

**11th meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts  
on the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles,  
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**French actions and initiatives to control the spread of Batrachochytrium Salamandrivorans Chytrid fungus (Bsal).**

**Monitoring by the SAGIR network**

Although the risk exists and has been identified in Europe, we finally know little in France. The first step for France is therefore to improve our knowledge on the health status of populations compared to Bsal.

The French Office for Biodiversity (OFB) is in charge of monitoring through the strengthening of a network of specialists and the coordination of stakeholders.

There is also a website ( <http://www.alerte-amphibien.fr>) that collects alerts and guides people.

**Risk control**

Once we have assessed the risk in our territory and the measures to limit the reach of populations, we will then have to implement biosecurity measures.

Stakeholders in the voluntary sector are already well aware of good practices.

But it will be necessary to generalize them and possibly consider other stronger measures such as strengthening border controls (health and trafficking of species ?).

**Conclusion**

This 11th meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptile is the occasion for France to draw inspiration from the measures put in place in the other countries.