

# WOAH Standards and Guidelines with relevance to risk analysis

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## Vision

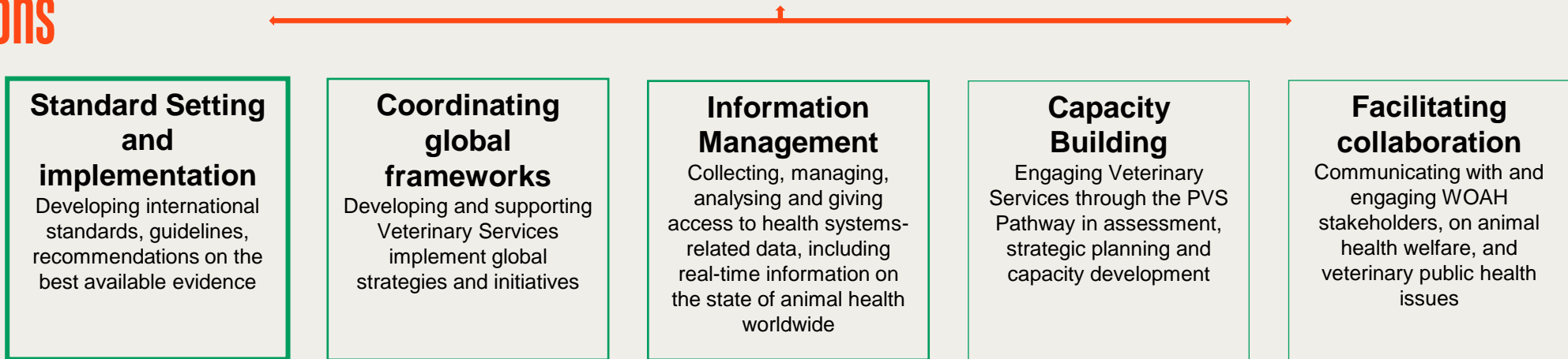
Provide leadership in global animal health governance. Improve animal health care and welfare worldwide and support global goals.



## Mission



## Key actions





# THE “3 SISTERS”

## Standard-setting organisations



**Codex = Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission**  
**WOAH = World Organisation for Animal Health**  
**IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)**

WTO SPS Agreement recognises WOAHA as **a reference organisation for international standards** on animal health including zoonoses

# WOAH STANDARDS

Available on the  
WOAH website  
([www.woah.org](http://www.woah.org))

## CODES

Health standards for trade in  
animals and animal products

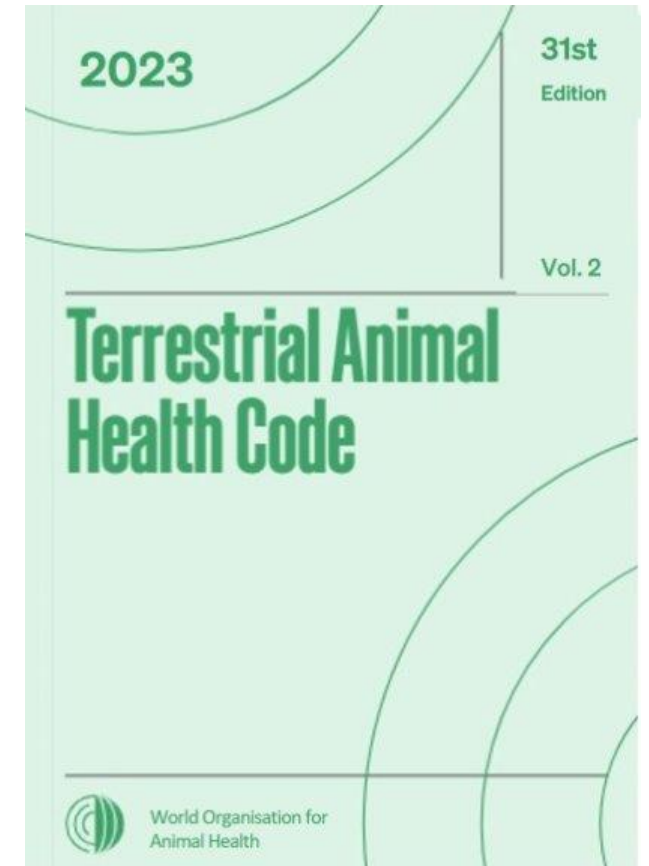


## MANUALS

Biological standards for  
diagnostic tests and vaccines

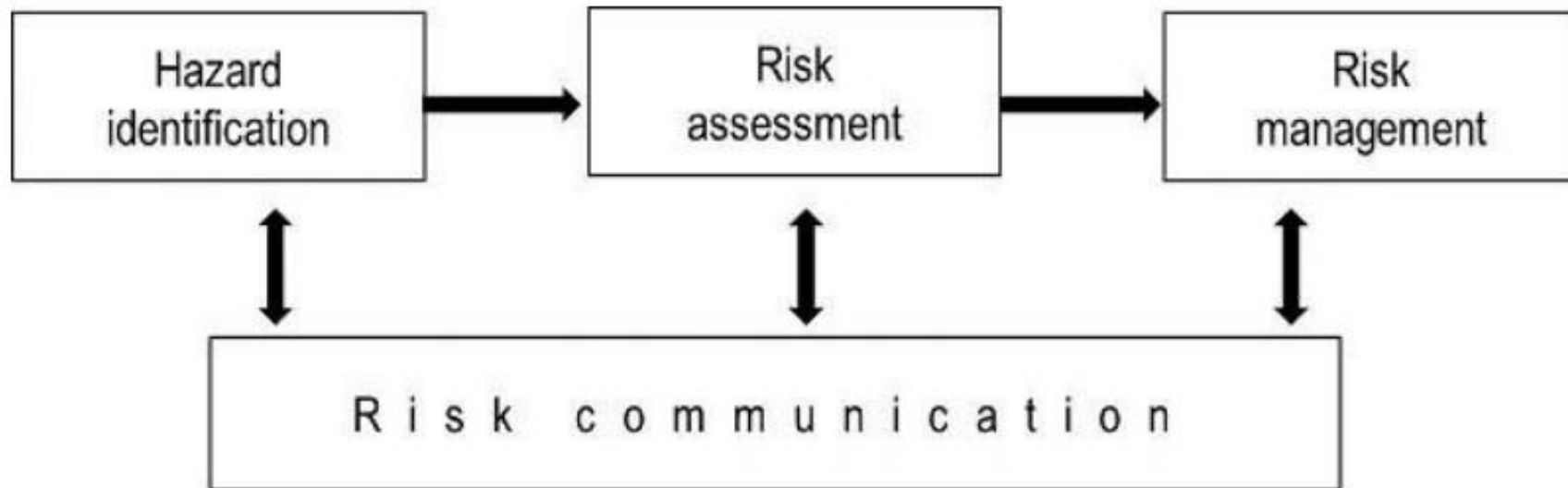


- **Key chapters related to risk analysis:**
  - **Chapter 2.1. – Import Risk Analysis**
  - **Chapter 4.1. – General Principles of Animal Health Surveillance**
  - **Chapter 4.4. – Zoning and Compartmentalization**
  - **Chapter 5.1. – General Obligations for Trade in Animals and Animal Products**



# WOAH Risk Analysis Framework

- In the Standards, the focus is on import risk analysis, considering a certain level of disease risk (infectious or infestations).
- Recommendations & principles for conducting transparent, objective & defensible risk analyses for international trade are provided.
- **Components of risk analysis:**



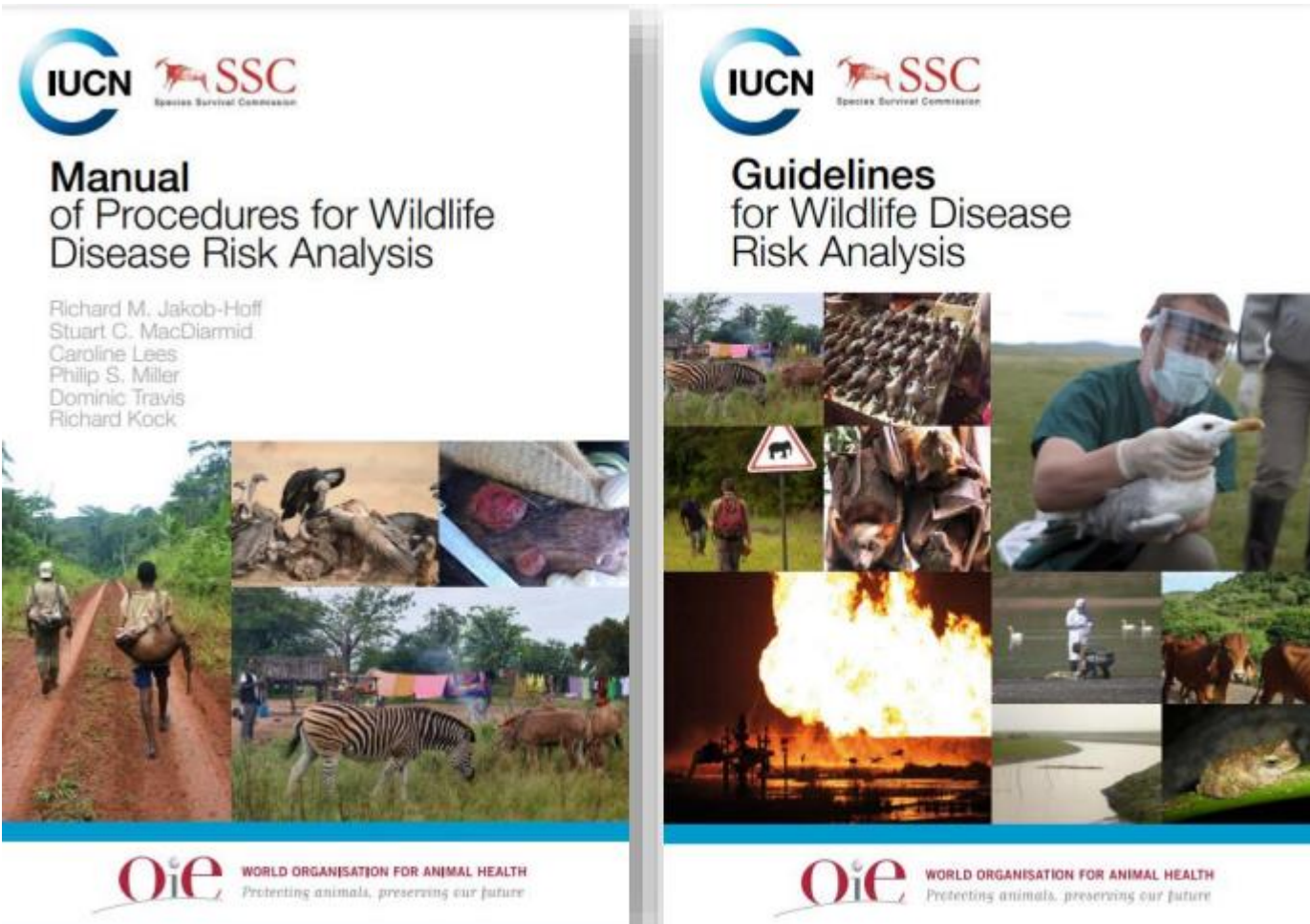


# Application of Risk Analysis in WOAH Guidelines

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- **Zoonotic Disease Risk (e.g., Rabies, Avian Influenza)**
- **Disease Surveillance and Early Warning Systems**
- **Zoning and Compartmentalization for Disease-Free Status**
- **Safe Trade and Import Risk Analysis**



IUCN/WOAH [Manual of Procedures for Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis](#) (2014)

## Guidelines for Addressing Disease Risks in Wildlife Trade



[wildlife-trade-guidelines.pdf](#)





What other WOAH guidance is relevant?

**Building resilience against agro-crime and agro-terrorism**

# WOAH Collaborating Centre Network for Veterinary Emergencies



# Interagency cooperation for emergency management

World Organisation for Animal Health  
Founded in 1967

Animal Diseases | Avian Influenza | Call for Experts | SEARCH

WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO | WHAT WE OFFER | MEDIA | **WAFS**

# Sustainable Laboratories

- Improved biosecurity**  
by containing pathogens and preventing unauthorised access to reduce the risk of release that might threaten neighbouring human, animal or environmental health
- Improved biosafety**  
by preventing exposure to biological materials
- Higher quality of services**  
by ensuring confidence in laboratory test results to help take sound decisions to prevent disease spread and supporting the provision of accurate and timely data that responds to client demand
- Preparedness**  
by learning from past events and planning responses during "peacetime"
- Ensured business continuity**  
by managing resources and expertise ahead of potential emergencies

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

# Pilot: WOHG 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

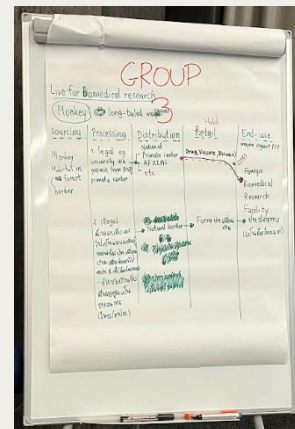
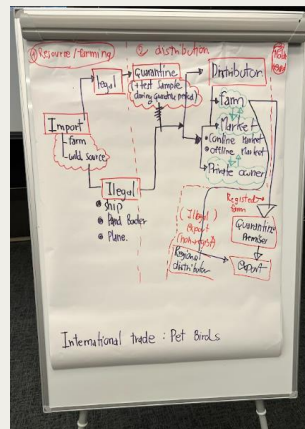
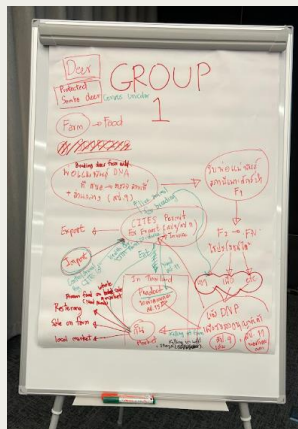
Step 5: Stakeholder analysis and risk communication

Prioritization and stakeholder analysis



## Prioritisation and Stakeholder Analysis

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### 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



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### 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.

- **Challenges:**
  - Limited capacity and resources hinder implementation.
  - Ensuring compliance with international standards remains difficult.
  - Need for stronger multi-sector collaboration.
  - Rapid response required for emerging disease threats.
  
- **Key Takeaways:**
  - **WOAH standards provide a science-based framework for risk analysis.**
  - **Risk analysis is crucial for disease prevention, surveillance, and trade safety.**
  - **Strengthening capacity and partnerships enhances disease control efforts.**

# Thank you



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