



Terms of Reference for the OIE National Focal Point on Wildlife

Details on proposed tasks of the national focal point for wildlife:

1. to establish a network of wildlife experts within his country or to communicate with the existing network;
2. to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for wildlife in his country, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
3. under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his country, to support the optimal collection and submission of wildlife disease information to the OIE through WAHIS (immediate notifications and follow-up reports, six-monthly reports, and annual questionnaires) to enable the OIE Delegate to more efficiently manage his OIE Member obligations;
4. to act as a contact point with the OIE Animal Health Information Department and the Scientific and Technical Department on matters related to information on wildlife including wildlife diseases;
5. to receive from the OIE Headquarters copies of the reports of the Working Group on Wildlife Diseases, selected reports of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on wildlife or the livestock-wildlife interface and conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised wildlife and animal health experts on draft texts of standards proposed in those reports as well as draft standards proposed by the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission when dealing with wildlife diseases; and
6. to prepare comments for the Delegate on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member and/or the region including comments on the proposals for new OIE standards and guidelines related to wildlife.