

# Updates from WOAAH

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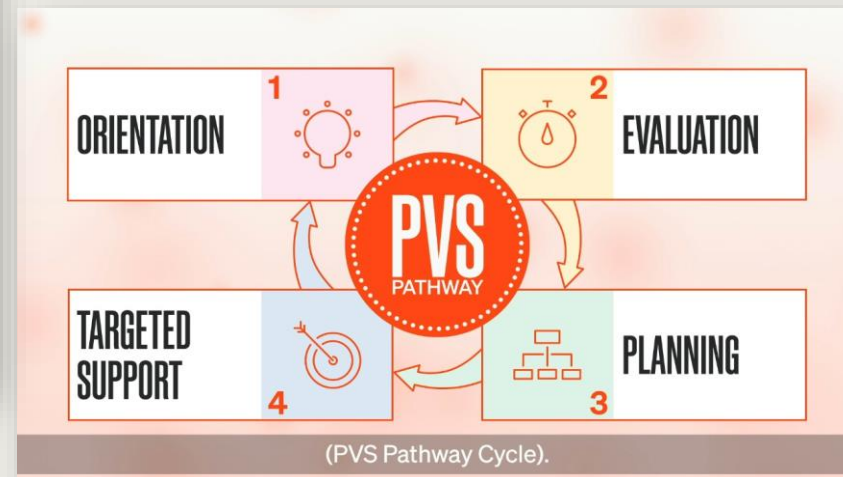
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## 100 years of WOA and wildlife



# WOAH highlights

- Wildlife Health Framework
- Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS)
  - IHR-PVS National Bridging Workshops
  - Veterinary legislation support programme (VLSP)
    - Wildlife component can be included
- WOAH Working Group on Wildlife





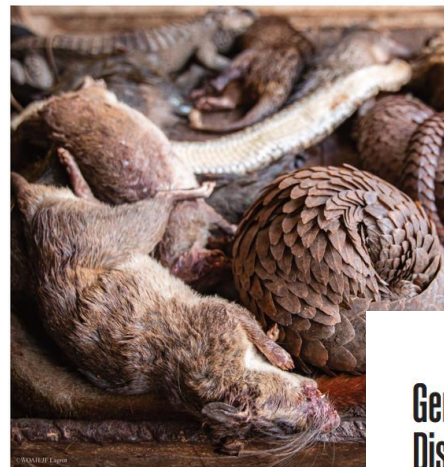
# Wildlife health situation reports

- Global WOAAH website
  - Access to WAHIS-WILD Beta dashboard
  - Periodic global update on exceptional disease events of terrestrial wildlife reported to WOAAH
- During January to June 2024, 55 Members and non-Members reported (in wildlife species) to WOAAH through WAHIS early warning system:
  - 3,800 outbreaks
  - 11,566 cases in
  - 151 species (10% of which classified at risk of extinction by IUCN)

# WOAH Guidelines

- “Guidelines for Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade” (2024)
- “General Guidelines for Surveillance of Diseases, Pathogens and Toxic Agents in Free-ranging Wildlife” (expected publication Sep 2024)
- *Updates of IUCN/WOAH Guidelines for Wildlife Disease Risk Assessment (→Health Risk Assessment) are ongoing*

## Guidelines for Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade



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## General Guidelines for Surveillance of Diseases, Pathogens and Toxic Agents in Free-ranging Wildlife

An overview for wildlife authorities and others working with wildlife  
First edition



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# Pilot: WOAH Guidelines for Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade

Introduction



Overview and Introduction

Engage leadership

Setting up



Identify facilitator/expert team

Step 1: Identify specific wildlife trade(s)

Step 2: Mapping of supply chain

Step 3: Problem description

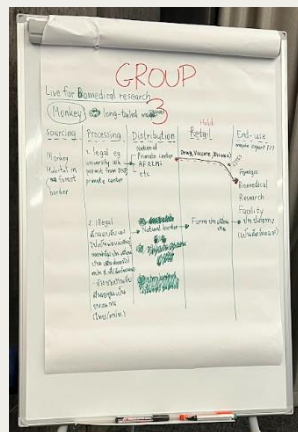
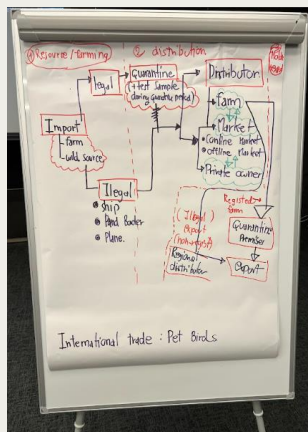
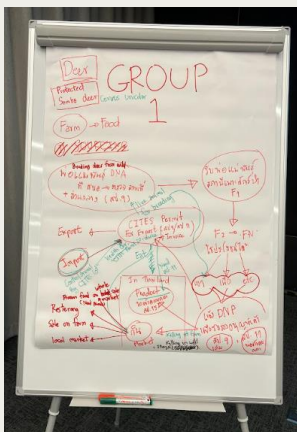
Step 4: Identify CC points/interfaces

Step 5: Stakeholder analysis and risk communication

Prioritization and stakeholder analysis



## Prioritisation and Stakeholder Analysis



### Key outputs

- Understand disease risks in wildlife trade and management, including national stakeholders.
- Identify main interfaces in selected trade activities.
- Identify key stakeholders and their responsibilities.
- Improve knowledge and awareness.

# Pilot: WOAH Guidelines for Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade

Risk assessment and management



Step 6: Conduct risk analysis

Step 7: Identify risk management solutions

Step 8: Establish M&E

Step 9: Create action plan

Step 10: Final reporting

## Assessing and Managing Health Risks in Wildlife Trade

MARCH 27, 2024 - MARCH 29, 2024 BANGKOK, THAILAND



### Key outputs

- Understand disease risks in wildlife trade and management, including national stakeholders.
- Conduct in-depth disease risk assessments on previously identified wildlife trade supply chains and interfaces.
- Identify possible risk reduction measures.
- Increased communication and awareness among different stakeholders.

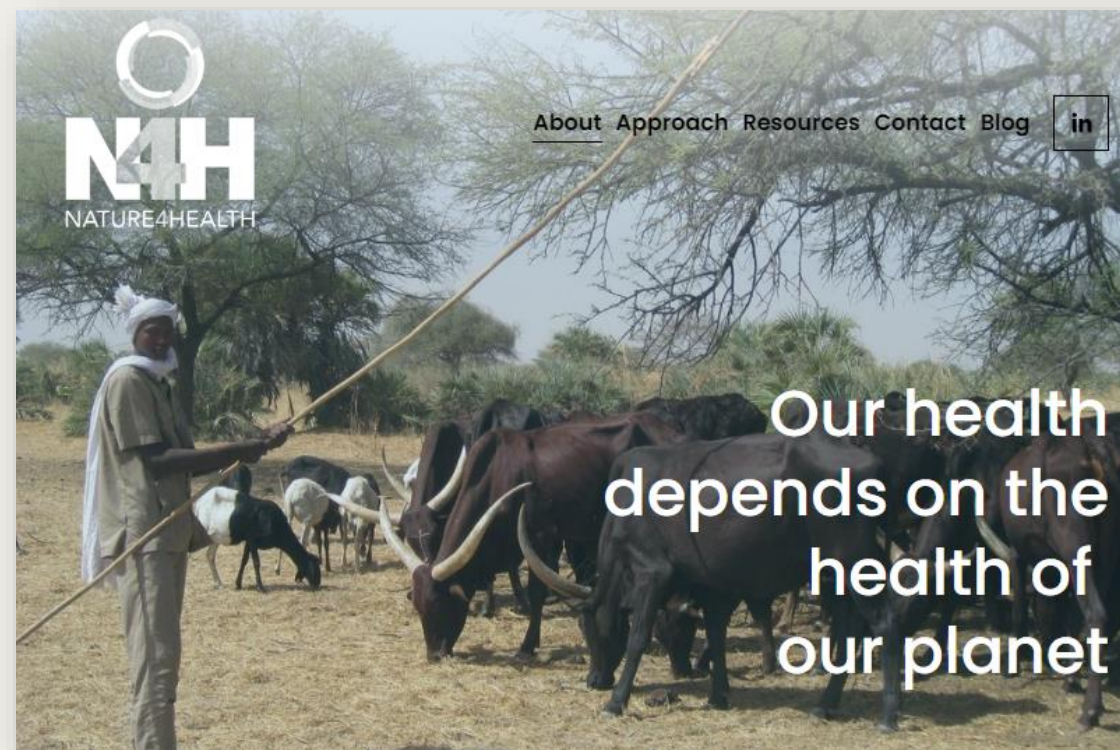
# WAOAH Reference Centres

- WAOAH Reference Laboratories (RLs) & Collaborating Centres (CCs) (collectively, “Reference Centres”)
- Reference Centres relevant for **wildlife & biodiversity** in Asia & the Pacific
  - CC for Wildlife Health Risk Management – Wildlife Health Australia, Mosman, Australia
  - CC for New & Emerging Diseases – Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness (ACDP), Geelong, Australia
  - + Many RLs work with wildlife



# Nature for Health (N4H) projects

- WOAHA is a member of the N4H consortium.
- N4H works to reduce the risk of pandemics by strengthening environmental aspects of One Health.
- Engages across sectors & communities at different societal levels using a systems approach to identify needs & co-develop pathways.
- Current projects being developed in **Mongolia** (led by WOAHA) & **Vietnam** (led by IUCN).
- *Second round of project applications will open soon.*



# WOAH Wildlife Health Networks

- WOAH Regional Wildlife Health Network
  - Network Secretariat: WOAH CC on Wildlife Health Risk Management, Australia; Network Chair rotates annually
  - Established at 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Training of WOAH Focal Points for Wildlife in Asia & the Pacific with Regional Networking Workshop (14-17 Feb 2023)



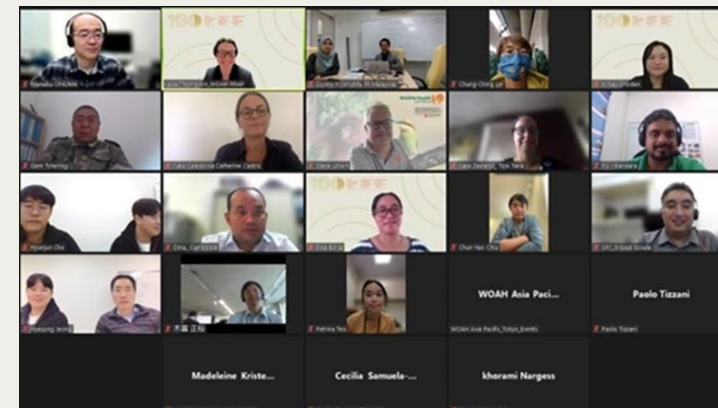
# WOAH Wildlife Health Networks

- WOAHS Sub-Regional Wildlife Health Networks (established 2021)
  - East Asia (Chair: Japan)
  - South Asia (Chair: Pakistan)
  - South-East Asia (Chair: Thailand)
  - Pacific (Chair: Australia)



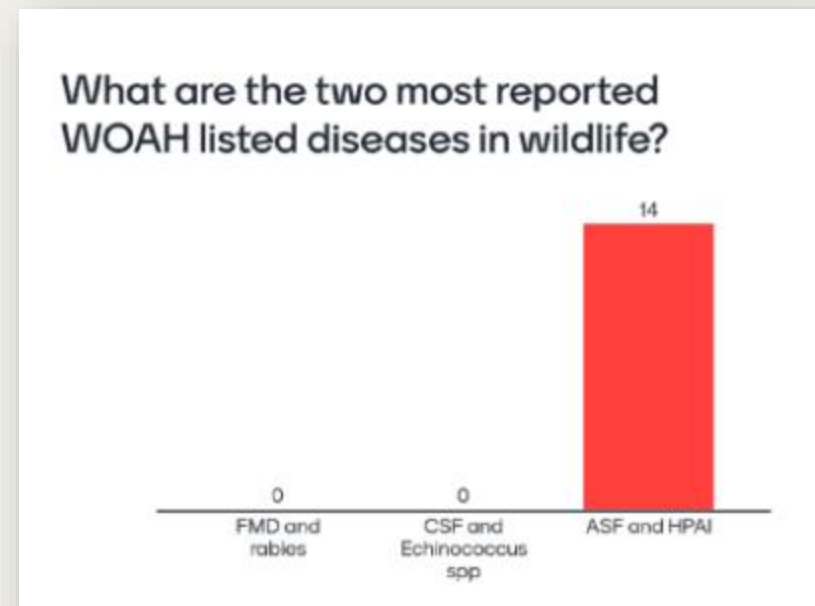
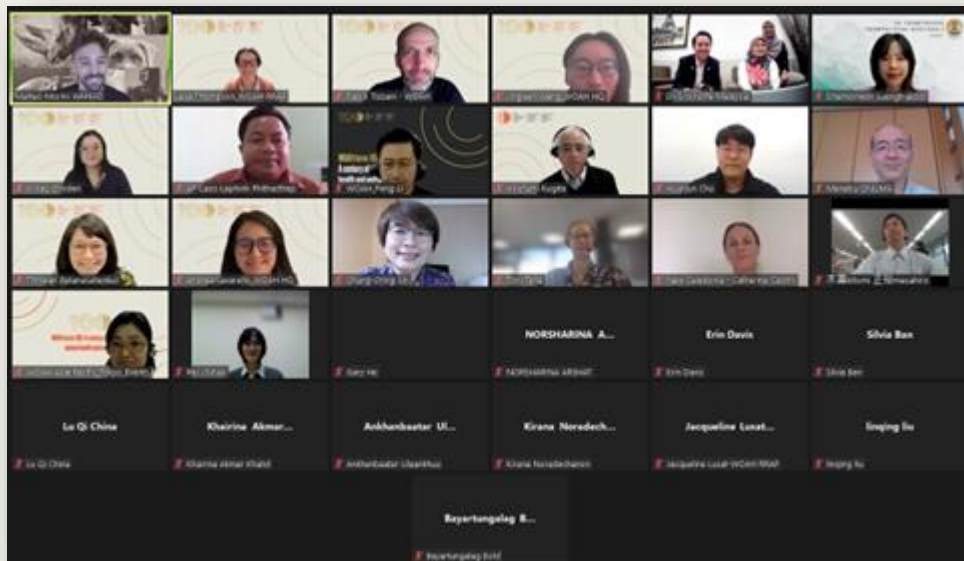
# Review of regional activities in 2024

- WOAHA Wildlife Health Networks annual information sharing meeting in Asia & the Pacific (14 Feb, virtual)
  - Sharing progress from networks & promoting World Wildlife Day
- WOAHA Sub-regional Wildlife Health Network events
  - **East Asia:** “Microplastic intake in wildlife”, “Lead poisoning in wildlife”
  - **South Asia:** “Nipah virus & its status in the region”
  - **South-East Asia:** Change in leadership; coordination meetings
  - **Pacific:** Updated TOR; “Communication of disease risk posed by wildlife”



# Review of regional activities in 2024

- WAHIS-Wild Beta training (21 Feb)
  - Disease surveillance & reporting in wildlife
  - WOAHS WAHIS-Wild Beta
  - *PDFs & videos are available online for review*



# Upcoming events

- Regional wildlife laboratory training, 9-11 Dec 2024 (hybrid)
- WOAHA Wildlife Health Networks
  - Regional: Annual information sharing meeting, Feb 2025 (virtual)
  - Sub-regional
    - East Asia: “Salmonella infection” (26 Sep)
    - South Asia: TBC
    - South-East Asia: Coordination Meetings
    - Pacific: "Marine conservation" (14 Nov)
- Regional communication materials on pandemic preparedness relating to interactions with wildlife (within 2024)
- World Wildlife Day (annually on 3 Mar)

# Regional WOAHA website

- Check out the Wildlife Health page for lots more information!



# Thank you

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