



# THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING THE WILDLIFE TRADE SUPPLY CHAIN

IN THE CONTEXT OF DISEASE RISK ANALYSIS

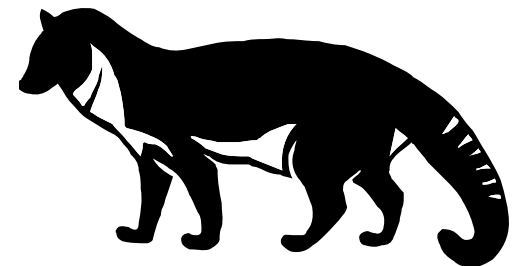
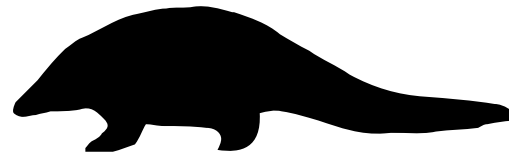
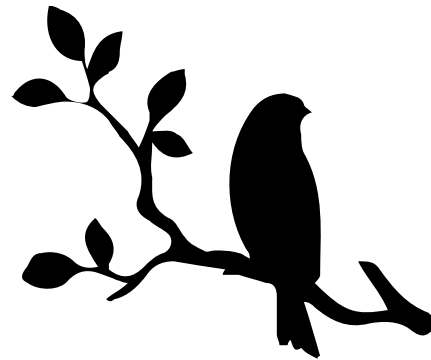
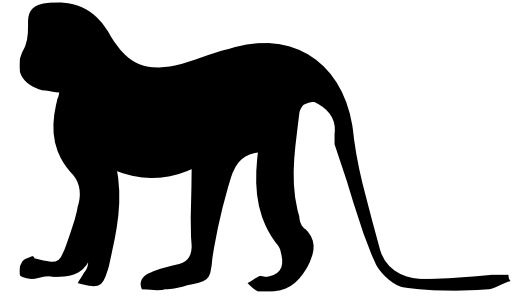
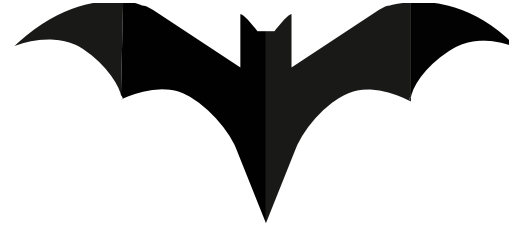


WOAH workshop on piloting Guidelines  
for Addressing Disease Risk in Wildlife  
Trade

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# OVERVIEW

- 1) Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade (WOAH Guidelines)
- 2) Mapping supply (value) chains – process and utility
- 3) Examples –working systems for disease and wildlife trade management
- 4) Understanding complexity – mapping stakeholders, human-animal interfaces and trade flows
- 5) Exercise to visualize a supply chain map

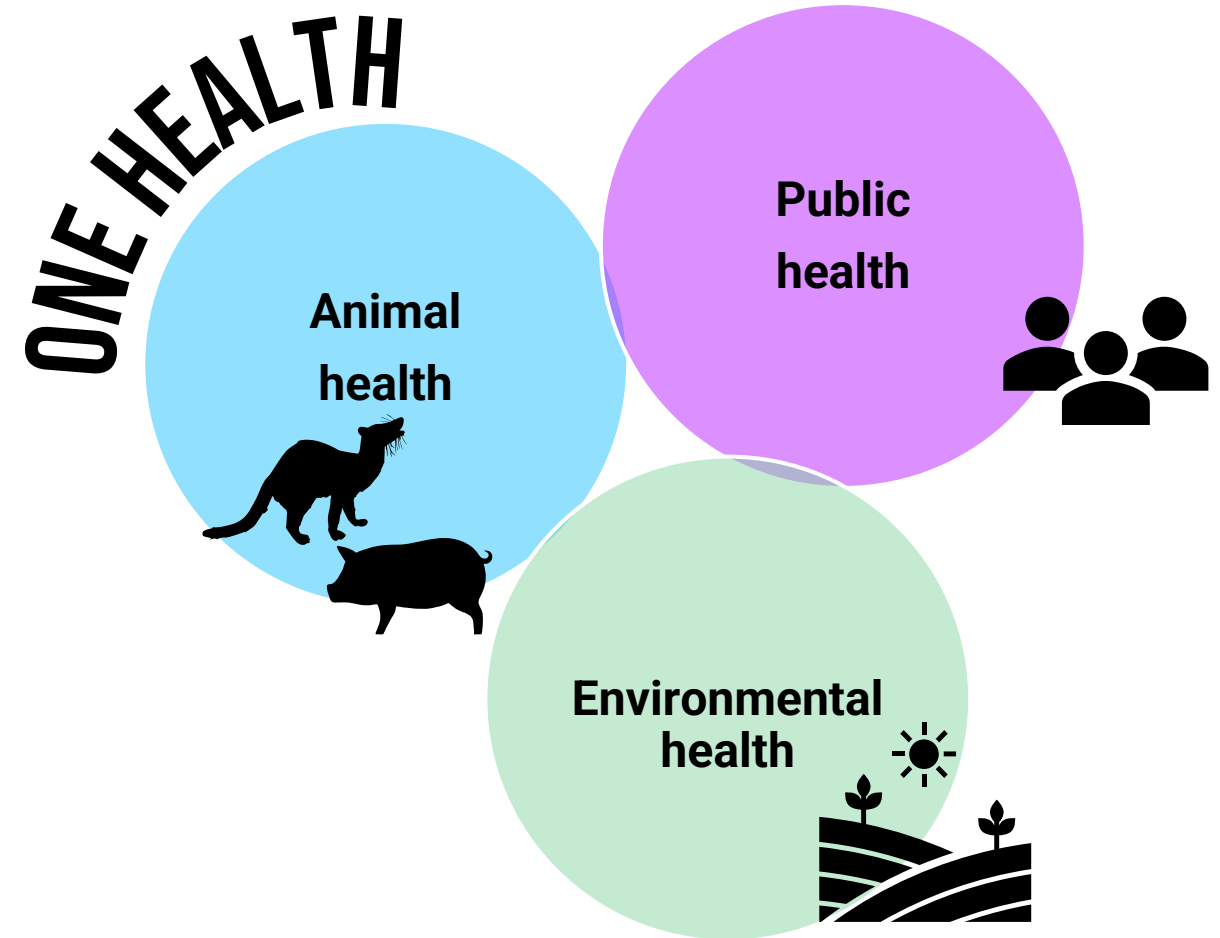


WHERE WILD ANIMAL TRADE TAKES PLACE, RISKS SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED TO ENSURE LEGALITY AND IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY.



# THE WILDLIFE TRAPS PROJECT

Leveraging TRAFFIC's wildlife trade expertise in partnership with health experts

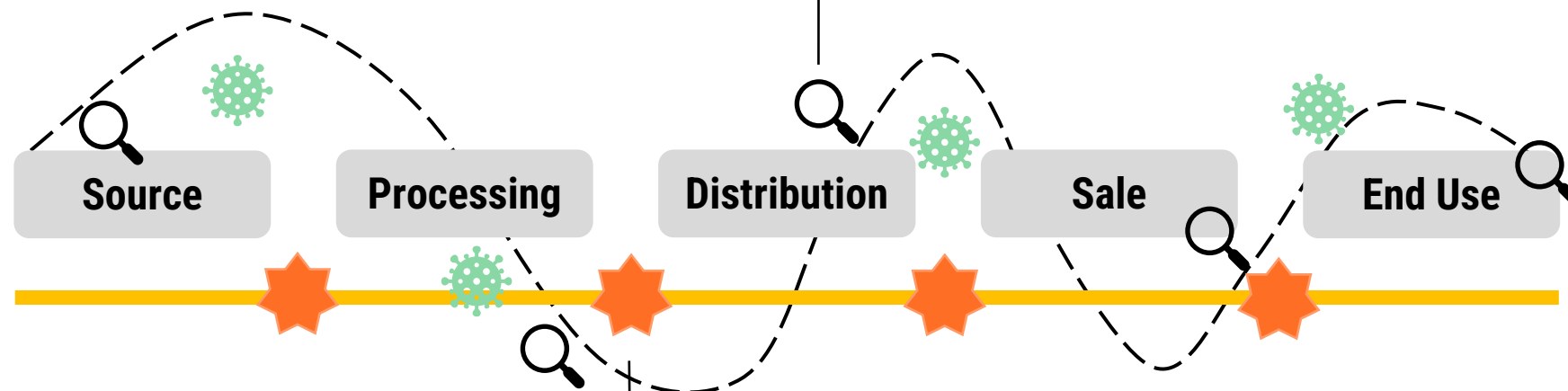


# DEFINITIONS AND STRUCTURE

**For more information:**  
[Crossing the language barrier: a wildlife trade and zoonotic disease lexicon](#)

**Wildlife Supply/Value Chain:** The entire stream from harvest (farming in some cases) to processing of a wildlife or other product until it reaches the ultimate end-user.

**Traceability:** Information capture about where, how, and under what regulatory conditions wildlife is produced and moves along the chain



**Hazard:** An agent (physical, chemical, or biological) with the potential to cause adverse health effects.

**Critical Control Point:** A step at which control can be applied and is essential to prevent or eliminate a hazard or reduce risk to an acceptable level.

**Risk:** The estimated probability and severity of adverse health effects following the exposure to a hazard.



An aerial photograph of a herd of cows grazing in a lush green field. The cows are scattered across the center and right side of the frame, with some clustered together and others more isolated. The field is vibrant green with some small white and yellow flowers scattered throughout.

**WOAH Ad Hoc Group** has developed *Guidelines for addressing disease risks in wildlife trade*

**Acknowledging**



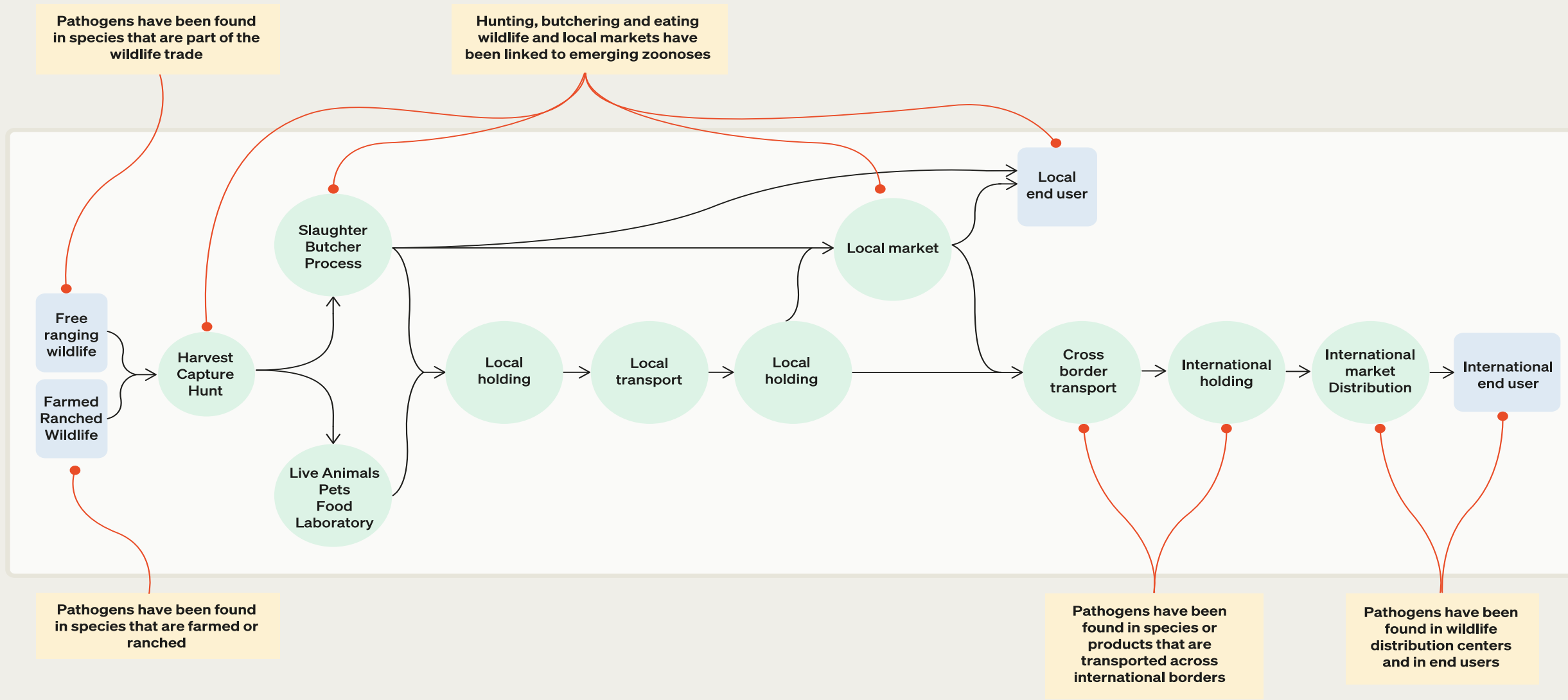
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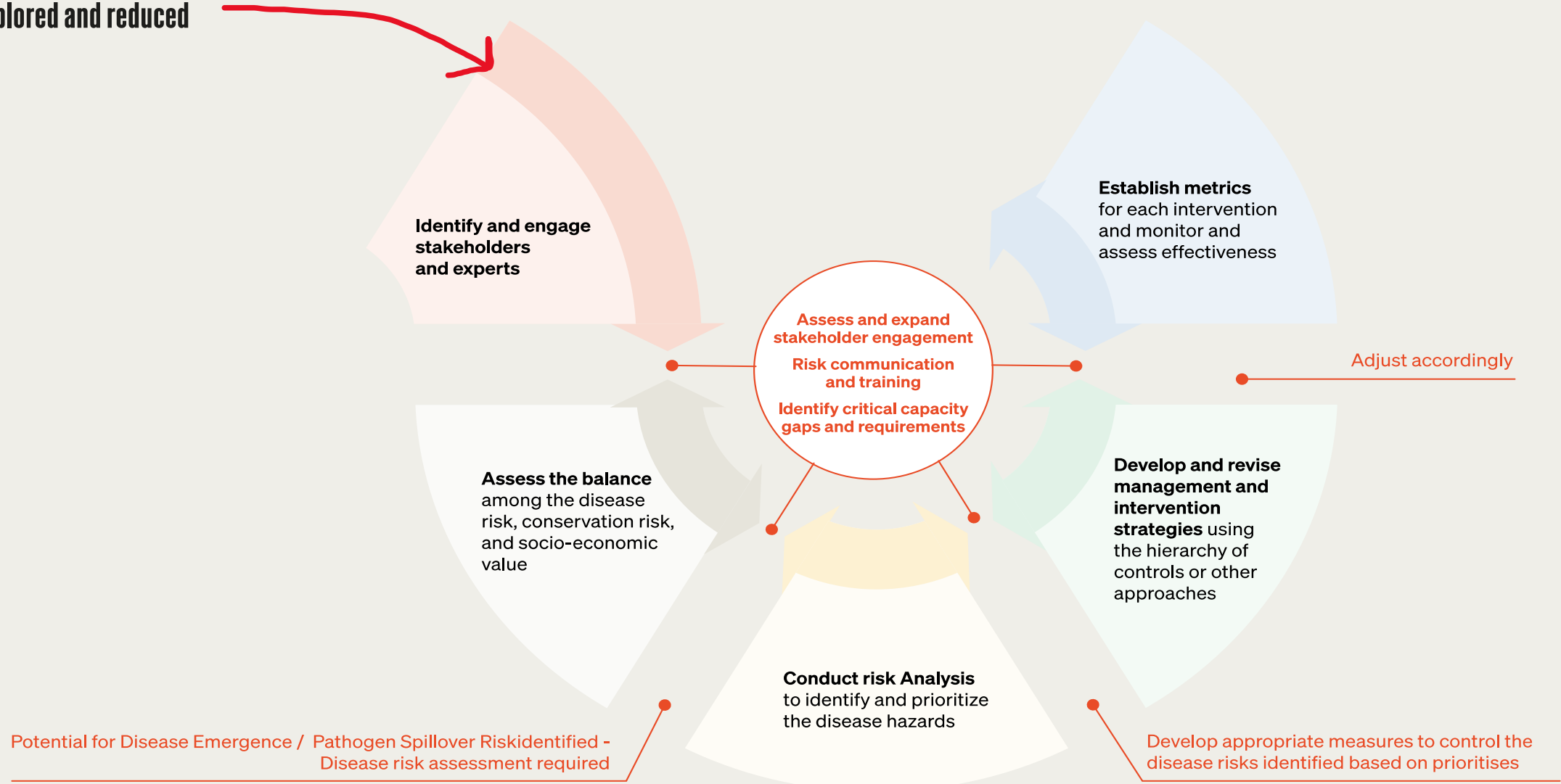


# Generic Wildlife Trade Supply Chain





**Identify a wildlife trade supply chain or interface for which disease risks are to be explored and reduced**





## Risk Analysis



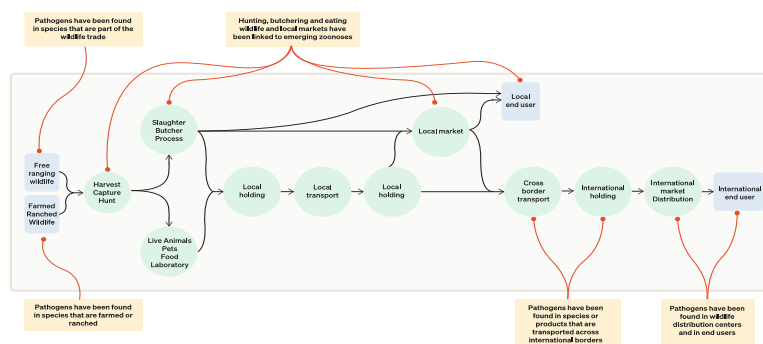
### List of factors to consider

- Taxa in Trade
- Inter-species contact and densities
- Type of wildlife trade chain
- Practices and human behaviours
- Human-animal contact
- Policy/Regulation framework
- Government capacity



# MAPPING THE SUPPLY CHAIN

## Process and Utility



## Process

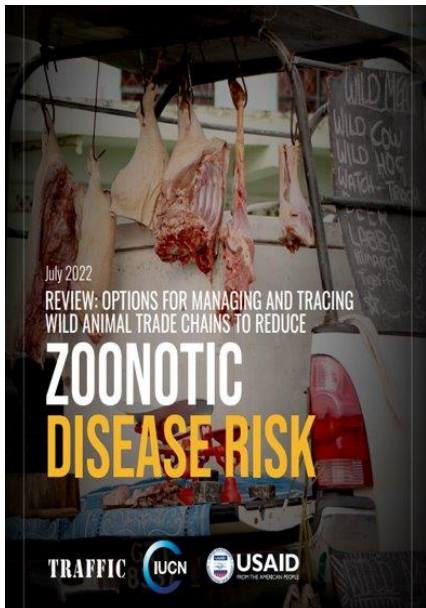
- Expert **consultation** (augmented by site-visits where possible)
- Visualize a ‘**geography**’ of trade chain connections
- Identify **actors, human-animal interfaces** and **practices**
- Understand how traded wild animals are being **held, moved, processed** and **sold** from source to end-use

## Utility

- Layers of information viewed in parallel
- Stakeholders can ‘**see themselves**’ in roles and responsibilities
- Helps describe the ‘**problem**’ – building block of risk assessment
- Can help locate points of potential risks, based on combination of factors

# WORKING SYSTEMS

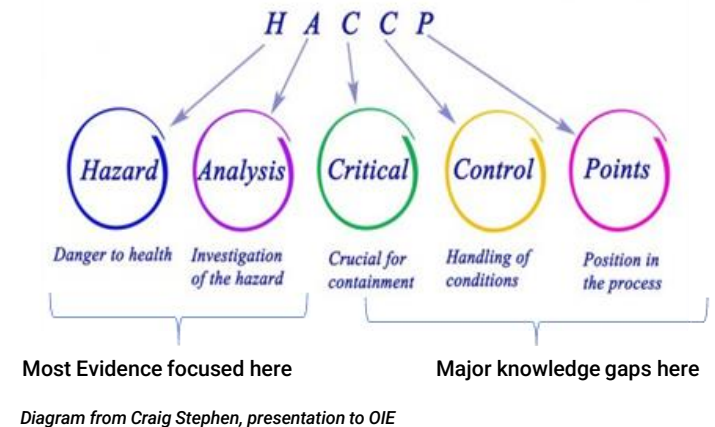
Wildlife trade and disease risk management



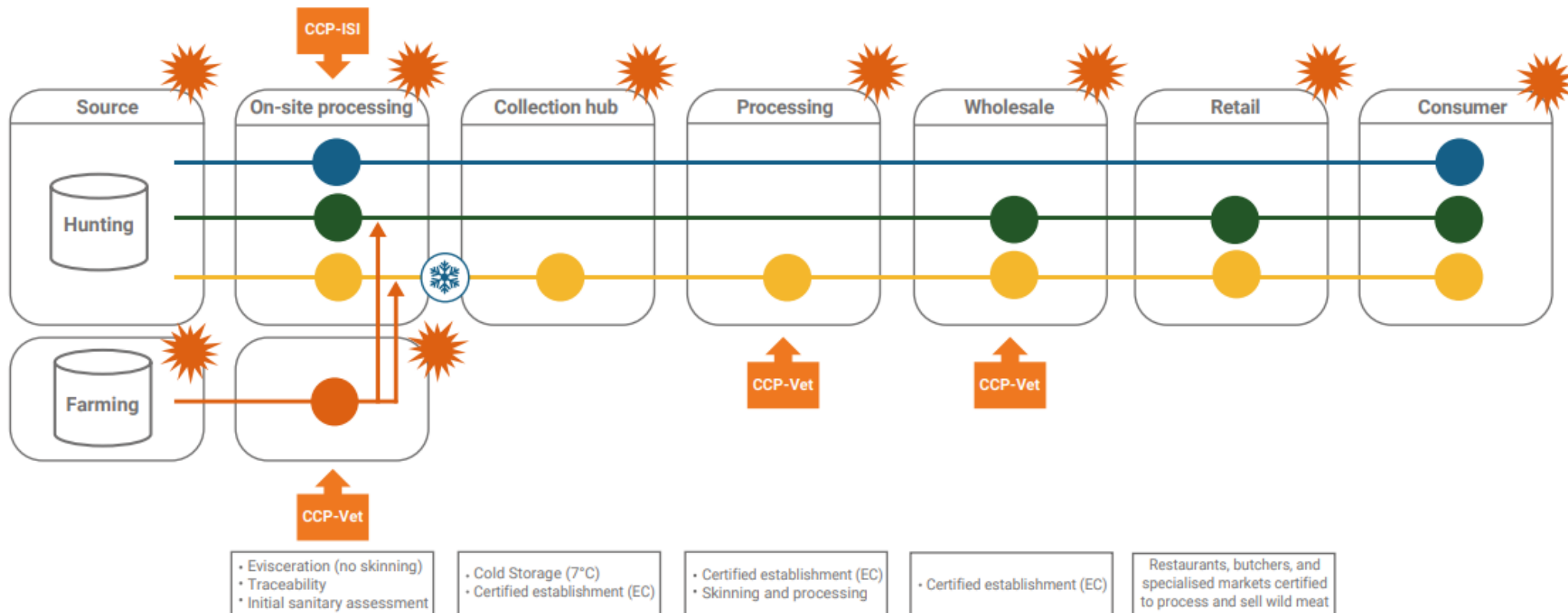
- **Kangaroo Supply Chain (Australia)**
  - Wild Harvesting
  - Domestic and International trade

- **Ostrich Supply Chain (South Africa)**
  - Closed-cycle captive farming
  - Domestic and International trade

- **Deer (Venison) Supply Chain (France)**
  - Mix of wild harvest and farmed (ranchered) sources



# VENISON [CERVID DEER] SUPPLY CHAINS IN FRANCE



## KEY



Indicates a Critical Control Point:  
On-site initial sanitary inspection



Indicates a Critical Control Point:  
By a certified veterinarian



Hazard Point



The carcass can be put in cold storage  
(7°C) on-site in case of delays

### The Short-Direct circuit

- Meat sold or consumed within 80 km from the hunting site (à vol d'oiseau)
- It refers to the consumption of game meat by local hunting association during events, donations or direct conferment, and direct sell by the hunting association or other certified body
- The maximum quantity is the same as the total number of hunted animals during the hunting session (i.e., a day).

### The Short-Professional circuit

- Only one intermediary between the initial provider and the consumer.
- The intermediary has to be located less than 80 km from the hunting location in a straight line (à vol d'oiseau). It also needs to be certified to process (i.e., skin and cut) and sale wild meat. Usually butchers, charcutier, specialised supermarkets, among others.
- The maximum quantity is the same as the total number of hunted animals during the hunting session (i.e., a day).

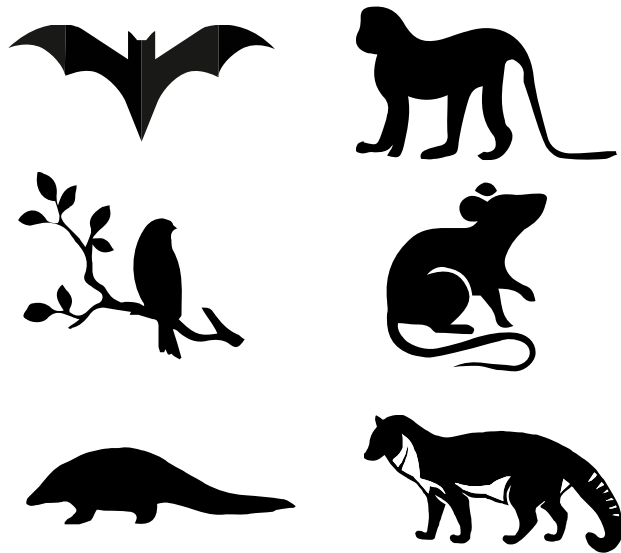
### The Long circuit

- Several intermediaries between the initial provider and the consumer.
- No distance or quantity limitations
- The intermediaries are certified to process (i.e., skin and cut) and sale wild meat. Usually regional abattoirs and food processing plants.



# UNDERSTANDING COMPLEXITY

## Wildlife Trade Chains - Example 1

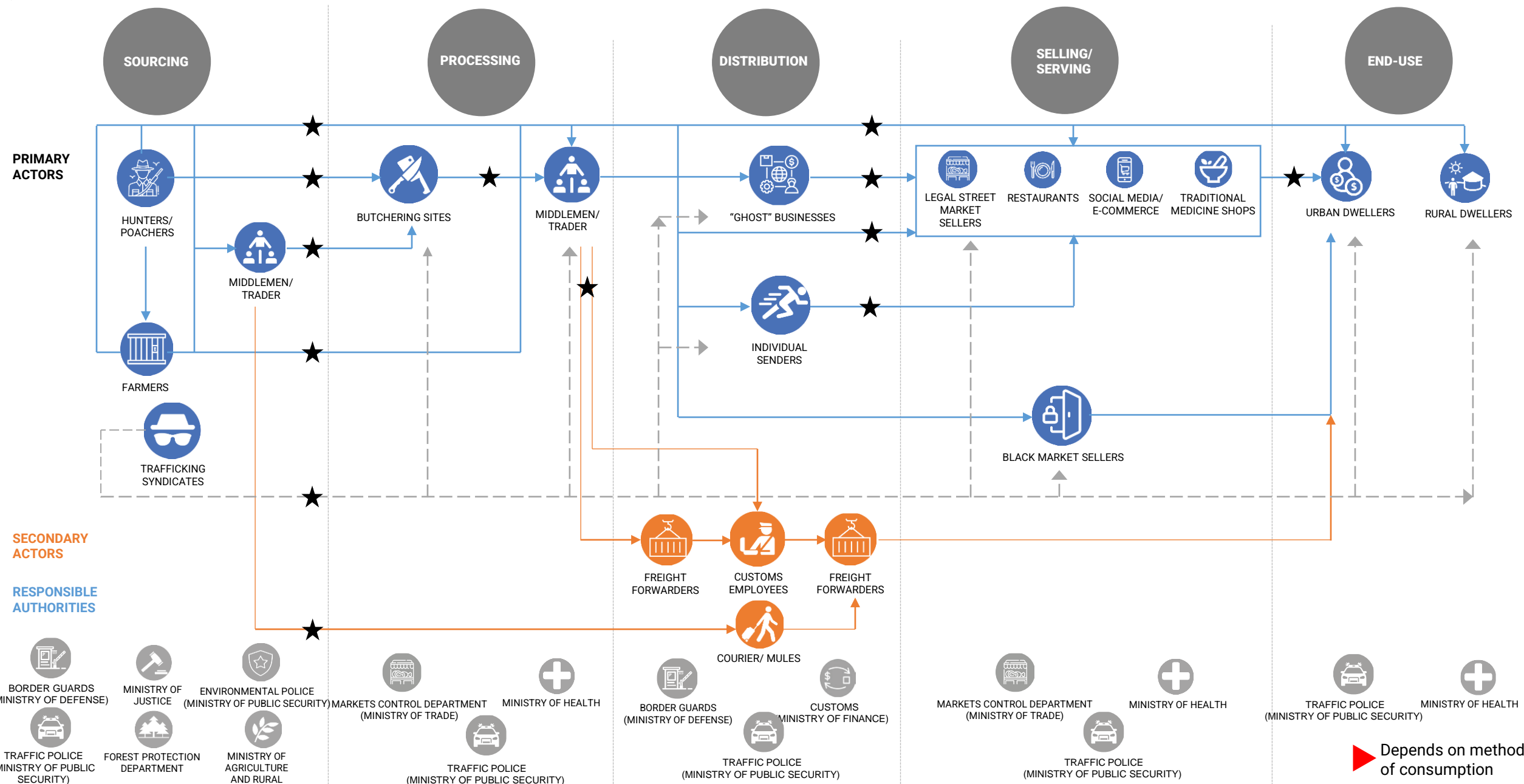


Wild animals used for attributed health benefits (food, [formal] traditional medicine, [informal] tonics)

- *Multiple mammal and bird taxa*
- *Both farmed and wild-harvested specimens, traded live and as wildlife products*
- *Mixture of legal and illegal elements*

Building up a **supply chain structure**

- *Expert elicitation process*
- *Define different phases from wild/farmed animal to end-use*
- *Describe primary/secondary actors and trade pathways*
- *Identify location of human-animal interfaces and practices (e.g., capture, handling, slaughter, transport, processing, sale)*



POTENTIAL DISEASE RISK

▶ Live contact & species mixing in transport

▶ Live contact & many animals in one place

▶ Depends on live/raw vs. processed

▶ Live contact & selling in populated areas

▶ Depends on method of consumption

# UNDERSTANDING COMPLEXITY

## Wildlife Trade Chains - Example 2



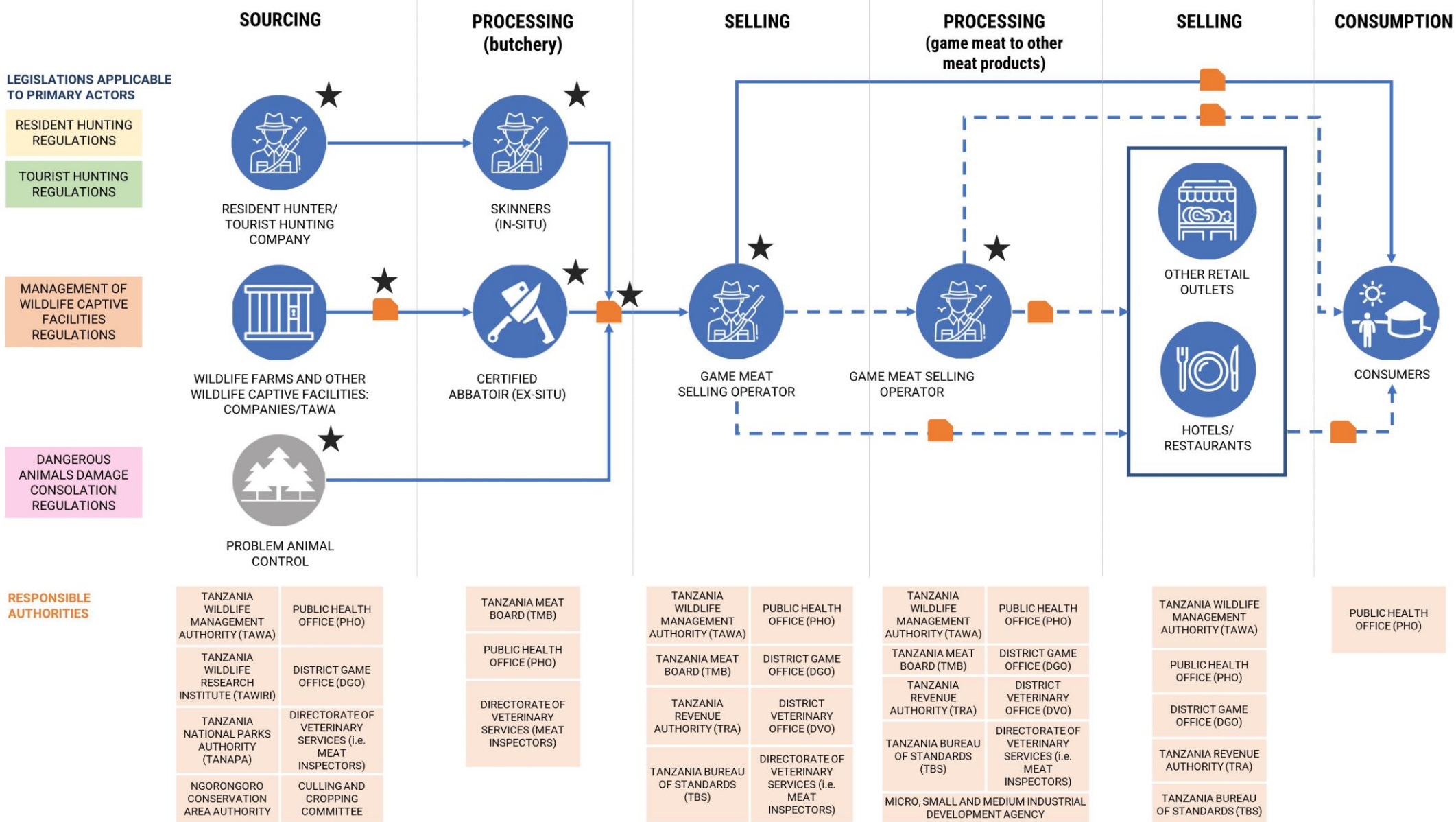
Wild harvested animals used for food (legal game meat industry)

- *Multiple mammal taxa, all wild-harvested*
- *Mostly killed/butchered in the wild before transport*
- *Illegal bushmeat trade running in parallel*

Building up a supply chain structure

- *Site observations, expert interviews and multi-sectoral workshops*
- *Define different phases from wild harvested animal to end-use*
- *Describe primary/secondary actors and trade pathways*
- *Identify location of human-animal interfaces and practices (e.g., capture, handling, slaughter, transport, processing)*





**NOTES**

- Transport
- Pathways not mentioned in the Game Meat Selling Regulations
- Critical control point: Points where regulatory checks are needed to ensure meat/food safety

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## Wildlife Trade Chains - Example 3

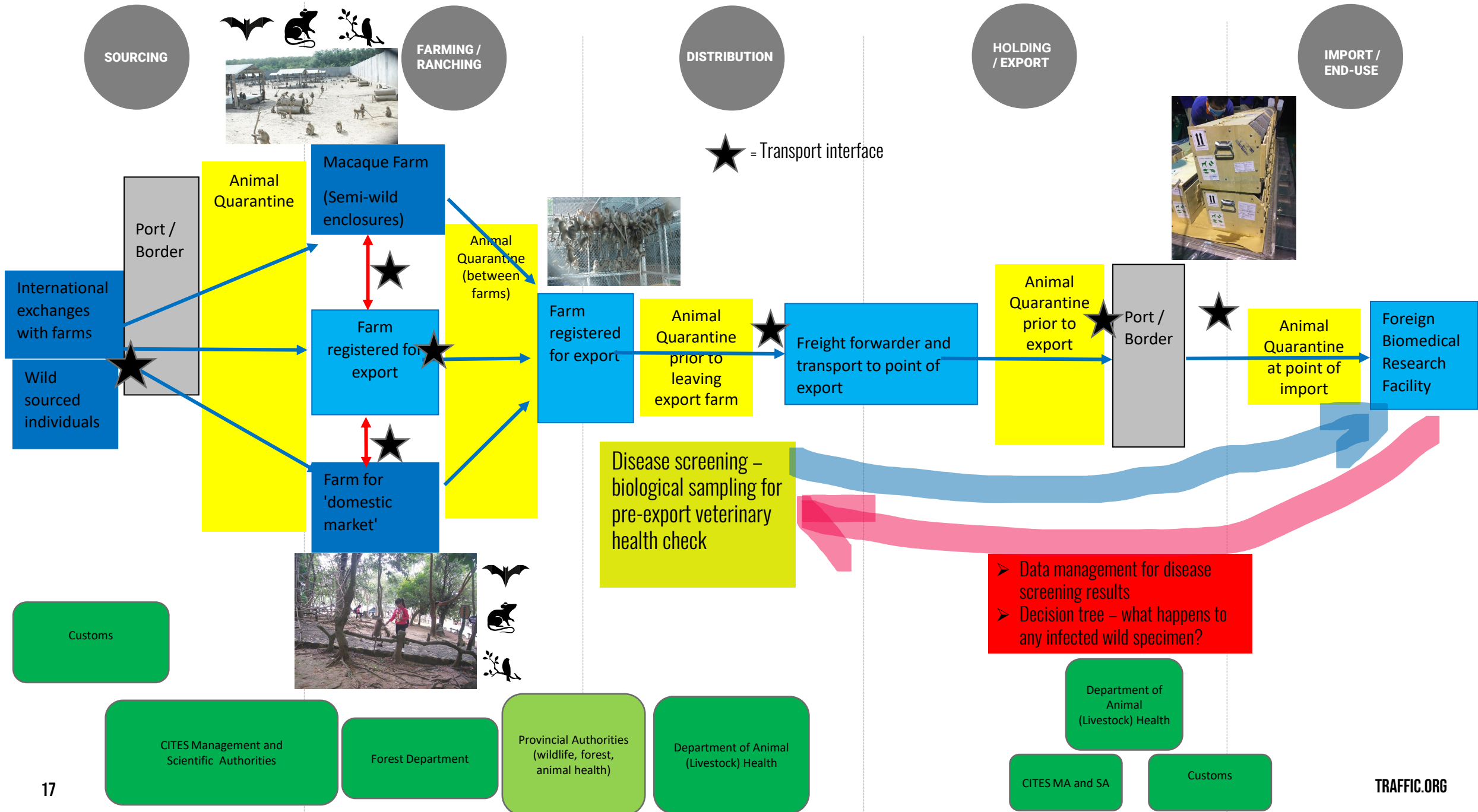


Farmed macaques traded live for biomedical research

- *Single taxa* – *Macaca fascicularis*
- *Mostly exported to the US and Europe*
- *Some live specimens traded domestically*

Building up a **supply chain structure**

- *Site-based observations, expert interviews*
- *Define different phases from farmed animal to export*
- *Describe primary/secondary actors and trade pathways*
- *Identify location of human-animal interfaces and practices (e.g., capture, handling, holding facilities, transport, testing)*
- *Compile list of responsible government agencies to understand jurisdictions*





# FURTHER STEPS



- **Consultation** on taxa, hazards, risks and mitigation
  - Bring multiple agencies and stakeholders together
- Use supply chain map as **visual reference for follow-up** and agreeing responsibility for **governance and action**
- Continue to **add information** as Risk Analysis process continues
- Prioritize and design **targeted mitigation measures**

# SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING – GROUP EXERCISE

Group focus on **supply chains involving Thailand**

Three end-use types: 1) **meat/food**; 2) **live pets**; 3) **live for biomedical research**

- *May be legal or illegal, or a mix of both*
- *May involve live specimen movements or transition into (semi-)processed products such as meat or body parts*
- *May have sub-national, national and international elements*

Build a **map of the supply chain**, starting from source through to end use, identifying:

- *Stakeholders and/or actors*
- *Human/animal interfaces, including points of holding/keeping of live specimens, transport, slaughter/processing, sale, and end-use*
- *Trade pathways and directional flows*



**SOURCING**

**PROCESSING**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**RETAIL**

**END-USE**



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