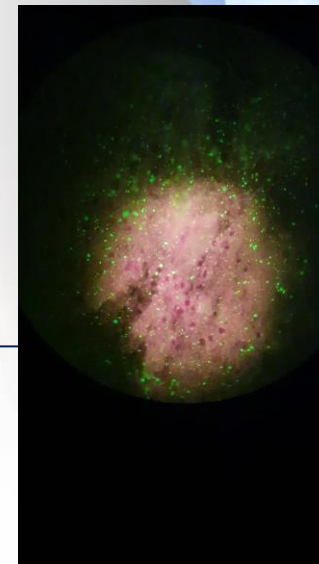




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Regional rabies situation, progress and challenges

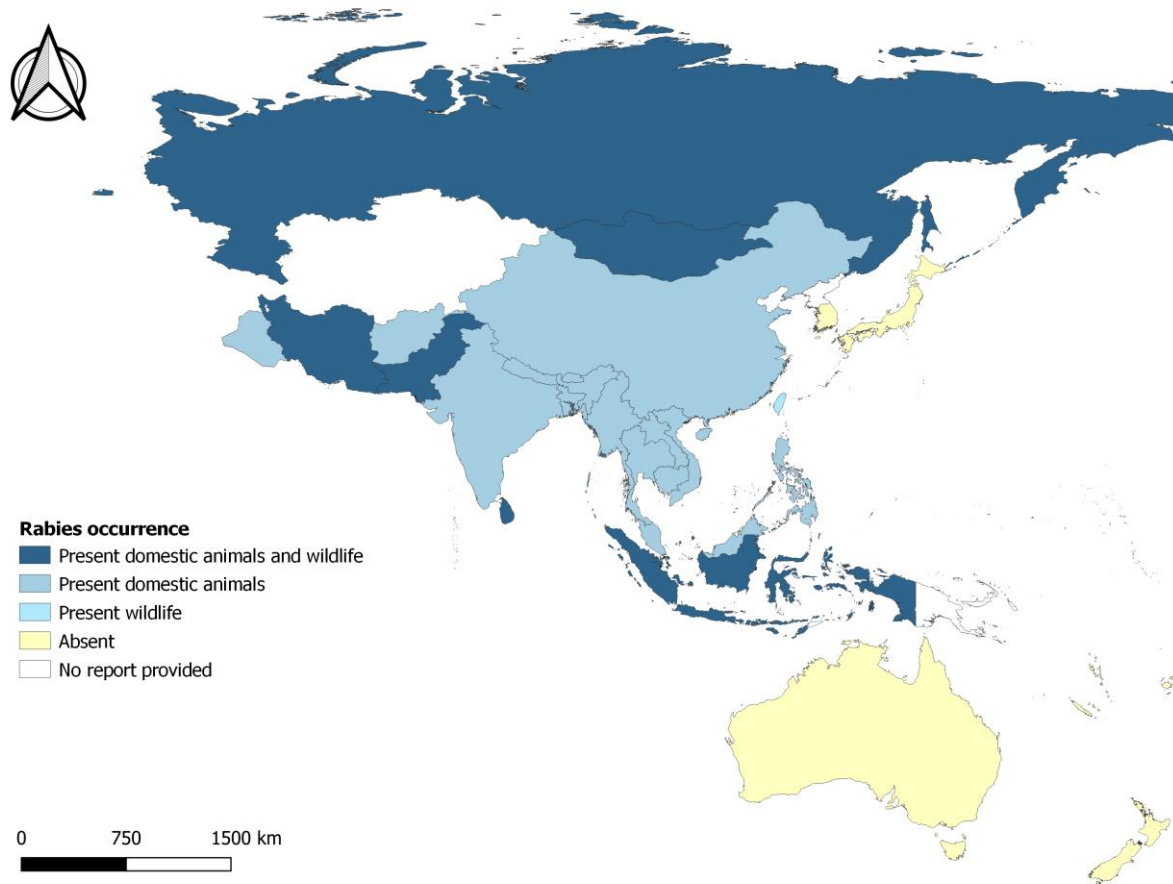


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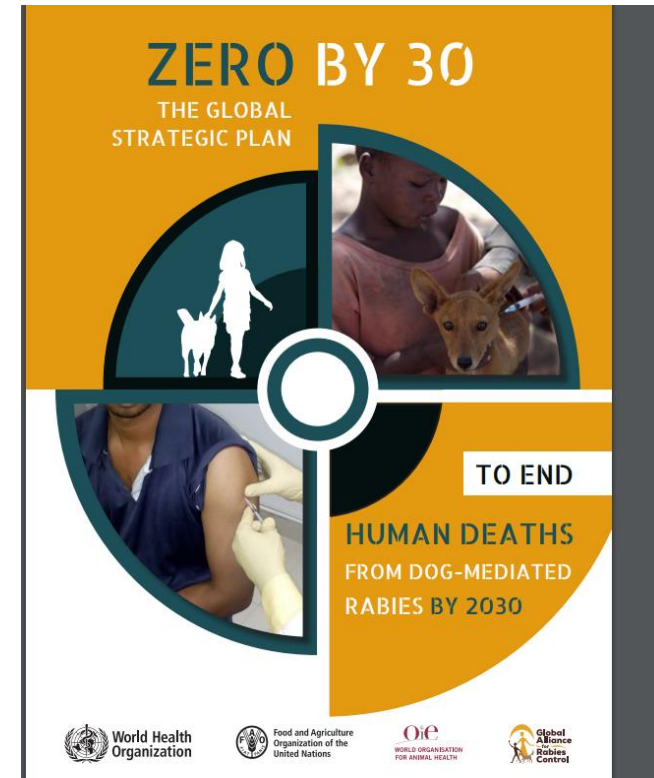
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Reported Animal Rabies Situation and progress in Asia Pacific



World Animal Health Information System
data for 2019-2023



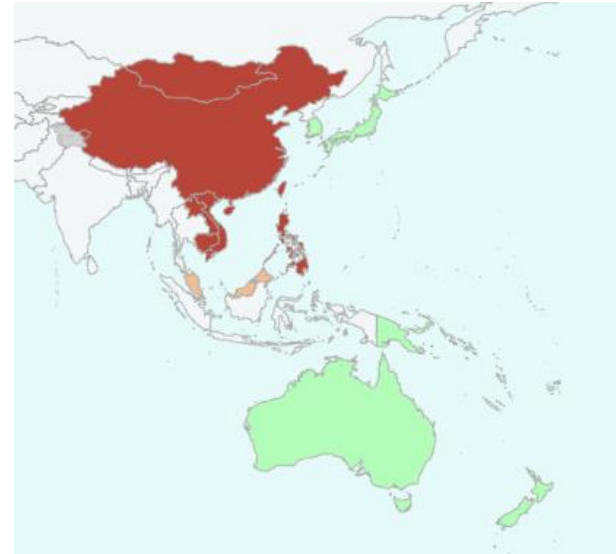
- Rabies still endemic
- COVID-19 effect
- Transboundary animal disease emergencies

Human Rabies Situation and progress in SEARO & WPRO



Country	Human rabies cases (2022)
Bangladesh	45
Bhutan	0
Indonesia	96
India	305
Sri Lanka	27
Myanmar	No data
Nepal	13*
DPR Korea	No data
Thailand	3

*July 2021- July 2022



Country	Human rabies cases (2022)
Cambodia	0 (2020)
China	157(2021)
Lao PDR	20
Malaysia	16
Mongolia	1 (2020)
Philippines	282 (2021)
Vietnam	70



- Reported case numbers differ greatly from estimations
- Almost all countries have standard treatment guidelines
- Human rabies vaccines are widely available in public health facilities, but number of facilities vary



Key progress

Key areas	Updates since 2022
National Strategic Plans on rabies	India – State Action Plan for Rabies Elimination (SAPRE) in many states Sri Lanka Cambodia – draft stage
Rabies diagnosis	Training for South Asia
Mass dog vaccination (MDV)	Training on MDV for South Asia + few countries in Southeast Asia
Dog population management (DPM)	Bhutan – ongoing nationwide DPM with rabies vaccination program launched in March 2022
Oral rabies vaccination initiatives	Indonesia, Thailand completed pilot studies Thailand using ORV as part of official vaccination program Pilot studies to begin in Cambodia, Myanmar

Revised ASEAN rabies elimination strategy

Final draft

WHO Regional Technical Advisory Group for dog-mediated human rabies in the South-East Asia Region established

First Meeting March 2023



Key Challenges

- Neglected disease – limited capacity, funding and resources, lack of legislations
- Lack of a lead agency at national level
- Weak/lack of coordination and commitment amongst key stakeholders
- Limited awareness on rabies and the importance of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis especially in high-risk communities
- Lack of focus in control programs – need more investment in animal rabies control and upscaling of dog vaccination coverage
- ~~Weak enforcement of legislations – responsible pet ownership~~



Thank you!



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