



ASCM Conference 2025: WOAH workshop on “Disease surveillance in wildlife to protect biodiversity”

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Agenda

Monday 13 October 2025		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and welcoming of participants	WOAH Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) and local organisers
	Session 1: Opening	Workshop MC: Dr Lesa Thompson, WOAH RRAP
9:00 – 9:05	Opening remarks	Associate Prof. Dr. Mohd Farhan Hanif bin Reduan, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK)
9:05 – 9:15	Introduction and objectives of the workshop	Dr Lesa Thompson, WOAH RRAP
9:15 – 9:30	Icebreaker: Participant introductions & quiz (Mentimeter®)	 Led by WOAH
9:30 – 9:50	Importance and challenges of wildlife disease investigation	Dr Lesa Thompson
9:50 – 10:20	<i>Group photograph & coffee break</i>	
	Session 2: Surveillance of Diseases, Pathogens, and Toxic Agents in Free-ranging Wildlife	
10:20 – 11:00	Overview of the Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• operational and financial considerations,• safety and biosafety,• ethical and legal considerations	Dr Witthawat Wiriyarat & Dr Anuwat Wiratsudakul , Mahidol University, Thailand
	Session 3: Practice scenarios	
11:00 – 12:00	Simulation exercise: Part I	 Led by Dr Witthawat Wiriyarat & Dr Anuwat Wiratsudakul
12:00 – 12:30	Plenary feedback, with Q&A	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Courtesy of WOAH</i>



13:30 – 14:30	Simulation exercise: Part II		Led by Dr Witthawat Wiriyarat & Dr Anuwat Wiratsudakul
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary feedback, with Q&A		
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:20 – 15:45	Reflections on wildlife disease investigation		Led by Dr Anuwat Wiratsudakul
15:30 – 15:40	Workshop summary & wrap-up		Dr Witthawat Wiriyarat
15:40 – 16:00	Workshop evaluation quiz (Mentimeter®) & close		Dr Lesa Thompson
16:00	<i>Close of program</i>		