

WILDLIFE HEALTH AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS IN THE PVS PATHWAY

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OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK

First objective was twofold:

- i) to review PVS Pathway activities (i.e. PVS missions reports) to identify **how, when, and why** wildlife health was – or wasn't – taken into consideration
- ii) to map already existing international health assessment tools or wildlife health monitoring systems.





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Second objective was

- To use the findings to provide recommendations and/or tools to **better integrate wildlife health into PVS Pathway core structure** in line with WOAHA Wildlife health Framework objectives.



MAPPING OF EXISTING TOOLS

- Grey and academic literature review
- **Excel database** presenting 15 existing tools related to the evaluation of health systems or surveillance systems
- **3 promising initiatives** identified



REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF 81 PVS MISSION REPORTS

- 71 PVS Evaluation and follow-up reports (67 terrestrial and 4 aquatic)
- 4 PVS Gap Analysis reports
- 6 PVS Sustainable Laboratories reports

33 INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

- PVS experts
- Wildlife & aquatic focal points
- Wildlife experts
- Members of the WOAHA WGW group
- DVS officers

→ Respecting good geographical coverage



MAIN FINDINGS

No specific assessment tool for Wildlife health

- 3 promising initiatives
- 2 still under development, in piloting phase

Great variability between countries in how wildlife health is taken into consideration in the PVS reports

- Variability not linked to the importance of wildlife in the country
- When mentioned, Wildlife health is referred as a threat to public and domestic animal health
- References to wildlife were found at least once in 73% of the CCs (33/45)

Wildlife health mandate differ from country to country.

- Not always under Veterinary services mandate
- Can be under a different ministry

Wildlife definition of WOA is broad including 3 categories: feral animals, captive wild animals and wild animals.

When considering wildlife health, Should we keep these categories together?





1 FOCUS GROUP SESSION

14 PARTICIPANTS



OBJECTIVES:

- Align WOAHS wildlife categories with Health concept
- Who should have the mandate(s) over Wildlife Health?
- Reflect on recommendations presented
- Propose other alternatives/comments



WILDLIFE CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO WOAAH DEFINITION*	HUMAN SUPERVISION & CONTROL (YES/NO)
Feral animals (dogs, cats etc. that have escaped from human supervision and established in the natural environment)	NO
Captive Wild animals (small game farms, zoo animals, exotic pets)	YES
Free-ranging Wild animals (without supervision all year round)	NO

DEFINITION OF WILDLIFE CATEGORIES

- Definition of wildlife categories:

→ Which health objectives for which wildlife category?

- Absence of disease?
- Food safety?
- Conservation?

- *From WOAAH Terrestrial code
- <https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/>



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Wildlife categories

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Hanish *et al.* (2012)



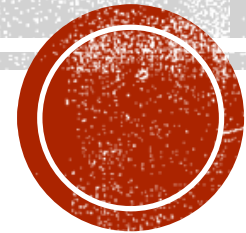
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PVS PATHWAY

- *Short-term recommendations*
- *Medium-term recommendations*
- *Some « food for thought »*



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An iterative methodology including 4 steps:

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- New roadmap for the PVS Evaluation missions



NEW ROADMAP FOR THE PVS EVALUATION MISSION

➤ **Baseline information**

- Global information/data about
 - wildlife population (numbers if possible)
 - Protected areas superficies
 - Captive wildlife farms (estimated numbers, which species)
 - List of protected species
- Economic impact of wildlife trade on GDP

➤ **During the mission**

- Encouraging meeting with Wildlife - or any relevant - authorities at national **and at field level**

➤ **Special summary for key findings and key recommendations**

Support of
Wildlife Focal
point network
is essential



EXPECTED EFFECT

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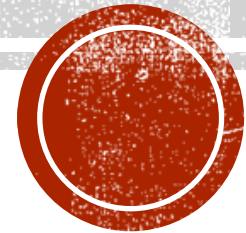
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CHAPTER 1:
Human, physical
and financial
resources

CHAPTER 2:
Technical
authority and
capabilities

CHAPTER 3:
Interaction with
stakeholders

CHAPTER 4: Access
to markets



Urgent needs for Global Wildlife Health (2020)	Proposed attributes of national wildlife health programmes (2018)	Relevant PVS Evaluation chapters and CCs
1/ Diagnostic and investigation		Chapter II: CC-II-1, CC- II-2,CC-II-4
2/ Reporting	1/ Establishment and communication of the national wildlife health status	Chapter II: CC-II-4
	2/ Centralizing information and expertise	Chapter I: CC-I-3, CC-I-7 Chapter III: CC-III-1, CC-III-2, CC-III-6
3/ Planning and response	3/Leading national planning	Chapter I: CC-I-5 Chapter II: CC-II-5
4/ Health supportive and disease preventive development strategies		Chapter II: CC- II-6
	4/ Developing national networks leading to harmonization and collaborations	Chapter I: CC-I-6
	5/ Developing wildlife health workforces	Chapter I: CC-I-1, CC- I-2
	6/ Centralizing administration and management of national programmes	Chapter I: CC-I-4, CC-I-6 Chapter III: CC-III-6



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- PVS Evaluation for Wildlife Health Services



Limitation → No international standards for wildlife health



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1

G Need assessment for Wildlife Health program

2

H Country Assessment for Environmental Health Services

I

FAO environment assessment tool

2

- Environment assessment tools including wildlife.

→ Should be done in partnership with an international environmental organisation (UNEP, FAO, both?).

3

- Integration of Wildlife sector in the National Bridging Workshop:
 - Recommendation from PVS evaluation
 - Development of specific simulation exercises

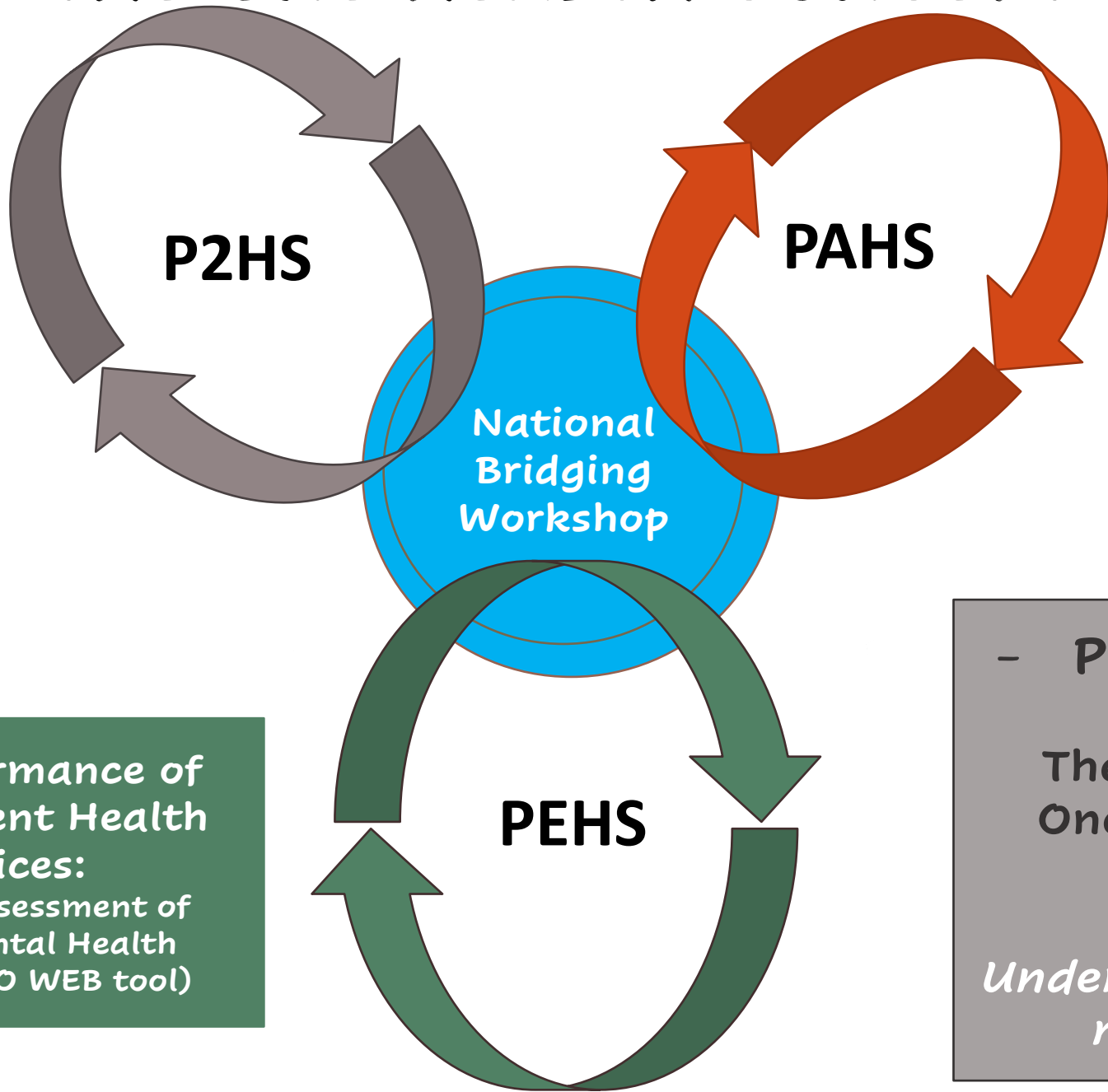


FOOD FOR THOUGHT...



THE ONE HEALTH CONCEPT

The Performance of Human Health Services:
(JEE, SPAR)



The Performance of Animal Health Services
(PVS, P2AHS, PWHS)

The Performance of Environment Health Services:
(Country Assessment of Environmental Health Services, FAO WEB tool)

- POHS Pathway -
The Performance of One Health Services Pathway
Under the Quadripartite responsibility?



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