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Joint WOA and WWF Workshop
“Biodiversity as a One Health Shield in Asia and the Pacific”
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Workshop recommendations

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Japan jointly organised a workshop to share knowledge and promote discussion with wildlife health stakeholders in the region on the importance of biodiversity as a One Health shield to protect us all.

The health of ecosystems is vital for the survival of humans, animals and plants. Healthy ecosystems have a full complement of the species that have evolved and co-exist to represent a specific ecosystem. Drivers of ecosystem degradation include many human activities and factors such as wildlife trade, deforestation, climate change, and certain farming and livestock management practices. Land use and development activities increase the proximity and increased interactions between humans, livestock and wildlife and thereby can facilitate pathogen spillover.

This workshop was highly interactive with participants, who shared their One Health solutions for challenges facing ecosystem health and formulated recommendations on working together in the future.

All stakeholders involved in activities related to biodiversity and ecosystem health in Asia and the Pacific

1. Enhance communication and collaborations among stakeholders across the region on conserving biodiversity and ecosystem health.
2. Promote activities on priority issues in the region, namely: climate change, invasive species, land use change/deforestation, and wild animal health.
3. Use the One Health approach more to support biodiversity.
4. Engage more with other groups—including hunters, remote communities, policy makers, private sector, and wildlife traders—to include them in discussions on biodiversity and One Health.

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These recommendations were developed in association with the workshop:
<https://rr-asia.woah.org/en/events/biodiversity-as-a-one-health-shield/>



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Educators, science communicators and academic researchers in Asia and the Pacific

1. Further share evidence-based knowledge from research activities on wildlife and ecosystems health with a wider audience.
2. Continue to build education efforts for the younger generation about the benefits and importance of biodiversity and ecosystem health.

WOAH and WWF in the Asia and the Pacific region

1. Continue to share the latest knowledge and guidance relating to biodiversity and One Health with a wider audience.
2. Advance networking in the region for stakeholders with an interest in biodiversity.