

Internship report

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Position: Intern

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✨ What did you do?

During my internship at the WOAH RRAP, I worked with the **Veterinary Services team**. My primary task was to create and deliver a presentation on the **PVS-IS report** during a regional workshop on animal movement and border control. To prepare for this, I first studied what the PVS tool is and how it is used to evaluate veterinary systems. Using the PVS tool, I analyzed data from various countries in the Asia-Pacific region. After completing the analysis, I prepared presentation slides and delivered my presentation on the first day of the workshop. In addition, I supported the event by taking notes and photographs throughout the workshop. I truly enjoyed communicating with participants from all over the world.

✨ What did you learn?

Through this experience, I gained a deeper understanding of regional differences in **animal movement** and **border control**. Although the countries are in the same Asia-Pacific region, their challenges vary significantly. During the sessions where countries shared their national situations, I realized how important WOAH's role is in guiding diverse countries toward a common goal. Watching professionals collaborate to address global issues helped me see the importance of **international cooperation**. This internship also allowed me to work closely with professionals from various backgrounds, which helped improve my communication and teamwork skills.

✨ Message to future interns

Before applying for the WOAH RRAP internship, I was quite worried about whether I was even eligible, since my academic background is quite different from WOAH's usual focus areas. But during the internship, I had the chance to learn about the work of each team at WOAH RRAP, and I discovered an area that genuinely interested me. It was a pleasant surprise to realize that the skills I've developed during my PhD can be useful in many ways—even in an international organization like WOAH.

So, if you're interested in working internationally but wondering whether your background fits, I really encourage you to give this internship a try. Everyone in WOAH RRAP is incredibly friendly and supportive, and they create a great environment for learning and growth!