

Workshop Objectives

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**WOAH International Standards.
Promoting Member Engagement in the
Process for their Elaboration.**

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WOAH International Standards

You will leave knowing more about:

What are they?

Why are they important?

How are they developed?

How you are involved or can be involved?

How are they being implemented?



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded in 1924



African
Union

1924



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1968

Terrestrial Animal Health Code

1968 first edition published (different names)

After the World Assembly of Delegates agreed to adopt a harmonised approach to prevent the spread of significant transboundary diseases.

Aquatic Animal Health Code

1995 first edition published

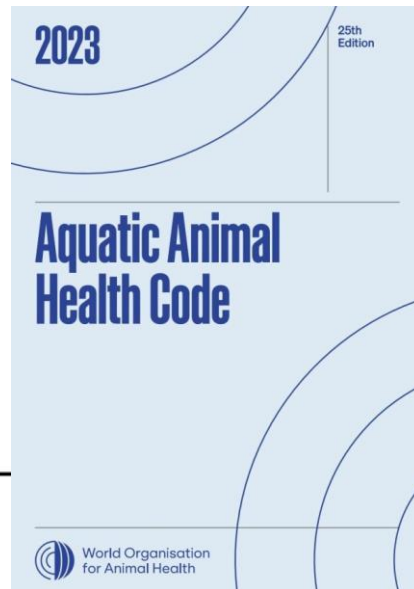
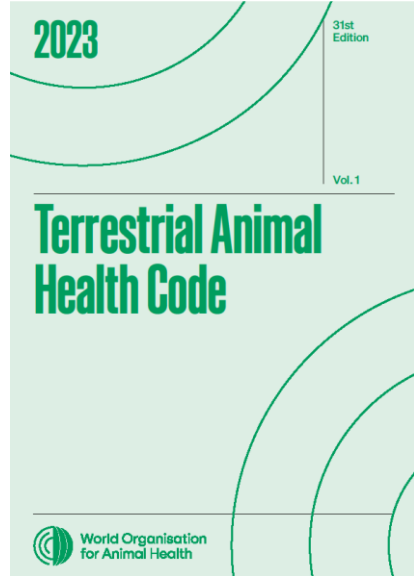
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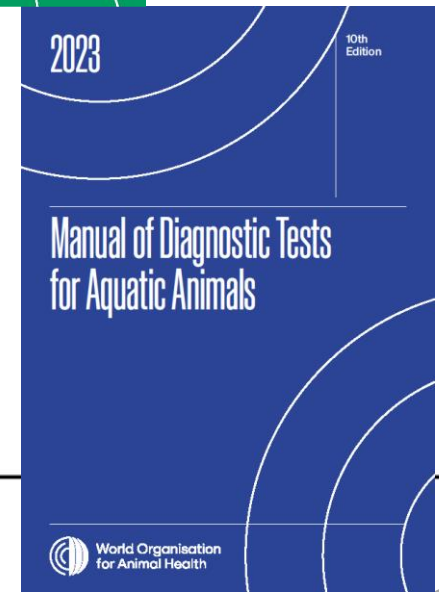
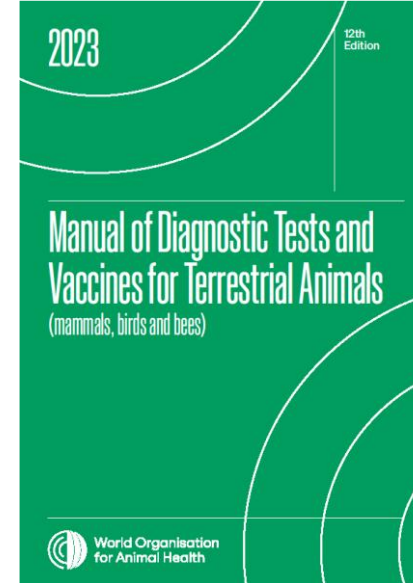
fish diseases were addressed in the first five editions of the 'Terrestrial Code', between **1968** and **1986**.

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World Trade Organization SPS Agreement
(Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
Agreement) ratified;

**WOAH recognised by the WTO SPS Agreement as
the International Standard Setting Organisation
for animal health and zoonoses.**

Introduction to WOAHA Standards

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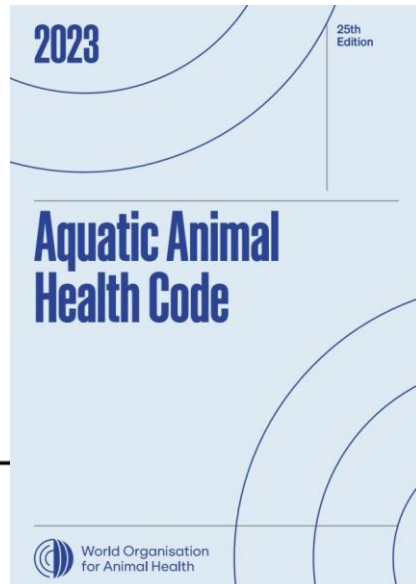
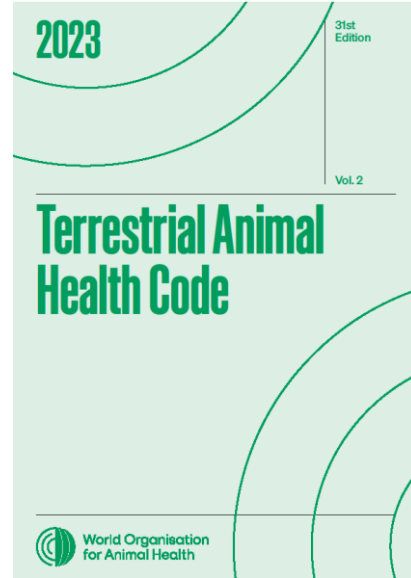
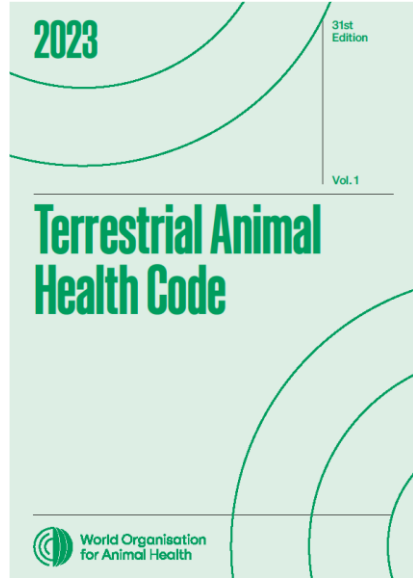
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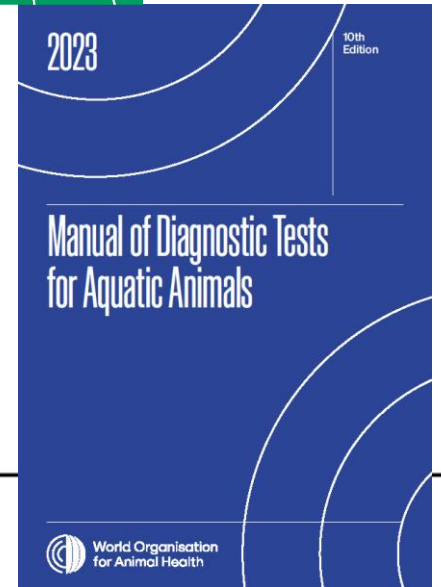
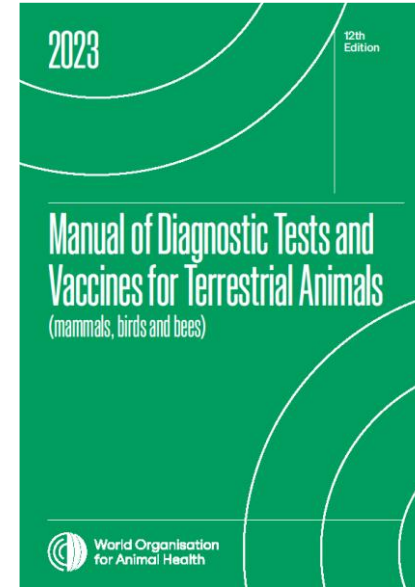
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Aquatic Code and Terrestrial Code:

- standards for the **improvement** of animal health and welfare, and veterinary public health worldwide, including the **prevention of disease spread** through international trade of animals and animal products.

Aquatic Manual and Terrestrial Manual:

- standards for diagnostic **tests and vaccines** (*Terr. Manual* only).



Implementation of WOAH standards :

- Improvement of animal health and welfare, and veterinary public health worldwide.
- Facilitates safe international trade of animals and animal products.
- Contributes to a fairer rules-based trading system by supporting international harmonisation.



The principles of WOAH International Standards

Science-based



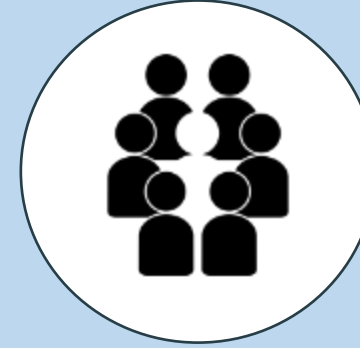
Specialist Commissions
Working Groups, *ad-hoc* Groups and subject-matter experts

Consensus-based



At least two cycles of
comments by Members and
IOs

Inclusiveness



Key role of Delegates to
consult national
stakeholders

Adopted by resolution by the WOAH World Assembly (183 Members)



Thank You!