

SEA Wildlife Health Network

Background:

The OIE considers disease surveillance in wild animals—including both terrestrial and aquatic species—to be important. In response to an increased risk of disease emergence at the human-animal-environment interface, the organization developed a new [OIE Wildlife Health Management Framework](#). The overall objective is to protect wildlife health worldwide to achieve One Health.

Additionally, the Wildlife Health Framework notes a plan to develop global, regional, and sub-regional networks for Focal Points for Wildlife together with other stakeholders, to encourage sharing of information and developing a common strategy to improve surveillance and management of disease risks from wildlife. Networks provide an opportunity for ongoing information sharing between key professionals working on wildlife health, taking account of geographically relevant issues.

Purpose: To provide a platform to facilitate effective sharing of information and advocacy to promote wildlife health agenda in Southeast Asia

Objectives:

1. To provide a platform for members for timely sharing of information on endemic and emerging wildlife diseases.
2. To facilitate in building capability for wildlife disease surveillance and other technical assistance to members
3. To build a network of wildlife and wildlife disease experts and facilitate exchange of expertise in capability and capacity building, and conduct of scientific research
4. To undertake collaborative and joint activities to advance the wildlife health agenda

Membership –

1. SEA OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife
2. SEA OIE National Focal Points for Animal Disease Notification
3. SEA OIE National Focal Points for Laboratories
4. Representatives from Wildlife research institutions or academia
5. Representatives from Wildlife NGOs

Governance

1. Chairmanship – the Chair will be chosen among its member for a period of 2 years
2. Secretariat – The Secretariat will be chosen among its members and will serve for 3 years (renewable), including a transition period of 1 year during which responsibilities will be transferred to next secretariat
3. Meetings – to be organized at least 2x a year either virtually and/or physically

Adviser -

The OIE shall serve as adviser to the Network and shall closely coordinate with the Secretariat