

OIE Regional Workshop: Training of OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife from Africa and the Middle East (3rd Cycle)

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History of Focal Point trainings and Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Wildlife

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Introduction



The OIE has launched a global programme of capacity building for OIE Delegates and OIE National Focal Points.

The aim of this programme is:

- to provide good governance concepts
- to explain and clarify the role and responsibilities of Delegates and Focal Points
- and to facilitate networking and harmonised approaches amongst OIE Member Countries

Introduction



During the 76th General Session in May 2008, the World Assembly of Delegates has:

- re-iterated the importance of the **Focal Point for information on animal diseases**
- requested to nominate Focal Points on **other subjects**

The appointment of Focal Points to the OIE should be only done by the National Delegate.

Introduction



- Delegates were requested to nominate focal points for :
 - Animal disease notification
 - **Wildlife**
 - Aquatic animal diseases
 - Animal welfare
 - Animal production food safety
 - Veterinary products
- Communication and Laboratories added later

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History of Focal Point Trainings: 1st cycle



Since 2009 the OIE, with the support of the OIE Collaborating Centres on wildlife, has organised the training workshops for National Focal Points on Wildlife:

- Panama City, Republic of Panama (September 2009) for the Americas
- Lyons, France (November 2009) for Europe
- **Arusha, Tanzania (March 2010) for Africa (Anglophone) and the Middle-East**
- **Bamako, Mali (July 2010) for Africa (Francophone)**
- Bangkok, Thailand (October 2010) for Asia, Far East and Oceania

History of Focal Point Trainings: 1st cycle



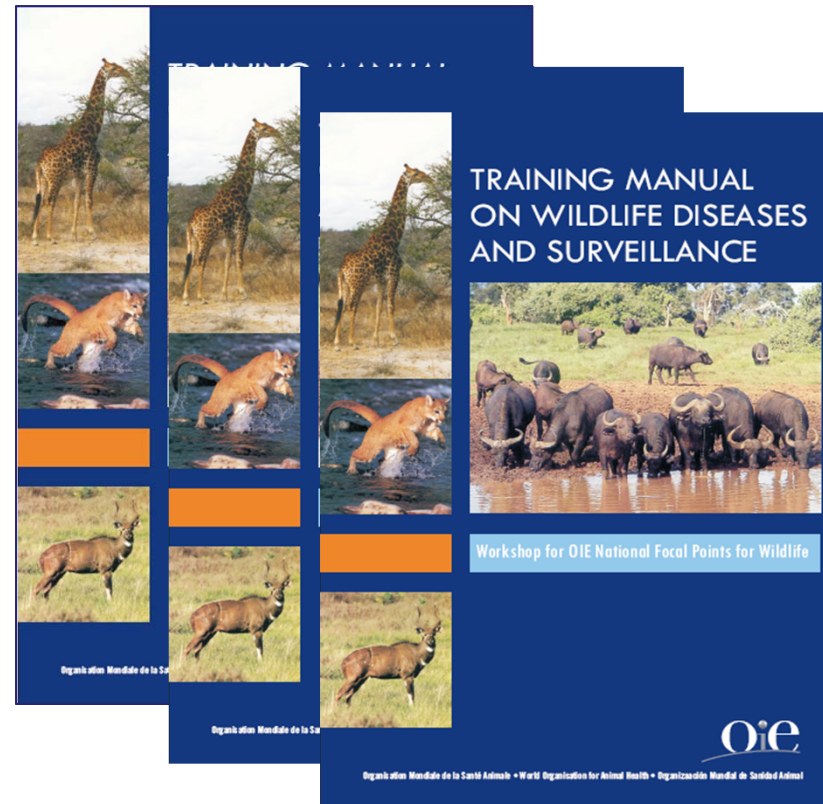
The first cycle programme of training workshops provided information on the OIE, an overview of the activities of the OIE Working Group on Wildlife Diseases, and basic knowledge on the importance of pathogens in wild animals related to:

- domestic animal health,
- trade in animals and animal products,
- human health and
- wild animal populations themselves

History of Focal Point Trainings: 1st cycle



A **Training Manual** on the topics covered in the first cycle programme is available in English, French and Spanish, at the OIE website



History of Focal Point Trainings: 2nd cycle



Workshops of the second cycle of trainings were organised

- **28 Nov - 1 Dec 2011; Gaborone, Botswana**
- **4 - 7 Oct 2011; Amboseli, Kenya**
- 15 - 17 Nov 2011; Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 22-25 Jan 2012; Sofia, Bulgaria
- 23-27 Apr 2012; Sri Lanka

History of Focal Point Trainings: 2nd cycle



One of the main purposes of this second cycle programme was:

to improve reporting of wildlife diseases so as to fulfil one of the objectives of the OIE:

- *“To ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation, including zoonoses”.*

History of Focal Point Trainings: 2nd cycle



The workshop:

- illustrated the measures developed by the OIE to enhance the timely and transparent reporting of diseases occurring in wildlife and
- explained the implementation of surveillance networks for wildlife diseases.

Case studies were prepared to provide a practical approach to the specific tasks of the OIE National Focal Points on Wildlife.

History of Focal Point Trainings: 2nd cycle



Participants were:

- updated on wildlife disease reporting so as to provide the Veterinary Authorities with all necessary epidemiological data;
- informed on the use of the on-line WAHIS reporting system, both in terms of proficiency in the use of the software and in reporting of wildlife diseases,

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Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points on Wildlife



- The role of OIE National Focal Points on Wildlife are specified in their Terms of Reference (ToRs) that were developed by the OIE Headquarters in collaboration with the Working Group on Wildlife Diseases
- Sent to all Delegates in March 2009

Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points on Wildlife



1. to establish a **network of wildlife experts** within his/her country or to communicate with the existing network;
2. to establish and maintain a **dialogue with the Competent Authority** for wildlife in his/her country, and to **facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities** where responsibility is shared;

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3. to support the optimal collection and submission **of wildlife disease information** to the OIE through WAHIS;
4. to **act as a contact point** with the OIE Animal Health Information Department and the Scientific and Technical Department on matters related to information on wildlife including wildlife diseases;

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5. to **receive** from the OIE Central Bureau
 - copies of the reports of the Working Group on Wildlife Diseases
 - selected reports of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
 - other relevant reports on wildlife or related to the livestock–wildlife interface and
- **conduct the in-country consultation process** on draft texts of standards dealing with wildlife diseases;

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6. to **prepare comments** for the Delegate
 - on relevant meeting reports
 - on the proposals for new OIE standards and guidelines related to wildlife

- ❖ reflecting the **scientific view and position** of the individual OIE Member and/or the Region.



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