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for Animal Health



Launch of the Regional Aquatic Animal Health Network for North Africa (RAAHN-NA)

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Aquatic Animal Health Strategy

This Aquatic Strategy is a call to action to address some of the greatest challenges in managing aquatic animal health and welfare. It identifies and coordinate actions that address the highest-priority common needs and focus resources on activities that will provide enduring impacts

- Announced at the 4th Global Conference in Chile in April 2019
- Its development was a collaborative effort
- Support and input from the Aquatic Animal Commission and the whole WOAHA Community
- Launched in May 2021

OIE Aquatic Animal Health Strategy 2021-2025



Drivers for collaboration on aquatic animal health and welfare

- THE GLOBAL POPULATION IS GROWING
- DEMAND FOR AQUATIC ANIMAL PRODUCTS IS INCREASING
- PRODUCTION IS SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

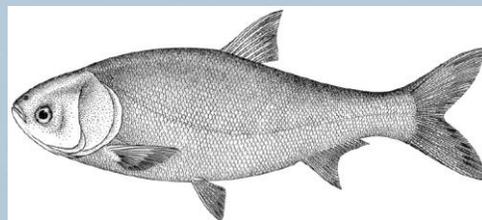
Growth in aquatic animal production must be sustainable to have lasting benefits



Over 500 species of aquatic animals
are farmed

Aquaculture is highly diverse

Fastest growing food
sector in the World (~6%
per annum)



70% of production is **small-scale, subsistence** and based on species
of carp and tilapia

Aquatic protein most **highly traded** food commodity

Sector provides food, nutrition,
income, **livelihood** for 100's millions
people



- There is **shared** and growing importance in aquatic animal production
- There is a **shared** and continuing threat of aquatic animal diseases
- There is a **shared** need to develop and implement collaborative actions to improve aquatic animal health.

- Identify the highest priority common needs
- Identify actions that provide enduring impacts
- Provide for better utilisation of existing resources, networks, systems

***The ultimate goal is to improve aquatic
animal health worldwide***

**THIS STRATEGY PROVIDES A PATH FOR THE
WOAH COMMUNITY TO ACT TOGETHER**



STANDARDS

Scientifically sound WOAHA international standards meet WOAHA Members' needs to manage risks, facilitate safe trade and improve aquatic animal health and welfare



CAPACITY BUILDING

WOAH programmes support the strengthening of the Aquatic Animal Health Services of WOAHA Members

IMPROVING
AQUATIC ANIMAL
HEALTH AND WELFARE
WORLDWIDE



LEADERSHIP

WOAH's capacity to provide global aquatic animal health leadership is strengthened



RESILIENCE

Responses to emerging aquatic animal health issues of regional or global concern are coordinated and timely



Objective 1 STANDARDS

Scientifically sound OIE international standards meet OIE Members' needs to manage risks, facilitate safe trade and improve aquatic animal health and welfare

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| Activity | 1.1 | Develop new OIE standards |
| | 1.2 | Revise existing <i>Aquatic Code</i> standards |
| | 1.3 | Review the scientific basis of existing animal welfare standards |
| | 1.4 | Revise existing <i>Aquatic Manual</i> standards |
| | 1.5 | Identify barriers to the implementation of standards |
| | 1.6 | Increase the accessibility of standards |



Objective 2 CAPACITY BUILDING

OIE programmes support the strengthening of the Aquatic Animal Health Services of OIE Members

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| Activity | 2.1 | Support the implementation of standards |
| | 2.2 | Increase the use of the OIE PVS Pathway |
| | 2.3 | Develop public-private partnerships |
| | 2.4 | Identify barriers to transparency in disease reporting |
| | 2.5 | Develop a Disease Identification Guide for mobile devices |
| | 2.6 | Support OIE Delegates and OIE Focal Points |
| | 2.7 | Establish an OIE Global Aquatic Animal Health Scholarship scheme |
| | 2.8 | Support small-scale aquaculture |





Objective 3 RESILIENCE

Responses to emerging aquatic animal health issues of regional or global concern are coordinated and timely

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| Activity | 3.1 | Formalise procedures for a coordinated OIE approach to disease emergencies |
| | 3.2 | Provide support for early response at the national level |
| | 3.3 | Develop guidelines for collaborative emergency response |
| | 3.4 | Provide practical AMR guidance |



Objective 4 LEADERSHIP

OIE's capacity to provide global aquatic animal health and welfare leadership is strengthened

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| Activity | 4.1 | Further develop international partnerships |
| | 4.2 | Develop the OIE's aquatic animal health and welfare capabilities |
| | 4.3 | Engage OIE scientific networks |
| | 4.4 | Establish forums for the OIE Community |
| | 4.5 | Identify the highest-priority research areas |



- Launch and set-up phase
- Roadmap endorsed
- Project plans developed for all activities
- Quarterly activity reporting

Implementation of prioritised activities



89th GS

90th GS

91st GS

92nd GS

Evaluation and continuation

- Barriers to the implementation of Standards
- Transparency in disease reporting
- Increase use of the PVS Pathway: Aquatic

Activities
1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.6

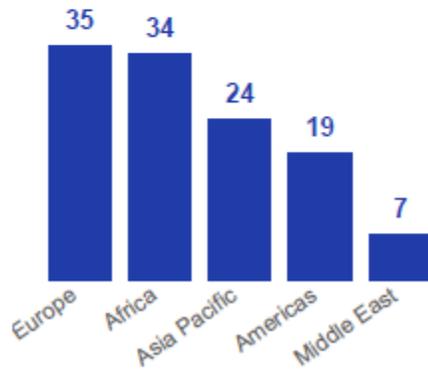
48 question survey

- Disease surveillance and national reporting
- Disease notification to WOAHA
- Barriers to the implementation of Standards
- PVS Pathway Aquatic
- Capacity building

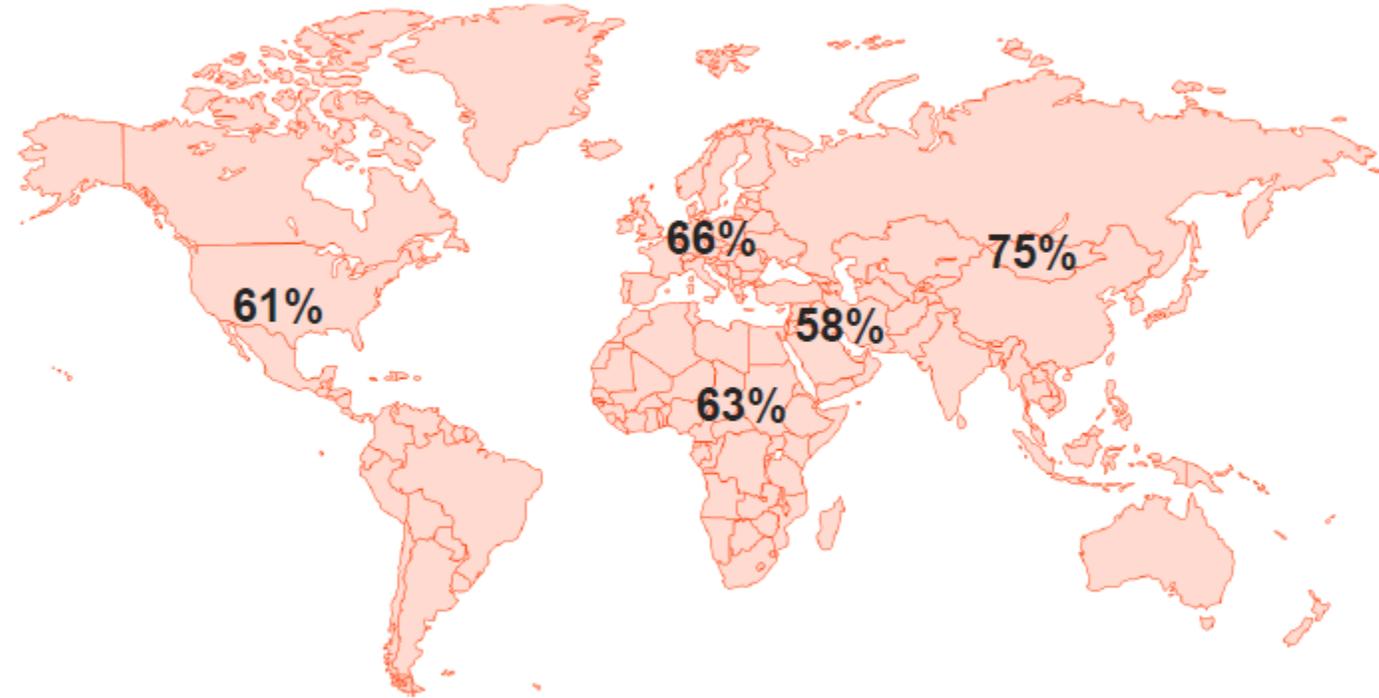
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Members completed the survey

Members by Region



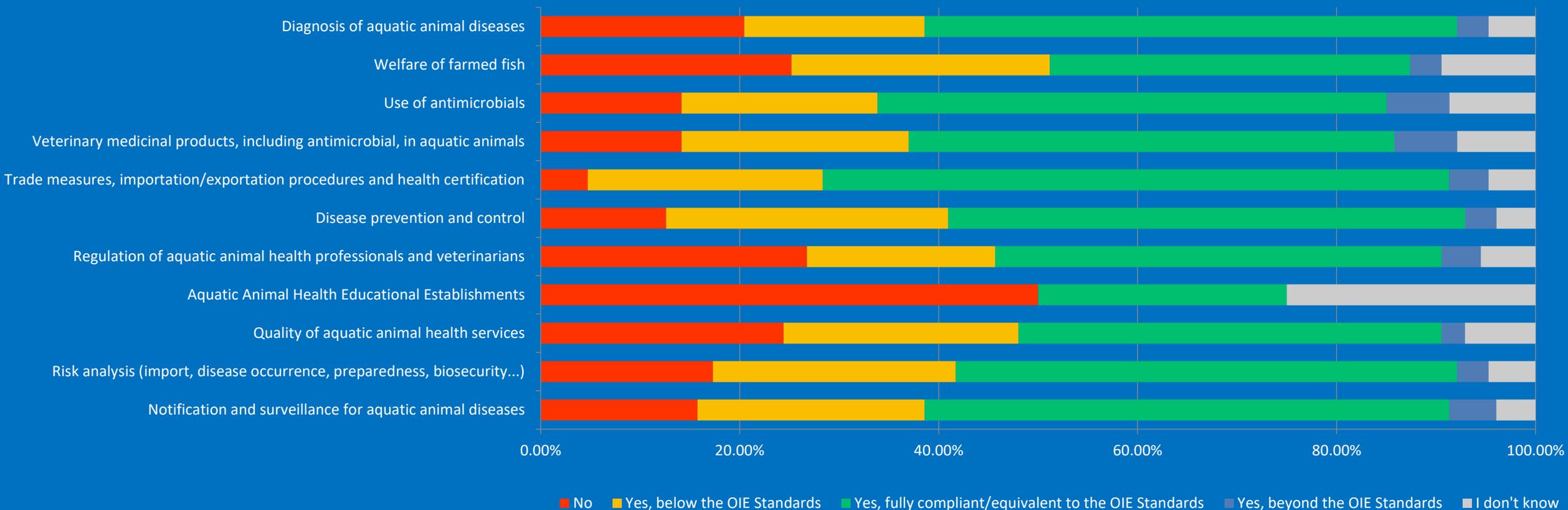
Participation rate, by WOA Region



Findings from the survey of WOA Members conducted in 2022

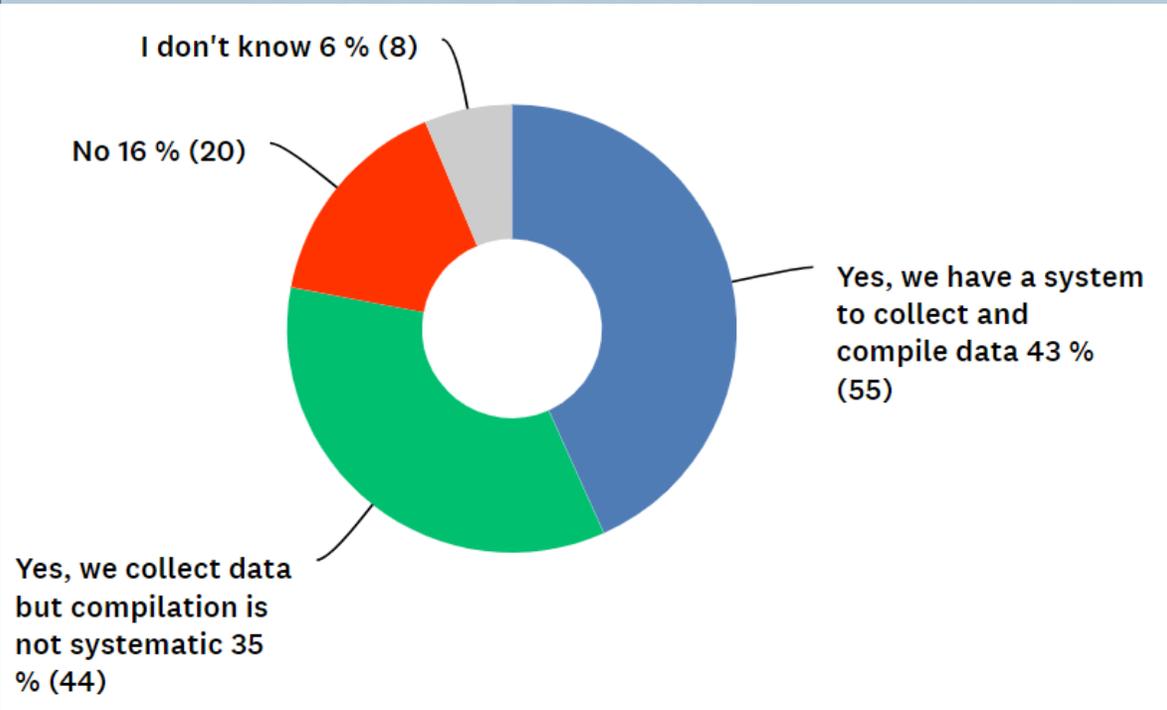


Does your country/territory have any national laws and regulations on the following topics?





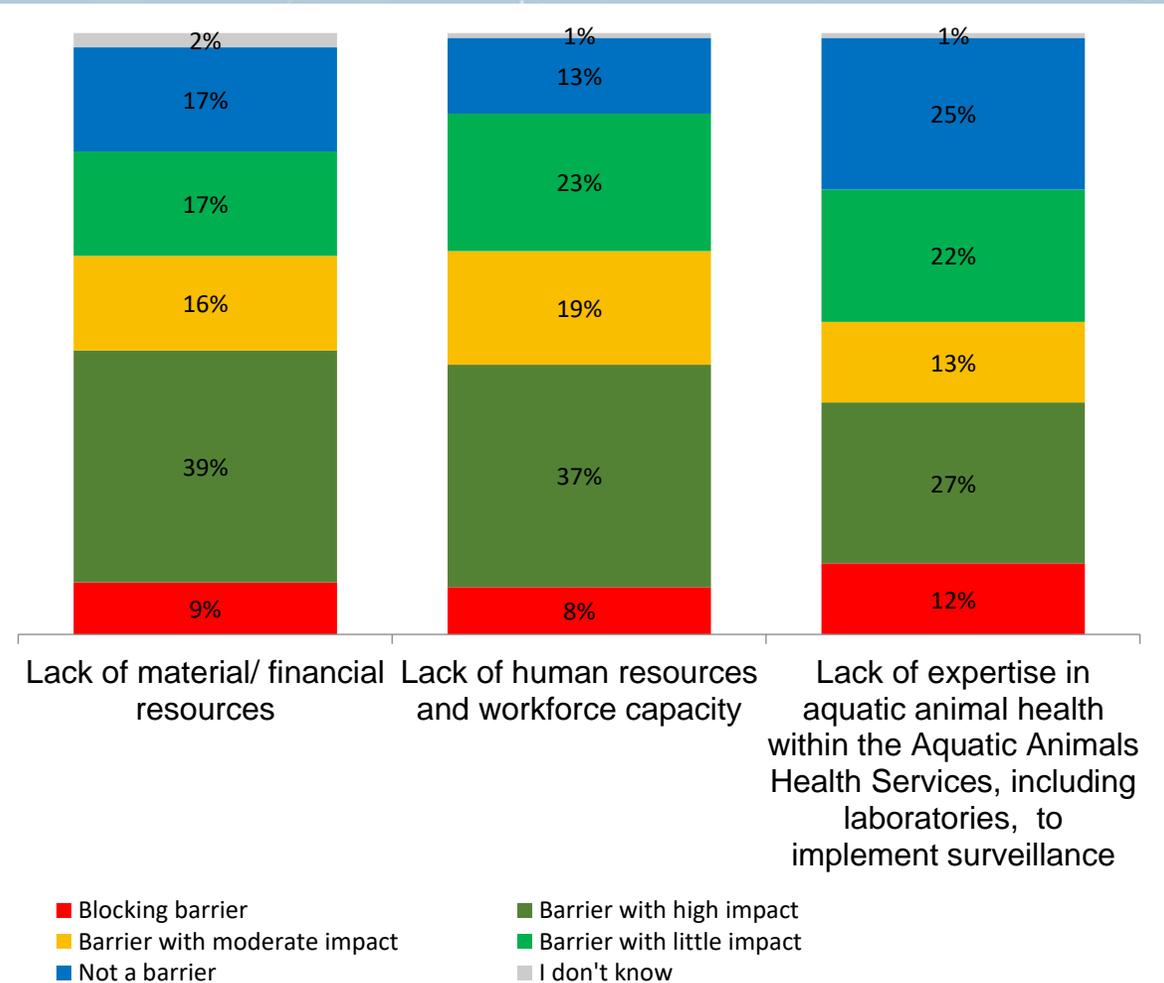
Percentage of Members collecting and compiling disease event data into a national dataset



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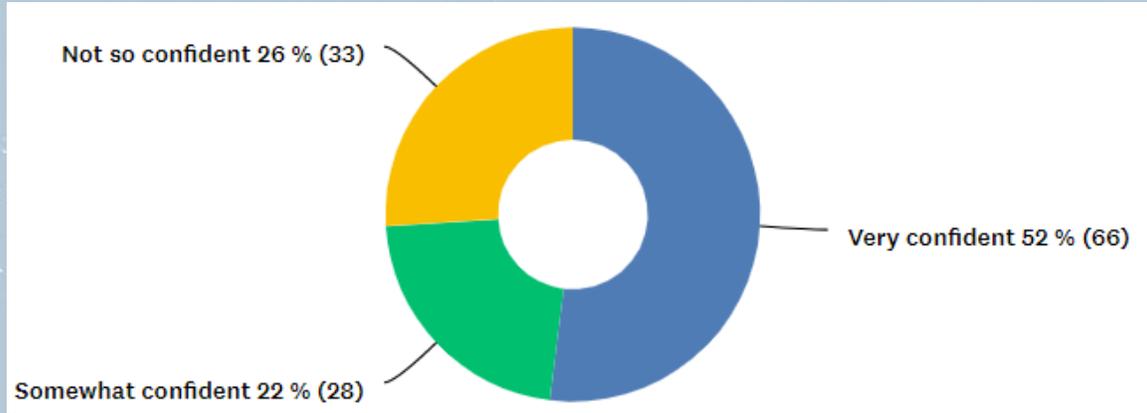
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The three most important barriers to aquatic animal disease surveillance and data collection at national/central level

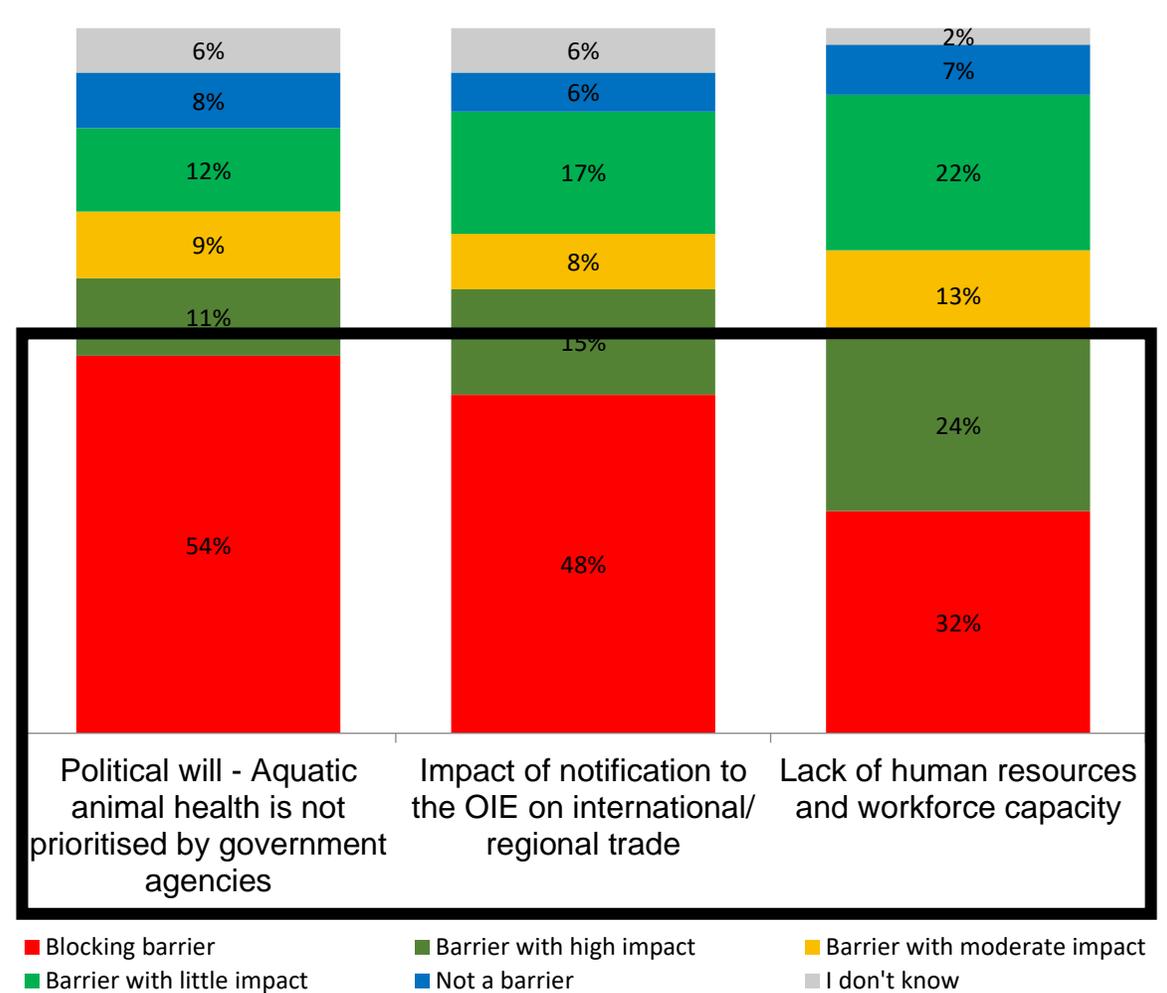




Percentage of Members confident that the aquatic animal diseases have been TIMELY notified to the WOA

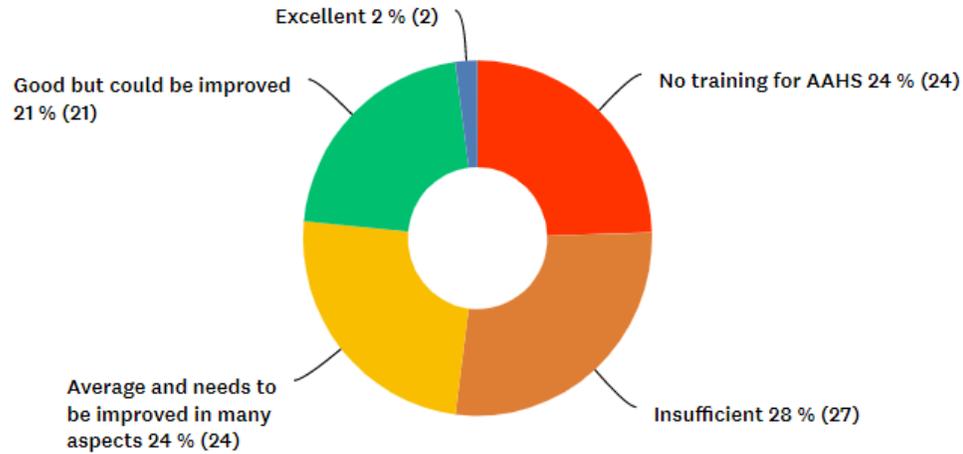


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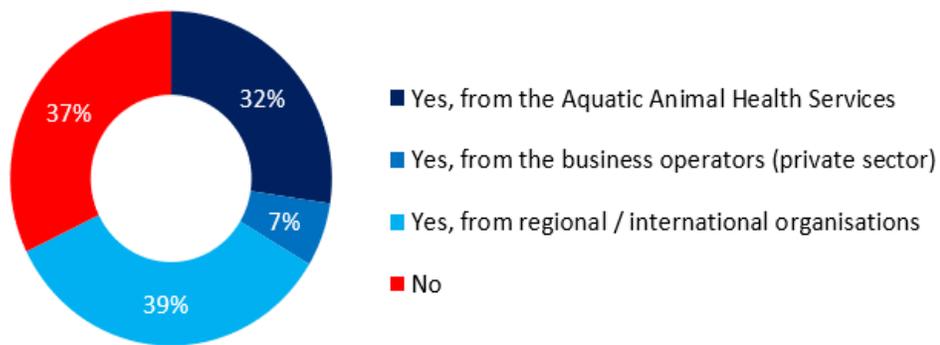




Feedback on the quality of AAHS education



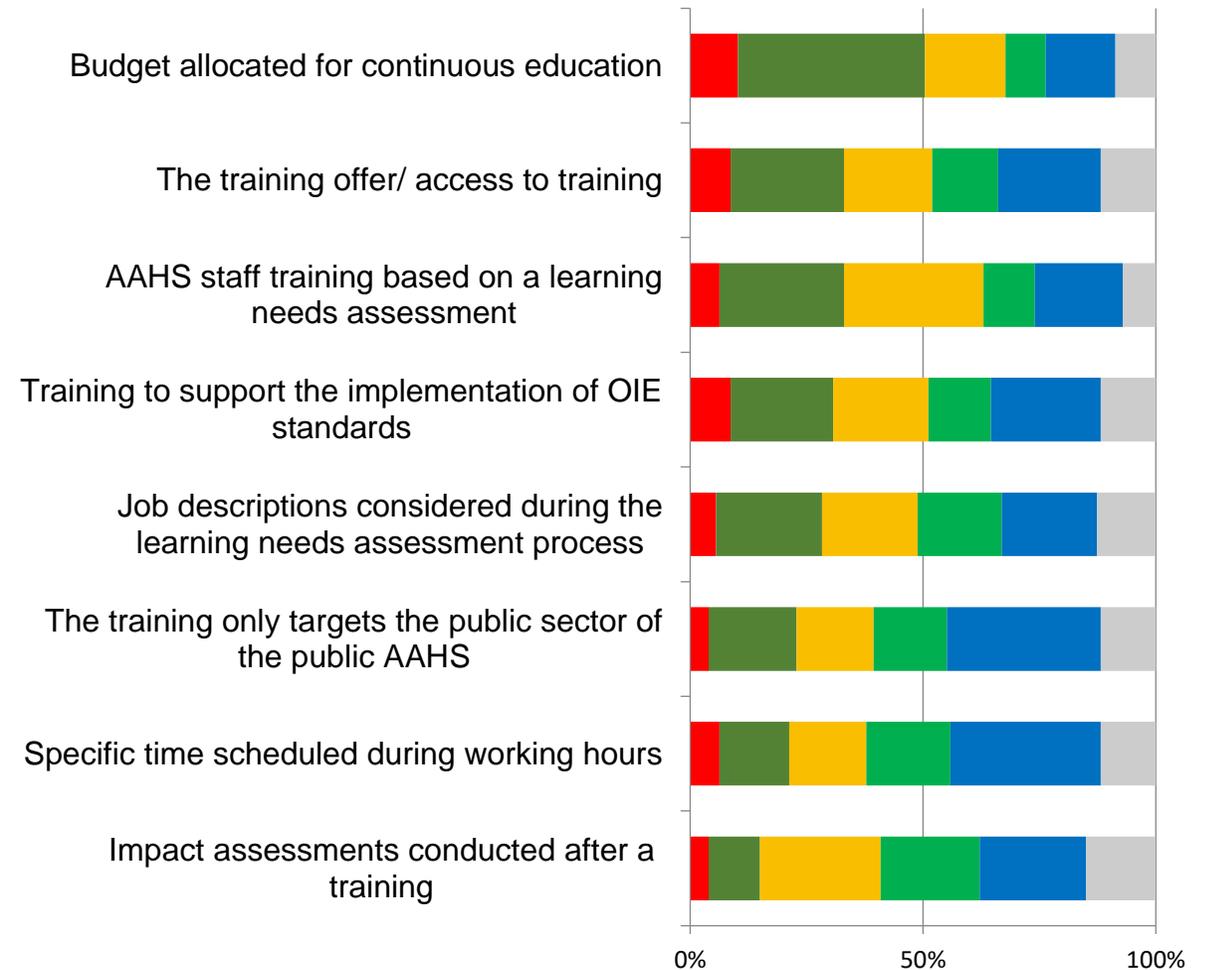
Access to training material that could support the implementation of OIE aquatic standards



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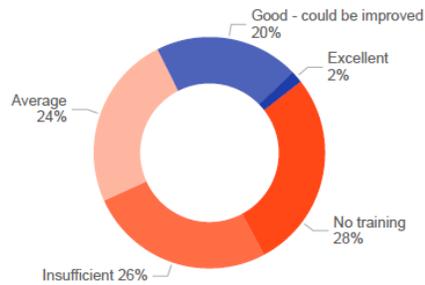
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Importance given to the pre-listed barriers for continuing education on aquatic animal health and welfare



Access to initial and continuing education (1/2)

Considered level of education (initial and continuing) for AAHS



Number of Members considering the lack of initial education on aquatic animal health and welfare as a blocking or high impact barrier for AAHS



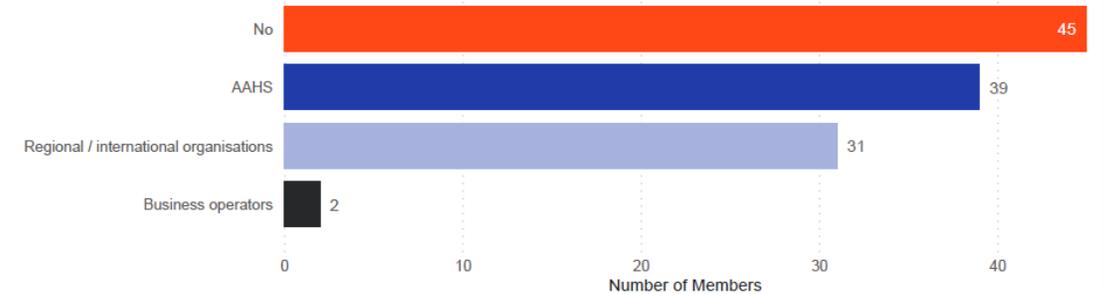
Main barriers to continuing education on aquatic animal health and welfare, (percentage of Members ranking them as blocking or high impact barriers)



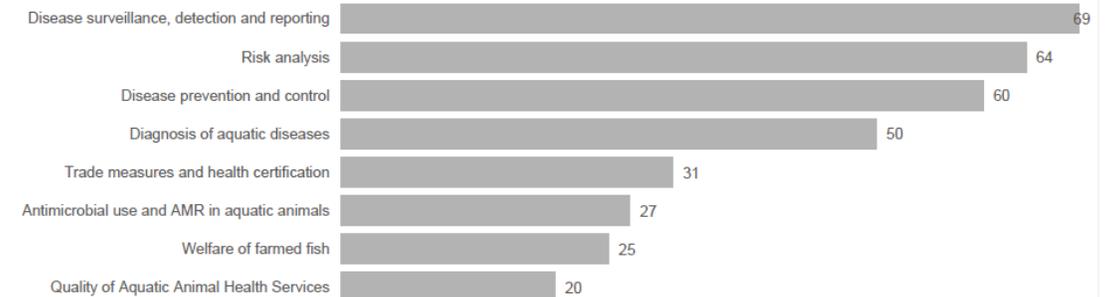
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Access to initial and continuing education (2/2)

Percentage of Members that have access (or not) to training material that could support the implementation of OIE aquatic animal health and welfare standards



Main topics of interest for training programmes for Aquatic Animal Health Services



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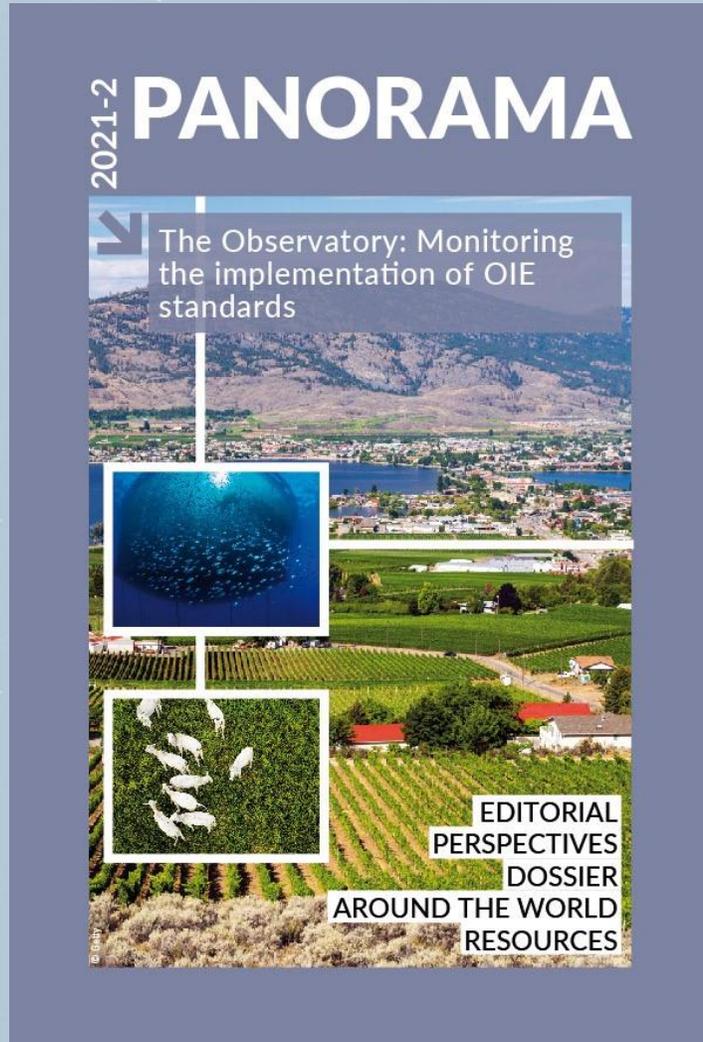
- Findings and recommendations to be published and provided to Members
- Activity leads will use findings to:
 - identify and understand barriers to the implementation of standards and design and promote activities to overcome these barriers
 - contribute to the development of a training framework for aquatic animal health to strengthen Members' capacity
 - Increase the uptake of the PVS: Aquatic



Regional networks for aquatic animal health

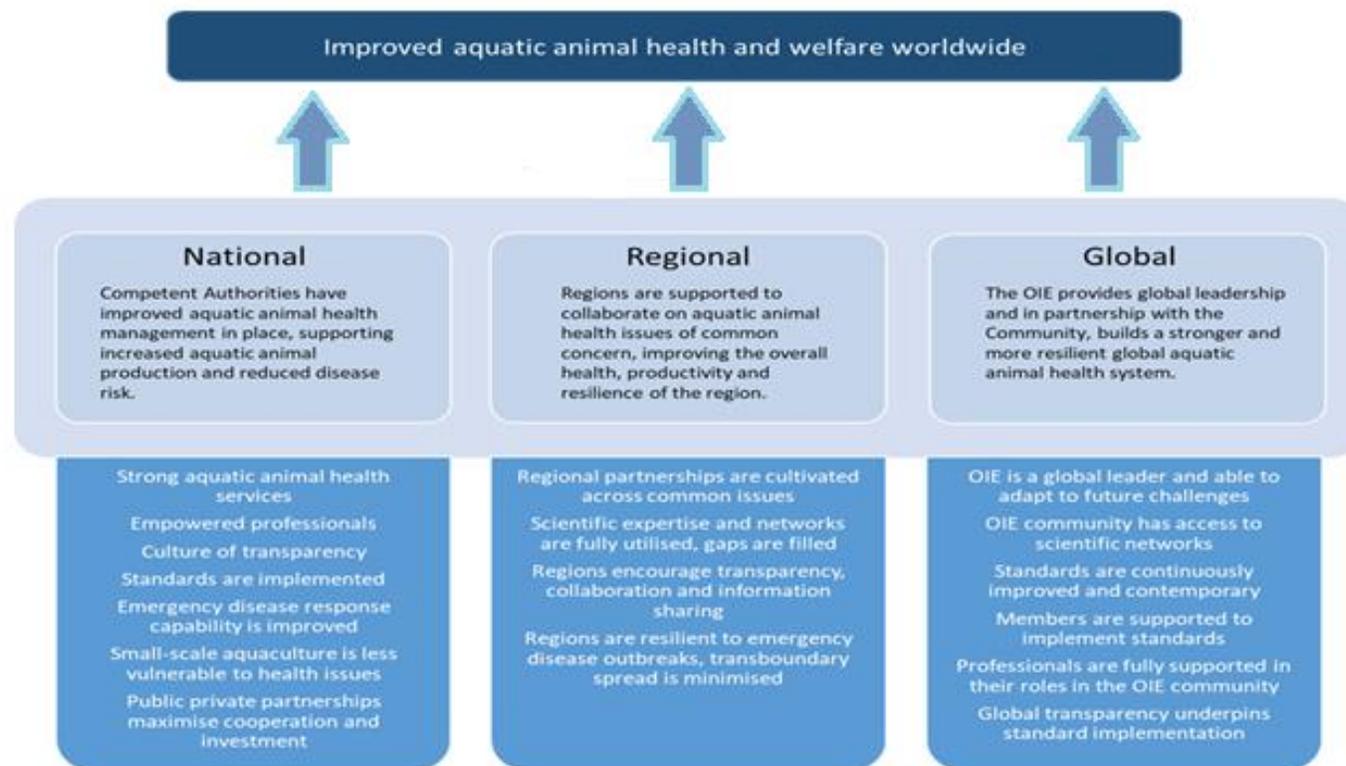
- Regional Collaboration Framework on Aquatic Animal Health in Asia and the Pacific
- Aquatic Middle East Network (AQMENET)
- Regional Aquatic Animal Health Networks (RAAHN) in Africa





- Next issue of Panorama dedicated to the Strategy
- Regular newsletter to communicate progress on the Strategy







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Thank you

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