

## African swine fever [ASF] Coordination Virtual Meeting

Thursday, 18 June 2020

14.00-16.30 Bangkok time (GMT+7)

### Concept Note

*What is the context?*

African swine fever (ASF) outbreaks continues to be officially reported by countries /territories since the first reports of the virus in Asia in August 2018. With over 60% of the world's domestic pig population in the Asia Pacific region, losses and associated impact of ASF outbreaks have heavily affected the pig value chain from the farmers, producers, traders and farms to markets, trade and consumers. Since the 1st occurrence of ASF in China (People's Rep. of) on August the 1st, 2018, the disease has spread to Mongolia (January 2019), Vietnam (February 2019), Cambodia (March 2019), Hong Kong (SAR-PRC) (May 2019), Korea (Dem. People's Rep.) (May 2019), Laos (June 2019), Myanmar (August 2019), Philippines (July 2019), Korea (Rep. of) (September 2019), Timor-Leste (September 2019), Indonesia (November 2019), and more recently in Papua New Guinea (March 2020). The latest situation update on ASF and its impact in affected countries in the Asia Pacific region can be found [here](#).

Following the launch of the Standing Group of Experts (SGE) on African Swine Fever (SGE-ASF) for Asia on 10 April 2019 under Global Framework for Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SGE-ASF for Asia was recently held virtually on 21 April 2020. Furthermore, there are continued discussions and efforts at local, national and regional level, to better understand ASF epidemiology (including wild boar), disease monitoring for early detection and timely outbreak management, improve capacities and awareness for biosecurity application.

*What is the current situation?*

The ASF situation has continued to evolve in the region which is in parallel impacted by COVID19 and its restrictive measures. This virtual meeting will be a platform for the key stakeholders to come together and discuss the progress thus far, challenges and opportunities in ASF prevention and control. It will also be an opportunity to reassess member country's needs and identify the most appropriate support to be provided in these COVID19 time.

*What is the objective of this meeting and what we aim to achieve?*

With this context, OIE SRR SEA is planning to organise virtual (Zoom) meeting on **“ASF epidemiological situation, progress on ASF prevention and control and current needs”**

*The objectives of the meetings are:*

- To update our knowledge and understanding of the ASF situation in member countries in SEA region.
- To share success stories and challenges faced by Member Countries and partners in ASF prevention and control. Success stories on restocking or on a positive impact of COVID19 measures on ASF control/prevention will be welcome.
- To discuss the needs of Member Countries in the prevention and control of ASF in the SEA region and pacific.

*Date: 18 June 2020*

*Format: Two and half hour Zoom meeting (see information sheet enclosed for logistical guidance to join the meeting)*

*Preparation of the virtual meeting:*

Please refer to the agenda for presentation and discussion topics.

In addition to logistic preparation (see information sheet enclosed), the Member Countries and partners are requested to prepare a PowerPoint presentation (a template will be provided) and submit it to OIE SRR SEA on or before 14 June 2020.

For more information: The information sheet is attached separately to join this virtual meeting.