





African Horse Sickness Preparedness Activities of Myanmar

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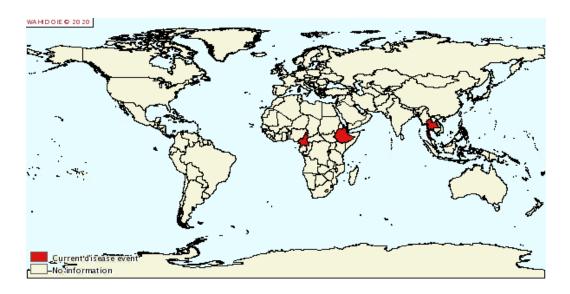


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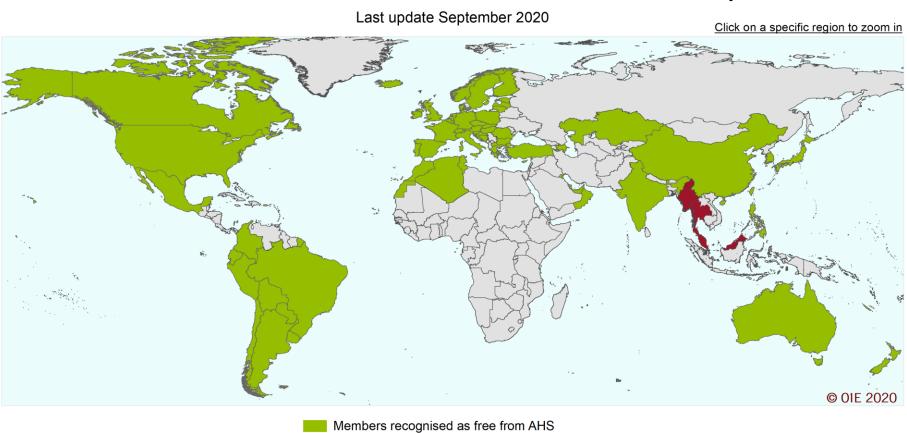
Situation

- Myanmar is historically African Horse Sickness Disease (AHS) free country Officially recognized as AHS free country in 2014 by World Animal Health (OIE)..
- AHS Status was suspended by OIE since 2018 although suspected case have not observe within country.



AHS official Status by OIE 2020

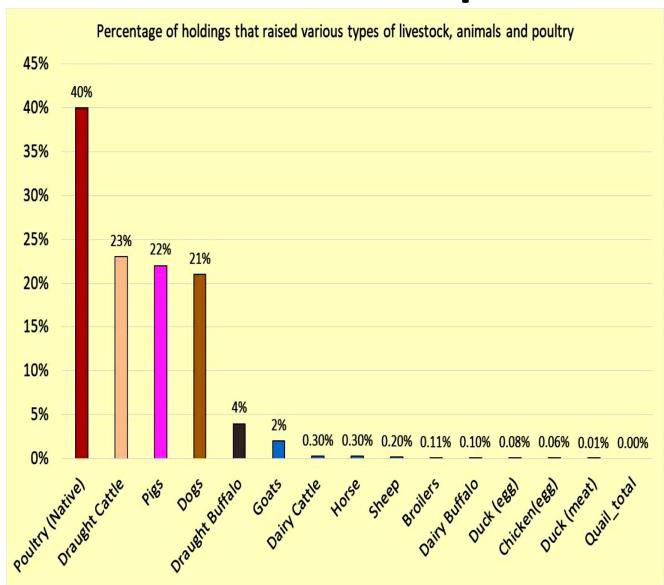
OIE Members' official African horse sickness status map



Suspension of AHS free status

Countries without an OIE official status for AHS

Animal Population





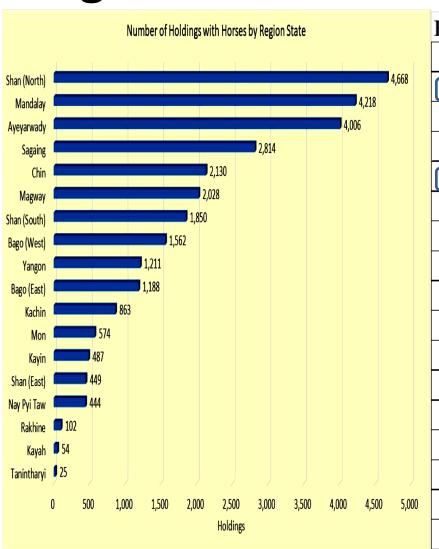
Equine Sector

- Equine sectors of Myanmar defined as equids includes (horse, donkeys, and mules)
- Used for breeding stock, competition, leisure, exhibition (less than 5 %) but mainly for working (95%) (including transport).
- There is no wild life horse and zebra reported in Myanmar.
- Recently, equine population was decreased because of major changes in urbanization and mechanization in transport replaced by motorbike in per-urban and rural.





Horse Population Situation of Region and State



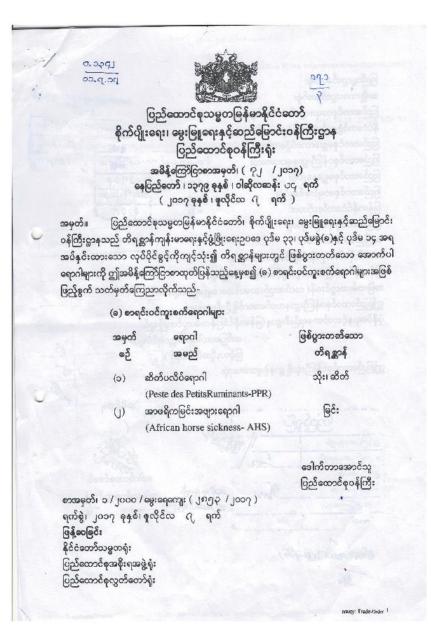
Horse, Donkey and Mule Populatioin in State and Region (
No	State/Region	Horse	Donkey		Total	
1	Kachin	1799	156	1263	3218	
2	Kayah	54	-	28	82	
3	Kayin	188	-	32	220	
4	Chin	10937	2	-	10939	
5	Mon	310	-	1	310	
6	Yakhine	57	-	-	57	
7	Shan	9017	2091	8624	19732	
8	Naypyitaw	345	-	-	345	
9	Magway	3471	-	-	3471	
10	Sagaing	2239	-	-	2239	
11	Yangon	634	-	168	802	
12	Mandalay	1186	-	•	1186	
13	Tanintharyi	141	5	8	154	
14	Bago	1228	5	167	1400	
15	Ayeyarwady	1646	-	0	1646	
	Total	33252	2259	10290	45801	

Preparedness Activities

- Legislation
- Contingency Planning
- Awareness
- Laboratory capacity building
- Surveillance
- Border Control

Legislation to AHS

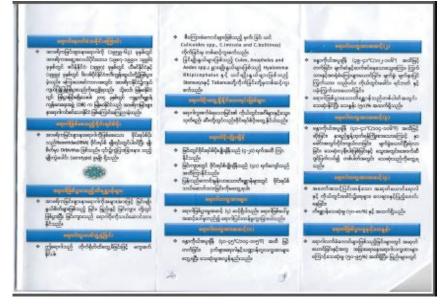
 AHS was listed as a List B notifiable disease by Ministerial Myanmar notification number (72/207) dated (7-7-2017) under Animal Health and Development law (93).



Awareness

- pamphlet for about AHS disease.
- Alert to Official Vet and key stakeholders





Surveillance Program

Tow kinds of surveillance Programs

1. Clinical surveillance

- clinical signs (pyrexia, oedema, hyperaemia of mucous membranes and dyspnoea)
- Suspected cases should always be confirmed by *laboratory* testing

2. Sero-serveillance

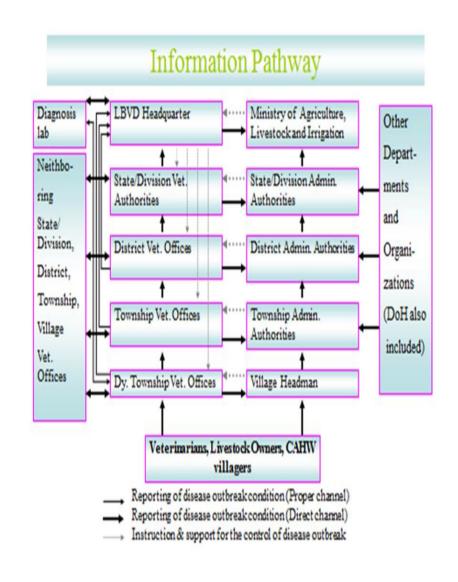
- important tool to confirm absence of AHSV transmission in a country or zone
- At present, serosurveillance to AHS was not applied in Myanmar.
- Vector surveillance is not routinely done rather vector control was applied in certain farms

Disease reporting mechanism

- Early warning system for reporting
 Suspected cases.
 - Persons who have regular contact with equids,
 - as well as diagnosticians,
 - should report promptly any suspicion of AHS to the Veterinary Authority
- All suspected cases investigated immediately and samples should be taken and submitted to a *laboratory*

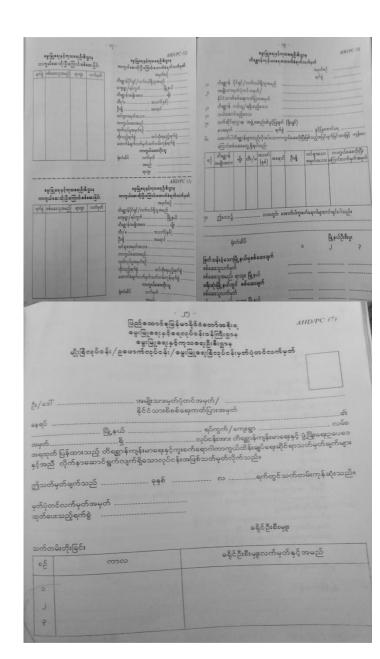
In past 25 years, there was no clinical AHS case reported and confirmed at laboratory.

Negative reporting was also used for AHS.



Animal identification and Movement Control

- Movement is strictly controlled by inspection/ quarantine and certification system by LBVD for traceability.
- Animal identification system will be set up for equids.
- Animals are allowed to move after inspection and certification using AHD/PC 1 and 3 for clinically healthy and vaccinated status.
- PC3 certification for clinically healthy was used without vaccination certificate.
- AHD/PC7 is used for farm registration.



Import and Export Control

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Myanmar has export and import regulation according to animal health and development law specific for trading equines.

REGULATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO MYANMAR

Animal : Horses and equips

B. Exporting Country : All Countries

C. Purpose : Breeding, leisure, exhibition

D. Regulation for importation

Import Licence

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import (GEOCE issued by Government authority of Myanmar.

2. Description of Animal

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.

3. Veterinary Certification

- 3.1 A health certificate signed by authorized Veterinary Officer, including the individual identification of importing animals.
- 3.2 The certificate should include the following information;
 - 3.2.1 Pedigree certificate should be accompanied.
 - 3.2.2 The animals must be free from any infectious or contagious disease as well as parasitism at the time of export.
 - 3.2.3 The country of origin has been free from African Horse Sickness, Equine Encephalomyelitis, Vesicular Stomatitis, Dourine, and EpropticLymphangitis. The animals must originate from the area where no clinical signs of Equine Infectious Anaemia, Equine Viral Arthritis, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Influenza and Horse Pox, Glanders, Strangles and Surra, during the past 12 months prior to export.
 - 3.2.4 The animals are subjected to quarantine of exporting country before (30) days prior to export.

3.2.5 Each animal must be submitted to tests with negative results for

Equine Infectious Anaemia, African Horse Sickness, Equine Viral

Arthritis carried out (30) days prior to export.

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3.2.6 The animals must be treated with broad spectrum anthelmintics for internal and external parasites shortly prior to export.

4. Quarantine in Myanmar

- 4.1 The animal should be examined for abnormality as soon as after arrival.
- 4.2 The vehicle and container for transporting must be designed to avoid any injury and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- 4.3 While in transit, avoid contact with other animals not similar in health status
- 4.4 On arrival, the animals are subjected to quarantine for a period not less than (30) days and tests or treatments shall be done if necessary. All charges of tests and treatments shall be borne by the owner.
- 4.5 Failure to meet the requirement of import procedures, the animals will be destroyed without compensation or returned to the country of origin.

5. <u>Fee</u>

The following fees are payable for each consignment of horses imported into Myanmar;

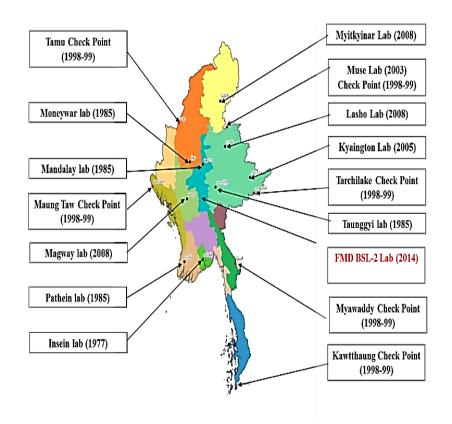
4.1 Quarantine fee : 2000 kyats per head

4.2 Health Certificate : 2000 kyats per head

Border Control Check point, Quarantine Station and Laboratories

- Six check point/ animal quarantine stations (AQS) located at border post
- 12 National laboratories network for diagnosis of TADs including AHS in Myanmar.
- Key laboratories have serology, PCR and sample referring system to international OIE reference laboratories (AAHL, Australia)not for AHS.
- Molecular PCR set up

Location of Laboratories and Check Points AQS



Laboratory Capacity

Test Name	Equine Disease		
RT-PCR	\checkmark		
ELISA	$\sqrt{}$		
Virus Isolation	_		
Immunohistochemistry	_		
VNT	_		
Rapid test	-		
Sequencing analysis	-		
PT	EU lab		

Vaccine and Vaccination against AHS

 No vaccination against AHS in horse has been carried out during the past 12 months in Myanmar

Thank You