



Terms of Reference for the WOA National Focal Point for Aquatic Animals

Details on proposed tasks of the national focal point for aquatic animals:

1. to establish a network of aquatic animal health experts within his/her country or to communicate with the existing network;
2. to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for aquatic animal health in his/her country, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
3. under the authority of the WOA Delegate of his/her country, to support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the WOA through WAHIS (immediate notifications and follow-up reports, six-monthly reports, and annual questionnaires) to enable the WOA Delegate to more efficiently manage his/her WOA Member obligations;
4. to act as a contact point with the WOA Animal Health Information Department on matters related to information on aquatic animals including aquatic animal diseases;
5. to receive from the WOA Headquarters copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports, and conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised aquatic animal health experts on draft texts of standards proposed in those reports; and
6. to prepare comments for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual WOA Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised WOA standards related to aquatic animals.