



Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group Meeting 5



Photo: RAWs Coordination Group and observers

26 to 27 March 2013

**The Sukosol Hotel,
Bangkok, Thailand**

Report

MEETING SUMMARY

The fifth meeting of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy – Asia, the Far East and Oceania Coordination Group (RAWS CG) was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 26-27 March 2013.

The Coordination Group comprises of country representatives from Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Thailand, a non-government organisation representative from the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) representatives from the Regional Representation (Tokyo), the Sub-Regional Representation (Bangkok), Thailand Industry and the chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group. The group is chaired by Dr Gardner Murray and the Secretariat is provided by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Three observers attended the meeting, a representative of the European Commission, the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations and an additional representative from Malaysia. The list of attendees is at **Attachment 1**.

The key objectives of this meeting were to seek final endorsement of the RAWS (Edition 2), update the RAWS Action Plan and discuss project proposals for activities that support the RAWS. (The meeting program is at **Attachment 2**.)

Each country and organisation representative and some observers provided summaries of their animal welfare priorities and legislative developments. The group then discussed key recent communications and RAWS activities, the revised Action Plan and the activities of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group.

During the afternoon, the participants divided into two groups to address:

- The progress on the action plan and suggestions for improvements.
- The communication and education opportunities to promote the RAWS
- Project proposals that would support the strategy
- Recommendations of the RAWS CG

On day two the group looked at the welfare of animals during transport and up to the point of slaughter in the region, discussed the conclusions from the breakout sessions and the RAWS report to the regional commission. WSPA presented information on work towards the handling of animals in disasters. The key themes these presentations, discussions and breakout session conclusions were distilled to form the recommendations in the following section of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During the meeting the following recommendations were developed and agreed.

On the RAWs

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that a comprehensive paper on the RAWs be presented for consideration at the Regional Conference in Cebu, November 2013 including the annual RAWs Action Plan. The paper should include a section on RAWs communication. (Action: RAWs Secretariat)
- **AGREED** that the RAWs second edition draft be circulated with the agenda paper via OIE Headquarters to OIE Regional Delegates for consideration and endorsement at Regional Commission Meeting in Paris, May, 2013. (Action: OIE Headquarters)
- **ENDORSED** the final version of the RAWs second edition.

On the Committee

The RAWs CG

- **AGREED** that, subject to funding availability, consideration be given to RAWs CG meetings being held in other countries in the region, and not necessarily in countries represented by RAWs CG members. (Action: Members)
- **AGREED** to work with the European Union (EU) by assisting in its planning for an ASEAN Welfare EU funded Workshop possibly in March 2014, including potentially organising a back-to-back RAWs CG meetings; and with the approval of OIE Paris, to provide the EU with a list of OIE Regional National Delegates and Animal Welfare Focal Points. (RAWs: Secretariat)

On national/organisation animal welfare activities

The RAWs CG

- **AGREED** that progress is being made in line with the RAWs in areas such as training, legislation and the development of national animal welfare strategies in a number of countries, but **NOTED** that a number of countries are slower in progressing improved approaches to animal welfare.
- **ENCOURAGED** active private sector involvement in RAWs and associated meetings. (Action: Members)
- Continued to **ENDORSE** the development of national animal welfare strategies. (Action: Members)
- **NOTED** that the Malaysian Animal Welfare Policy and Strategy is being translated into English.
- **RECOMMENDED** that countries continue to share their national animal welfare strategies and legislation for the information and assistance of other members. (Action: Members)

On the RAWs Action Plan

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that WSPA may interact with other NGOs on an informal basis to seek comments and assistance on the action plan. (Action: WSPA)
- **RECOMMENDED** that the secretariat amend the action plan to make it more user-friendly and to reflect the outcomes of the breakout session. (Action: Secretariat)

On Communications

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that there is an urgent need to improve communications and awareness of the RAWs in countries in the region, and that a summary for a communications framework will be included in the paper to the regional commission. (Action: Secretariat and Members)

Secretariat

The RAWs CG:

- **ENDORSED** the Australian Government continuing to provide secretariat support under the current arrangement until such time as other arrangements are agreed. (Action: Secretariat)
- **NOTED** that Australian Government funding to support the RAWs CG under the current agreement will continue until the end of 2013; and that the Australian Government is discussing with OIE a proposal to continue to fund the RAWs CG in 2014/15.

On the RAWs Newsletter

The RAWs CG:

- **NOTED** the circulation of the October 2012 and February 2013 editions of the RAWs News.
- **ENDORSED** extending the circulation of the RAWs news to other interested groups. (Action: Interested groups to notify the secretariat)

Other

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that the recommendations from RAWs CG 4 have been satisfactorily progressed.
- **RECOMMENDED** that members develop and contribute to a calendar of events where the RAWs can be promoted and for education. (Action: Members)
- **AGREED** to assign key contact persons from the RAWs CG to overview and report on defined components of the RAWs Action Plan in addition to a lead agency. (Action: Members)
- **REQUESTED** a RAWs presentation be added to the Focal Point meeting in Seoul in August 2013. (Action: OIE SEA)
- **REQUESTED** the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania to encourage the engagement of all regional OIE members in

progressing the RAWs and Action Plans including SAARC, ASEAN and SPC countries. (Action: Regional Commission AFEO)

- **AGREED** that a report of this meeting will be sent to the AWWG for information and action as considered appropriate. (Action: Chair of the AWWG)
- **ENDORSED** the formation of an OIE ad-hoc group on the management of animals in disasters. (Action: OIE and WSPA)

Project Proposals

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that the RAWs CG seek to work with other funding organisations and interested parties in jointly sponsoring key events and projects. (Action: RAWs CG)
- **AGREED** that at RAWs CG 6, a major strategic agenda item will outline the RAWs development including the RAWs role with all OIE standards (including dog population management and rabies). (Action: RAWs CG)
- **RECOMMENDED** the secretariat and OIE further develop the project proposals below for out of session consideration. The RAWs CG noted that there are very limited resources for activities. Suggested potential projects include, but is not limited to, the following;
 - The scoping and development of a RAWs website
 - Sensitisation of religious leaders by holding a workshop on OIE animal welfare standards, especially during transport and slaughter
 - The assistance of training for managing animals in disasters (joint OIE/WSPA seminar - handling and management of animals in Natural Disasters)
 - Working with the European Union to assist animal welfare training activities in the region.
 - Support regional attendance at an animal welfare training program pilot course to be conducted by the New Zealand and Australian OIE Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis. (Action: Secretariat and OIE Paris)
- **AGREE** to consider the RAWs AFEO supporting other regions to develop their own strategies. (Action: RAWs CG)

Acknowledgments

The RAWs CG:

- **THANKED** both the OIE SR SEA and the RAWs Secretariat for organising a successful meeting.
- **ACKNOWLEDGED** the help of the OIE Sub-Regional office in making arrangements for this meeting.

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Welcome

Dr Gardner Murray welcomed the participants to the 5th Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Coordination Group (CG), and thanked the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Regional and Sub Regional Representations, OIE Headquarters, RAWS Secretariat and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for planning, organising and funding the event. Dr Murray outlined the purpose of the meeting, being to endorse the RAWS (Edition 2), discuss and update the Action Plan, and discuss activities that could be undertaken using small amount of funding to support the RAWS and better animal welfare in the region.

The form of the meeting included presentations, plenary discussion, and conclusions and recommendations.

Agenda Items and Presentations

Report of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), Key OIE and related developments since last meeting

Dr Ronello Abila, OIE SEA

The OIE undertook the 3rd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Kuala Lumpur on 6-8 November 2012 and discussed the progress since the last global conference. Regional focal point animal welfare training will be held in Seoul, Korea from 27-29 August 2013. The RAWS (Edition 2) is expected to be endorsed in May following three weeks for member comments.

The OIE has been implementing the Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP) intended for four countries in SEA. Animal welfare training in a train-the-trainer style of program has been implemented in Indonesia and the Philippines where over 100 people (Indonesia) and 20 people (Philippines) attended the workshop. This training program may now be expanded to countries in the Middle East.

Recommendations and progress since the Kuala Lumpur Meeting (RAWSCG4), Secretariat Report: Arrangements and Communications

Dr Pennapa Matayompong, DLD, Thailand and Mr Jim Paradise, DAFF.

The RAWS CG 4th meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 9 November 2012. At the meeting, the draft (RAWS Edition 2) was reviewed and the members discussed the recommendations of the 3rd OIE global conference on animal welfare.

Mr Paradise outlined the current secretariat arrangements, communications and activities. The meeting paper and presentation for this item are available on SharePoint.

Summary

- The Australian Government currently provides secretariat services for the RAWS CG and will continue in the absence of another country wishing to assume the role. Funding for direct activities will be available if another country does assume the role.
- The progress on the action items from the previous meeting was outlined. Please refer to the Action Plan for the current status of activities.
- The current funding arrangements have been extended to early 2014 and another agreement is being negotiated for 2014/15.
- The RAWS-News was circulated in October 2012 and February 2013.
- The RAWS (Edition 2) has undergone several stages of drafting and the Action Plan, which is a working document, is being continually updated.
- The secretariat is working to repair broken links on SharePoint and welcomes suggestions for improvement from users.

Discussion

- The RAWS CG discussed the membership of the group and whether all regional countries were aware of the strategy. The Chair re-stated that all regional countries are welcomed to make comment on the strategy and Action Plan.

OIE Animal Welfare Working Group – Update

Dr Abdul Rahman, Chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group

Summary

- Dr Rahman canvassed the OIE Animal Welfare Working group priorities and activities for 2013.
- Key activities include:
 - Further work on OIE standards
 - Development of new standards
 - Implementation of standards
 - Animal welfare for wildlife
 - Increasing awareness of animal welfare in the veterinary profession
 - Communication activities and publications
 - Coordination with other organisations
 - Collaborating centers
 - Twinning projects
 - Regional strategies
 - Development of the 4th OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare
 - Focal point training
 - The animal health and welfare fund

The presentation slides are available on SharePoint.

Discussion

- Animal welfare and Islamic law has been produced and is available on the OIE website.
- Regional strategies – Africa is interested in progressing a regional strategy and the EC is working on their current strategy, other regions are either in very early stages or not currently investigating developing a strategy.
- Submissions to Dr David Mellor’s paper (animal welfare problems in trade) are due in July.

- The committee is adding detail to the ISO technical specifications on animal welfare.
- Feedback from focal point training sessions will be used to update the work of the OIE AWWG.
- The RAWS and the AWWG give consistent messages on animal welfare and the RAWS is viewed as advanced in its activities.

Key Reports on Activities - Country / Industry / NGO Presentations

Dr Ira Firgorita, Directorate General Livestock Services, Indonesia

- Indonesia has undertaken policy developments for animal housing and standards and guidelines for production animals and wildlife. The certification of veterinary establishments, penalties of violation and animal welfare during Led Qurban are also on the agenda.
- Indonesia's next biannual national animal welfare appreciation meeting (10 April) will focus on livestock transport but will also include the RAWS.
- Key training/research activities in Indonesia include;
 - Government auditor training
 - Meat inspector training (April/June 2013)
 - Traceability studies
 - OIE standards training
 - Improved animal welfare for local cattle at abattoirs
 - Indonesia/Australia university collaboration
 - Post-mortem evaluation of animals to determine the suitability of stunning methods

Dr Kinley Dorji, Department of Livestock, Kingdom of Bhutan

Key priorities for animal welfare in Bhutan are;

- Dog population control, within 5 months 4800 dogs have been quarantined for sterilisation (funded by Humane Society International).
- Last year the Livestock Act of Bhutan was amended and on 2 April 2013 the draft will be finalised.
- Animal welfare issues are arising when animals are saved by NGO's but then not properly looked after. The Department of Livestock is discussing what to do about this issue with stakeholders.

Dr Weihua Li, Ministry of Agriculture, China

Three standards for farm animals were drafted last year on production, transport and slaughter, comments have now been received on these standards. After the 3rd OIE global conference on animal welfare last year the Ministry of Agriculture presented a report to the Deputy Chinese Minister for Agriculture, the Ministry is now researching the development of a Chinese national animal welfare strategy particularly focusing on farm animal welfare.

Dr Lee Hwang, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Korea

- Korea has developed laying hen farm certification and 7 farms are free-range certified.
- Guidelines for farm certification are also being developed for pig farms and will soon be developed for broiler chickens, dairy cattle and beef cattle.
- A notification system has been established for the transport and slaughter of animals, including animal welfare notifications.
- The Korean government is also initiating the registration of dogs nationally using RFID injection, collars or printed tags with a registration number. A pilot program was successfully undertaken in 2009.
- The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency of Korea established a new division of animal welfare the Animal Protection and Welfare Division.

Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Thailand
The Bill on Cruelty Prevention and Animal Welfare Management is under consideration but is likely to be passed in the second half of 2013.

The DLD, Mahidol University and Kasetsart University have been measuring the electroencephalogram (EEG) activity of stunned poultry in commercial slaughterhouses to determine the appropriate electrical stunning parameters (currents, waveforms and frequencies) to meet animal welfare, Halal slaughter and meat quality requirements. The OIE requirements were found to compromise Halal slaughter and meat quality which may be due to multiple bird stunning, stunning length and wet bird stunning.

OIE has agreed to provide an expert on technical animal welfare training in September 2013 to conduct a train-the-trainers program for DLD officers on the inspection of pig welfare during pre-slaughter and slaughter processes in Thailand. This is a sustainable improvement program that supports the RAWs goals both nationally and regionally as neighbouring countries may also receive training.

Recent training activities have been:

- the training on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards for the DLD and the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (30 people);
- the training on animal welfare principles for the food business operators of slaughterhouses and meat products processing plants (100 people)

Dr Payungsak S.tanagul, Thai Broiler Processing Exporter Association

The poultry industry of Thailand is aiming to improve education in farming, transportation and slaughter through the employment of poultry welfare officers.

Dr Helen Mitin and Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Ahassan Nizam, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia

A new Malaysian Animal Welfare Bill is being finalised, in the meantime the fine for animal cruelty under the 1953 Animal Act has been increased from 70USD to 17000USD. Phase 1 of the Animal Welfare Bill development was public consultation that received over 7000 comments. Phase 2 involved an online survey on the draft bill, there were 703 comments and 32 improved the bill.

The Malaysian Animal Welfare Policy and Strategy (MAWPS) is being translated into English which is about 80% complete. The strategy is through to 2020 in line with Malaysia's developed nation by 2020 plan. One aspect of the MAWPS is the centre of excellence for animal welfare; all compassionate values will be developed through this institution.

Other Malaysian animal welfare initiatives include the adoption of standards and guidelines, development of an accreditation system for certification of farms, the Malaysian animal welfare foundation, veterinary association and animal welfare training of trainers.

Ms Lee-Ann Swift, DAFF, Australia

Australia now requires all Australian licensed exporters to comply with the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance Scheme that requires compliance with the OIE guidelines. Australia has also been working on the Improved Animal Welfare Program that supports overseas development assistance eligible countries to implement animal welfare improvements.

Australia is progressing phase two of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (see <http://www.australiananimalwelfare.com.au/>) and the development of new national standards and guidelines for animal welfare. Australia is also reviewing the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock which includes standards for sourcing, transport, holding, vessel preparation and on-board vessel management of animals that are exported.

Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia-Pacific

WSPA has a vision and mission of mainstreaming animal welfare and is working with many international partners to achieve this. The current priorities for WSPA include; inhumane killing of dogs, humane sustainable agriculture, animals in the wild, and animal welfare in disaster management. A summary of the legislative, government and training initiatives that WSPA is involved in is available on SharePoint.

Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations, (Observer)

Currently four members of the RAWs CG are also FAVA members, Dr Sailasuta said that she looks forward to Bhutan and China joining FAVA. FAVA works closely with OIE and the International Organization for

Standardization (ISO). The FAVA 2010-15 strategy highlights the importance of maintaining animal welfare. The FAVA presentation and strategic plan is available on SharePoint.

Dr Patrick Deboyser, Advisor to the Director General, European Commission

Recent animal welfare activities by the EU include:

- The EU animal welfare strategy 2012-2015 is available on the web.
- An agreement has been established with Brazil for animal welfare.
- The EU has increased liaison with third countries in better training for safer food. There is high degree of animal welfare sensitivity among consumers in the EU, however, this does not always translate to improved animal welfare.
- There will be a training mission on broiler welfare in Thailand in June 2013; the RAWS may be discussed at this training.
- Europe does not have a regional strategy at this point, the development of a strategy particularly in transport and for stray dogs was discussed at the regional commission in September to be adopted in May 2013.

The EU presentation is available on SharePoint.

Discussion

- The RAWS CG discussed importers using animal welfare certifications that may not be verified by the importing country. Market access is an important consideration in animal welfare in trade, and can be both a driver for establishing certification standards and potentially raise certification discrepancies. The group discussed whether it would be preferable to include animal welfare standards in the WTO. International certification and standards is the place to start to reduce potential discrepancies.
- The progress of national strategies was congratulated, Thailand (in draft), Malaysia (in place), China (in draft), Australia (in place) and New Zealand (in draft).
- The RAWS CG was asked to consider options for holding the next RAWS meeting in conjunction with another event, options are the European Union proposed training sessions, the Focal Point training in Korea or a country in the Region that does not normally participate in the RAWS CG.
- The European Commission requested information on national experts on animal welfare for their training programs. The RAWS CG members may be potential national contacts.

Dr Gardner Murray, Chair of the RAWS CG

The RAWS CG will investigate the feasibility of merging the RAWS and focal point meetings or EU meeting and of meeting in a non RAWS CG member country. March is the most suitable time to hold meetings so that the RAWS meets with its obligations to the Regional Commission. There is clear ambition and progress, if varied, across the region in animal welfare activities. At this stage keeping momentum in the RAWS is essential to ensure that it continues to be relevant and provide guidance for the region.

RAWS (Edition 2) 2013-15 – seeking endorsement

Mr Jim Paradice, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and RAWS secretariat

The initial RAWS strategy was endorsed in 2008 with over 20 countries from the region. The RAWS outlined that the strategy should be reviewed regularly. Last year the RAWS CG initiated a review and made comments on a draft. The strategy and covering paper will go through the OIE Regional Commission and the OIE General Session for endorsement. The look of the brochure will change but will still meet the OIE requirements. The key elements of the strategy are unchanged, but the progress and achievements have been updated.

Discussion

- Page 12 will be altered to include the Commonwealth Veterinary Association. No other comments were received.
- The strategy will be sent to Dr Vallat and circulated before May.
- FAVA may wish to make comments on future editions of the RAWS.

Action Plan – Overview of details and next steps

Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia

Dr Dacre thanked the secretariat for their work on updating the action plan, discussed the colour code (blue – complete, yellow – in progress, green – further action required). Dr Dacre noted the change part way through the document to more completed actions and requested that members contribute to update the action plan during the breakout session.

ACTION ITEM – The membership of the Coordination Group will be added to the action plan as an annex
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Dr Gardner Murray, Chair of the RAWS CG

The Chair concluded the session, commenting on the importance of keeping the group going with these plans. To continue and extend the RAWS, a small amount of money has been made available to the program and members are asked to think about projects that would add significant value to the strategy.

Implementation activities breakout sessions (two groups)

Chaired by Mr Jim Paradice and Dr Ian Dacre

Each group considered:

- The RAWS Action Plan
- Opportunities for RAWS promotional and educational activities in the region
- Ideas for project proposals that will support the RAWS
- Recommendations that will be presented to the group on page two

The information from these groups was presented on day 2.

Presentation and discussion on ensuring welfare at slaughter

Dr Abdul Rahman, Chair, OIE Animal Welfare Working Group

Dr Rahman outlined concerns with animal welfare during transport and slaughter in the Region. Some more extreme examples are; cows that are transported out of India in poor conditions due to the Indian ban on killing cattle and the killing of pigs in Egypt due to misinterpretation of the Koran. A pilot seminar has been conducted to show religious leaders the misinterpretations that are occurring. The participants were shocked by the practices and now want to raise these issues in the mosque to state that these practices are unacceptable. This program could be expanded to other areas and is likely to have more success than people without religious authority trying to impose change.

Presentations on key points from the breakout session groups

Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA and Ms Lee-Ann Swift, DAFF

The RAWs Action Plan activities should be grouped by likeness under each goal, prioritised and given a timeline. Promotion and educational activities that will take place over approximately the next 6 months were identified and it was recommended that these should be put into a RAWs calendar. The importance of sharing national animal welfare strategies and resources was discussed, as was the RAWs AFEO providing support to other regions where appropriate.

The project proposals of this group were:

- Sensitisation of religious leaders
- VERU (Veterinary Emergency Response Unit) training for animal welfare in emergencies
- LEGS training and education
- EU-ASEAN training co-event, extension of the 'Better Training for Safer Food' program.
- Partial support for regional attendance at an animal welfare training program pilot course to be conducted by the New Zealand and Australian OIE Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis.
- Support to the ASEAN Coordinating Centre on Animal Health and Zoonoses.

For more information please refer to the slides on SharePoint.

Dr Karan Kukreja, OIE

The RAWs Action Plan should be made available in full on a RAWs website and regularly updated. It is recommended that a short narrative is added at the beginning of the plan that introduces the current situation and past achievements for the RAWs. The plan could also be re-arranged by timeframe, priority or progress.

Promotion and educational activities could be undertaken at Focal Point meetings, stakeholder meetings, through a RAWs website, sharing resources

and training. The website could be used as a repository for resources, provide a blueprint for forming a national strategy, provide regular updates on applied animal welfare and help create regional links. These RAWs communications activities could be extended by other media such as radio and television, public/private partnerships, the use of case studies, and celebrity promotion and engagement. For more information please refer to the slides on SharePoint.

Discussion

- The RAWs CG discussed the suggestions and work undertaken in the breakout groups. The suggestions put forward are desirable, but the RAWs CG recognises that there are limited funds to undertake projects.
- The priority areas discussed were the formation of a RAWs website, sensitisation of religious leaders by holding a workshop on OIE animal welfare standards, assisting training for animals in disasters and working with the European Commission to assist animal welfare training in the Region.

RAWs report to the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines

Dr Ronello Abila, OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific

The RAWs CG needs to discuss what information will be presented to the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines. The Action Plan and RAWs is on the agenda for the Regional Commission meeting. The secretariat will start to prepare a paper that will be refined at the national focal point meeting in Korea.

Handling animals in disaster situations

Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia

Disasters are events that overcome a community, they can be slow-onset or rapid-onset. Following the 3rd OIE Global Conference for Animal Welfare a group came to together to look at animals in disasters; this demonstrated that animal welfare in disasters is becoming a mainstream consideration. The management of animals in disasters is a priority for WSPA and WSPA has been working with the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) trainers and country governments to provide training on this topic and develop national strategy plans for animals in disasters.

Other business

The next formal meeting of the RAWs CG will be in 2014 with the arrangements to be worked out by the secretariat.

Conclusions and recommendations

Dr Gardner Murray, Chair of the RAWs CG

The RAWs CG discussed the recommendations from the meeting as outlined on page 2 of this report. Dr Murray thanked all participants for their contributions and engagement over the past two days and thanked the OIE and the Australian Government for hosting a successful meeting.

**REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY
COORDINATION GROUP MEETING
PARTICIPANTS LIST**

- **CHAIR:** Dr Gardner Murray
- Dr Sira Abdul Rahman, Chair, OIE Animal Welfare Working Group
- Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia-Pacific
- Dr Lee Hwang, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Korea
- Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand
- Dr Weihua Li, Ministry of Agriculture, China
- Dr Kinley Dorji, Department of Livestock, Kingdom of Bhutan
- Dr Ira Firgorita, Directorate General Livestock Services, Indonesia
- Dr Helen Mitin, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia
- Dr Ronello Abila, OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Jim Paradice, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
- Dr Chantanee Buranathai, OIE Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
- Dr Karan Kukreja, OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (OIE Assistance)
- Dr Payungsak S.tanagul, Thailand Broiler Processing Exporter Association
- Dr Patrick Deboyser, Advisor to the Director General, European Commission (Observer)
- Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (Observer)
- Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Ahassan Nizam, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia (Observer)
- Ms Lee-Ann Swift, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (Secretariat)



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Attachment 2

REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY COORDINATION GROUP MEETING

PROGRAM

*Organised and Supported by the
World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the
Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*

26 - 27 March 2013

**Sukosol Hotel
BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Meeting Chair: Dr Gardner Murray

Objectives of the Meeting:

- the revised draft RAWs for Asia, the Far East and Oceania will be provided to members for endorsement,
- members will provide an update on country / organisation activities under the RAWs and the RAWs action plan will be updated,
- future activities to support the RAWs will be agreed, and
- members will prepare a paper to the forthcoming regional commission meeting in the Philippines on the progress of the strategy and next steps.

Outcomes:

It is expected that the revised draft RAWs will be provided to members for endorsement and new implementation activities will be discussed. Members will report on individual country animal welfare activities.



REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY COORDINATION GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

Registration: 8.00am – 8.30am

<u>DAY 1 – MARCH 26, 2013</u>		
8.30	Registration of participants	
8.45	Opening Ceremony Welcome - Introduction and Purpose	Dr Gardner Murray
9.00	Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), - Key OIE and related developments since last meeting	Dr Ronello Abila
9.20	Recommendations and progress since the Kuala Lumpur Meeting (RAWSCG4) - Secretariat Report: Arrangements and Communications	Dr Pennapa Matayompong
9.40	OIE Animal Welfare Working Group - Update	Dr Abdul Rahman
10.00	Key Reports on Activities - Country / Industry / NGO Presentations	Members/Observers
11.30	RAWS (edition 2) 2012-15 – seeking endorsement	Mr Jim Paradice
12.00	Action Plan – overview of details and next steps	Dr Ian Dacre
13.00	Lunch	
14.50	Implementation activities breakout sessions (two groups) Each group to consider: - The RAWS Action Plan - Opportunities for RAWS promotional and educational activities in the region - Ideas for project proposals that will support the RAWS - Recommendations that will be presented to the group on page two (Chairs: Jim Paradice and Ian Dacre)	All
16.45	Conclusions from day 1	Dr Gardner Murray
17.00 Meeting Close		

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7.00pm – Restaurant

DAY 2 – MARCH 27, 2013

9.00	Welcome for day 2	Dr Gardner Murray
9.15	Presentation and discussion on ensuring welfare at slaughter	Dr Abdul Rahman
10.00	Presentations on key points from the breakout session groups - Discussion of key implementation actions - Process for submitting implementation activity proposals	Elected break out group representatives / OIE representative
11.15	RAWS report to the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines -Summary of RAWS recommendations to the Regional Commission	Dr Ronello Abila
11.50	Handling animals in disaster situations	Dr Ian Dacre
12.30	Other business - Next meeting	All
12.45	Conclusions and recommendations	Dr Gardner Murray
13.00	Meeting Close/Lunch – Patummat Restaurant	

Breakout session group chaired by Mr Jim Paradice

Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Dr Helen Mitin, Dr Weihua Li, Dr Ira Firgorita, Dr Payungsak S.tanagul, Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Ahassan Nizam, and Dr Karan Kukreja
Apologies: Dr Patrick Deboyser

Breakout session group chaired by Dr Ian Dacre

Dr Sira Abdul Rahman, Dr Chantanee Buranathai, Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Dr Lee Hwang, Dr Kinley Dorji, Ms Lee-Ann Swift