

## FAO's Efforts on AMR in aquaculture

### Résistance aux antimicrobiens (RAM) en aquaculture

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Progressive Management Pathway for Aquaculture Biosecurity



### Antimicrobial Resistance: not a stand-alone issue

- 68th World Health Assembly (May 2015)
  - Adoption of the Global Action Plan (GAP) on AMR (FAO and OIE contribution)
- 83rd World Assembly of the OIE (WOAH) Delegates (May 2015)
  - Adoption of Resolution No. 26 on AMR
- 39th Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Conference (June 2015)
  - Adoption of the Resolution 4/2015 on AMR
- 71st UN General Assembly (UNGA) High Level Meeting on AMR (September 2016)
  - UN Member States adopted a political declaration on AMR
  - WHO/FAO/OIE Tripartite: Since 2018, FAO, OIE (WOAH), and WHO, the three agencies joined forces as a Tripartite to strengthen their long-standing partnership, with a renewed focus on tackling AMR from a One Health approach.
  - WHO/FAO/WOAH/UNEP Quadripartite: In 2022, the Tripartite became formally the Quadripartite as it welcomed the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the alliance to accelerate coordinated strategy on human, animal and ecosystem health.





### One Health collaboration









#### WHO

Global leader for human health

#### **FAO**

Global leader for food and agriculture

#### WOAH

Global leader for animal health and welfare standards

#### UNEP

Global leader for environmental issues





### FAO Action Plan on AMR 2021-2025 Five Objectives

Food and agriculture sectors, dependent livelihoods and economies are made resilient to the impacts of AMR



Enabling **good practices** to prevent infections and control the spread of resistant microbes



AMR Working Group Leadership Team: multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral







### Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) Technical Guidelines:

Recommendations for Prudent and Responsible Use of Veterinary Medicines in Aquaculture



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TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR
RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES

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#### **AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

8. Recommendations for prudent and responsible use of veterinary medicines in aquaculture





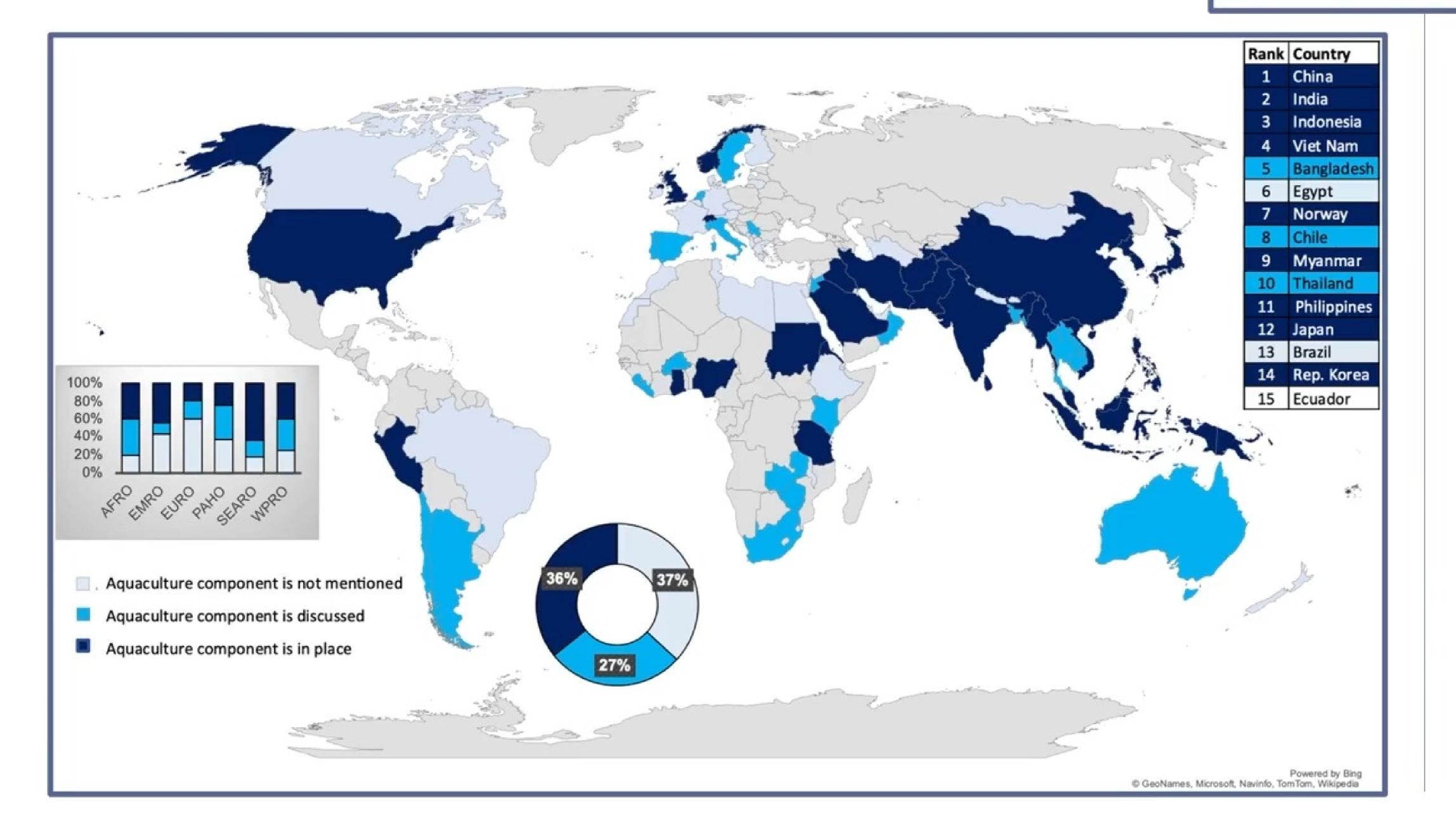


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Antimicrobial resistance in aquaculture: A global analysis of literature and national action plans

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Review of 95 National Action Plans on AMR and the 15 top aquaculture-producing aquaculture countries.

Almost 40% do not acknowledge aquaculture as a critical component where AMR should be further investigated and contained along the entire supply chain.

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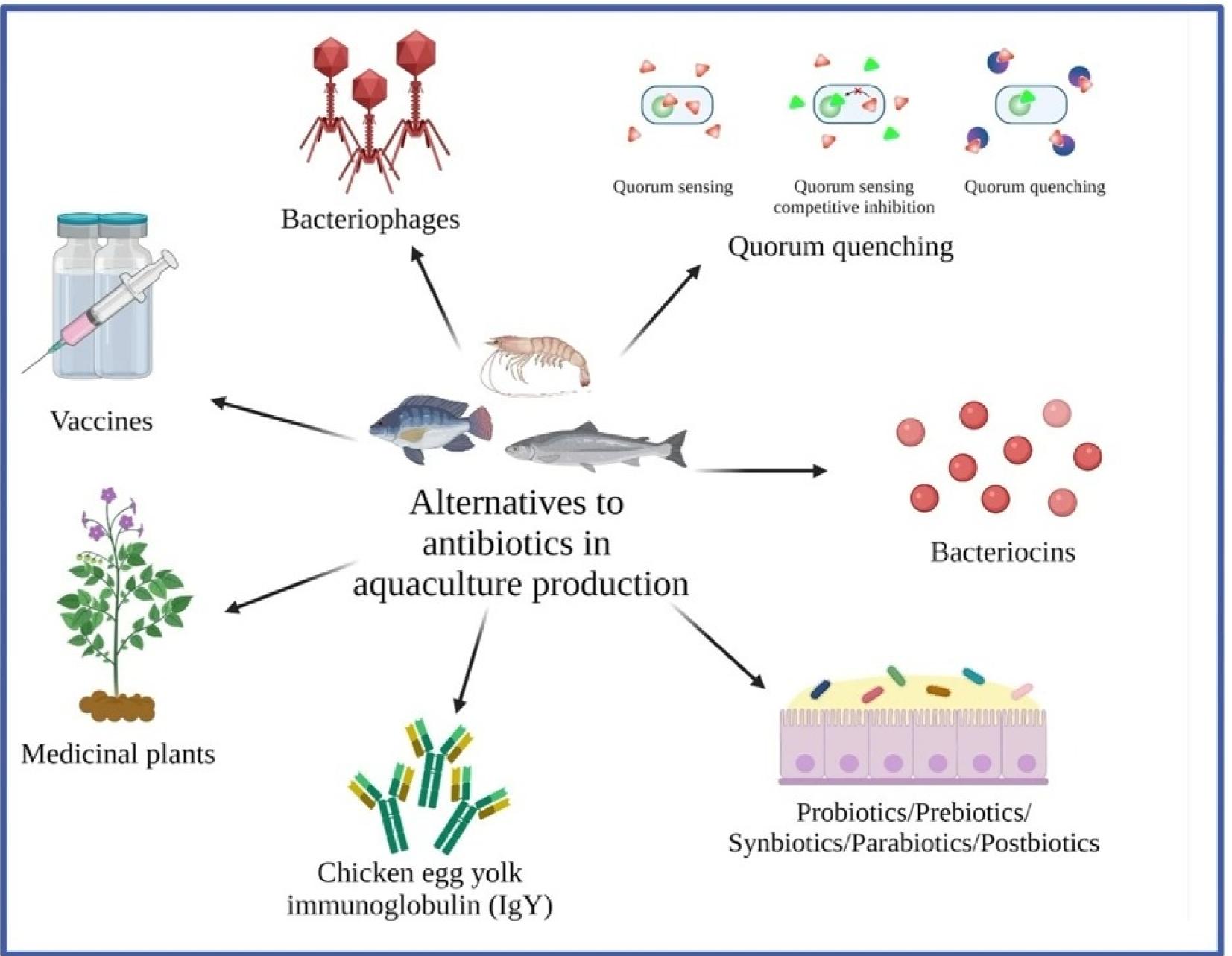






### Review of alternatives to antibiotic use in aquaculture

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### Vaccines

- preparations made of pathogenic microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and so forth and their metabolites), which are artificially attenuated, inactivated or genetically modified to prevent and control infectious diseases
  - Microorganisms inactivated or killed
  - With or without adjuvants
  - Immersion/injection routes
- Bacterial/viral diseases
- Humoral antibody response or cell-mediated immunity
- First commercially available vaccines for fish: 1942
  - Aeromononas salmonicida in Cutthroat trout (Onchorhynchus clarkii)





### Specific Pathogen Free (SPF): starting with clean and healthy seed

- exclusion of pathogens is a strategy that has been practiced in agriculture for decades.
- SPF strategy used in aquaculture was copied from the poultry industry developed in the 1950s when they realized that poultry research was dependent on the use of animals free of pathogens.
- whiteleg shrimp, Penaeus vannamei, in the late 1980s; initially developed for research purposes and has been the basis of the most successful breeding programs, and over the years, SPF shrimp jumped into industrial-scale commercial operations taking the lead within the aquaculture industry and allowing the exponential growth of P. vannamei in Asia.
- nowadays also applied in the salmon industry and is increasingly being embraced by other aquaculture species (i.e., Mediterranean species, barramundi, tilapia, and Chinese mandarin fish)
- should be given high priority in biosecurity for preventing disease outbreaks and subsequent losses





### Aquatic scenario

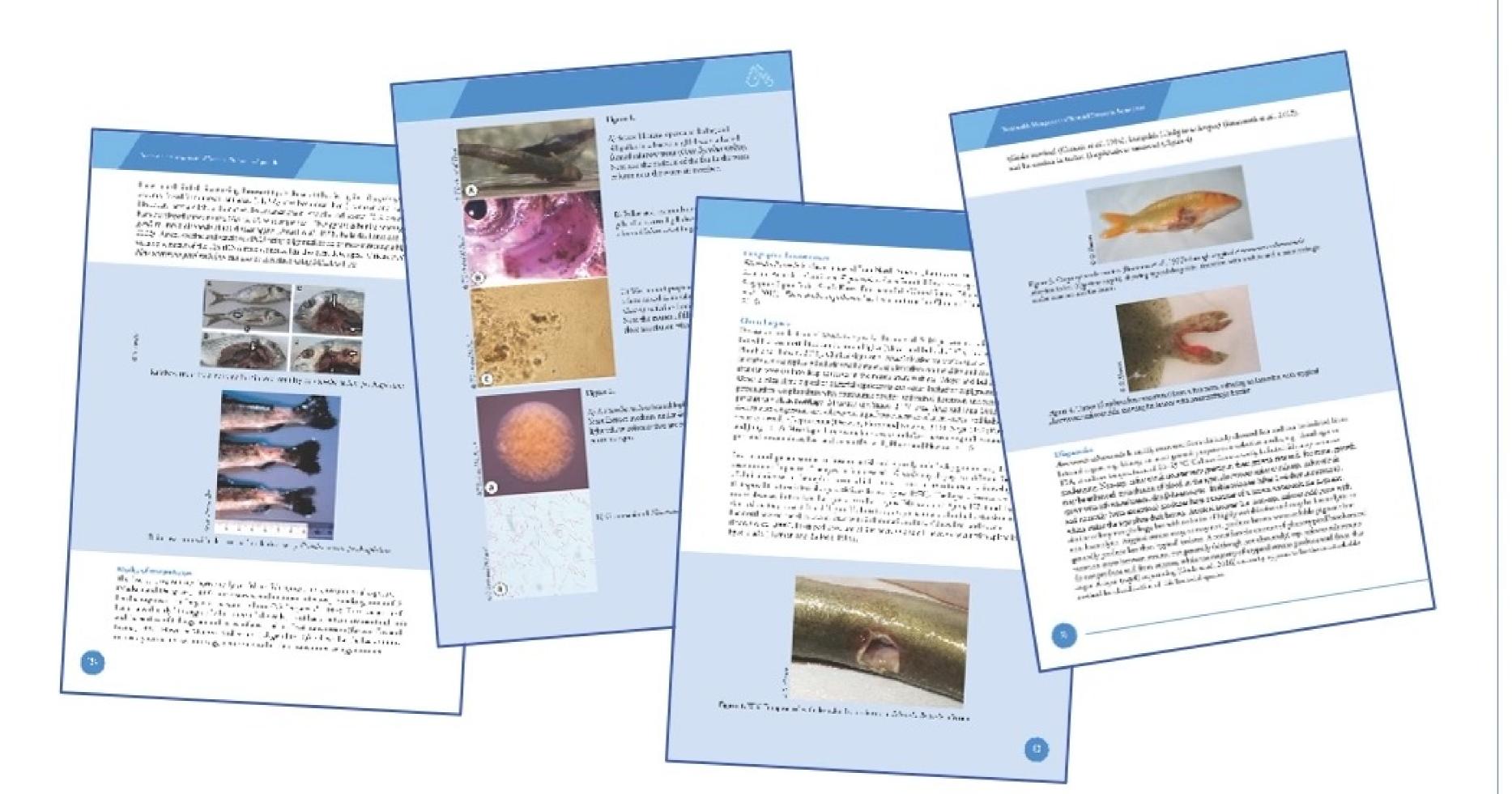
- Aquatic organisms live among an array of microbes, some of which are potential pathogens, depending on a variety of factors specific to the host, pathogen and environment.
- Most bacterial pathogens in aquatic organisms are aerobic, gram-negative rods and, for this reason, most antibiotics used in aquaculture are effective against gramnegative bacteria







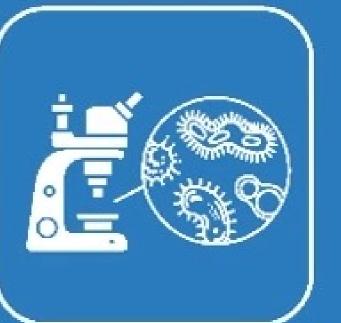
Ongoing work on Responsible Management of Bacterial Diseases in Aquaculture





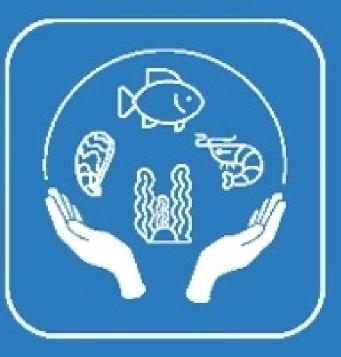












### Responsible Management of Bacterial Diseases in Aquaculture







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### FAO book: major bacterial diseases affecting aquaculture

Criteria used for making the draft list of most important bacterial pathogens in aquaculture

- economic importance of affected species
- socio-economic impact
- zoonotic potential



#### **Gram-negative bacteria**

#### **Vibriosis**

(V. anguillarum, V. harveyi clade, V. parahaemolyticus, Aliivibrio salmonicida (V. salmonicida), V. vulnificus, Photobacterium damselae)

#### **Aeromonasis**

(Motile Aeromonas spp.: Aeromonas caviae, A. hydropila, A. sobria, A. veronii, A. jandaei; A. salmonicida)

#### **Edwardsiellosis**

(Edwardsiella anguillarum, E. ictaluri, E. piscicida, E. tarda, Yersinia ruckeri)

#### **Pseudomonasis**

(Pseudomonas anguilliseptica, P. fluorescens)

#### **Flavobacteriosis**

(Flavobacterium branchiophilum, F. columnare, F. psychrophilum, Tenacibaculum maritinum)

#### Infection with Intracellular Bacteria

(Piscirickettsia salmonis, Hepatobacter penaei, Francisella noatunensis, Chlamydia spp.)

#### **Gram -positive bacteria**

#### Mycobacteriosis

(Mycobacterium fortuitum, M. marinum, Nocardia asteroides, N. crassostreae (ostreae), N. seriolae)

#### Streptococcosis

(Streptococcus agalactiae, S. iniae, Lactococcus garvieae, Aerococcus viridans)

#### Renibacteriosis

(Renibacterium salmoninarum)

#### **Infection with Anaerobic Bacteria**

(Clostridium botulinum, Enterobacterium catenabacterium)

In **red**: considered important for tropical regions

Cold: Appr 0-15°C Temperate: 5-25°C Tropical: 20-37°C







### Guidance document on Performance of antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) programmes relevant to aquaculture and aquaculture products

This technical paper addresses best practice guidelines for the performance of antimicrobial susceptibility testing of bacteria isolated from aquatic animals as part of a monitoring or surveillance programme or to provide guidance for clinical treatments of diseased animals. It contains six sections, namely:

- Section 1: relevance of the document to the Action Plan;
- Section 2: principles of antimicrobial susceptibility testing;
- Section 3: standard protocols recommended for use in antimicrobial susceptibility testing of bacteria isolated from aquatic animals;
- Section 4: design of programmes aimed at monitoring or surveillance of AMR associated with the use of antimicrobial agents in the rearing of aquatic animals;
- Section 5: conclusions; and
- Section 6: references

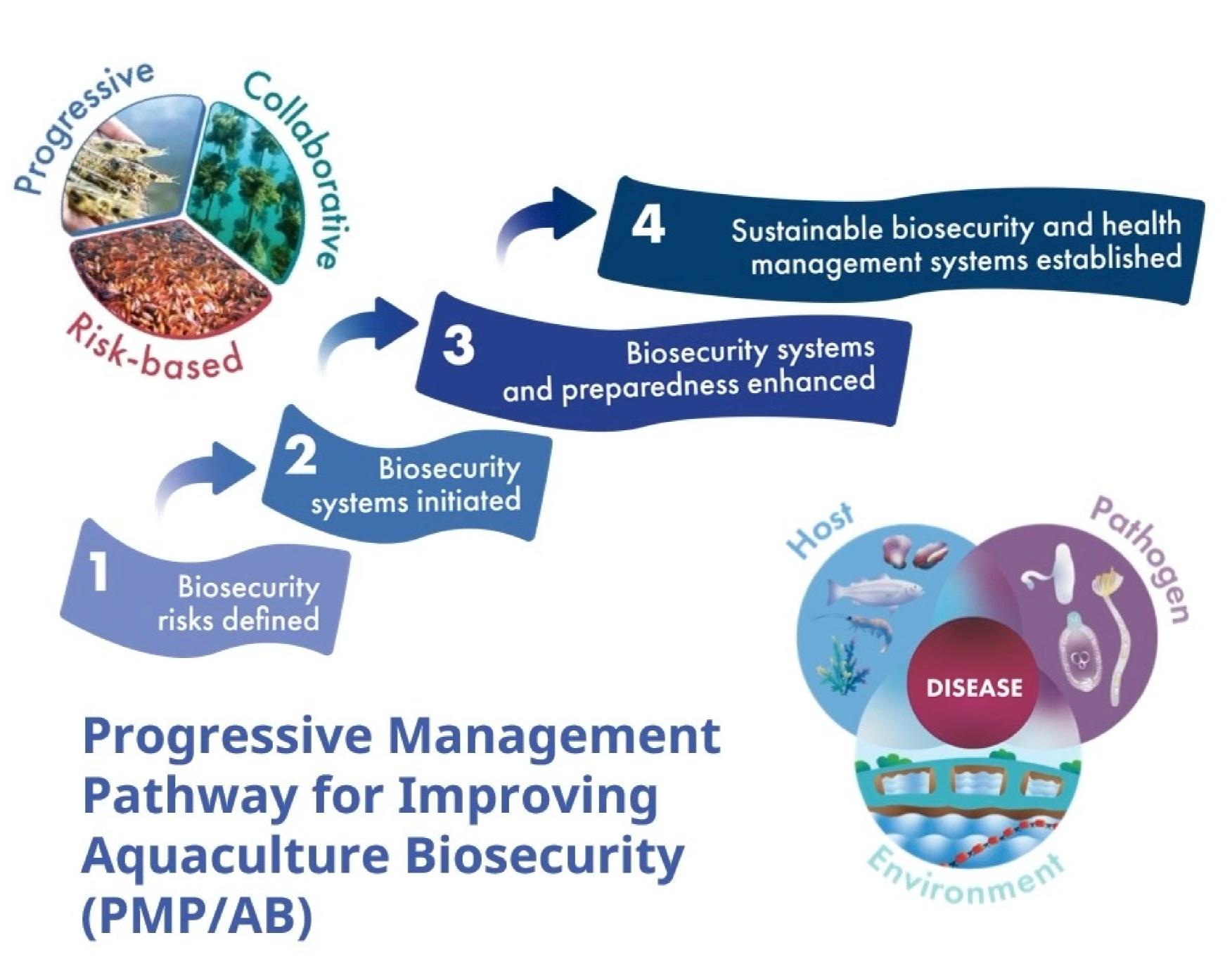
http://www.fao.org/3/ca6028en/ca6028en.pdf





### Insights on Adaptive Management of Bacterial Diseases in Aquaculture

Prevention	Control
BAP/GAP/BMP	Antibiotics
Enhancing gut immunity/influencing intestinal microbiome	Alternative to antibiotics: bacteriophages, quorum quenching, bacteriocins, chicken egg yolk immunoglobulin and
Optimising immune status (vaccination)	medicinal plants.
Use of SPF/SPT seeds, use of clean seeds	







2015

OSRO/RAS/502/USA: Addressing Antimicrobial Usage in Asia's Livestock, Aquaculture and Crop Production Systems 1 October 2015 — 31 December 2021

FAO-USAID Regional Project on AMR in Asia, focusing on three countries: Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Addressing Antimicrobial Usage in Asia's livestock, aquaculture and crop production systems

Project activities include improving understanding and documentation of antimicrobial usage (AMU) and AMR in livestock production; enhancing awareness; establishing regional platform for promotion of AMU stewardship; and, strengthening capacities in surveillance of AMR and antimicrobial residue





2017

FMM/RAS/298: Strengthening capacities, policies, and national action plans on prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials in fisheries



#### **Regional Workshop 1**

10—12 April 2017 Mangalore, India

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#### **Regional Workshop 2**

7—9 August 2017 Putrajaya, Malaysia

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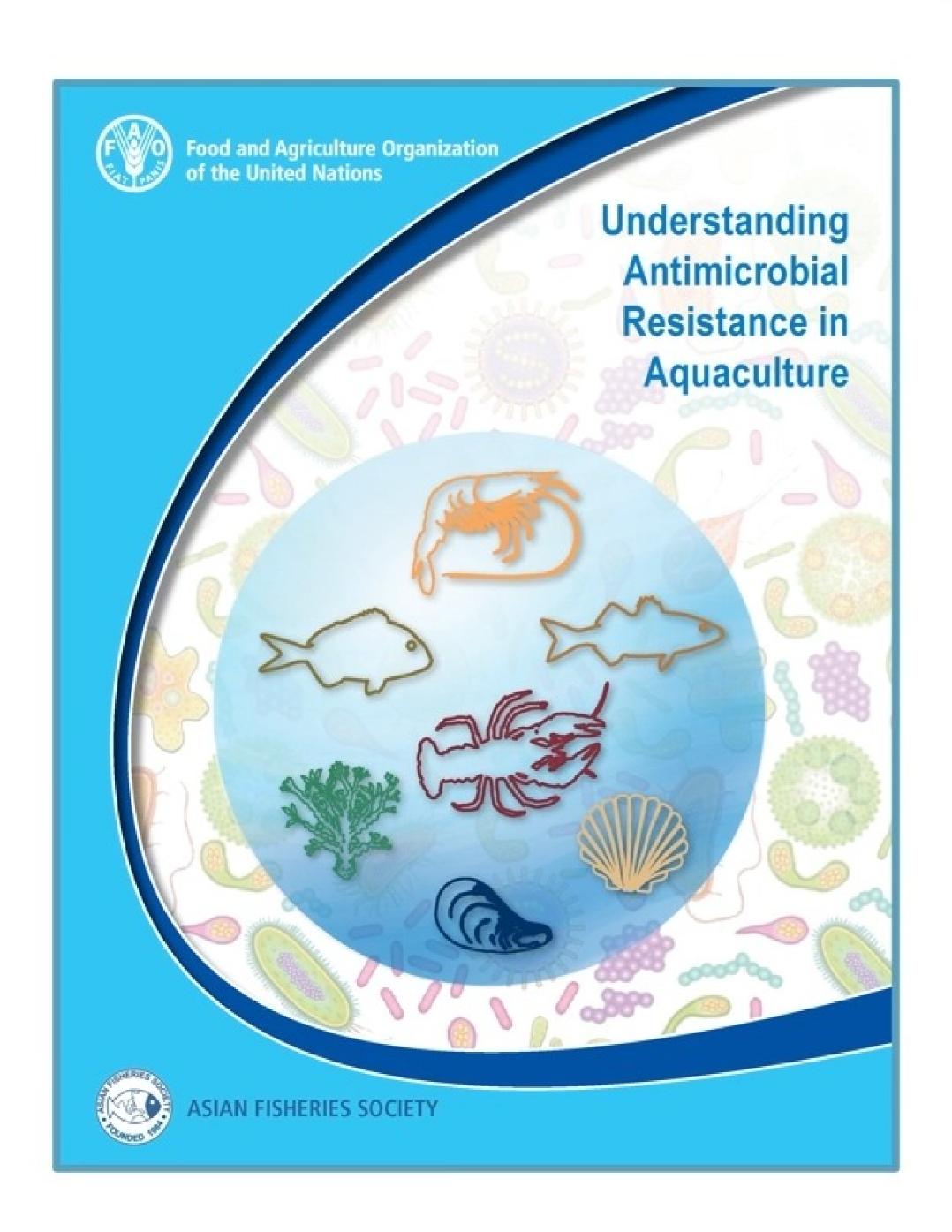
#### **Regional Workshop 3**

12—14 December 2017 Singapore

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FMM/RAS/298: Strengthening capacities, policies, and national action plans on prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials in fisheries

Publication of Special issue of Asian Fisheries Science: Understanding AMR in Aquaculture

17 papers based on technical presentations based on the three regional workshops held in 2017.

https://www.asianfisheriessociety.org/publication/archivedetails.ph p?id=volume-33-special-issue-understanding-antimicrobialresistance-in-aquaculture&q=1











Side event on AMR FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (COFI-SCA) 9<sup>th</sup> Session

25 October 2017 Rome, Italy © FAO/Giuseppe Carotenuto





#### FAO Expert Working Group Meeting "Scoping Exercise"

26—29 November 2018 Palermo, Italy © FAO/Melba Reantaso



 FAO Expert Group Workshop: to better understand the risks of AMR (risk assessment) in aquaculture

- Participants include representatives from five candidates (during that time) FAO Reference Centres on AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity:
  - Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences (CEFAS), United Kingdom
  - Mississippi State University, United States of America
  - Nitte University, India
  - Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Fisheries Science (CAFS), China
  - Pearl River Fisheries Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Fisheries Science (CAFS), China

Topics and activities included the overview and status of AMR at that time; AMR risk analysis in aquaculture: WOAH framework and observations on the WOAH risk analysis framework; CODEX framework; AMR risk factors in the oral delivery of medicines through aqua feed; risk profiling of bacterial pathogen groups (Vibrio parahaemolyticus and Streptococcus spp.)

2018





#### 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture

23—27 August 2019 Trondheim, Norway



Stakeholder meeting with aquaculture From Nellore, Andra Pradesh, India

June 2019 India 2019

### Highlights of FAO's efforts in combatting AMR and improving aquaculture biosecurity

Congressional briefing in the U.S. Senate: Aquaculture Biosecurity – The Invisible Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance

23 July 2019

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- Benefits of SPF stocks in shrimp aquaculture
- Microbial management protocols to reduce AMR and as part of Good Aquaculture Practices
- Vaccines as prevention strategy and alternative to antimicrobials



Virtual dialogue on the road to the 34<sup>th</sup> COFI 15 July 2020

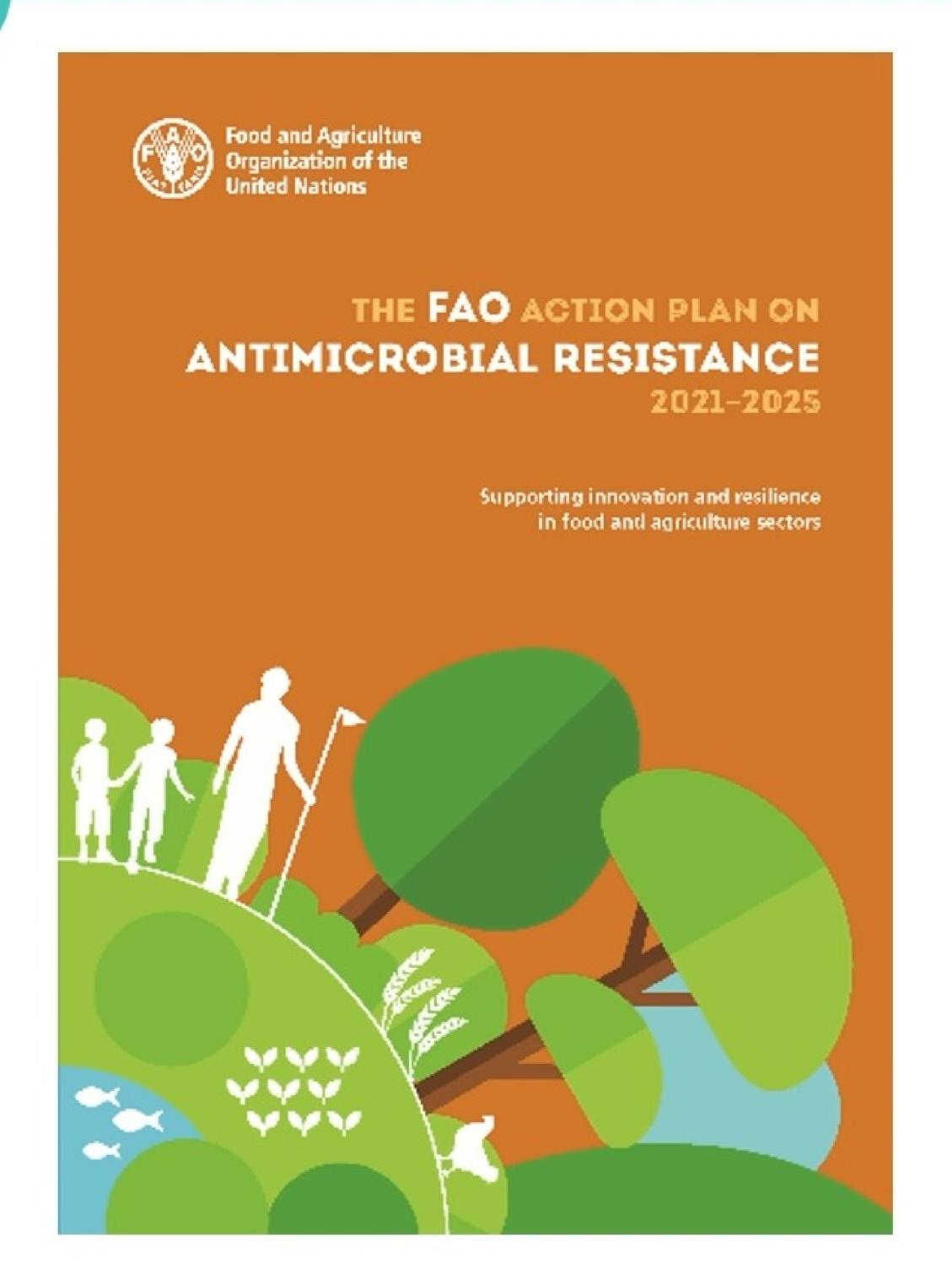
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34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) 1—5 February 2021

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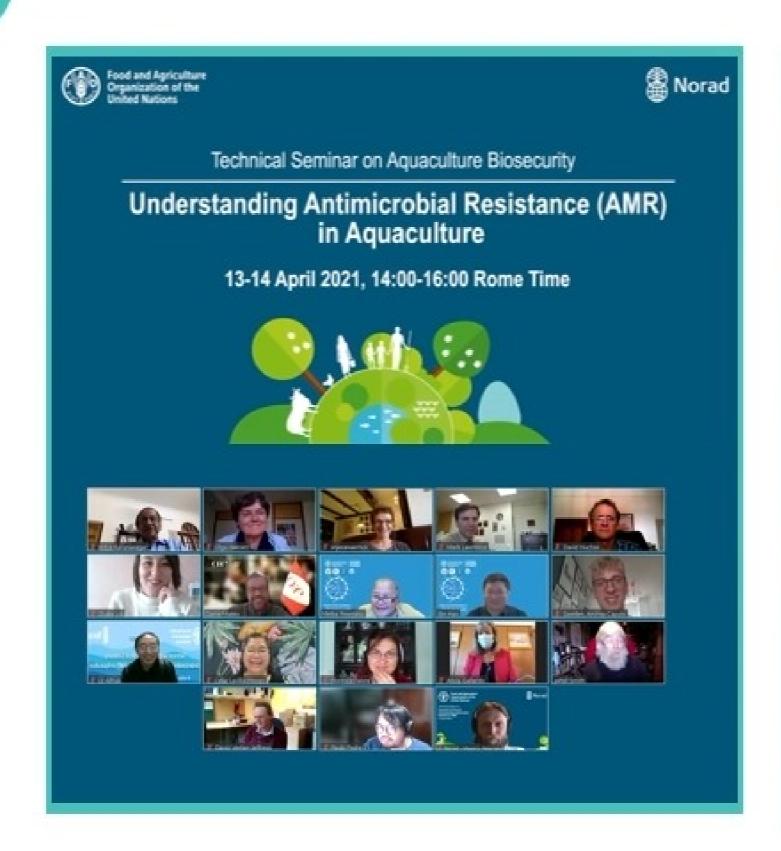
The FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2021–2025

Supporting innovation and resilience in food and agriculture sectors











**Understanding AMR: Technical Seminar on Aquaculture Biosecurity** 13—14 April 2021

Attended by over 700 participants from ninety countries © FAO/Paulo Padre



### Technical Seminar on Aquaculture Biosecurity

### Understanding Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Aquaculture

13-14 April 2021, 14:00-16:00 Rome Time

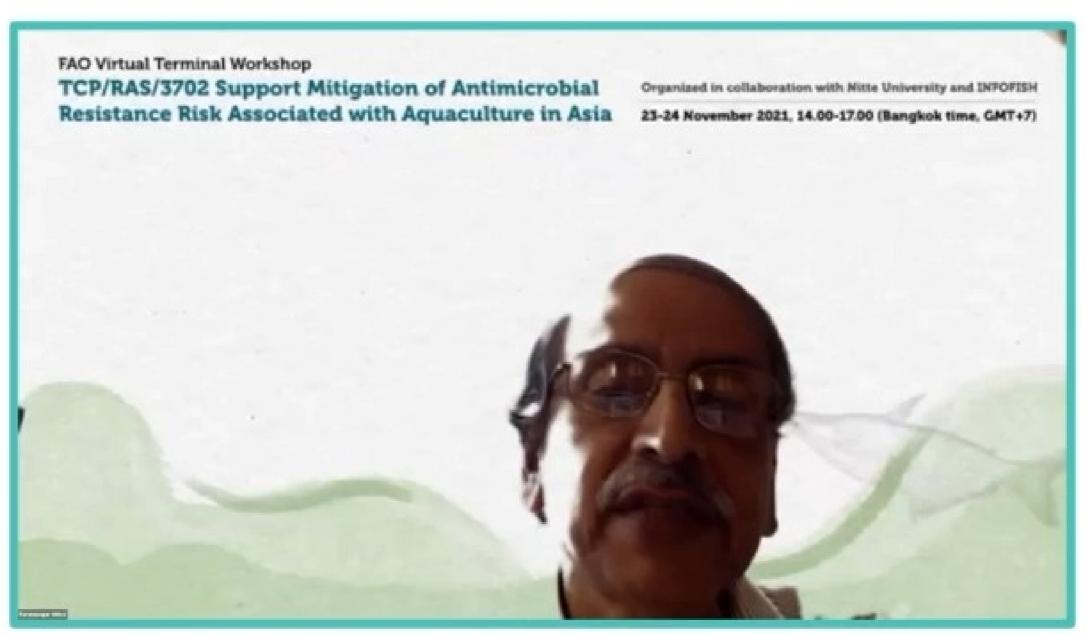














### TCP/RAS/3702: Support Mitigation of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Risk Associated with Aquaculture in Asia Virtual Workshop

23—24 November 2021 India, Indonesia and Viet Nam

Attended by 60 participants from governance agencies, the academe, technical experts and external partners

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2022

#### 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI)

5—9 September 2022 Rome, Italy



Virtual Launch of the FAO Reference Centres for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity

30 November 2022

Attended by over 400 participants from sixtyeight countries

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In support of the celebration of the World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) 2022





2023

### Highlights of FAO's efforts in combatting AMR and improving aquaculture biosecurity Reviews in Aquaculture: Review papers

- Antimicrobial resistance in fish pathogens and alternative risk mitigation strategies.
   Deekshit VK, Maiti B, Krishna Kumar B, Kotian A, Pinto G, Bondad-Reantaso MG, Karunasagar I, Karunasagar I., Kumar AK, <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/raq.12715">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/raq.12715</a>
- Bacterial diseases of tilapia, their zoonotic potential and risk of antimicrobial resistance
   Haenen OLM, Dong HT, Hoai TD, Crumlish M, Iddya Karunasagar I, Barkham T, Chen SL, Zadoks R, Kiermeier A, Wang B,
   Gamarro E, Takeuchi M, Noor Amal Azmai M, Fouz B, Pakingking Jr. R, Wei Wei Z, Bondad-Reantaso MG. 2023.
   <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/raq.12743">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/raq.12743</a>
- Biosecurity: Reducing the burden of disease
   Rohana Subasinghe, Victoria Alday-Sanz, Melba G. Bondad-Reantaso, Huang Jie, Andrew P. Shinn, Patrick Sorgeloos <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jwas.12966">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jwas.12966</a>
- Strategies to enhance tilapia immunity to improve their health in aquaculture
  Bei Wang, Kim D. Thompson, Eakapol Wangkahart, Jidapa Yamkasem, Melba G. Bondad-Reantaso, Puntanat Tattiyapong,
  Jichan Jian, Win Surachetpong
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#### Launch of the FAO Reference Centers for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity

26 June 2023 Rome, Italy















### The FAO Reference Centres (RCs) for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Aquaculture Biosecurity

### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

United States of America

- Webinars
- Capacity Building

### YELLOW SEA FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

China

- Webinars
- Capacity Building

#### CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES, AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE (CEFAS)

United Kingdom

 E-learning on Introduction to AMR in aquaculture

### India

- AMR Risk Profile for Vibrio parahaemolyiticus
- AMU survey and AMR surveillance

### PEARL RIVER FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

China

- Webinars
- Capacity Building

Ongoing projects

Twenty-six institutions applied in April, 2017. Of the 26 institutions, 13 passed evaluations by a selection panel in 2018 and from there, the FAO Reference Centres for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity were chosen.





# Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Technical seminar: Challenges in aquatic AMR mitigation and possible solutions Tuesday, 27 June 14:00 – 17:00 The Philippines Room (C-277) FAO Headquarters Rome, Italy

### Highlights of FAO's efforts in combatting AMR and improving aquaculture biosecurity

Technical seminar: Challenges in aquatic AMR mitigation and possible solutions 27 June 2023 Rome, Italy







### Other FAO presentations

ONOC Side event on Managing Antibiotics in Aquaculture 30 June 2022 Lisbon, Portugal

2022

2023

ASEAN Regional Training on Mitigation of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Risks in Aquaculture 7 March 2023

### Inception Meeting for Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities (SDCC 23): Biosecurity Session

12 June 2023 Bari, Italy

RECOFI Workshop on Enhancing Knowledge of Aquatic Health Management and Biosecurity and Understanding of Antimicrobial Resistance in Aquaculture 10-13 July 2023 Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

WOAH Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Aquaculture: FAO's Efforts on AMR in Aquaculture

5 October 2023 Kigali, Rwanda





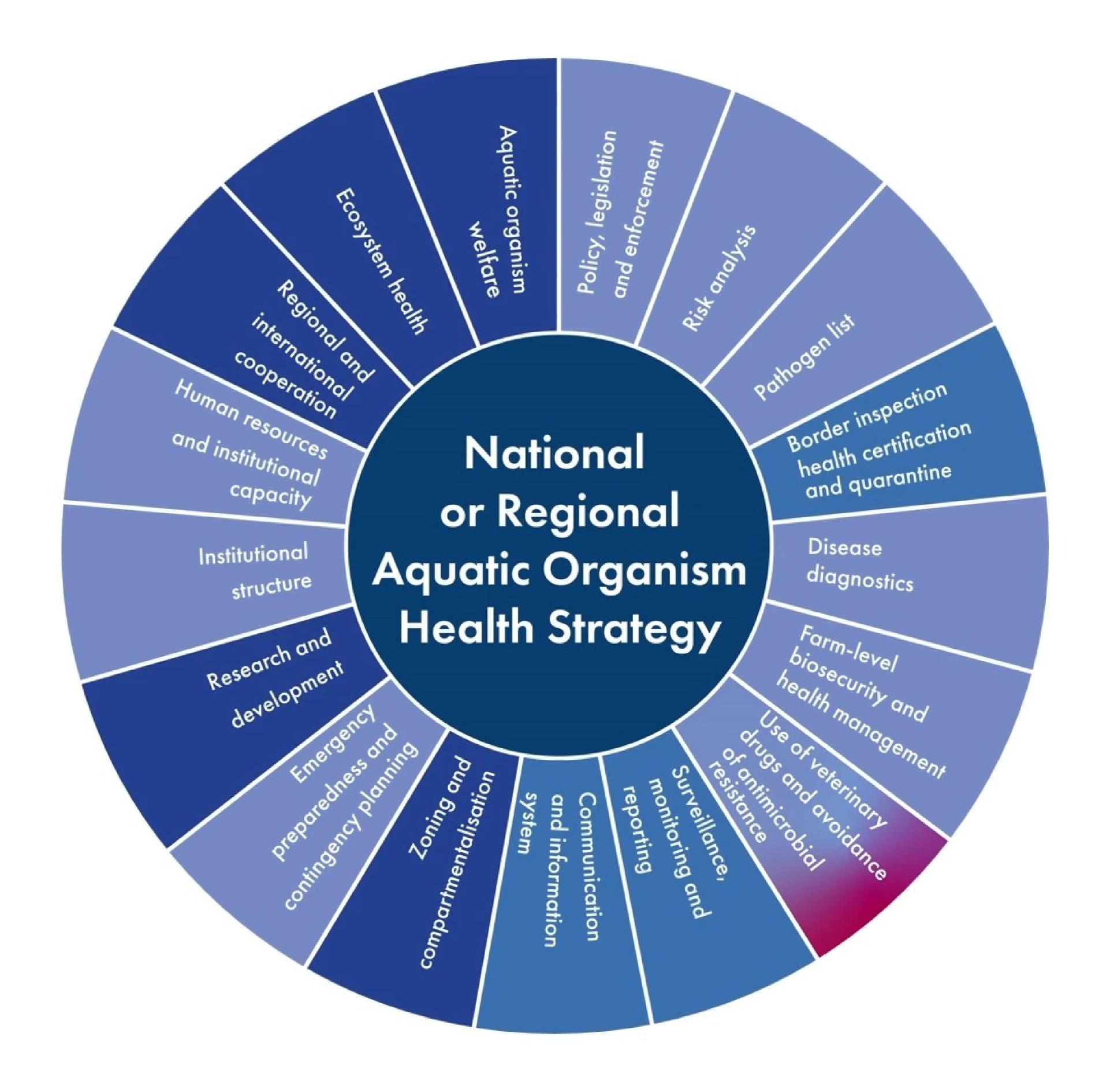
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### Tools for AMR

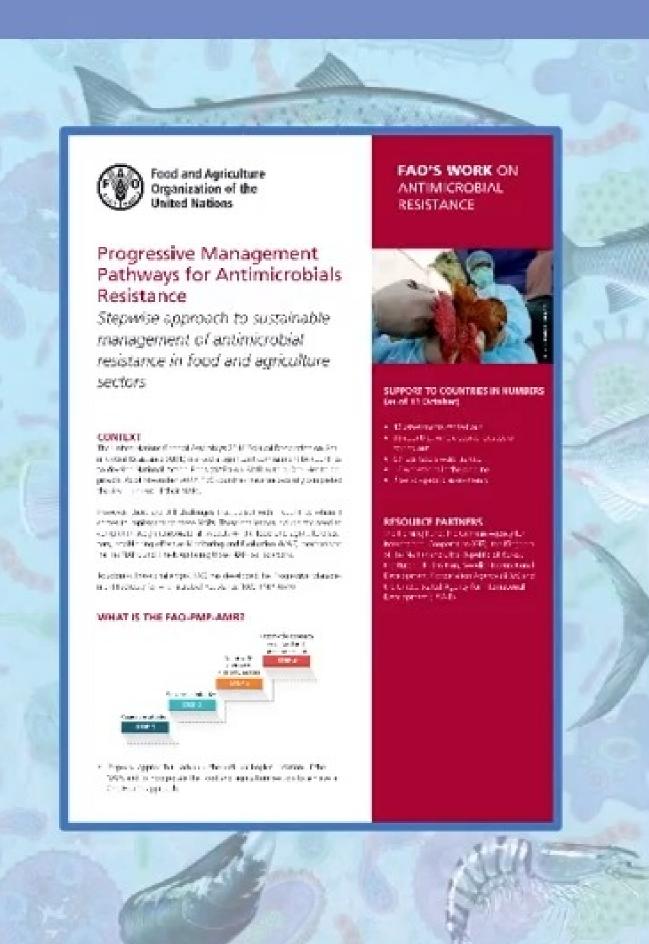
### PMP-AMR

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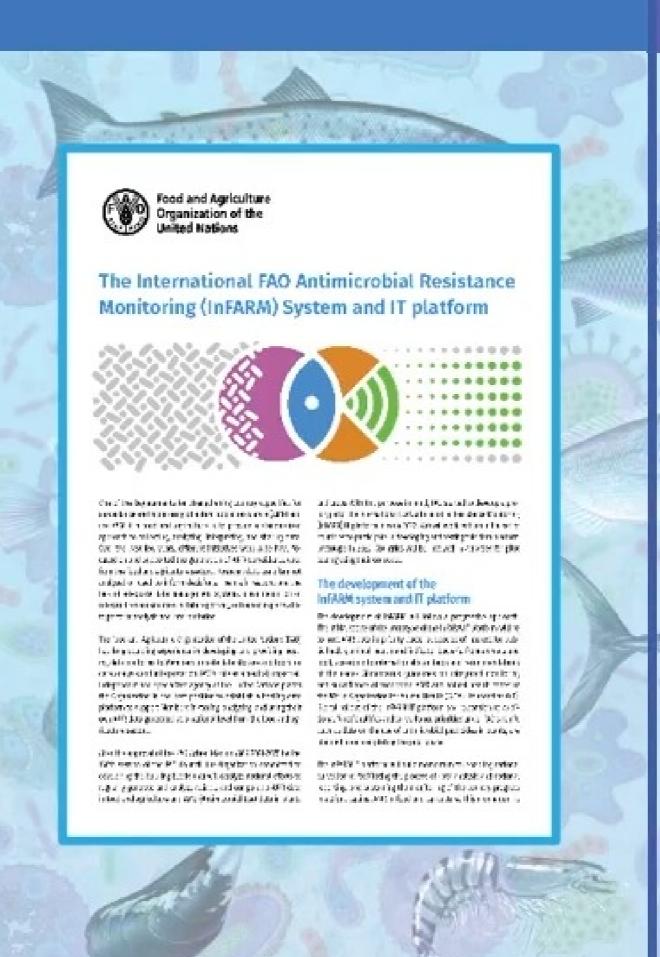
### InFARM

### RENOFARM

Regional Guidelines for Monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobial resistance in bacterial pathogens from aquaculture







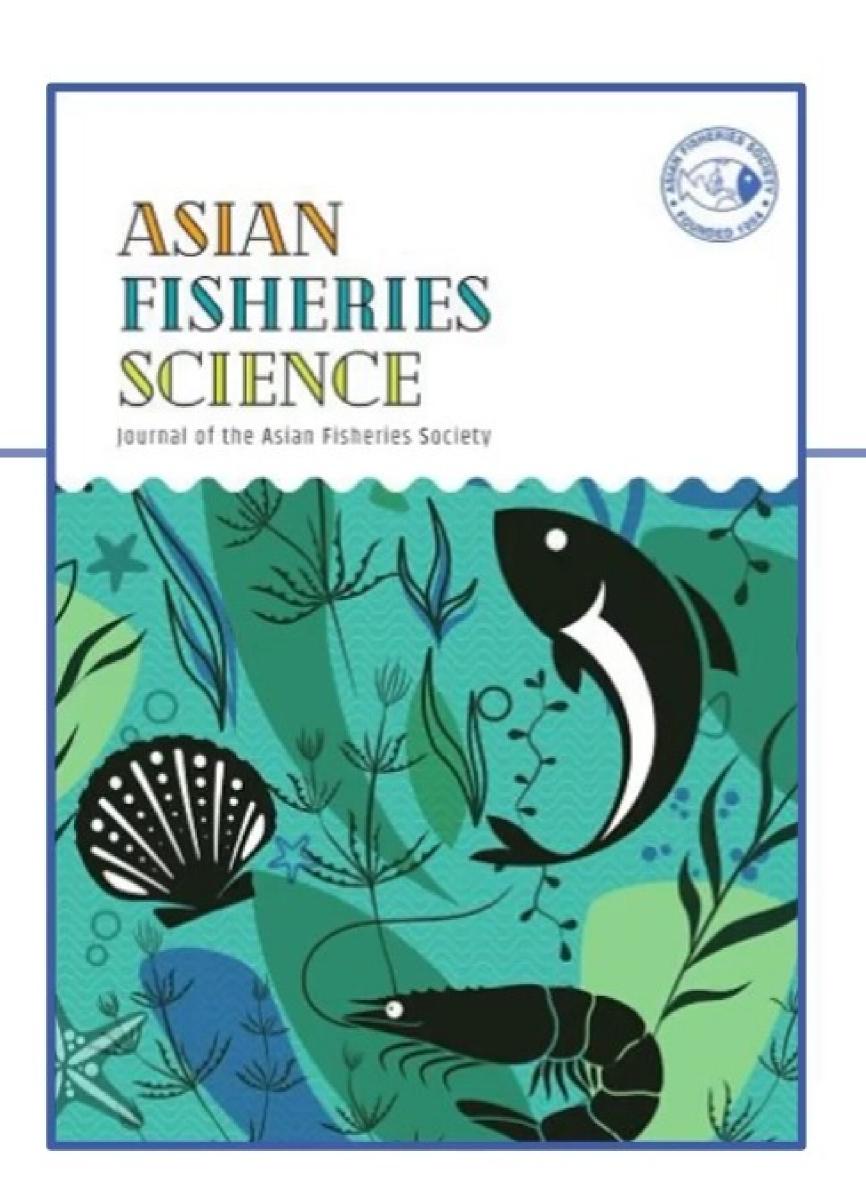








### **Examples of National Action Plans (NAPs)**



<u>Guidance in Development of Aquaculture Component of a</u>

<u>National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance</u>, Melba BondadReantaso, Celia Lavilla-Pitogo, Ma. Michelle Lopez, Bin Hao, 2020

- Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance in Aquaculture in the People's Republic of China, Deng Yuting, Tan Aiping, Zhao Fei, Jiang Lan\*, 2020
- European Union's Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance and Implications for Trading Partners with Example of National Action Plan for Croatia, Snjezana Zrncic, 2020





### **Examples of National Action Plans (NAPs)**

- Aquaculture Component of National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance in Malaysia, Wan Norhana Md Noordin\*, Gerald Misol Jr., Rozana Johari, 2020
- <u>Status of Aquaculture Component of the Philippine National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance</u>, Simeona E. Regidor\*, Sonia S. Somga, Jose O. Paclibare, 2020
- <u>Singapore's National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance</u>, Kelvin Lim\*, Diana Chee, Shawn Ting, Edmund Choo, Wei Ling Tan, Yueh Nuo Lin, 2020
- Status of Viet Nam's National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance in Aquaculture, Lua T. Dang\*, Lan-huong T. Nguyen, Chuong D. Vo, Viet-hang T. Bui, Long V. Nguyen, Van T. Phan, 2020





### Understanding AMR in Aquaculture

16–18 May 2024 | Qingdao, China



































### Fish-Vet+ Dialogue II: One Health and Biosecurity

18–19 June 2024 | FAO Headquarters, Rome ©FAO/Riccardo De Luca





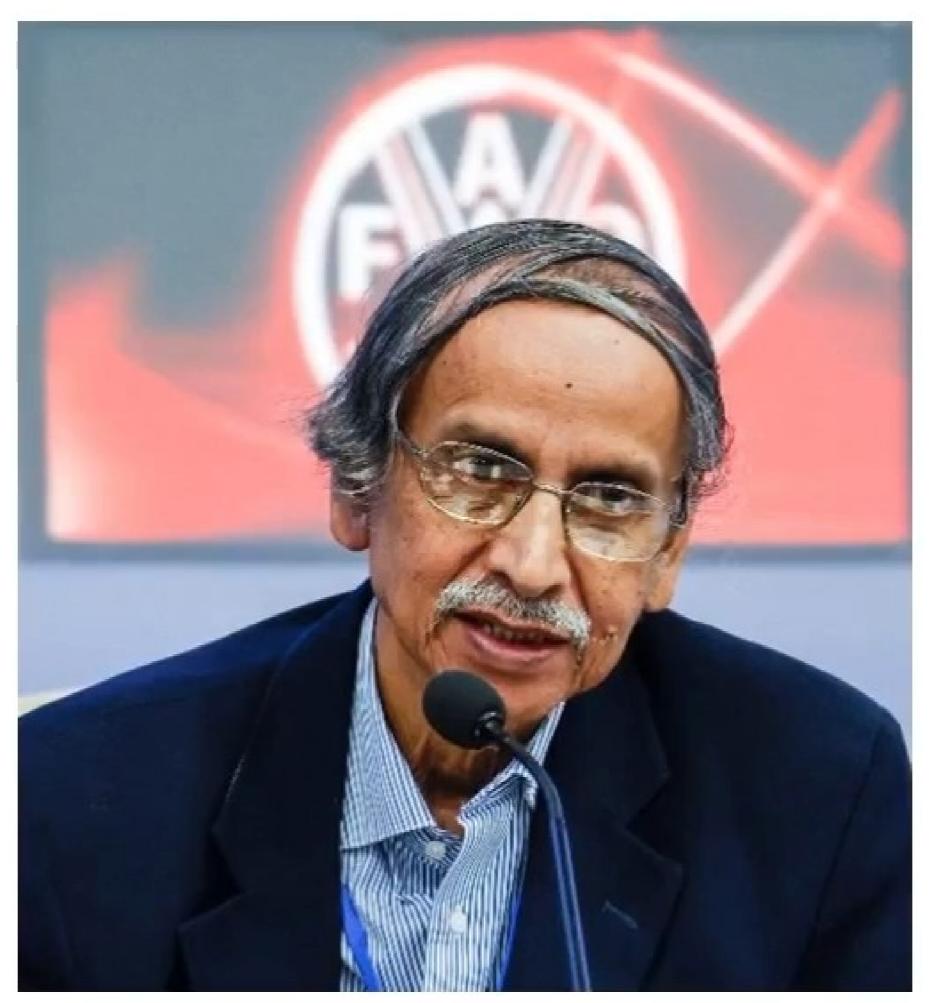






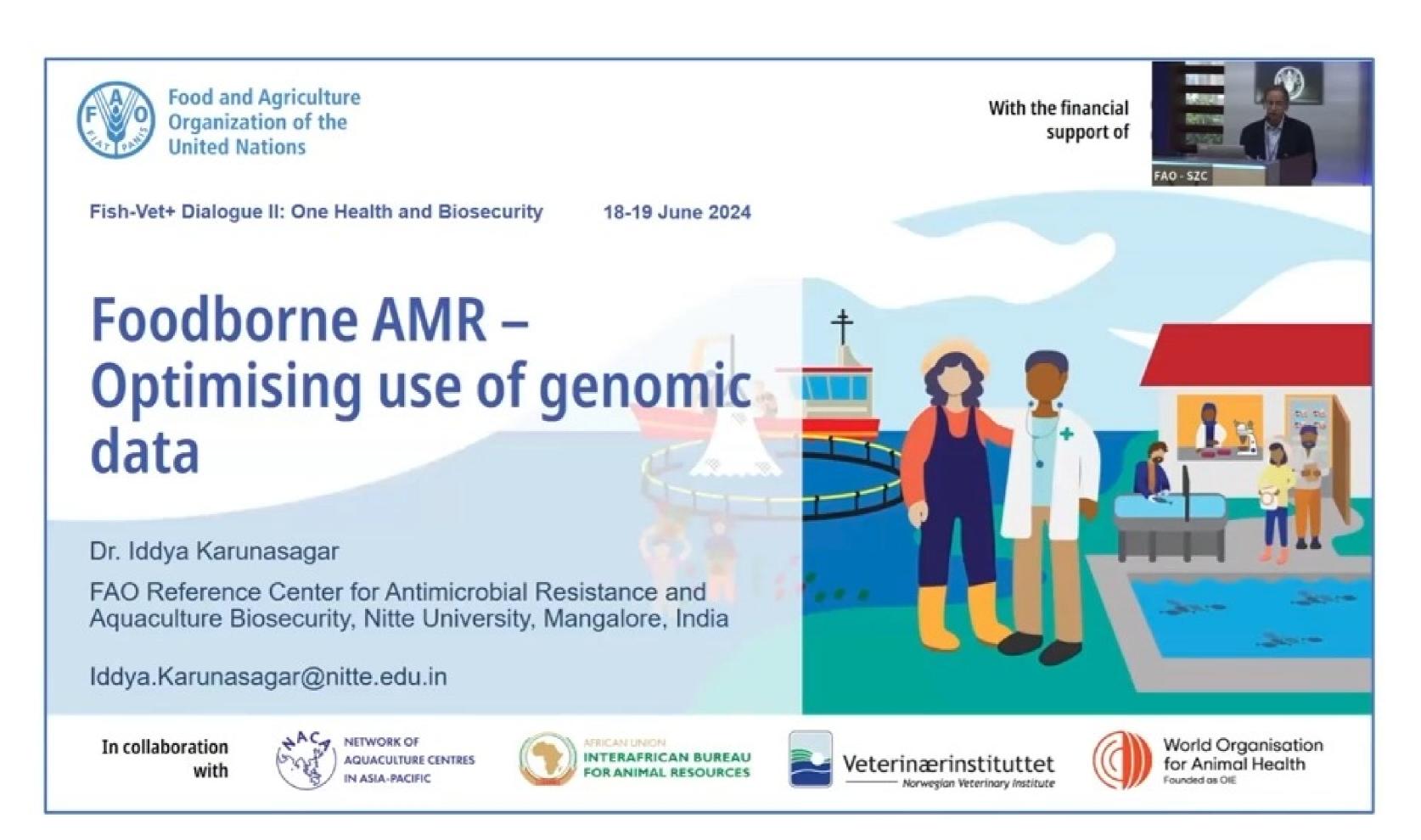








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### What to expect before the end of 2024

#### In collaboration with the FAO Reference Centres for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity:

- An academic paper that will cover Antimicrobial usage (AMU), AMR in Aquaculture,
  Biosecurity and One Health, tentative title: "Can we link antimicrobial resistance genes
  (ARGs) in fish with AMU in the aquatic environment?" This paper would cover ARGs in
  pristine and aquaculture environments to see any link between AMU and ARGs in the
  aquatic environment.
- Organize a 5-day capacity building Workshop for Asian and African countries on the topic
   Utilizing microbiome and genomic resources for understanding and mitigating AMR
   in the One Health context to be led by Nitte University in November 2024
- Launch of the book Responsible Management of Bacterial Diseases in Aquaculture in November

# FAO Strategic Framework: Four Betters Fisheries and Aquaculture BLUE TRANSFORMATION Thematic Areas

- Sustainable fisheries
- Sustainable aquaculture
- Sustainable trade and value chain







### Thank you for your kind attention.



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