

WOAH Observatory;

Animal welfare Thematic Study on animal transport

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare

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- **Members are encouraged to participate in the standard-setting process and eventually adopt the standards.**
- **But do we know if and how Members implement standards once they are adopted?**

The adoption of the **Resolution N°36** by the World Assembly of Delegates at the 2018 General Session.
The Assembly recommends that:
“The OIE develop an Observatory to monitor the implementation of its international standards, to increase transparency and to identify constraints and difficulties faced by Members”



Gather data and insights regarding the implementation of WOAH standards

Identify areas where the implementation of WOAH standards falls short and provide recommendations and calls for action

Disseminate information, while preserving confidentiality

Overarching goal: Improve effectiveness and use of WOAH standards

Monitoring report

Existing datasets are used

A wide range of standards are reviewed

A high-level assessment of the level of implementation of these standards is performed

The main deliverables are published every 5 years

Thematic studies

New, ad hoc data is collected

A small set of standards on a specific topic of interest are reviewed

The barriers and/or success factors to the implementation of these standards are assessed

Deliverables are published at least once a year

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Context

- Transport of live animals is a complex issue with potential high impact on animal welfare and for which societal concerns are growing
- In the context of the WOAAH Global Strategy on animal welfare and the planned revision of the WOAAH standards related to animal welfare, gaining insights on the current state of play would help inform decision-making

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Objectives

- Assess to what extent the standards related to transport of live animals are implemented in WOH Members;
- Seek for feedback on Members' overall experience with these standards (what factors facilitate their implementation versus what barriers prevent their implementation);
- Inform standard revision process of the Code commission.

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Methods

- A survey targeting the Veterinary Services of WOAHA Members to assess the level of implementation of WOAHA standards related to animal welfare during transport
- Interviews and/or focus groups to explore the barriers to the uptake of these standards as well as the success factors with Veterinary Services of WOAHA Members;

Scope

- Transport by land and sea only;
- Species covered by Chapters 7.2. and 7.3, i.e. cattle, small ruminants, pigs, poultry , buffaloes, camelids;
- Global scale;
- Time frame: current situation.



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- Survey open from 15 November to 31 December 2023
- 1 online questionnaire in 3 languages
- Target respondents: National Welfare Focal Points (NAWFP) of all WOAHA Members

Importance of animal transport
in/from the country
For transport by land and Sea

Presence and characteristics of a
regulatory framework related to
animal welfare during transport

Presence and characteristics of a
mechanism to enforce these
requirements

Final questions and general
information



Response rates: 96 Members (52%) completed the questionnaire

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Level of prioritisation depends on the stakeholders

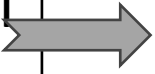
Q43: To what extent is animal welfare during transport by land and sea a priority topic in your country?



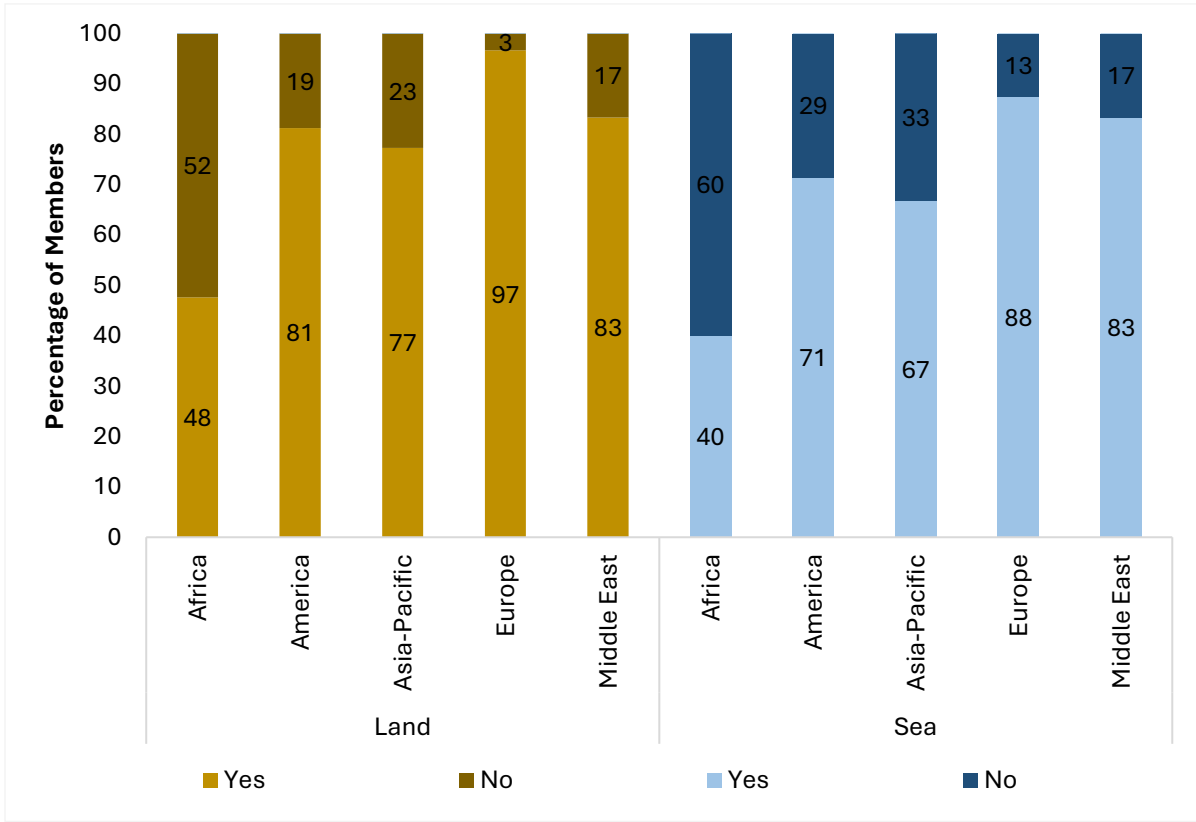


Presence of regulatory framework – by Regions and by Species

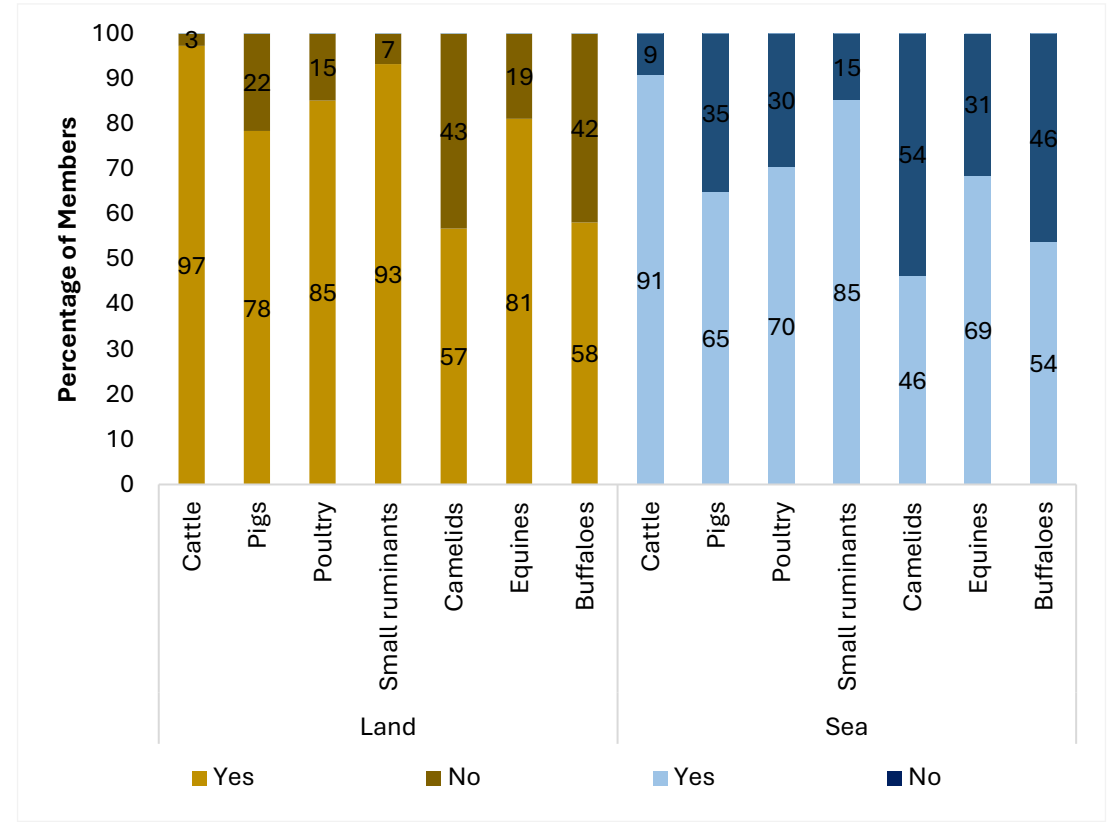
Presence of a regulatory framework covering animal welfare during transport



Land: 78%
Sea: 70%
of respondents



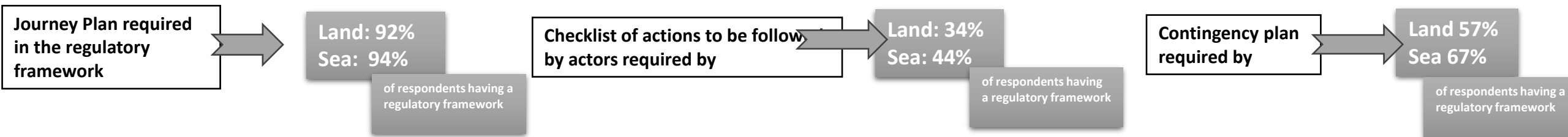
Presence of a regulatory framework by regions



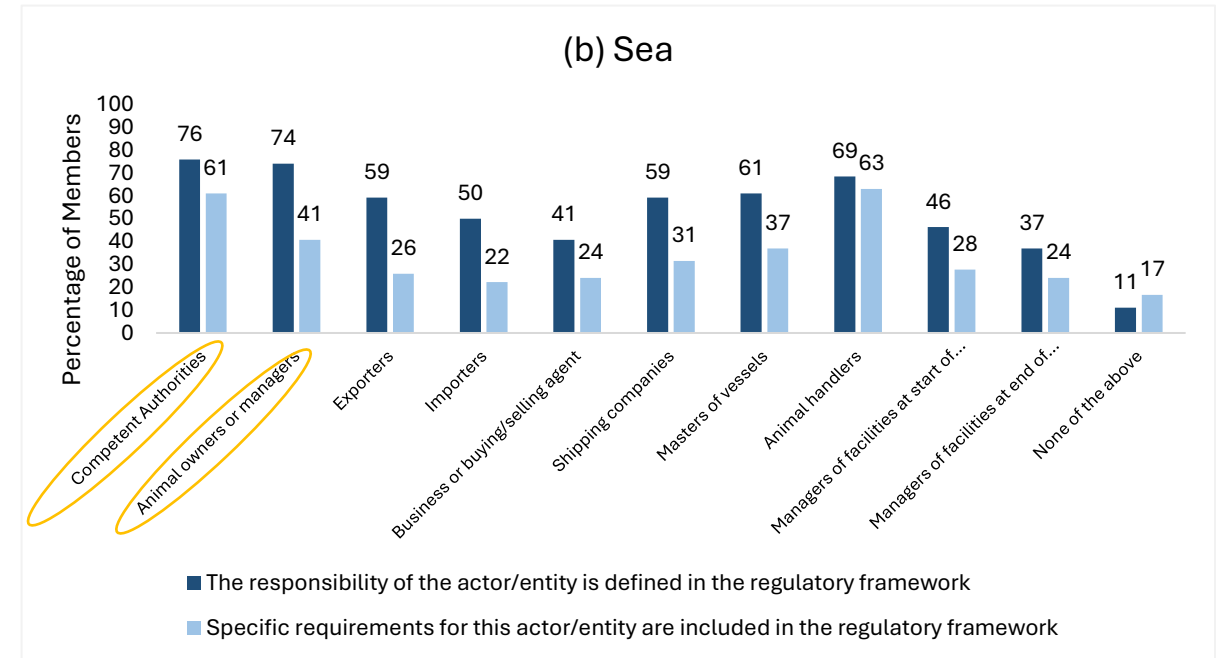
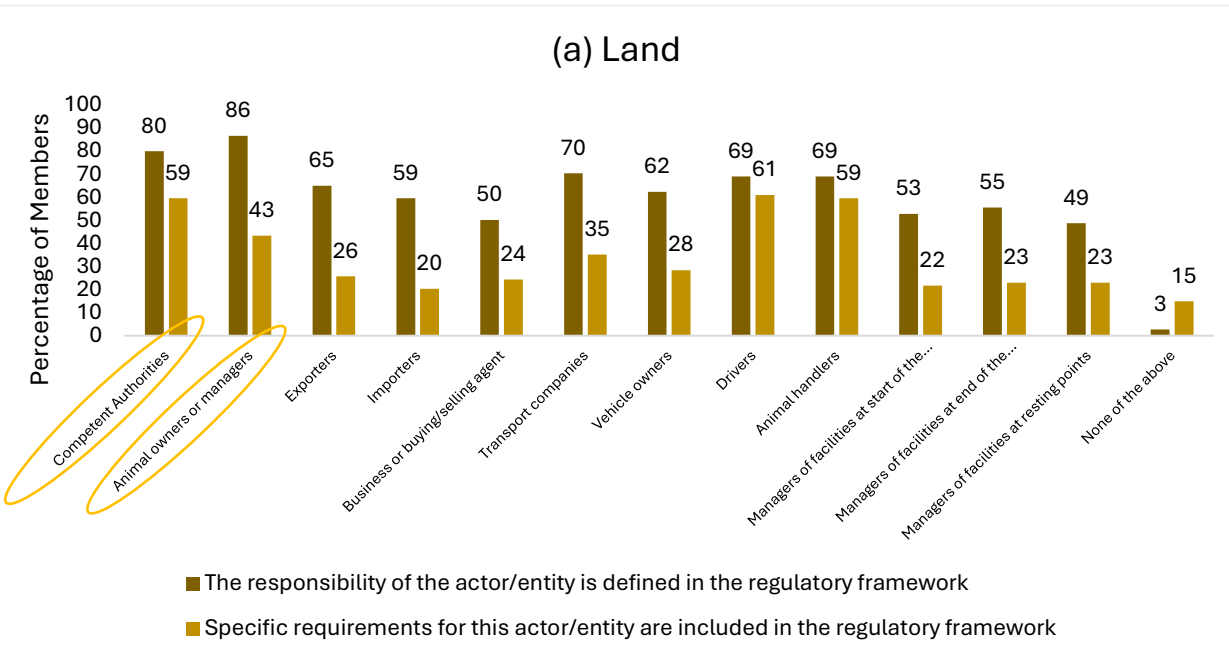
Species covered by a regulatory framework developed by Members



Main requirements of the Terrestrial Code are not always included in regulatory frameworks

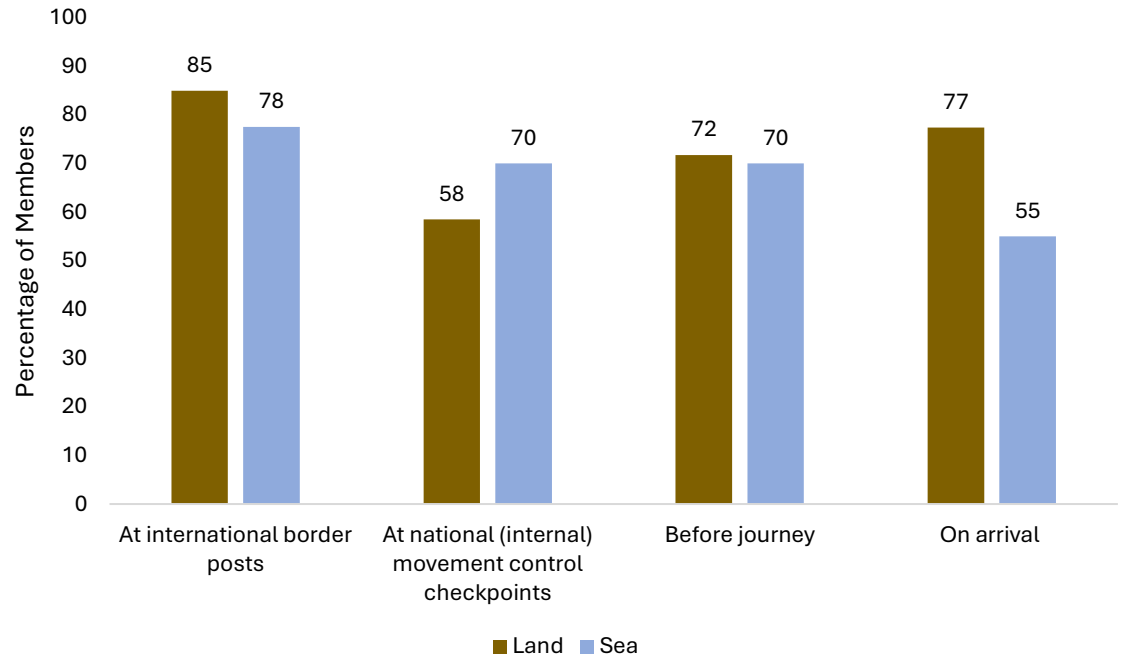
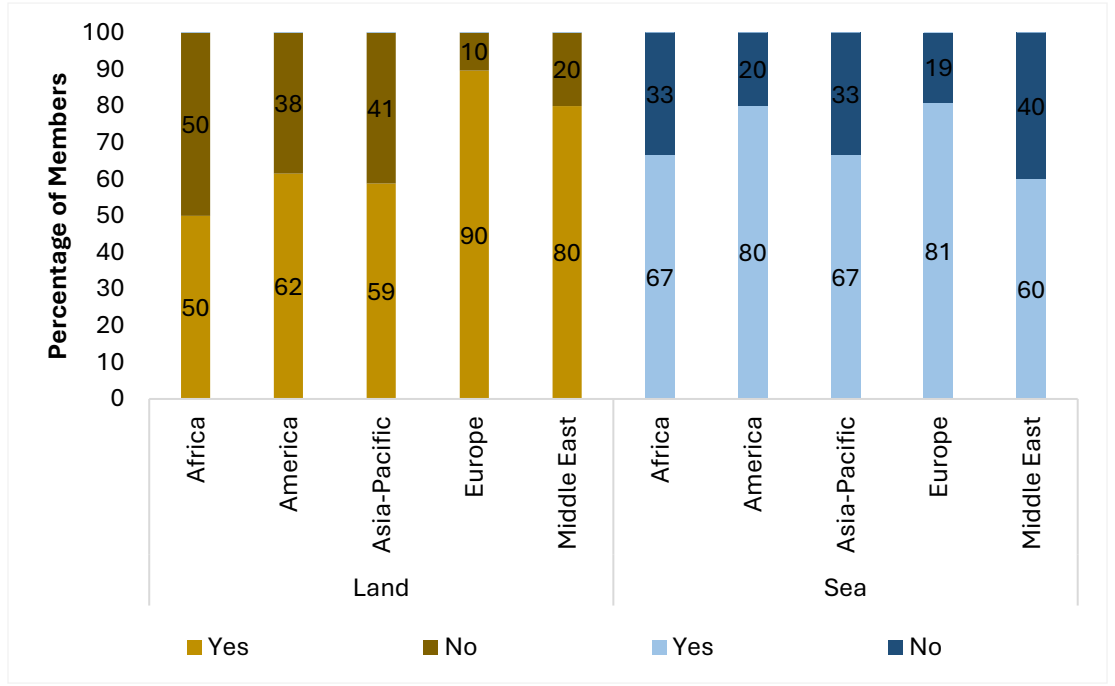
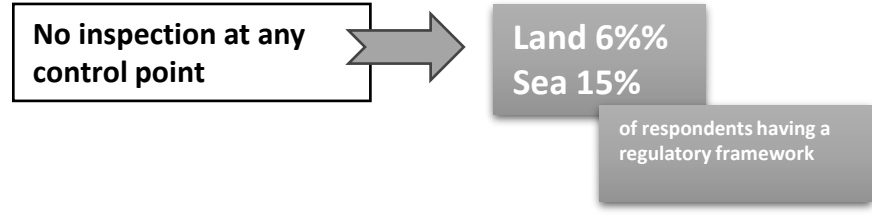
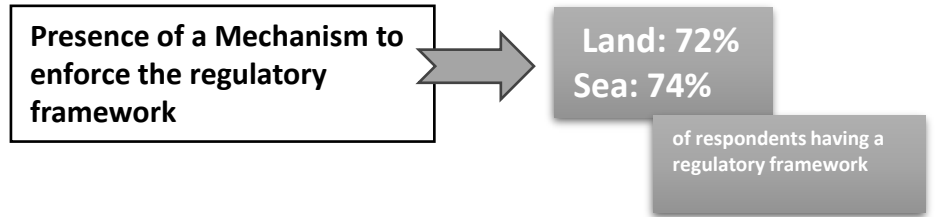


Responsibility of actors/entity and specific requirements for this actor/entity





Mechanism to enforce the regulatory framework by Veterinary services



Presence of a mechanism to enforce regulatory shown by region

Members performing at least one type of inspection at different control points for the control of animal welfare



- explore the barriers to the uptake of animal welfare standards during transport as well as the success factors with Veterinary Services of WOAHA Members
- Conduct of the focus groups / interviews with different profiles of members
- 72% of respondents agreed to share their experience on that topic on a one-to-one interview or a focus group

Thank you!

Merci

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