



**Regional Animal Welfare Strategy  
Coordination Group Meeting 7  
24 March 2014  
Meeting Report**



Photo: RAWS Coordination Group and observers

**The Sukosol Hotel  
Bangkok, Thailand**

## MEETING SUMMARY

On 24 March 2014, the seventh meeting of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy – Asia, the Far East and Oceania Coordination Group (RAWS CG) was held in Bangkok, Thailand.

The RAWS CG includes representatives from the Kingdom of Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Thailand, the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Thai industry, and the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group. For personal reasons, Dr Abdul Rahman, chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group could not make the RAWS CG 7 Meeting. China and the Republic of Korea could not attend the Meeting.

The RAWS CG is chaired by Dr Gardner Murray and the secretariat is provided by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture. The list of meeting attendees, including additional observers, is at **Attachment 1**.

Key objectives of the meeting were to:

- Discuss future secretariat arrangements and organisation arrangements for RAWS;
- Circulate, share information and provide updates on national/organisation activities
- Assess progress since meeting 6, including project proposals; and
- Discuss the RAWS CG and Enriched Focal Point Meetings in November, 2014, Canberra, Australia

The meeting agenda is at **Attachment 2**.

The group discussed and made recommendations relating to country/organisation progress and regulatory developments, the publication of RAWS (edition 2), revisions to the RAWS Action Plan, the status of existing projects and scope for new projects, and the interaction between the RAWS CG and national focal points for animal welfare.

Overall, there is every indication that good progress is being made on animal welfare issues, particularly by those countries and organisations that are Members of the RAWS CG. It is clear that a more complete assessment of welfare improvements in the Region will not be able to be made unless countries report on RAWS developments.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Meeting:

### Report of OIE Headquarters

NOTED and CONSIDERED Dr Rahman's PowerPoint presentation and the impressive number of standards that have been and are being developed by the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group.

### Recommendations and progress since RAWS CG meeting 6

RECOMMENDED that OIE to add a reference and link to the OIE Regional Representation Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) RAWS website on the OIE global website.

### Country/organisation presentations

NOTED the considerable progress being made in animal welfare by those countries and organisations that had reported on developments; and strongly RECOMMENDED that

other countries/organisations provide advice to the RAWS CG on developments so progress under the RAWS can be assessed.

AGREED that Malaysia would disseminate a summary of the outcomes of its May 2014 Animal Welfare day initiative and with others, investigate the concept of having a regional animal welfare day in association with the OIE.

NOTED that Malaysia plans to distribute an English translation of its "Guidelines on Slaughter for Qurban" (sacrifice of livestock animal during Eid-ul-Adha) at the next RAWS CG meeting.

#### RAWS CG report to the Regional Commission, May 2014

AGREED to prepare a paper on the outcomes and recommendations of RAWS meetings 6 and 7 and the November, 2013 Regional Commission Meeting in Cebu, for consideration at the Regional Commission meeting in Paris, May 2014.

#### Progress of RAWS CG projects

THANKED the RRAP for setting up a RAWS website and NOTED RRAP advice on its further development

AGREED that the Education and Stocktake project should be put on hold until the outcomes of a similar European feasibility study, due to be reported in Switzerland in September 2014, are known.

RECOMMENDED that if it is then decided to progress the Education and Stocktake project, the scope and approach should be as described in Section 9 of this Report.

REQUESTED RAWS CG Members to update the Action Plan and provide feedback to the Secretariat by 7 April 2014.

RECOMMENDED that the Secretariat explores funding support for a WSPA training session on animals in disasters to be held on 26 November 2014, in conjunction with the FAVA Conference.

#### Preparations for RAWS CG 8 and Enriched Focal Point Meetings, November, 2014, Australia

AGREED to recommend the revisions suggested under Agenda Item 10 for the consideration of the Australian Government Working Group and OIE, in particular the future coordination and management of the RAWS.

#### Discussion on secretariat role, functions, future and governance arrangements

NOTED that the Australian Government is unable to continue to provide a secretariat to the RAWS after it completes work arising from the RAWS CG 7 Meeting

NOTED that the OIE/DAFF Funding Deed is due to expire at the end of June, 2015

THANKED the Australian Department of Agriculture for the funding support provided for the RAWS CG as well as the Secretariat

AGREED to write to Mr Jim Paradise to thank him for his significant contribution to the RAWS.

NOTED that the OIE through the RRAP is prepared to provide the Secretariat support, and that Malaysia likewise has offered to provide the Secretariat support.

## **MEETING REPORT**

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and introduction**

*Dr Gardner Murray, Chair of the RAWS CG*

Dr Murray welcomed participants to the seventh RAWS CG meeting and noted apologies.

Dr Murray outlined the purpose of the meeting, being to: assess progress since RAWS CG Meeting 6, including project proposals; dissemination of information; to discuss the organisational arrangements and secretariat support for the RAWS CG and the next RAWS CG and OIE Focal Point Meetings in Australia, November, 2014.

### **Agenda Item 2: Report of OIE Headquarters**

*Dr Gardner Murray on behalf of Dr Abdul Rahman, OIE International Trade Department*

The Chair provided the group with an overview of the update on the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group (AWWG) in Dr Rahman's absence. The Coordination Group NOTED and CONSIDERED Dr Rahman's PowerPoint presentation and the impressive number of standards that have been and are being developed by the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group.

Coordination group members are encouraged to provide input to the draft standards when asked to comment. The AWWG has identified a number of priorities, these include:

- Animal welfare in broiler and dairy cattle production systems;
- Stray dog population control; and
- Establishing an ad hoc working group to develop standards for animals in disasters.

There have been concept notes developed or in development for RAWS Americas, Middle East, Europe, and Africa which are being mirrored off the RAWS Asia.

### **Agenda Item 3: Recommendations and progress since RAWS CG meeting 6**

*Mrs Hannah Jenkins, Department of Agriculture*

Mrs Jenkins outlined the progress that has been made on the recommendations of the sixth RAWS CG meeting held in Seoul, Korea, on 26 August 2013.

Key achievements and progress of recommendations since August 2013 include:

- The final version of RAWS Edition 2 was endorsed by Regional Commission in May 2013 and published in English. Translation and publication into other regional languages is in progress. The Chair NOTED that countries should translate the RAWS documents themselves as the general translations do not have the technical expertise required.

- Consideration has been given to RAWs CG meetings being held in other countries in the region, with Republic of Korea hosting meeting 6 and Australia to host a meeting in November 2014.
- A RAWs paper was delivered at the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines November 2013. The paper included sections on communications, secretariat functions and resource requirements, and the RAWs Action Plan. The OIE President was impressed with the RAWs and hoped the EU could develop something similar.
- The development of national animal welfare strategies continues to be endorsed by RAWs CG. Work is underway to research and develop a concept plan for conducting a stocktake of training and education courses, the development of a searchable database, and potential recourse requirements.
- The secretariat has amended the Action Plan to reflect responsibilities of OIE Headquarters, OIE Regional Commission, National Focal Points, RAWs CG members and secretariat, and the outcomes of meeting 6.
- Improvements have been made to communications and awareness of the RAWs in countries in the region, with the RAWs website being completed, and the development and distribution of the RAWs newsletter (December 2013).
- The Australian Government is unable to continue to provide secretariat support to the RAWs CG but funding will continue to be available under the current agreement to the end of 2014.
- The RAWs Asia webpage has been completed and is available on the OIE website. Tomoko Ishibashi gave an overview of the webpage including the content and where to navigate to the webpage. A secure page is under development to enable coordination group member communicate information. RECOMMENDED that OIE to add a reference and link to the OIE Regional Representation Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) RAWs website on the OIE global website.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Country/ organisation presentations— updates on key activities**

*Dr Quaza Nizamuddin A.Hassan Nizam, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia*

Dr Quaza outlined the progress and activities in Malaysia since August 2013. Malaysia noted that their animal welfare bill that has been under review should be tabled in parliament in June 2014, with implementation the six months following. In addition, there are 27 draft regulations and codes of practice under development. These include regulations for animal welfare officer, improvement notice and offences which can be compounded, and supporting codes of practices (COP) for pet premises, breeding premise for pets, and for pet shops. The COP's provide detail to support the regulations.

The Malaysian Animal Welfare Strategic Plan (2012-2020) has been finalized, and is available via hard copy. Malaysia is holding an animal welfare day in May 2014 which will involve a number of organizations and will highlight a number of initiatives to improve the public awareness of their responsibilities towards animal welfare. AGREED that Malaysia would disseminate to others a summary of the outcomes of its Animal Welfare day initiative to be held in May 2014, investigate the concept of having a regional animal welfare day in association with the OIE.

A guideline for slaughtering cattle for Qurban (sacrifice of livestock animal during Eid-ul-Adha) has been launched; it covers various aspects of religious slaughter, slaughter

premises and animal welfare. The guidelines place an emphasis on proper restraint, slaughter methods and handling of carcasses. NOTED that Malaysia plans to distribute an English translation of this guideline at the next RAWs CG meeting.

The full country report of Malaysia is at **Attachment 3**.

*Dr Ira Firgorita, Directorate General Livestock Services, Indonesia*

Dr Firgorita outlined a number of animal welfare related activities which have taken place since March 2013. Indonesia is in the process of drafting regulations for poultry, animal handling and slaughter during the Moslem holiday, and on the transport of livestock. In addition, there are a number of regulations currently under revision, including veterinary certification, the slaughter of cattle, good farming practices for cattle, and poultry.

A national animal welfare appreciation meeting will be held in Bogor during the second week of April, this meeting will be to discuss the national animal welfare advisory committee and the development of a national animal welfare strategy.

A dog managed zone and dog population control program have been established in five provinces (based on a Sri Lanka model), this incorporates a public awareness campaign and is coordinated by the district governance level with national government support.

The full country report of Indonesia is at **Attachment 4**.

*Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand*

Dr Matayompong outlined animal welfare related activities and progress in Thailand. The Animal Welfare Bill has progressed through the lower house, but they are waiting until after the election to present to the upper house. Thailand is receiving technical assistance from the European Union to deliver a sustained training mission on animal welfare. The training will be delivered by Professor Mohan Raj, and will address the effect of spraying water on birds before transport to reduce the number of deaths on arrival, and electrical stunning. A number of training initiatives have been delivered since September 2013, including the OIE's train the trainer, training for meat inspectors and food business operators.

The full country report of Thailand is at **Attachment 5**.

*Dr Payungsak S.tanagul, Thailand Broiler Processing Exporter Association*

Dr Payungsak provided a report on the poultry meat training initiative in Thailand by the Thai Poultry Veterinary Association (TPVA). The initiative is based on the Red Tractor Assurance scheme (available at: <http://assurance.redtractor.org.uk/>), which provides product quality and food safety assurances by requiring members are certified and in the case of poultry require a "poultry passport".

In Thailand this concept has been adapted to be known as the "poultry training record". It requires training to be undertaken linked to the personnel's level of responsibility within the production chain. It is not possible in the Thai setting to train all staff associated with the poultry production supply chain due to the associated cost and sheer number of staff within the supply chain by UK training provider. The first training is to be delivered in May 2014 and a formal training record will be kept.

*Dr Kinley Dorji, Department of Livestock, Kingdom of Bhutan*

Dr Dorji explained their activities have continued to be progressed in the Kingdom of Bhutan since the previous meeting in August 2014. The Livestock Act of 2001 continues to be under review. The chapter on livestock animal welfare is under development and slaughter is a key issue for reform particularly the slaughter of yaks.

The national dog rabies vaccination project, funded by Humane Society International continues to be progressed, with a decrease in dog populations observed. This program uses the catch, neuter and release method, with all dogs neutered also ear notched for identification.

*Dr Ronel Abilia, OIE Sub-Regional Representative for South East Asia*

Dr Abilia provided an overview of the OIE/ASEAN rabies elimination strategy. There will be a workshop on relevant international standards for dog rabies in Thailand on 11-13 June 2014. Further information is available in the framework, available here: [http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/fileadmin/SRR\\_Activities/SEA Rabies Strategy - OIE Final Draft.pdf](http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/fileadmin/SRR_Activities/SEA_Rabies_Strategy_-_OIE_Final_Draft.pdf).

*Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia-Pacific*

Dr Dacre outlined activities and progress of WSPA since August 2013. WSPA has progressed a number of initiatives in line with their goals, such as:

- the development of an Animal Protection Index, members are asked to provide comments and input when it is distributed in the next month;
- workshop delivered on humane slaughter of food animals; and
- involvement in the inclusion of an animal welfare stream at the FAVA Conference, November 2014.

In addition WSPA has been involved in formation of the OIE ad hoc working groups for working equids, and natural disaster risk reduction and management in relation to animal health and welfare. Engagement with stakeholders will be underway in coming months to provide comments on the draft standards developed by the ad hoc working groups.

The full WSPA report is at **Attachment 6**.

*Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations*

The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) will be held in Singapore on 28-30 November 2014. The preliminary program, including the animal welfare component is available on the FAVA website: <http://fava2014.com/>. The association has developed a strategy, which includes an objective of improving welfare for all animals in the Asia Pacific region. This includes elements such as helping to improve emergency response and improving critical training for veterinary undergraduates and post graduate courses for veterinarians.

The third edition of the concepts of animal welfare syllabus has been endorsed, as has the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards handbook. FAVA will be facilitating

a project on the Network of ASEAN Veterinary Schools on Animal Welfare for veterinary students in April 2014. FAVA and WSPA have developed an online course on animal welfare in collaboration with Chulalongkorn University and University of the Philippines, with an expected implementation date in June 2014.

*Mrs Hannah Jenkins, Department of Agriculture for Australia*

Mrs Jenkins outlined activities and progress in Australia since August 2013. This included the Australian Government's decision to hand over responsibility for the ongoing delivery of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy to the states and territories. The states and territories have legislative responsibility for domestic animal welfare and are therefore best placed to implement the AAWS. The strategy will continue to set the direction for future domestic animal welfare policies and improvements.

As noted at previous meetings the development of nationally consistent standards and guidelines for the welfare of animals continues.

The full country report of Australia is at **Attachment 7**.

*Dr Kate Littin, National Animal Welfare Focal Point for New Zealand (Apology)*

The full country report of New Zealand is at **Attachment 8**.

*Dr Francois Gary, consultant on the ISO Technical Animal Welfare Standards*

An overview was provided on the ISO Technical specifications, and the impact study that is currently underway. The voting countries of the ISOTC34 have confirmed their interest on the preparation of an animal welfare technical specification during the NWIP closed at the end of November 2013. The objectives have been approved:

- to provide a management tool that facilitates the implementation of the AW principles of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (chapter 7.1);
- to provide guidance for the integration and mutual recognition of additional provisions from public or private standards and relevant legislation, on condition that they meet at least the OIE TAHC; and
- to facilitate the integration of Animal Welfare principles in Business to Business relations between suppliers and customers.

This Technical Specification will describe a management tool that facilitates the implementation of animal welfare principles of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (chapter 7.1). The scope of this ISO document will be limited to the topics for which a technical chapter has been adopted in the OIE. Species or sector specific requirements will be addressed once OIE technical chapters for additional species are adopted.

After the vote, work is ongoing to open the Working Group (WG) and a more limited drafting group to representatives from developing countries to contribute actively on the preparation of this document. Thailand has appointed two experts. An impact study has been launched to identify the expected benefits from this TS and the concerns of each country or each party of the WG. A kick-off meeting will be organized on 23 May 2014 in Paris just before the OIE General Session. The drafting group will prepare document



working by email and phone conference. The document will be discussed within the WG before a new vote.

Several iterations to discuss the draft of the TS will be organized. Regional meetings will be useful to collect comment from all countries of the Region.

The RAWs CG NOTED the considerable progress being made in animal welfare by those countries and organisations that had reported on developments; and strongly RECOMMENDED that other countries/organisations provide advice to the RAWs CG on developments so progress under the RAWs can be assessed.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Presentation / Discussion on specific initiatives**

*Members agreed that this item would be covered under the other agenda items.*

#### **Agenda Item 6: RAWs CG report to the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines, November 2013**

*Dr Ronel Abilia, OIE sub-Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific*

Dr Abilia provided an overview of the outcomes from the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines, in November 2013. The paper and all the associated recommendations were endorsed by the OIE. The Regional Commission noted that the RAWs is being used as a framework for the development of other RAWs groups.

AGREED to prepare a paper on the outcomes and recommendations of RAWs meetings 6 and 7 and the November, 2013 Regional Commission Meeting in Cebu, for consideration at the Regional Commission meeting in Paris, May 2014.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Overview of animal welfare activities and initiatives in the European Union**

*Dr Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission*

Dr Gavinelli provided an update on the animal welfare initiatives and future policies in the European Union (EU). He pointed out that the drivers for a change in thinking in animal welfare must encompass a holistic approach and new relationships between producers and society. The EU Animal Welfare Strategy is based on science, but also takes into account ethics, social demand, coordination of resources, enforceability and competitiveness.

A clear link between the different actors in the supply chain including the consumers has been identified. To enable consumers to be better informed it is important to ensure that animal welfare claims are scientifically relevant and transparent. An example on the phasing out of sow stalls was provided. It was explained that it has not just been about banning a practice but also to increase awareness and education.

A discussion was held on the reasons for developing a new EU legal framework for animal welfare and the possible scope. The motivation for the framework is focused on animal health more so than welfare, and incorporates the benchmarking indicators for

measuring animal welfare. A number of animal welfare education initiatives were presented, including:

- An overview was provided on the project EUWelNet which provided online training and provides a communication network available here: <http://www.euwelnet.eu/euwelnet>; and
- Educational packages have been developed for younger students with the farmland game, available here: <http://www.farmland-thegame.eu/>.

### **Agenda Item 9: Progress of RAWS CG projects**

*Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia-Pacific*

Dr Dacre suggested the written updates could reflect the priorities in the action plan to make it easier to identify which action points are being affected.

The primary current project priorities are:

- **RAWS website:** The website is complete, available at: <http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/activities/regional-programme/regional-animal-welfare-strategy/>. The Chair THANKED the RRAP for setting up a RAWS website and NOTED RRAP advice on its further development.
- **WSPA training on animals in disasters:** Work on developing training/seminar for managing animals in disasters with WSPA is under development, with more work to be done on cost/resources and timeframes. Consider outcomes of the meeting in Fiji in determining further details. The RAWS CG RECOMMENDED that the Secretariat explores funding support for a WSPA training session on animals in disasters to be held on 26 November 2014, in conjunction with the FAVA Conference.
- **Education and training stocktake and database:** members discussed the project and the development of a concept plan for a stocktake of animal welfare training and education, and the development of a searchable database. A scoping paper has been prepared but a number of issues need to be discussed and the following was concluded:
  - only take into account education related to farm animal welfare;
  - focus on the primary farm animal species – cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, sheep and goats;
  - include national and international courses;
  - education should be limited to transport, handling and slaughter, with the intention of expanding; (therefore excluding animal husbandry and medicine)
  - the courses should focus on industry, graduate veterinarians and government officials;
  - information should be included on what/if any standards are met or what qualification is provided;
  - it should be manageable with the intention of expanding; and
  - it should be available on the webpage, possibly an excel spreadsheet with a searchable function.

The RAWS CG AGREED that the Education and Stocktake project should be put on hold until the outcomes of a similar European feasibility study, due to be reported in Switzerland in September 2014, are known.

RECOMMENDED that if it is then decided to progress the Education and Stocktake project, the scope and approach should be as described in Section 9 of this Report.

It was REQUESTED that RAWS CG Members to update the Action Plan and provide feedback to the Secretariat by 7 April 2014.

### **Agenda Item 10: Preparations of Meeting 8 in Australia, in conjunction with Focal Point Meeting**

*Mrs Hannah Jenkins, Secretariat, Australian Government*

The next formal meeting of the RAWS CG will be on 10 November 2014 in Canberra with the arrangements to be worked out by the secretariat, in conjunction with the Enrich Animal Welfare Focal Point. The meeting agenda should include time to go through the RAWS action plan in detail with the intention of consolidating and streamlining the plan. Time is also to be allocated to a discussion on the EU feasibility study on the animal welfare education stocktake.

The Coordination Group AGREED to recommend the following revisions to the draft focal point seminar agenda to the Australian Government Working Group:

- Countries to present on specific issues, rather than provide country updates;
- Workshops be included to discuss:
  - the future management and strategic direction of the RAWS, including the role of the animal welfare delegates and focal points in its delivery'
  - the Animal Protection Index, and
  - International Organization for Standardization;
- It would be better to have more time allocated to interact via workshops rather than through presentations; and
- Distribute a questionnaire (OIE Tokyo) prior to the meeting to stimulate and encourage ideas.

### **Agenda Item 11: Discussion on secretariat role, functions, future and governance arrangements**

*Dr Quaza Nizamuddin A.Hassan Nizam, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia*

It was NOTED that the Australian Government is unable to continue to provide secretariat support to the RAWS following the completion of the RAWS CG 7 Meeting, and the provision of the Record of the Meeting. Members discussed options for who would pick up the secretariat function.

Malaysia kindly offered to provide the Secretariat if there was no great preference on the part of others to do so. In this regard the OIE offered to provide the Secretariat through its RRAP Office in Tokyo as this would be consistent with OIE approaches in other Regions.

It was also noted that the OIE/Department of Agriculture Funding Deed expires on the 30 June, 2015. This will have relevance to to future operation of the RAWS CG and coordination/management of the RAWS.

It was AGREED that the provision of the Secretariat be raised in the agenda at the Regional Commission Meeting in May, that future arrangements for the RAWS be discussed at the November, 2014, welfare meetings in Canberra.

AGREED to write to Mr Jim Paradice to thank him for his significant contribution to the RAWS.

### **Agenda Item 12: Review of Meeting Recommendations and Other business**

*Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand*

Dr Matayompong requested Dr Murray to summarise the meeting recommendations. The detail of recommendations is shown above in the report.

Dr Tomoko Ishibashi provided the meeting with an update on the Annual Dairy Conference that took place in Japan, in October 2013.

### **Agenda Item 13: Conclusions and recommendations**

*Dr Gardner Murray, Chair of the RAWS CG*

The RAWS CG discussed and agreed to recommendations from this meeting, which are listed above in the report. Dr Murray thanked all participants for their contributions and engagement and thanked OIE Regional and Sub Regional Representation, OIE Headquarters, RAWS secretariat and the Australian Government Department of Agriculture for planning, organizing and funding a successful meeting.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – RAWS CG meeting 7 participant list

Attachment 2 – RAWS CG meeting 7 agenda

Attachment 3 – Country update report of Malaysia, March 2014

Attachment 4 – Country update report of Indonesia, March 2014

Attachment 5 – Country update report of Thailand, March 2014

Attachment 6 – Update report of WSPA, March 2014

Attachment 7 – Country update report of Australia, March 2014

Attachment 8 – Country update report of New Zealand, March 2014

## Attachment 1

### **Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group Meeting 7 Participant List**

#### **RAWS Coordination Group Members**

- Chair: Dr Gardner Murray
- Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia-Pacific
- Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand
- Dr Kinley Dorji, Department of Livestock, Kingdom of Bhutan
- Dr Ira Firgorita, Directorate General Livestock Services, Indonesia
- Dr. Quaza Nizamuddin A.Hassan Nizam, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia
- Dr Payungsak S.tanagul, Thailand Broiler Processing Exporter Association

#### **Secretariat**

- Mrs Hannah Jenkins, Australian Government Department of Agriculture

#### **OIE Representatives**

- Dr Tomoko Ishibashi, OIE Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
- Dr Ronel Abilia, OIE Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia
- Dr Karan Kukreja, OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (OIE Assistance)

#### **Observers**

- Dr Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission
- Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations
- Dr Francois Gary, consultant on the ISO Technical Animal Welfare Standards

#### **Apologies**

- Dr Xiao Xiao, Ministry of Agriculture, China
- Dr Kate Littin, National Animal Welfare Focal Point for New Zealand
- Dr Sira Abdul Rahman, Chair, OIE Animal Welfare Working Group

Attachment 2**AGENDA**

<b>Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group</b>			
<b>Meeting 7</b>			
<b>Bangkok – 24 March 2014</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Chair / Speaker</b>
8.30		Registration of participants.	
8.45	1.	Opening Ceremony Welcome: - Introduction and Purpose.	Dr Gardner Murray
9.00	2.	Report of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE): - Key OIE and related animal welfare developments since last meeting - Distribution of RAWs (Edition 2) translations in regional languages	Dr Abdul Rahman
9.20	3.	Recommendations and progress since the Seoul meeting (RAWSCG6): - Secretariat Report; o progress on action items, o communications, and o update of the RAWs Action Plan.	Mrs Hannah Jenkins
10.00	4.	Key Reports on Activities - Country / Industry / NGO/AWWG Presentations.	Members
11.30	5.	Presentation / Discussion on specific initiatives - To be confirmed	Members
12.00	6.	RAWs report to the Regional Commission meeting in the Philippines: - Overview of outcomes of the meeting	Dr Ronel Abilia
12.30	7.	Lunch	
14.00	8.	Overview of animal welfare activities and initiatives in the European Union.	Dr Andrea Gavinelli
15.00	9.	Discussion on the Action Plan RAWs projects: - RAWs website; - Joint WSPA/RAWs training; and - Education and training stocktake and database	Dr Gardner Murray / Dr Ian Dacre / Dr Tomoko Ishibashi /
16.00	10.	Preparations of Meeting 8 in Australia, in conjunction with Focal Point Meeting	Mrs Hannah Jenkins
16.15	11.	Discussion on secretariat role, functions, future and governance arrangements.	Dr Quaza Nizamuddin
16.30	12.	Review of Meeting Recommendations and Other Business.	Dr Pennapa Matayompong

16.45	13.	Conclusions and Recommendations.	Dr Gardner Murray
		17.00 Meeting Close	

### Attachment 3

#### **RAWS CG meeting 7 – Malaysia update**

##### **Legislative Developments**

Currently the Animal Welfare Bill is under the review of the Attorney-General and is expected to be tabled in Parliament this June 2014.

Meanwhile 27 draft Regulations including the Code of Practice (COP) are being developed.

Three animal welfare codes of practice for pet-shop, boarding and breeding have been completed and it will be presented to the public as well as to other stakeholders to provide further inputs for improvements. The COP will be displayed online (public engagement) for a period of 3 weeks.

##### **Government Initiatives**

Funding and staff requirement for the implementation of the National Animal Welfare Strategic Plan 2012-2020 is being finalized.

The development phase of the plan will be undertaken which includes various activities on awareness, training and research once the approval and funding is available.

A two day seminar (19-20 April 2014) is being organized to create awareness among the public on animal welfare in the wild entitled 'SAVE THE NATURE'.

##### **Industry Initiatives**

The SPCA has conducted various awareness programs like pet adoption drive and education talk to the public and schools.

Some the programs undertaken by the Malaysian National Animal Welfare Foundation (MNAWF) are as follow:

- (1) The Miracles of Animal Assisted Therapy in Malaysia
- (2) Human-Animal Interaction Programmes

##### **Training**

A 2 day seminar on animal welfare (red meat & white meat) is being planned to be held in May 2014.

##### **Other (please specify)**

The department is planning to hold an Animal Welfare Day in May 2014 to enhance the awareness on animal welfare amongst the public.



## **RAWS CG meeting 7 – Country report of Indonesia**

### **Legislative / Developments**

- Revision of the KUHAP (Book of Criminal Law).  
Case of animal abuse or mistreatment of animals had only set in section 302 of the KUHAP. Section 302 is an article that contains expired and very light punishment for the perpetrators of criminal violence on animals, either intentionally or due to negligence. Because of the KUHAP is currently being revised by Parliament. This is the right moment to update the Article 302 with appropriate regulation and penalties;

### **Government Initiatives**

#### **1. Regulation Development**

##### **Being Drafting**

- Draft of Minister of Agriculture regulation regarding Animal welfare standard for handling and slaughtering animal during Moslem holiday (Ied Qurban);
- Draft of Minister of Agriculture Regulation Regarding Poultry Slaughtering;
- Draft of Minister of Agriculture Regulation Regarding Livestock Transportation.

##### **Being Revised**

- Minister of Agriculture regulation No. 381/2005 regarding Veterinary Establishment Certification.  
The regulations contain regulation for slaughterhouse and food processing unit certification. The main aspect of this regulation is on food safety. In the revision draft the regulation shall also contain biosecurity and animal welfare aspect;
- Minister of Agriculture Regulation regarding Cattle Slaughtering;
- Minister of Agriculture Regulation regarding Good Farming Practices for Cattle and Dairy, Poultry and Layer and Good Breeding Practices for Livestock.

#### **2. Improvement of Inter Island Livestock Transportation**

Recognizing the importance of a decent livestock transportation and meet the requirements of animal welfare, has formed a task force team under the direction of the President to increase the transport of cattle in Indonesia, particularly livestock transportation between islands by sea. Ministry of Transportation will support the facilities in order to have a better distribution of livestock. This year is in the process of building 2 special ships for transporting livestock and modifies two passenger ships to be used as a special inter-island transport of livestock. Ministry of Agriculture developing regulation and standar for Livestock Transportation that meet animal welfare standard..

#### **3. National Animal Welfare Appreciation Meeting.**

This meeting is held as a yearly meeting point for all stakeholders to discuss the latest issues concerning animal welfare. This year's meeting will be held in Bogor in the second week of April. The main issue to be discussed is about the National Animal

Welfare Advisory Committee and put on the base of National Strategy Framework for Animal Welfare;

### **Activities under Improved Animal Welfare Program until July 2014**

1. Certificate III Meat Processing (Meat Safety) and AW Course (2nd Group)  
On 10 March 2014 - 18 April 2014, Ten veterinarians from Indonesia Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and Agriculture/Livestock Services from 8 Provinces who has responsibilities in meat inspection and Animal Welfare activity in abattoir attended an accredited Certificate III Meat Processing (Meat Safety) course and Animal Welfare delivered by Adelaide TAFE.  
This training is aim to improve skill and knowledge in animal welfare, hygienic processing of meat and food safety in accordance with international standard, and included integration of HACCP and quality assurance principles in meat processing
2. Refresher Training and Training for new Auditors  
Refresher training is training for Government Auditors which was trained on 2 class session last year, and other class is training for new Auditor. The training aims are to improve the competence of auditors in auditing including animal welfare assessment;
3. Australia-Indonesia University Collaboration in order to establish curriculum system that includes aspects of Animal Welfare and Veterinary Public Health according to OIE Standards. This collaboration between University of Queensland and Institut Pertanian Bogor.
4. Assistance regarding Australian technical consultant provision to supervise model RPH construction project (pilot project in a province)
5. Assistance to develop a National Strategy Framework for Animal Welfare April – June 2014.
6. Communication Strategy and Public Campaign on Cold Chain and AW.

### **Training/Workshop**

1. Refresher Training for Training of Trainer on OIE Animal Welfare Standard on January 2014. These trainers have further training to local officers and abattoirs workers in their region after their training in 2012. Refresher training aims to increase knowledge and skills of the trainer and enrich their reference to improve the quality of trainings that they will carry out;
2. WSPA/IVMA Training on AW Malang for 11 people from Government and IVMA. Collaboration program between WSPA, and IVMA, supported by DGLAHS to improved the implementation of animal welfare principles in local cattle in government slaughter houses in Java and Sumatra. This collaborative program will run for 3 years, beginning in 2012 to 2015.
3. *ASEAN/WSPA Workshop for Human Slaughter*, Bangkok, January 2014, attended by 2 people from DGLAHS.
4. *Strengthening Law for Animal Welfare in Indonesia* Workshop by some NGO's (18 March 2013).

### **Other (please specify)**

1. Establishment of 5 Slaughter points Model for Ied Qurban in 5 Provinces with implementation of animal welfare. Earlier in 2013 also has built 5 models in 5 locations.
2. Public Communication, Information and Education activities in 5 Provinces and establishment of Dog Managed Zone. Earlier in 2013 this activities has also been carried out in 2 other Provinces.

## Attachment 5

### **RAWS CG Meeting 7 – Country Report of Thailand**

Dr. Pennapa Matayompong

#### **Government Initiatives**

##### **Technical assistance from the EU: Sustained training mission in Thailand on animal welfare by Prof. Mohan Raj, International Farm Animal Welfare Expert**

General objective: to facilitate the establishment of poultry welfare standards that are appropriate to the environment and climate of Thailand and can also be applied for practice in other ASEAN countries

Specific objective: to produce guidelines on Good Operating Procedures on animal welfare to be applied all along the poultry production chain

Three consecutive missions will be conducted during 2014-2015 to address two main welfare concerns:

1. The effect of spraying water on the birds before the transport on animal welfare (thermal stress) and meat quality
2. The electrical stunning: how to improve the poultry welfare and the meat quality

The first mission will be held from 31 March to 4 April 2014 to facilitate the research on the above mentioned issues.

##### **Technical assistance from the OIE: Improved Animal Welfare Programme (IAWP) Training**

The OIE has offered the IAWP training in Thailand for 9 Thai officers and 1 Bangladeshi officer. The programme is divided into three workshops focused on the Training of Trainers on cattle welfare during transport and at slaughterhouses. The first workshop will be conducted from 29 April – 2 May 2014. The programme will promote the improvement of animal welfare specifically during transport and in pre-slaughter and slaughter and the implementation of the relevant OIE animal welfare standards in Thailand.

##### **Draft animal welfare strategy of Thailand**

The Animal Welfare Sub-committee has amended the draft animal welfare strategy of Thailand to prioritize the welfare of farm animals.

#### **Training**

The training activities on animal welfare during September 2013 – March 2014 include:

- the Training of Trainers on pig welfare in pre-slaughter and slaughter by the OIE expert (Dr. Rastislav Kolesar) for Thai officers (11 persons)
- the two trainings for outsourcing third parties to audit for GAP farm certification (100 persons)
- the training for food business operators (100 persons)
- the training for meat inspectors of municipality slaughterhouses (190 persons)
- the training for the DLD veterinary meat inspectors (140 persons)
- the training for the DLD veterinary meat inspectors on pig welfare in pre-slaughter and slaughter (11 persons)
- the annual seminar for DLD veterinary meat inspectors, Halal supervisors, CICOT (Central Islamic Council of Thailand) inspectors and food business operators (200 persons)

- the training for the DLD veterinary meat inspectors on poultry welfare during transport and slaughter (80 persons)
- the DLD officers participated in the Training on Humane Slaughter of Food Animals in ASEAN organised by the WSPA in Thailand (4 persons)

## Attachment 6

### **RAWS CG meeting 7 - WSPA update**

#### **Legislative Developments**

The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) is developing a set of guidelines for pig welfare in China, with the support of the Chinese Veterinary medical Association (CVMA) and the Beijing Chaoyang Anhua Animal Product Safety Research Institute (APSRI). The first draft has now been completed and in addition to drafting the transport section of the standard, WSPA has provided technical comment on the entire standard for consideration by the drafting committee. The final draft of the standard is still expected by June 2014.

WSPA has been asked to lead in the development and running of a workshop to help the Philippine government develop standards and guidelines for companion animals affected by disasters. The workshop is to be held from 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

WSPA has also been invited to assist the Government of Vietnam with the development of humane slaughter legislation and standards

#### **Government Initiatives**

In April 2013 WSPA co-hosted with the Government of India, India's first 'Animals in Disasters' conference which directly led to the government mandating that all states must incorporate animals into their state disaster management plans.

In Bangladesh the Ministry of Health completed a mass dog vaccination (MDV) against rabies in Chittagong City Corporation, the second largest city corporation of the country with 41 wards. Thirty teams were deployed to carry out the vaccination, and WSPA funded veterinary consultants coordinated the program.

#### **Industry Initiatives**

In India, the team has been working on the development of the first animal welfare guidelines for commercial dairy cattle in conjunction with the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI). In January, Rob Gregory, WSPA's regional programme director for Humane and Sustainable Agriculture gave a keynote speech on the role of animal welfare standards in dairy farming at the Indian Society for Animal Production Management conference in Anand, Gujarat.

#### **Training**

- On 3-4 December 2013 in Bangkok, WSPA held a 'Workshop on Humane Slaughter of Food Animals – Adding Value Towards 2015.' The workshop included representatives from all ASEAN member states except Singapore and Brunei, and was the first animal welfare (let alone humane slaughter training) for some. The content focused on humane slaughter of cattle and pigs, with an emphasis on the context of the pending 2015 ASEAN FTA. This is the first of 3 annual workshops under a WSPA-ASEAN letter of agreement that aims to improve awareness of humane slaughter principles and practice, develop an ASEAN regional network and information sharing platform in this area and

engagement for assistance in legislative developments, training and industry progress moving towards ASEAN 2015.

- In November, the Indonesia team successfully completed the first 'STEPS' humane slaughter 'train-the-trainer' programme in the country and will be working over the coming year to develop the trainees technical and presentation skills, as they begin promoting humane handling and slaughter practices in domestic slaughterhouses across the country.
- In China, the WSPA team have been working to consolidate our humane slaughter work, as well as making progress on developing our pig welfare campaign. In terms of humane slaughter, following a change in the way that animal impact is calculated (in order to ensure consistency in reporting across different regions), the programme has to date helped improve welfare at slaughter for an estimated 228 million pigs, 3.3 billion chickens and 5 million cattle.

### **Other (please specify)**

- WSPA gave advice and input during the 6th and 7th ACCAHZ PrepCom meetings in Ho Chi Minh (November 2013) and Chiang Rai (February 2014), respectively. Such meetings resulted in the completion of the Establishment Agreement, which will serve as the main instrument for ACCAHZ's existence.
- WSPA (Ian Dacre) has been invited as a member of the OIE ad hoc group on Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in relation to Animal Health and Welfare. The first meeting is to be in Paris from 15-17<sup>th</sup> April.
- WSPA is sponsoring an animal welfare stream to be held at the FAVA 2014 conference to be held in Singapore in November 2014.
- WSPA is looking forward to continue collaborating and supporting some of the key ASEAN livestock, animal health, animal-human health and animal welfare-related programs over the next few years. WSPA believes that these programmes and activities will form the foundation of a formalised and long-term WSPA and ASEAN Cooperation for a "competitive, sustainable, humane, resilient and climate-smart livestock sector in ASEAN."
- In WSPA's 'disaster response work we were able to:
  - Assist 17,400 animals in the Philippines with emergency feed, nutritional supplements and vaccinations following Typhoon Haiyan in November/December 2013. The recovery phase has been split across two projects:
    - The first will be to provide additional preparedness capacity through the selection, training and equipping of mobile emergency veterinary teams on the island of Panay. Increasing the mobility and the training of the provincial veterinary services will provide faster and more accurate assessments and a domestic rapid response function for inevitable future cyclones. This is currently a pilot recovery project plan.
    - The second project will focus on technology transfer from Cuba of hurricane resistant sheltering to be deployed as a replicable model through academic partners. This will offer a working example of how to reduce animal mortality and suffering and the associated

economic loss to a very low level. This recovery project plan will take place only on the island of Panay.

- Vaccinated approximately 40,000 livestock in Laos following severe flooding in October 2013
- Delivered 5 tonnes of food to dogs affected by floods in northeast Thailand, October 2013
- Launched radio public service announcements with tips for millions of pet and livestock owners in India and the Philippines in the days before major typhoons struck their countries in October 2013
- Provided emergency veterinary care to 92,000 animals in India following flash floods in Uttarakhand. We are also working with the affected communities so they are better prepared which will benefit up to 500,000 animals – August 2013 and ongoing
- Provided veterinary support and food to help 50,000 animals in some of the worst winter weather in far northern India (Ladakh) on record – July 2013
- Directly helped 9,000 animals by providing shade nets, emergency medicine and food in Maharashtra State, central India as it struggled through the worst drought in 40 years. The three camps WSPA worked in were developed to be copied throughout the affected region, potentially helping 650,000 animals in camps during March – April, 2013.

The third edition of 'Concepts in Animal Welfare' syllabus has now been launched. CAW has the support from OIE, WVA and FVE. Additionally, for this region we have the endorsement from CVA, FAVA, SEAVSA (South East Asian Veterinary School Association) and AAVS (Asian Association of Vet Schools). It contains 35 modules on various animal welfare topics. It is ready to be used by lecturers teaching welfare to undergraduate veterinary students. And it can also be used for self-learning. It is available for download at the Animal Mosaic website ([www.animalmosaic.org](http://www.animalmosaic.org)).



## Attachment 7

### **RAWS CG meeting 7 - Australia update**

#### **Government Initiatives**

##### *Developments under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS)*

In December 2013 the Australian Government announced its decision to hand over responsibility for the ongoing delivery of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy to the states and territories. The states and territories have legislative responsibility for domestic animal welfare and are therefore best placed to implement the AAWS. The strategy will continue to set the direction for future domestic animal welfare policies and improvements. In line with this decision, the Department of Agriculture will continue to participate in the Animal Welfare Committee but the leadership role would be more appropriately filled by one of the states or territories. This will enable the Australian Government to continue its strong focus on the international animal welfare issues for which it has regulatory responsibility, such as the regulation of the livestock export industry and participating in international fora such as the OIE.

##### *National Cattle and Sheep Standards and Guidelines*

Work progressing on the development of Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep and Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines.

##### *Australia's Livestock Exports*

From 1 January 2013, the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) has been effective in all markets that receive Australian Livestock for slaughter. Under the ESCAS system, the exporter must demonstrate that they have control of the movement of livestock up until the point of slaughter and that animals will be handled in accordance with the OIE guidelines for animal welfare. The department is currently finetuning the administrative arrangements with the aim of reducing duplication and red tape.

##### *Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)*

The Australian Government continues to support Official Development Assistance eligible countries which import Australia's livestock for slaughter through the Improved Animal Welfare Program. Countries eligible to receive assistance include Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey and Mauritius.

## Attachment 8

### **Update on key animal welfare activities and initiatives – New Zealand 2013-2014**

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#### *Review of the Animal Welfare Act 1999*

- The Animal Welfare Amendment Bill is being considered by a Parliamentary Select Committee and will be reported back at the end of March for further debate prior to national elections in September.

#### *Live animal exports*

- New Zealand and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have signed an agreement on the export of livestock for breeding. See <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/media/06-03-2014/agreement-export-livestock>. New Zealand prohibits the export of cattle, deer, goats and sheep for slaughter.

#### *National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC)*

- NAWAC is reviewing the use of animals in entertainment, for education and on public display, including in zoos, circuses and for racing. Greyhound (dog) racing recently attracted negative attention and New Zealand's greyhound racing industry has developed an animal welfare policy and appointed an animal welfare officer.
- The Committee has also reviewed requirements for the killing of dairy cattle calves on farms. A proposal is out for public consultation <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/animal-welfare/codes/having-your-say>
- Summaries of NAWAC's meeting minutes are online at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/animal-welfare/nawac-meetings>

#### *ISO Technical Specification on animal welfare*

- New Zealand is pursuing Participatory member of ISO / TC34 in order to have closer involvement in drafting and voting on the ISO Technical Specification to guide food production businesses ('farm to processor') in implementing the OIE standards for animal welfare. ISO/TC34/WG16

#### *Emergency management*

- New Zealand's Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) has revised, in consultation with stakeholders, the *National Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Plan*. As a result the Ministry for Primary Industries will assume the role of the **responsible agency**, at the national and regional level, for—
  - coordinating the provision of the animal welfare function (including rescue, shelter, food, water, husbandry and veterinary care and other essentials) for companion animals, production animals, animals in research testing and teaching facilities, zoos, and wildlife;
  - coordinating the planning for animal welfare in emergencies; and
  - maintaining the government's reporting and advisory capability on animal welfare in an emergency.

This is likely to be initiated in 2015.

*Welfare Pulse magazine*

- This magazine continues to be published online at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/animal-welfare/pubs/welfare-pulse>, with the next issue expected in September. Contributions from others are welcomed.

*Supporting compliance with animal welfare requirements*

The *Safeguarding our Animals, Safeguarding our Reputation* programme has worked with industry representatives to develop information for farmers and transporters regarding livestock fitness for transport. A poster is attached, with further guidance under development.