

20th SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting
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Draft Recommendations

National Coordinators:

1. NOTE the new governance of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission and the other Recommendations of the 23rd OIE SEACFMD Sub-Commission have or are being actioned successfully.
2. NOTE the progress of SEACFMD members in implementing their FMD control and prevention activities.
3. NOTE the successful completion of the Risk Analysis study on the incursion of exotic FMDV strains, ENDORSE the recommendations listed in the report and IMPLEMENT the key actions identified and report the progress to the SEACFMD on a regular basis.
4. NOTE the FMD outbreak investigations and analysis conducted by affected members on the incursion of FMDV India/2001d and Asia 1. ENCOURAGE members to conduct more comprehensive outbreak investigations to better understand the epidemiology of various FMDV strains.
5. AGREE that members consider the OIE definitions in counting cases and outbreaks and promptly report all FMD outbreaks following the OIE standards and guidelines. Given that most outbreaks are reported in smallholder farms, consider a village as one epidemiological unit.
6. AGREE to continue to submit sufficient samples of highest quality possible to OIE FMD Reference Laboratories (gene sequencing) or submit the results of nationally characterised samples to either WRL or RRL for phylogenetic tree mapping to improve the speed of identification of circulating FMDV strains, including early detection of exotic strains.
7. NOTE the socio-economic impact study of pilot FMD control in Northern Lao PDR, and the benefit cost analysis of the maintenance of FMD freedom in Indonesia.
8. NOTE the methodology applied to conduct a baseline survey in pilot FMD control areas in Lao PDR funded by the New-Zealand government, and the implementation of a successful mass vaccination campaign in Central Myanmar.
9. NOTE that several member countries are actively engaged in development of Integrated Real-time Information Systems (IRIS), supported by the New Zealand government, for the purpose of monitoring and reporting FMD outbreaks, FMD vaccination coverage and animal census data.
10. EXPLORE the adoption of an animal identification system in the sub-region, NOTING that the ASEAN, through the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group for Livestock (ASWGL) has adopted and submitted the establishment of an ASEAN animal identification system to the SOM AMAF.
11. Surveillance

- a. IDENTIFY key activities of FMD surveillance that can be achieved in the short term. Setting up surveillance requires defining clear questions that can be cost-effectively implemented when considering the creative use of existing data and information sources.
- b. APPLY random or targeted serological surveillance appropriate to identify or validate proposed risk hotspots and to evaluate the impact of risk control practice.
- c. With the continued and high risk of incursion of exotic FMD serotypes/strains, the surveillance to early detect the presence of exotic FMD viruses in mainland SE Asia is a priority. CONSIDER surveillance approaches such as slaughterhouse, animal market sampling making use of swabs and pooling of samples.

12. Risk-based strategy to support National FMD Control Plans

- a. ENCOURAGE members to update their FMD National Plans with a focus on identifying risk hotspots and risky practices in sufficient detail to allow risk-based control strategies, more specific definition of control measures, with clear measures to monitor for its impact on FMD occurrence and impact on livestock and livelihoods.
- b. ENCOURAGE members to set up dedicated FMD Committees/Task Force/Working Group, to manage the process in the development of a risk based control strategy, and the implementation of the strategy and operational plan.
- c. ENCOURAGE members at PCP level 3 to submit their National FMD Plan for endorsement by the OIE.

13. AGREE to strengthen coordination and communication among National Coordinators, in between meetings, to share updates on FMD status and control activities. EXPLORE the use of skype or other web-based applications for teleconferencing.

14. AGREE to submit the SEACFMD (2016-20) R & D Strategy to the Sub-Commission for endorsement.

15. NOTE that the Roadmap Manuals have been reviewed by the OIE headquarters and will be distributed soon for endorsement by the members.

16. NOTE the positive outcome of the joint meeting of the SEACFMD National Coordinators and the East Asia FMD Contact Persons, and AGREE to continue collaboration of the two sub-regions in their FMD control programs.

17. THANK the Government of Lao PDR and its Department of Livestock and Fisheries for hosting the 20th SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting.