

# WOAH animal welfare working program and Global Animal Welfare Strategy (GAWS)

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal  
Welfare

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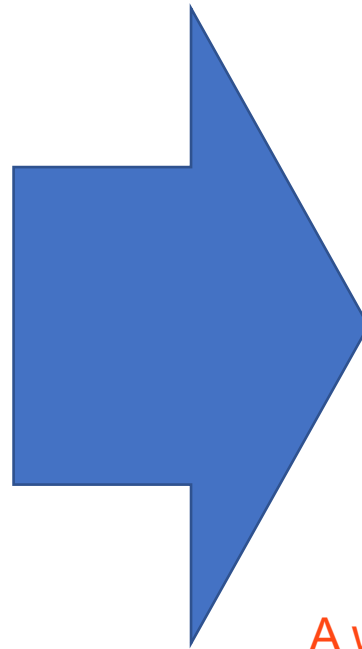
World Organisation  
for Animal Health  
Founded as OIE

Resolution No. XIV from the 70th WOAHA General Session, 26 - 31 May 2002

- Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the WOAHA since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution No. XXXI from 85th General Session, 21–26 May 2017

- The WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAHA's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



## VISION

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.



# STRATEGIC PILLARS



**DEVELOPMENT OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS**



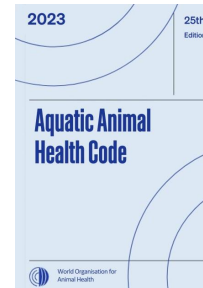
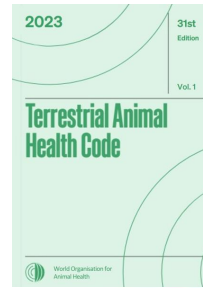
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS AND  
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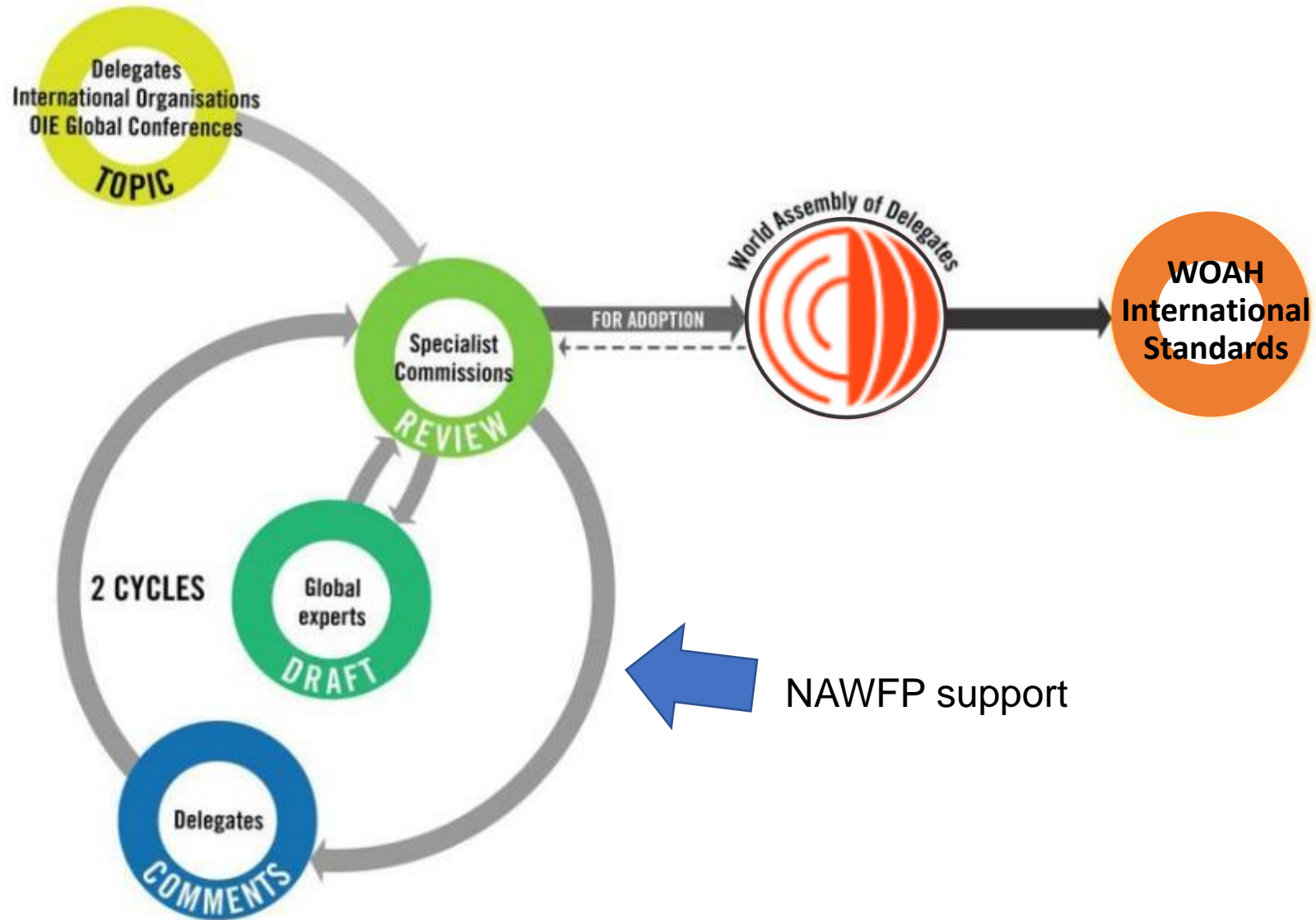
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# ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

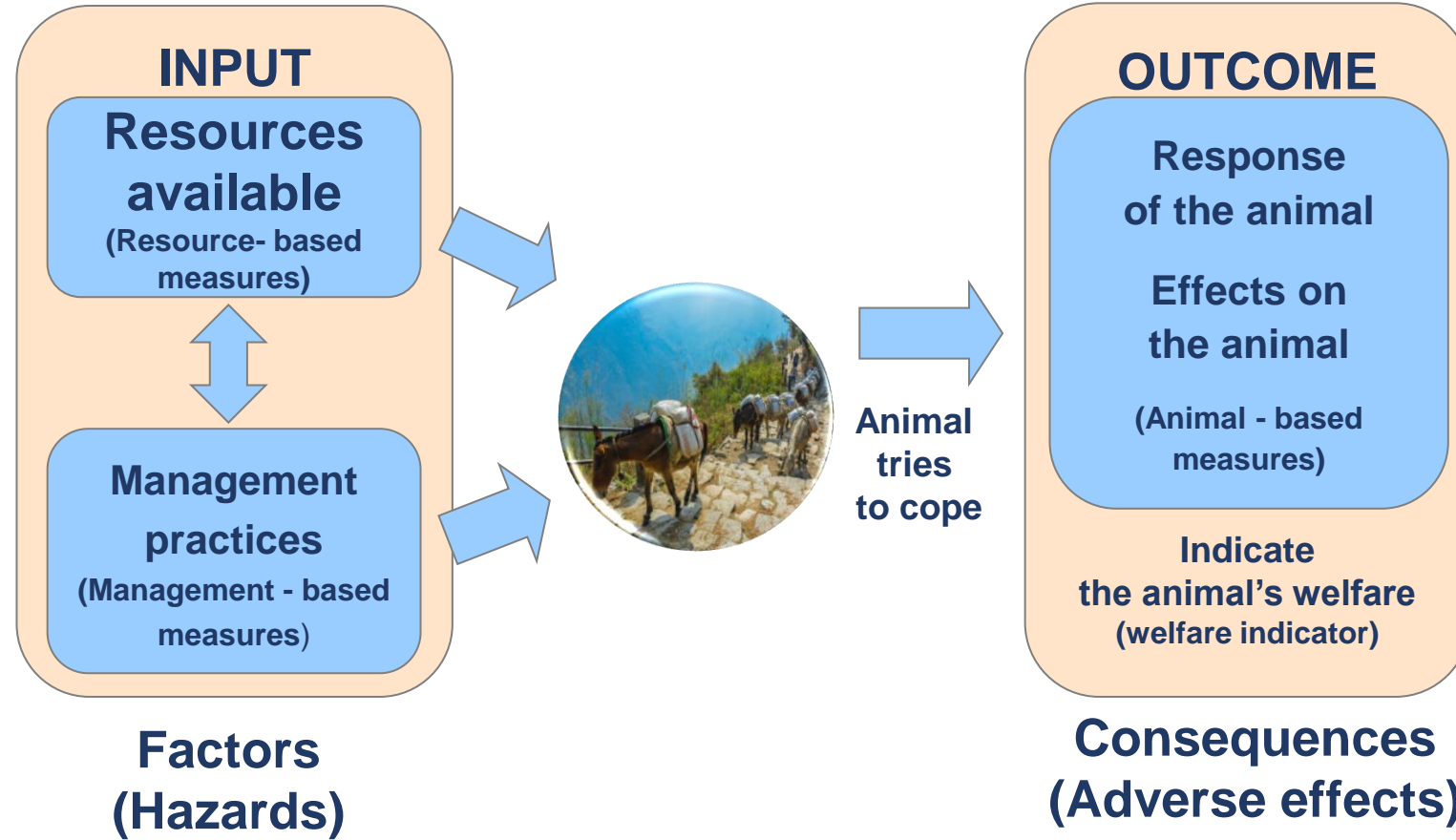


# WOAH STANDARD SETTING PROCESS





# CONCEPTS USED ON THE WOAAH ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS





# WOAH STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE:

## TERRESTRIAL CODE



### SECTION 7.

Chapter 7.1.

Chapter 7.2.

Chapter 7.3.

Chapter 7.4.

Chapter 7.5.

Chapter 7.6.

Chapter 7.7.

Chapter 7.8.

Chapter 7.9.

Chapter 7.10.

Chapter 7.11.

Chapter 7.12.

Chapter 7.13.

Chapter 7.14.

### ANIMAL WELFARE

Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2004/2019)

Transport of animals by sea (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by land (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by air (1982/2011)

Animal welfare during slaughter (Slaughter of animals) (2005/2024)

Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005/2016)

Dog population management (Stray dog population control) (2009/2022)

Use of animals in research and education (2010/2013)

Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (2012/2013)

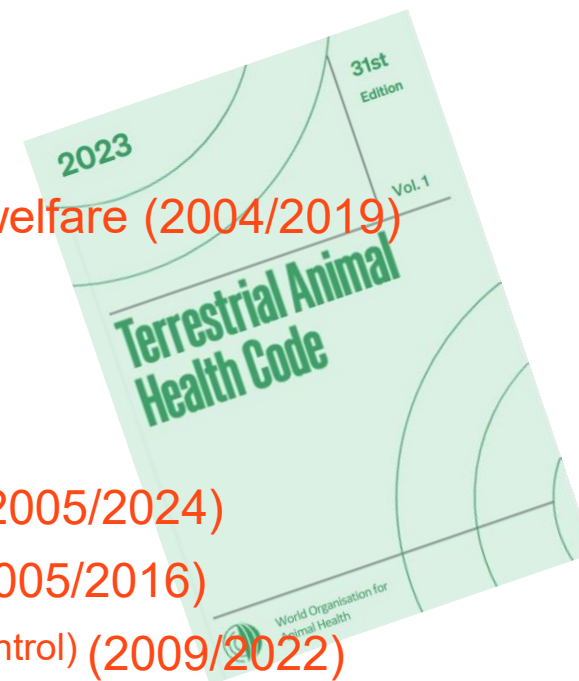
Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems (2013/2017)

Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems (2015/2017)

Welfare of working equids (2016/2018)

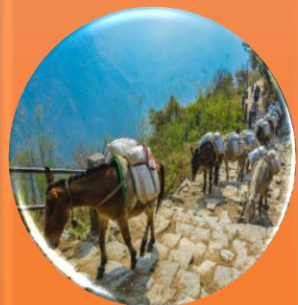
Animal welfare and pig production systems (2018/2019)

Killing of reptiles for their skins, meat and other products (2019)





# WOAH STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE: AQUATIC CODE



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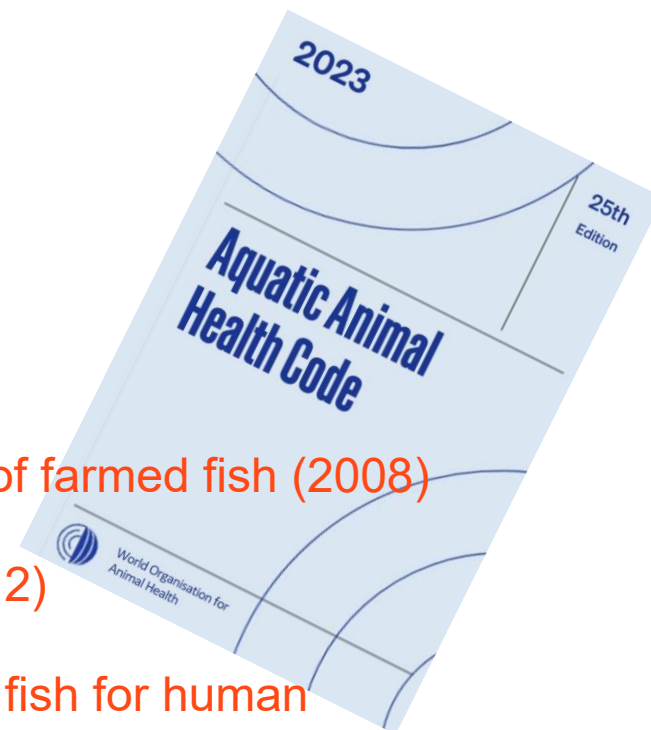
## SECTION 7. WELFARE OF FARMED FISH

Chapter 7.1. Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish (2008)

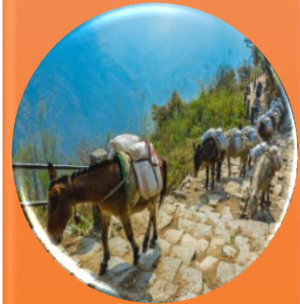
Chapter 7.2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport (2008/2012)

Chapter 7.3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption (2010/2012)

Chapter 7.4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes (2012/2013)







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## ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

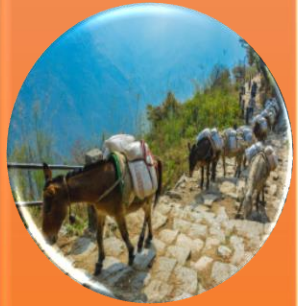
February 2024 Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) meeting Report

### Chapter adopted

- ❑ Chapter 7.5. Slaughter of animals (proposed new title: Animal Welfare during slaughter) and related definitions; Presented for comments and adoption at the 2024 WOAH GS. **Adopted during the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of Delegates, May 2024.**

### Chapter for comments

- ❑ Chapter 7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare; Presented for comments (Inclusion of the 'Five domains' concept and use of terms 'animal-based measures' and 'measurables'). **Annex 29 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**
- ❑ Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes, **Annex 24 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**



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## DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

### ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

#### Other work in progress

- Chapters 7.2. and 7.3. Transport of animals by sea and land; Second ad hoc Group meeting held the 18-20 June 2024
- Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air. Preliminary discussions with IATA.



# GAWS PILLARS ACTIVITIES



COMMUNICATION  
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AND THE PUBLIC



To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to debate openly on topics relevant to animal welfare

- First WOAHA AW Forum -March 2018.  
**‘Supporting the implementation of WOAHA standards’**
- Second WOAHA AW Forum - April 2019  
**‘Animal transport: a shared responsibility’**
- Third WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) April - April 2021  
**‘Animal Welfare and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals’**
- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2022.  
**‘Animal welfare economics’**
- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2023.  
**‘Developing national animal welfare legislation; different paths for the same destination’**



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Plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Forum

28 and 29 October 2024

Merida, Mexico



**“How WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Collaborating  
Centre Network can support Members in the  
development of animal welfare policies”**

The WOAHA 6<sup>th</sup> AW Forum will precede the triennial meeting of the Regional WOAHA Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre for the Americas Region and it will be a by invitation event.



CAPACITY  
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EDUCATION

- WOAAH Training Portal (<https://training.oie.int/> )
- Development of e-learning modules.
  - Chapter 7.14. Killing of Reptiles for their Skins, Meat and Other Products.
  - Labelling process
- WOAAH AW FPs Seminar and 'Flash Information Sessions'.
- Animal Welfare Collaborating Centers Network (AWCC Network).





IMPLEMENTATION  
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- Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS) and Platforms
  - Regional priorities
  - Governance
  - Action plan development



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- WOAH Observatory project
  - Thematic study on animal transport by land and sea. 1st Phase launched on the 15th of November 2023. 2nd Phase to be launched during the 2nd Semester of 2024.

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/observatory/>

- Technical Specification ISO TS 34700, Animal welfare management - General requirements and guidance for organizations in the food supply chain (<https://www.iso.org/standard/64749.html>)
- Guiding documents; Animal welfare during transport



<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/implementation-of-animal-welfare-standards-and-policies/>



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# Thank you!

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# Gracias

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