

Terms of Reference for the WOAHA Focal Point for Aquatic Animals

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

1. to establish a network of aquatic animal health experts within his/her territory 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 territory, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
3. under the authority of the WOAHA Delegate of his/her territory, to support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the WOAHA through WAHIS (immediate notifications and follow-up reports, six-monthly reports, and annual questionnaires) to enable the WOAHA Delegate to more efficiently manage his/her WOAHA Member obligations;
4. to act as a contact point with the WOAHA Animal Health Information Department on matters related to information on aquatic animals including aquatic animal diseases;
5. to receive from the WOAHA Headquarters copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports, and conduct the domestic 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 WOAHA Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised WOAHA standards related to aquatic animals.