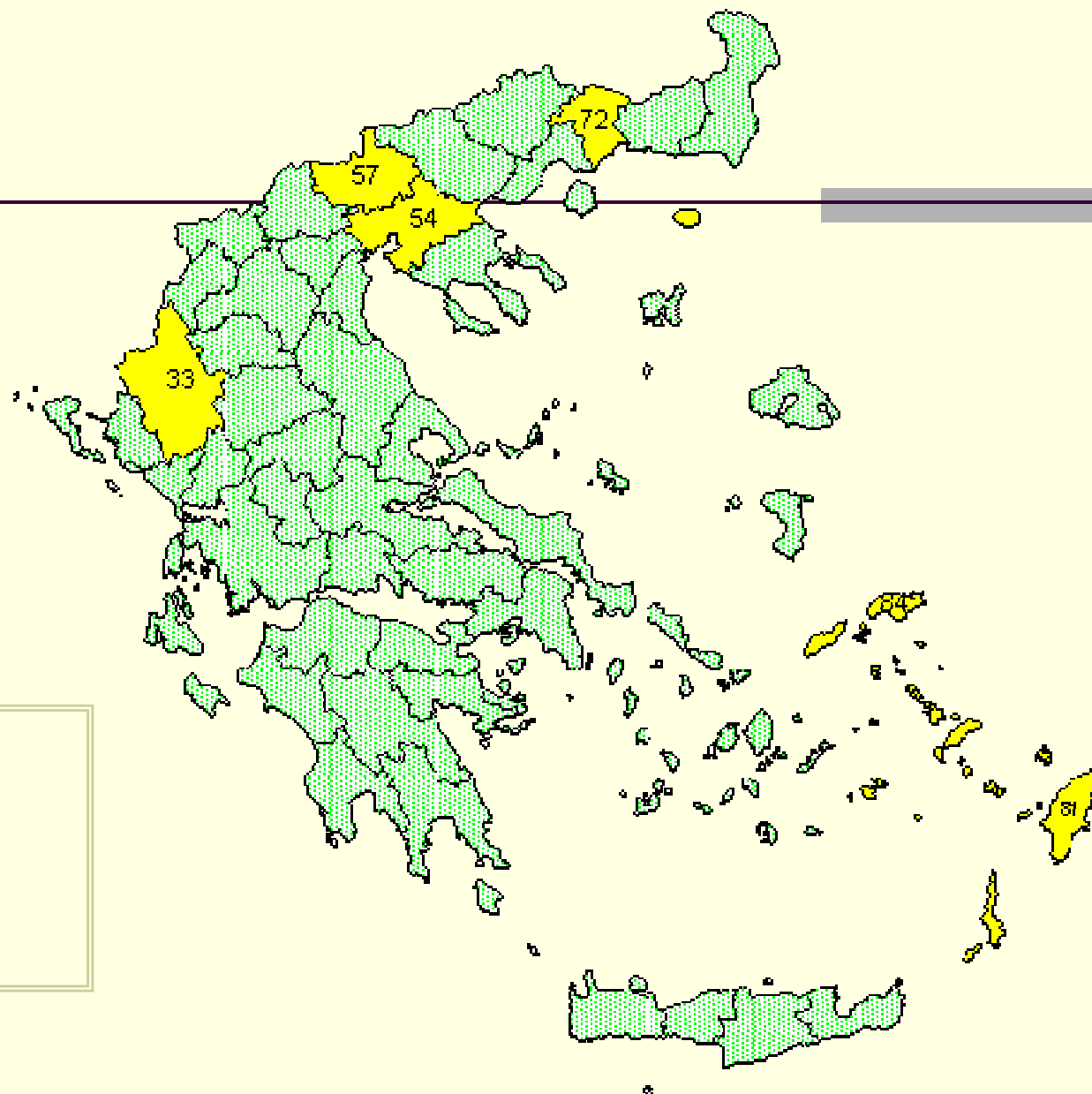
BLUE TONGUE SITUATION IN GREECE

BACKGROUND

- On 23-27/04/2007 a mission of FVO was carried out in Greece for evaluation of the surveillance BT program.
- On 04/05/2007 during the SCOFCA meeting the E. Commission (DG SANCO) inform the Member States that she invites the Greek delegation for enhanced urgent surveillance program in order to confirm the situation as regards the possible circulation of BT virus in Greece.

URGENT SURVEILLANCE BT PROGRAM

- Greek authorities took 300 blood samples from 6 prefectures representing most the Greek territory at higher risk of BTV infection.
- These prefectures were Dodecanese, Samos, Ioannina, Thessaloniki, Xanthi and Kilkis .



■	Xanthi	72
■	Thessaloniki	54
■	Kilikis	57
■	Ioannina	33
■	Samos	84
■	Dodekanisa	81

SAMPLING AND TESTING

- Greek authorities collected blood samples from 10 bovine herds in each prefecture randomly selected , 5 bovine animals of each herd born between 01/05/2005 -01/11/2006 have been sampled. Total amount 300 samples.
- All the sampled animals must remain in the holding for at least 6 months for possible retesting.
- In addition the samples should have been taken from breeders or future breeders and not from animals intended for slaughter.
- All sera of 300 collected samples have been sent to the CRL by 24/05/200..

RESULTS

- According to the written information to the Greek authorities and the European Commission (DG SANCO) from CRL all the tested animals have been found negative for BT virus.

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