

Regional Workshop on Animal Movement and Border Control in Asia and the Pacific
1-3 July, 2025

Background and Objectives



World Organisation
for Animal Health

中华人民共和国农业农村部

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China



- Globalisation has intensified cross-border movement of live animals and animal products, raising **the risk of transboundary animal diseases (TADs)**.
- The **Asia-Pacific region** faces continuous exposure to these threats.
- We already experienced the incursion and spread of TADs in the region.



- There have been limited opportunities at the regional level for veterinary authorities to **exchange information on veterinary inspections at the border or international trade**.
- A proactive approach is necessary **to understand national systems, identify gaps, and strengthen inter-agency collaboration** within countries and **cross-border cooperation** among veterinary authorities.



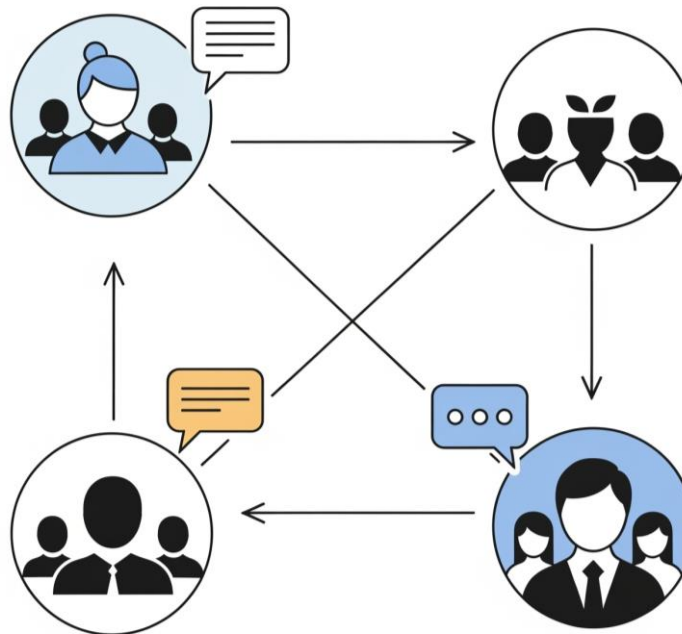
- Assess the **current status** of international movement of animals and animal products and border control in the region, highlighting key challenges and good practices.
- Promote the use of **WOAH International Standards**, especially the Terrestrial Code, in national and regional strategies.
- Identify **effective approaches**, such as technological tools and stronger coordination, to improve border control and to address informal/unregulated/illegal movements.
- Strengthen regional **information sharing**.
- Identify and propose **future** issues that WOAH and its Members should address



- From the Veterinary Authority;

One (1) Officer **in charge of animal health policy**, related to border inspections and trade negotiations

One (1) Officer **in charge of border control and animal quarantine**, with practical experience in border inspections





DAY 1		
Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 – 9:30	Registration of participants	WOAH RRAP
OPENING SESSION		
9:30 – 10:10	Opening remarks by WOA	Dr Hirofumi Kugita, WOA RRAP WOAH Delegate for Japan
	Opening remarks by Japan	
	Housekeeping & Introduction of participants	WOAH RRAP, All
Technical session I: Understanding the Current Landscape and Meeting Objectives Chair: WOA RRAP		
10:10 – 10:30	Workshop introduction and objectives	Dr Shohei Urushizaki, WOAH RRAP
10:30 – 10:45	Insight from Performance for Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway on border inspection and animal quarantine	Dr Maho Urabe, WOA RRAP Dr Megumi Nakagawa, WOA RRAP intern
10:45 – 11:15	Photo and Coffee break	
Technical Session II: Information sharing on Border Inspection and Animal Quarantine: Existing capacity, operation, gaps, challenges, and solutions Chair: Dr Phil Widders		
11:15 – 11:45	WOAH standards related to implementation of Border inspection and Animal quarantine	Dr Phil Widders
11:45 – 12:00	Analysis of Pre-workshop Survey Results (Border inspection and Animal quarantine)	Dr Katrin Bote, WOA RRAP intern
12:00 – 13:00	Member presentations (4 countries)	Fiji Bangladesh Maldives Hong Kong SAR
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	Member presentations (2 countries)	Sri Lanka Myanmar
Technical Session III: Border Inspection and Animal Quarantine: Gaps, challenges and solution		
14:30 – 17:00 (including coffee break) Group discussion Identify challenges and solutions in implementing Border Inspection and Animal Quarantine.	Dr Phil Widders Dr Nikša Barišić	
18:00 – 20:00	WOAH hosted dinner	

DAY 2		
9:00 – 9:10	Summary of Day 1	Mana Nakata, WOA ^H RRAP intern (Dr Phil Widders)
Technical Session IV: Trade Policy and Sanitary Agreement: for export & for import. How trade negotiation goes		
Chair: Dr Nikša Barišić		
9:10 – 9:45	WOAH standards related to negotiation and establishment of sanitary agreement	Dr Nikša Barišić
9:45 – 10:00	Analysis of Pre-workshop Survey Results (Trade policy)	Dr Katrin Bote, WOA ^H RRAP intern
10:00 – 11:00	Member presentations Exporting Country Trade Policy and Sanitary Requirements	Australia Thailand India
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Member presentations Importing Country Sanitary Requirements and Risk Management	Korea RO Japan (TBC) Philippines Indonesia
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
Technical Session V: Trade Policy and Sanitary Agreement		
13:30 – 17:00 (including coffee break)	Group discussion on how to promote safe trade	Dr Nikša Barišić Dr Phil Widders



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Safe Trade
Sanitary Agreement



DAY 3		
Technical session VI: Cross-border and cross-sector collaboration for international movement of animals and animal products Chair: Dr Bolortuya Purevsuren		
9:00 – 9:10	Summary of Day 2	Rina Iwatsuki, WOAHRAP intern (Dr Nikša Barišić)
9:10 – 9:20	Activities to address informal/unregulated/illegal movement of	Dr Bolortuya Purevsuren, WOAHR-

Day 3

Informal/unregulated/illegal Collaboration Way forward

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Technical session VII: Future Actions; by Members, Region and WOAHR Chair: Dr Samuel Castro		
13:30 – 14:45	Group discussion Identify priority issues and future actions	Dr Samuel Castro, WOAHRAP
Summary and Recommendations Chair: Dr Samuel Castro		
14:45 – 15:10	Summary of workshop	Dr Phil Widders Dr Nikša Barišić
15:10 – 15:20	Workshop evaluation	WOAHRAP
15:20 – 15:30	Closing remark	Dr Hirofumi Kugita, WOAHRAP

Thank you!

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