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# Country Report

## SEACFMD Campaign Progress: 2021 - 2025

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**27<sup>th</sup> SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting**  
20 – 22 August 2025, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR



# FMD situation in 2024 and 2025

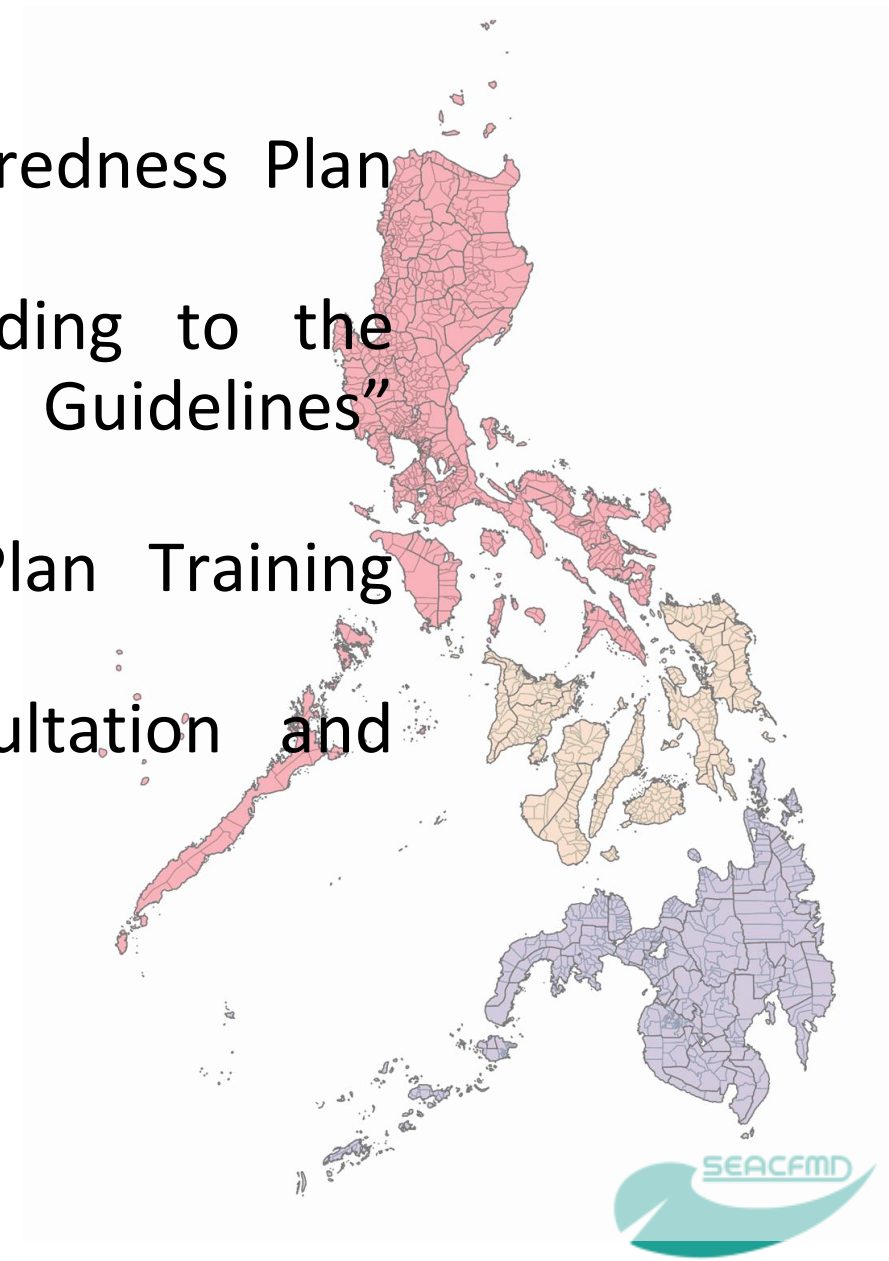
- The Philippines is officially recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as a *country free from FMD where vaccination is not practiced* since May 2015.
- According to the Resolution No. 13 (approved during the 92nd General Session, May 2025)





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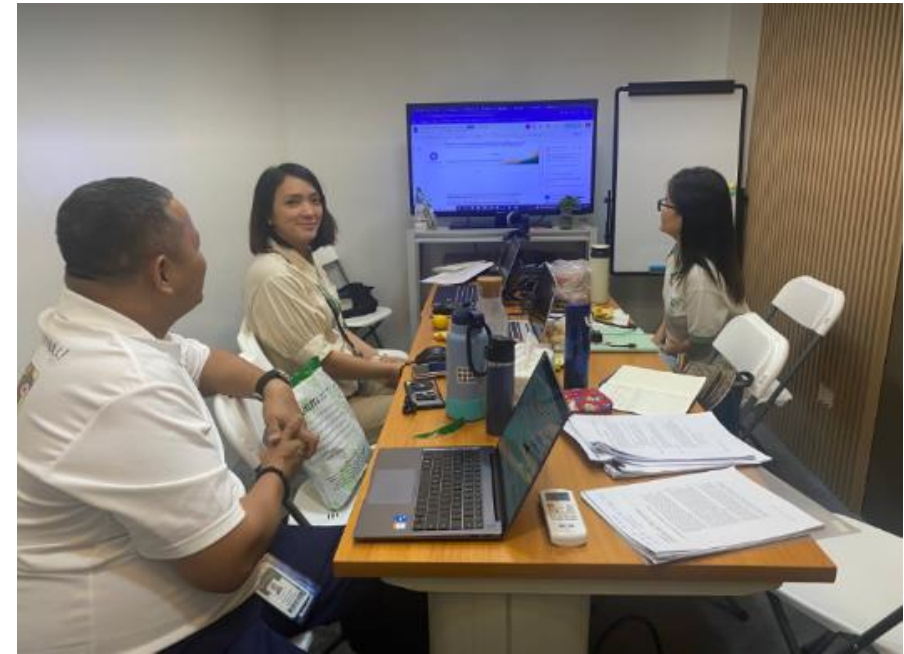
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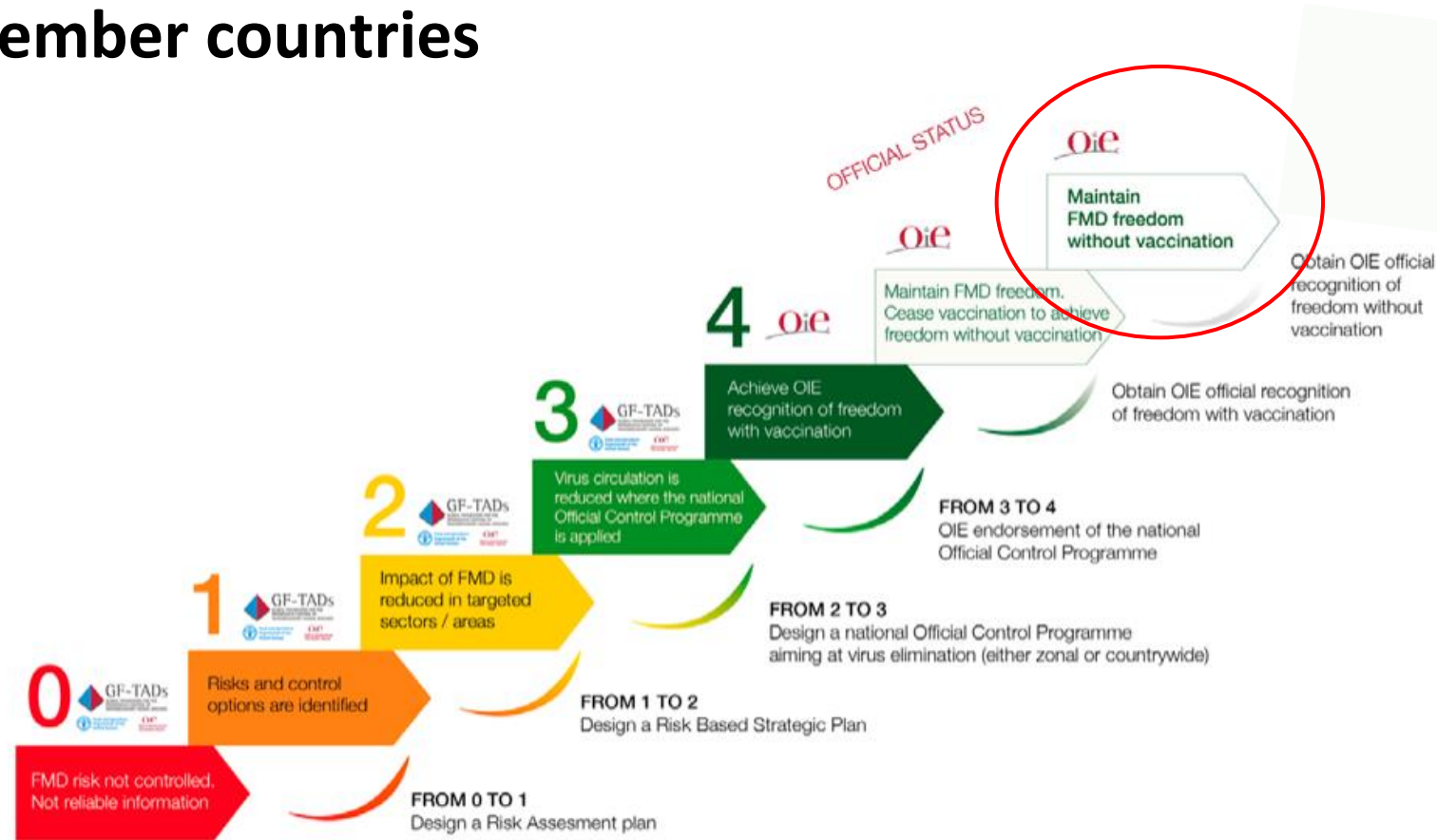
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# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (2021 – 2025)

## Strategic Objective 1: Reinvigorated FMD prevention and control in SEACFMD member countries



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## **Output 1.2 Incentives and pathways of livestock movements understood, and official animal movements promoted**

- **13 eligible countries** are accredited to export live animals (cloven-footed) and Genetic Materials into the Philippines

## **Output 1.3 Robust vaccination strategy developed, including access to quality vaccines and vaccination data management and analysis**

- The Department of Agriculture (DA) has allotted PhP14M (\$245,504.20) for the procurement of FMD Vaccine Buffer stock



# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (2021 – 2025)

## Output 1.4 Preparedness and response capacity to both endemic and new FMD viral strains developed.

- FMD Tabletop Simulation Exercises were conducted in major island clusters of the country (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao) last 2023-2024



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## Outcome 2: Improved ownership and enabling environment at national level

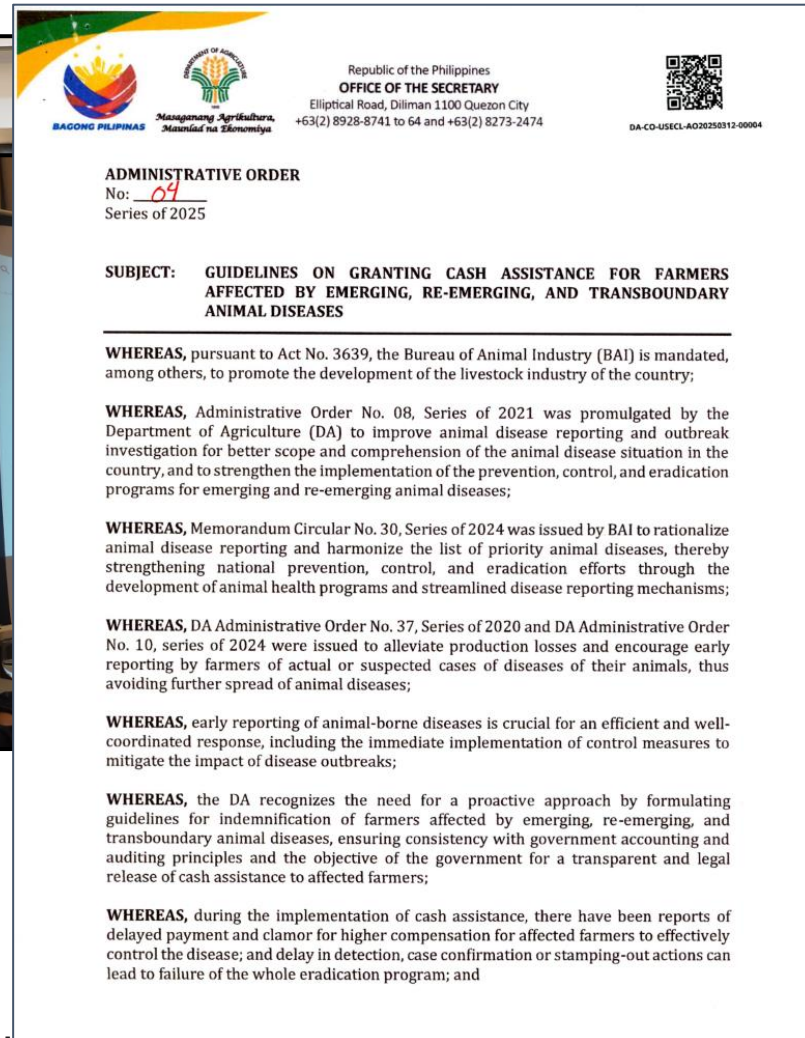
- The Bureau of Animal Industry (**BAI**), as the competent authority, through the Animal Health and Welfare Division (**AHWD**), leads the **FMD Prevention and Control Program**. The DA Regional Offices and Local Government Unit (Provincial Veterinary Office) serve as FMD coordinators. The BAI intends to revive the National FMD Task Force (NFMDTF) and convene the group annually.



# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (2021 – 2025)

## Output 2.1 Country ownership of the SEACFMD Campaign enhanced.

- Development of the FMD Preparedness Guidelines (for approval of the DA Secretary).
- FMD included in the recently developed Guidelines on indemnification for farmers affected by emerging, re-emerging, and transboundary animal diseases.



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# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (202

## Output 2.3 National legislation related to FMD (and other related TADs) reviewed and revised.

- BAI MC No. 30, S. 2024: “List of BAI Priority Animal Diseases and Procedures on Animal Disease Reporting”
- BAI MC No. 21, S. 2025: “Categorization of Priority Animal Diseases Listed by BAI”

 <b>MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR</b> No. <u>30</u> Series of 2024 <b>SUBJECT :</b>  <b>WHEREAS</b> , Office of the “Creating the Philippine Responsibilities, Other the Philippine Inter-A prevention, control, an sustainable mechanis  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the Depart PhilCZ to lead on the domestic animals;  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the DA, to and Natural Resource “Guidelines to Operati provide guidelines for Health” mechanism t environment sectors t  <b>WHEREAS</b> , DA Admin the Reporting of Notifi AC No. 03, S. 2018, investigation for bette and to strengthen the emerging and re-emer  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the BAI, re of Animal Industry, I Appropriation for its the livestock industry diseases of domestic a  <b>WHEREAS</b> , pursuant Department of Agricul to investigate, diagnos livestock and poultry,	 <b>MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR</b> No. <u>21</u> Series of 2025 <b>SUBJECT:</b> <b>CATEGORIZATION OF PRIORITY ANIMAL DISEASES LISTED BY THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY</b>  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), under Act No. 3639 s.1930 and Executive Order No. 292 s.1987, is mandated to investigate, study, and report on the cause of dangerous communicable animal diseases, as well as to develop and implement measures for their prevention, and promote the development of livestock industries;  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the emergence of animal diseases is considered a major threat to animal health and productivity, food security, public health, and global trade, with studies estimating that 20% of the animal production losses are linked to animal diseases;  <b>WHEREAS</b> , in the Philippines, there has been series of activities to update priority animal diseases aligned with international guidelines from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, as well as policies adopted from institutions such as European Union (EU) Commission;  <b>WHEREAS</b> , the BAI Memorandum Circular (MC) 30 s.2024 <sup>1</sup> was issued to identify BAI's priority animal diseases using a multi-criteria decision analysis and informed by experts' judgement from BAI technical officers on animal health, border control, and animal disease diagnostics, evaluating over 100 reportable WOA diseases based on zoonotic potential, socio economic impact, urgency of disease reporting, and laboratory capacity;  <b>WHEREAS</b> , to enhance the strategic allocation of veterinary resources, there is a need to further refine and organize this list into a categorical framework;  <b>NOW, THEREFORE</b> , to provide clear guidance for the National and Local Animal Health Authorities in the efficient and effective implementation of animal disease prevention and control programs, border control measures, and animal disease diagnosis, the priority animal diseases are categorized as follows, along with corresponding strategies for the reference of all concerned:  <b>ARTICLE I</b> <b>GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>  <b>Section 1. COVERAGE</b>  The Memorandum Circular shall cover harmonized terminologies, a list of priority animal diseases as identified by the BAI, an overview of animal disease categories, an animal disease category framework, and strategies and key  <small><sup>1</sup> BAI Memorandum Circular (MC) 30, Series of 2024 – List of Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Priority Animal Diseases and Procedures on Animal Disease Reporting</small>
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# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (2021 – 2025)

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## **Output 2.4 Multi-disciplinary and multisectoral efforts implemented for control of FMD (and other related TADs)**

- Private stakeholders are involved in the policy making process in relation to prevention and control of FMD

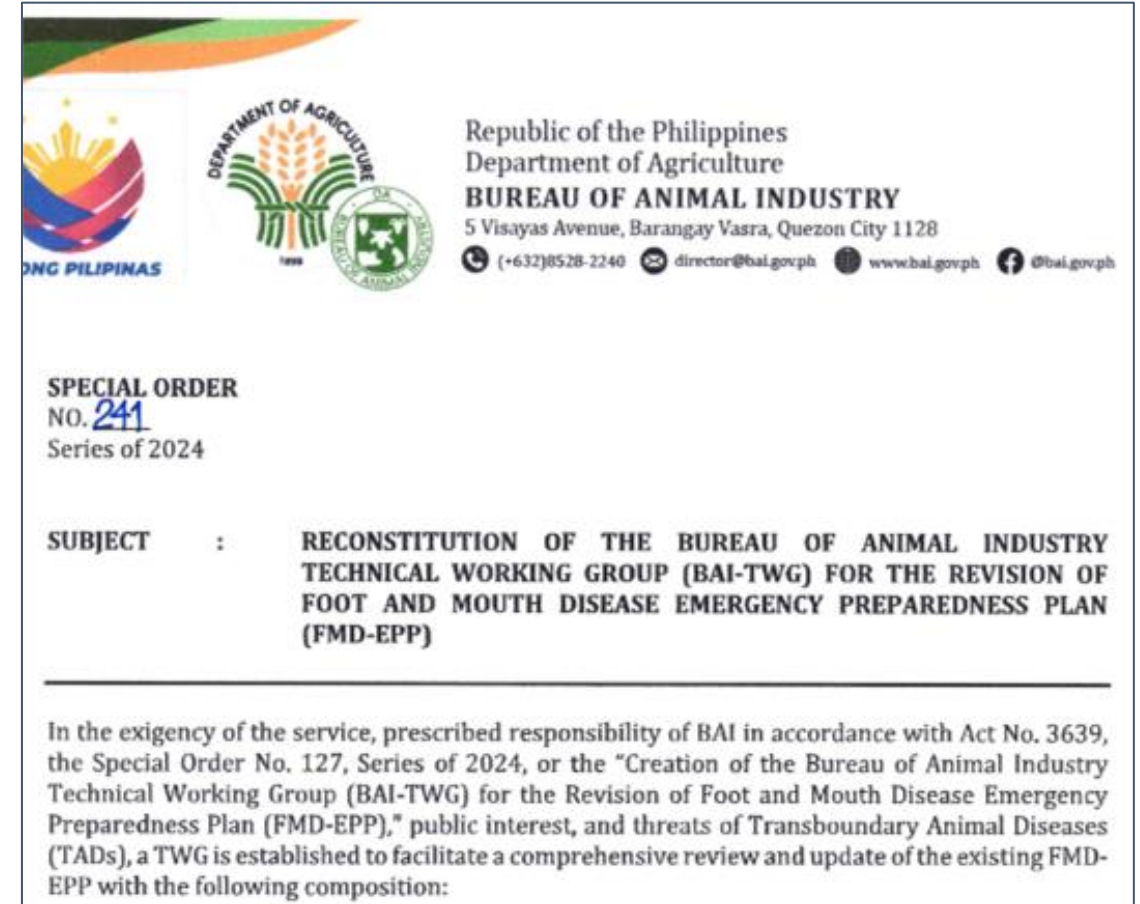
## **Output 2.5 Cost-efficient synergies with other livestock activities implemented**

- Blood collection/ Surveillance
- Disease Investigation
- Coordination/ Collaboration meetings

# SEACFMD Campaign Progress (2021 – 2025)

## Output 2.6 Pool of regional experts actively involved in SEACFMD activities.

- Pool of FMD experts identified by virtue of the BAI Special Order No. 241, Series of 2024.





# Key challenges and lessons learnt

CHALLENGES	SOLUTIONS
Shift of prioritization due to outbreaks of other economically important diseases	Realignment of resources from other animal disease programs
Newly appointed personnel in animal health primarily possess technical knowledge in FMD	Conduct of capacity building activities
Only the National Laboratory is capacitated to test for FMD using NSP-ELISA	Capacitation of Regional Laboratories
Some localities do not have official veterinarians	Request intervention of the national offices to direct localities to comply with the existing law
Outdated guidelines on detection and response to FMD	Updating of the guidelines

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Lack of cold storage facilities and reefer vans for meat preservation in case of emergencies	Timely completion of the DA Cold Examination Facility in Agriculture (CEFA)
TAD outbreaks not considered in declaration of State of Calamity in Local Government Units	Amendment to the criteria by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
Need to further strengthen coordination with stakeholders and academe	BAI to spearhead activities involving them

# Ways Forward

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- Reassessment of risk levels of Provinces in the country in relation to possible FMD incursion and spread
- Capacitation of regional laboratories
- Continuous collection of Negative Monitoring Reports
- Publication of the recently drafted 'FMD Preparedness Plan (2025)'
- Simulation Exercises
- Implementation of the FMD Communication Plan

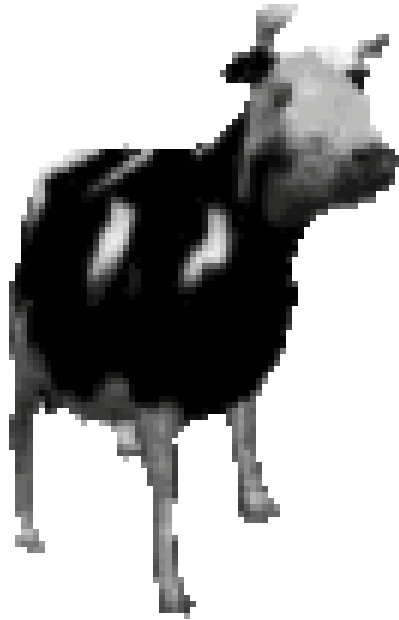


# Proposed Priority Actions for SEACFMD 2026-2030

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- Development/ Enhancement of the Regional Communication Plan for FMD
- Standardize methodologies for regional simulation exercises
- Face-to-face retooling activity for the SEACFMD Coordinators





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