

# WOAH Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia and the Pacific



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# WOAH Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia-Pacific

**HISTORY:** RAWS - first regional animal welfare strategy issued by WOAH.



2007 4th OIE Strategic Plan (2006-2010) established RAWS to promote animal welfare and OIE guideline

2008 RAWS endorsed by the OIE 78th General Session (May 2008) and RAWS 1st Edition published

2010 April 2010 - RAWS Coordination Group (CG) was created to manage RAWS

2013 RAWS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition published

2015 RAWS Advisory Group replaces CG, assuming RAWS management under the Regional Commission

2022 Nov 2022 - RAWS AG reinstated. Regional Commission agreed to new membership and terms of reference.

2023 RAWS Third Action Plan (2024 – 2028) circulated; endorsed at the Regional Commission meeting May 2024

2024 RAWS AG seeks new member (EOI) & chair (nominations)

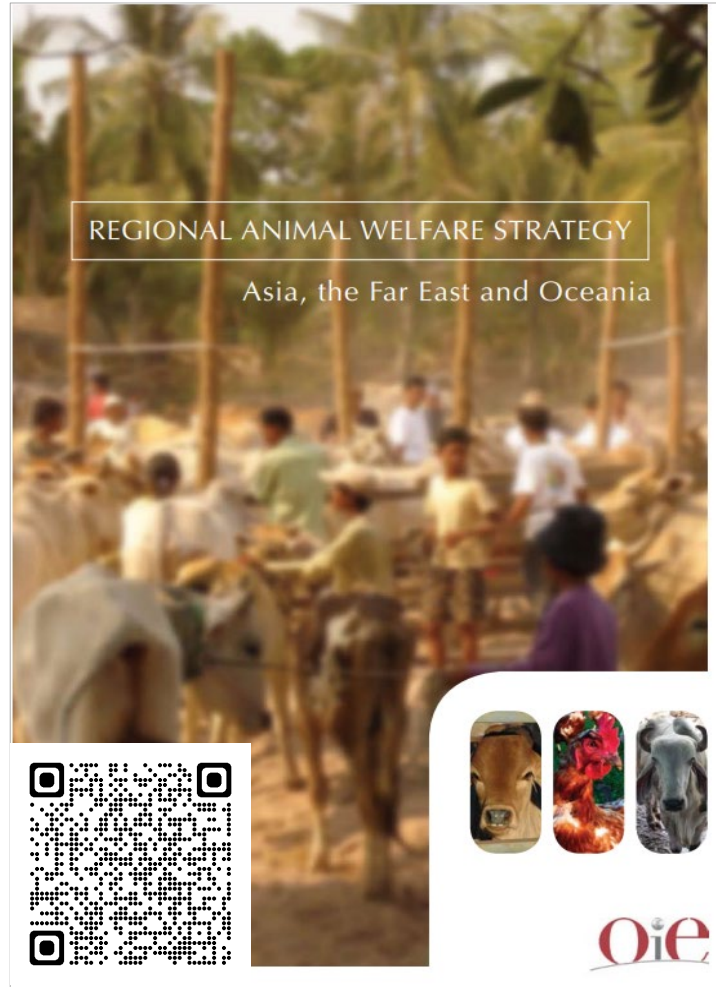
**OBJECTIVE:** RAWS - developed to provide an overarching, agreed framework and guidance for WOAH Members, non-WOAH members and Partners in the region when implementing WOAH standards for animal welfare, and to serve as the basis for the development of Action Plans



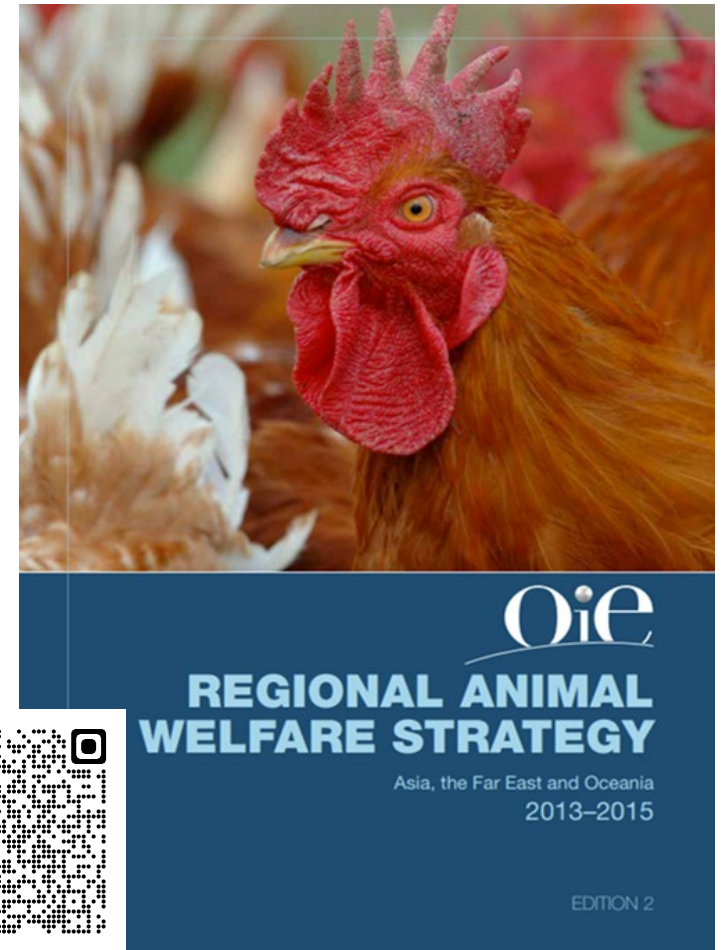
WOAH (the OIE) first agreed to include animal welfare in its strategy (2001-2005).

Standalone Global Animal Welfare Strategy adopted by Members in 2017, to deliver “A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability”.

## RAWS documents



**2008 RAWS (Edition 1):** to implement 2005 animal welfare guidelines & coordinate activities/emerging issues.



**2013 RAWS (Edition 2):** updates 1st edition; maintains principles & vision of animal welfare progress alongside development.



**RAWS past activities (2008 – 2019)**



**RAWS Implementation Workshop, Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, 3 - 4 Nov 2008**



**Workshop for OIE National FPs for Animal Welfare, Bangkok, Thailand 5 - 7 Apr 2010**



**RAWS Coordination Group Meeting, Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, 19 - 20 Apr 2011**



**Regional Seminar for OIE National FPs for Animal Welfare, Tokyo, Japan, 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2011**



**RAWS Coordination Group 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 24 Mar 2014**



**Regional seminar for OIE national focal points for animal welfare, Tokyo, Japan, 30th Nov-2nd December 2011**



**RAWS past activities (2008 – 2019)**



**Regional animal welfare strategy for Asia, the Far East and Oceania regional meeting, back-to-back with the action plan writing group meeting 28th – 30th July 2015, Bangkok, Thailand**



**Regional training seminar for OIE national focal points on animal welfare 11th – 14th November 2019, Bali, Indonesia**



**Regional seminar for OIE national focal points for animal welfare, Canberra, Australia, 12th – 14th November 2014**



**Regional seminar for OIE national focal points for animal welfare, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 27th – 29th August 2013**



# Year in review 2023 – 2024

Held the WOAAH animal welfare webinar for Asia-Pacific, 29 Sep 2023

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WOAH ANIMAL WELFARE WEBINAR  
USING WOAAH STANDARDS TO SUPPORT GOOD ANIMAL WELFARE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

29 SEPTEMBER 2023  
1400 - 1630 BANGKOK | 1600 - 1830 TOKYO

REGISTER AND JOIN ON ZOOM:  
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Details

Topics

- Land transport of animals
- Dog population management
- Slaughter of animals
- Culling of animals for disease control

Speakers

- Lin Anhui (NParks, Singapore)
- Xiao Xiao (CAHEC, P.R. China)
- A Kaballa (DAFF, Australia)
- T Collins (Murdoch University, Australia)
- L Stuardo (WOAH)
- M Salines (WOAH)



Thank you!

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https://www.oie.int/

Trap-Neuter-Release/Rehome-Manage (TNRM) Programme:  
A Humane Approach to Dog Population Management in Singapore

Dr Anhui Lin  
29 Sep 2023  
Director/Veterinary Science Programmes  
Animal & Veterinary Service  
National Parks Board

World Organisation for Animal Health  
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## Developed Third Action Plan (2024-2028) with regional input



MAY 2024

### Third Action Plan (2024 – 2028) of the WOAAH Regional Animal Welfare Strategy for Asia and the Pacific

#### 1. Introduction

This is the Third Action Plan issued to support the implementation of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia and the Pacific. It was developed following the reactivation of the RAWS Advisory Group (RAWS-AG) for Asia and the Pacific in May 2022.

This Third Action Plan takes account of the needs agreed by World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Members of the Regional Commission for Asia Pacific, the outcomes of the implementation of two previous RAWS action plans issued in 2012 and 2015, and the findings of surveys of animal welfare focal points and Delegates in 2019 and 2021. It also incorporates feedback from WOAAH Delegates and Animal Welfare Focal Points. The Third Action Plan builds on achievements under the previous two action plans, addresses gaps and updates actions according to current priorities, knowledge and activities.

The intended impact of this Action Plan is enhanced animal welfare alongside progress and socioeconomic development in the region, through a focus on the development and implementation of WOAAH animal welfare standards; capacity building and education; and communication to promote respect and awareness of animal welfare.

This Action Plan was developed by the RAWS-AG. The RAWS-AG supports collaboration between regional members and animal welfare stakeholders who share the common vision and support the implementation of activities in this Action Plan. For more information on the RAWS and to see a list of RAWS-AG members and observers, see (link: <https://r-asia.wuah.org/en/projects/animal-welfare/>).

#### 2. History of the RAWS and previous achievements

The RAWS was the first regional animal welfare strategy issued by the World Organisation for



## Year in review 2023 – 2024 continued ...

Contributed to 5<sup>th</sup> WOAHA Animal Welfare Global Forum:  
'Developing national animal welfare legislation; different paths for the same destination', 2-3 Nov 2023



Dr. Marie Shella Ordinario, the WOAHA National Focal Point for Animal Welfare of the Philippines, delivered a presentation.



Dr. Xiao Xiao, serving as both the WOAHA National Focal Point for Animal Welfare of the People's Republic of China and a member of the RAWS Advisory Group for Asia-Pacific, delivered a presentation.



Representatives from Asia-Pacific joined Dr. Leopoldo Stuardo, the Scientific Coordinator of Animal Welfare at WOAHA Headquarters. Dr. Stuardo also serves as a member of the RAWS Advisory Group for Asia-Pacific.

Contributed to WOAHA 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific, New Delhi, India, 13 - 16 Nov 2023



**IMPACT**

**(long term objectives)**

Stronger regional animal welfare achieved via standards development, capacity building, and education.

**OUTCOME**

**(short & mid-term objectives)**

- Promote animal welfare awareness through effective coordination, communication & training.
- Coordinate WOAHA animal welfare standards regionally.
- Sustainable animal welfare advancements through regional & global R&D.
- Sustainably coordinate animal welfare efforts.

**PRIORITY ACTIVITIES (2024 - 2025)**

1. Continue RAWs News.
2. Revise RAWs document.
3. Regional animal welfare forum.
4. Enhance awareness of the RAWs.
5. Support WOAHA Members & Partners to raise awareness of RAWs (i.e., conferences).
6. Promote understanding of and connection on One Health/Welfare nexus through webinar.





# RAWS Advisory Group – Terms of reference

## OBJECTIVES

- 1) Advise & guide on RAWS strategy,
- 2) review & maintain RAWS & Action Plan
- 3) RAWS coordination & communication support, and
- 4) raise awareness: regional animal welfare.

## ACTIVITIES

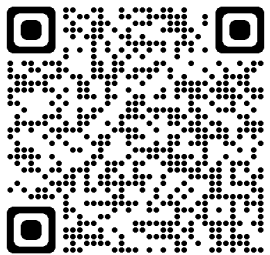
- 1) Create & maintain 5-year RAWS Action Plan,
- 2) support RAWS implementation,
- 3) Regional Committee annual report,
- 4) RAWS communications development,
- 5) encourage funding and ensure awareness of RAWS,
- 6) WOAH NF animal welfare training (regional advice),
- 7) RAWS support projects.

## MODUS OPERANDI

- 1) RAWS AG leads & coordinates activities, supported by the Secretariat,
- 2) RAWS AG builds collaborations with WOAH members & partners for activities, and
- 3) funding for special activities comes from contributing AG/WOAH members & partners.

## MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Chair: 3-year term (renewable),
- 2) AG nominees: WOAH Members/Partners,
  - each sub-region: 1+ WOAH Member rep (Delegate/FP)
  - one representative each from WOAH HQ, RRAP and SRR-SEA,
  - A representative: SPC, SAARC or ASEAN secretariat,
  - Representatives: ICFAW,
  - Representatives: regional veterinary associations
  - Representatives: WOAH Collaborating Centre.



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## WHAT'S RAWS?

In 2008, the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia-Pacific was endorsed, serving as a framework crafted by WOAH Members and WOAH Partners to bolster animal welfare alongside socioeconomic development in the region. This strategy centres on the formulation and execution of standards concerning the transport, slaughter, and culling of animals, as well as on capacity building, education initiatives, and communication efforts aimed at fostering respect and awareness for animal welfare.

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### Note from the Chair

Welcome to our readers and best wishes for the new year and the Year of the Dragon. We hope you are finding the newsletter useful. We have a positive year ahead, with plans for another webinar and regional forum. We are seeking expressions of interest to join the Advisory Group. This is a great way to form good connections and to support and demonstrate progress in animal welfare. Please see information below. It is also happy birthday to WOAH this year. I have personally enjoyed seeing the profile of animal welfare being raised within WOAH and by Members over the years. You might enjoy the new vision statement from WOAH as much as I did:

<https://www.woah.org/en/document/animal-welfare-a-vital-asset-for-a-more-sustainable-world>

Happy reading, Kate Littin



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Founded in 1967



## RAWS NEWS NOVEMBER 2023 GREETING FROM RAWS ADVISORY GROUP

### RAWS newsletter for Asia-Pacific is back!

Greetings to all in the region from the WOAH Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Advisory Group in Asia-Pacific. We're pleased to say that the RAWs newsletter is back. The RAWs News November 2023 edition introduces new styles and ideas, and is the beginning of our journey to communicate and interact with our communities through digital platforms. We also have a new website with up-to-date information on animal welfare events, the RAWs and the Advisory Group. The topics for this month's newsletter are the revitalisation of RAWs in Asia-Pacific, an introduction of RAWs Advisory Group members (both existing and new members), and highlights of our main achievements since 2022. We hope you enjoy reading it.

### Introduction

RAWs News is managed by the RAWs Advisory Group (led by the Secretariat), and focuses on updating regional WOAH Members, WOAH Partners and the wider community about animal welfare activities, initiatives and progress of the RAWs in Asia and the Pacific. The RAWs Advisory Group Secretariat encourages WOAH Members and WOAH Partners to contribute to future editions of RAWs News. Please send contributions to Jacqueline at [j.lusat@woah.org](mailto:j.lusat@woah.org) and in copy to [rs.asiapacific@woah.org](mailto:rs.asiapacific@woah.org).

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##### Feature

[Thailand's experience with AHS and impact on the welfare of animals](#)

##### Australia

[Equine influenza outbreak response 2007/2008 in Australia](#)

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[Introduction to Chinese horse industry](#)

##### Indonesia

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#### 3. Stories from partners

##### International Coalition for Working Equids

- [ICWE & OIE](#)
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- [African horse sickness in Ethiopia: a short update](#)

##### International Horse Sport Confederation

[Overview of the movement of competition](#)



### Introduction

The introduction of [African horse sickness \(AHS\)](#) in Thailand earlier this year drew attention to the importance and relevance of equine species in Asia and the Pacific. The OIE has [listed several diseases affecting horses](#), and developed international recommendations in the format of chapters of the [OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#), including a specific [chapter dedicated to the welfare of working equids](#). However, in Asia and the Pacific they are not often the focus for transboundary and contagious diseases. With a disease like AHS that is so devastating to horses causing severe illness and with a high mortality rate, the welfare of these animals is a major con-



Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Newsletter

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### Note from the Chair

Greetings to all in the region, and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year, for everyone celebrating the New Year now. Welcome to the first Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Newsletter for 2018. In this Newsletter we report on some very exciting events and milestones that happened over the last year across our region. We hope this provides some inspiration for your animal welfare work in your country. The RAWs Advisory Group has work planned for 2018 to support focal points. This includes a survey on animal welfare training, which everyone reading this Newsletter will be asked to take part in. You can read more below. You will also find a list of events below, both for our region and globally. Please let us know if you have events or training, so they can appear in future newsletters. And finally, a big thank you once again to the OIE team in the regional office for another year of support for the Advisory Group. Happy reading!

Dr Kate Littin, Chair OIE Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (Asia, Far East and Oceania) Advisory Group.

### Global Animal Welfare Strategy—

The OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy was adopted at the 85th General Session of World Assembly

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RAWS Newsletters



# Activities, both planned and ongoing, are scheduled to occur from 2024 onward

2024

**WEBINAR:** Links between animal welfare, biodiversity, climate change, pollution, health, food security and livelihoods (One Health/One Welfare nexus).

2024/25

**FORUM:** Promote networking among animal welfare organisations by hosting a regional WOAHA forum every two years, mirroring the global forum's virtual format.

2025

**TRAINING:** Animal welfare training for WOAHA National Focal Points for Animal Welfare in-person.

On-going

**AWARENESS:** RAWA AG promotes WOAHA capacity building for veterinary services & National Focal Points through regional FPs, vet boards, academia, and other stakeholders.

On-going

**NEWSLETTER:** RAWA AG promotes regional animal welfare events through lists in RAWA News, advisory meetings, and social media updates.

On-going

**ISO/TS:** Promote awareness of ISO/TS 34700:2016 Animal welfare management General requirements and guidance for organisations in the food supply chain through RAWA News.





**For more information on RAWS Asia-Pacific,  
please visit our website at:**

**<https://rr-asia.woah.org/en/projects/animal-welfare/>**

