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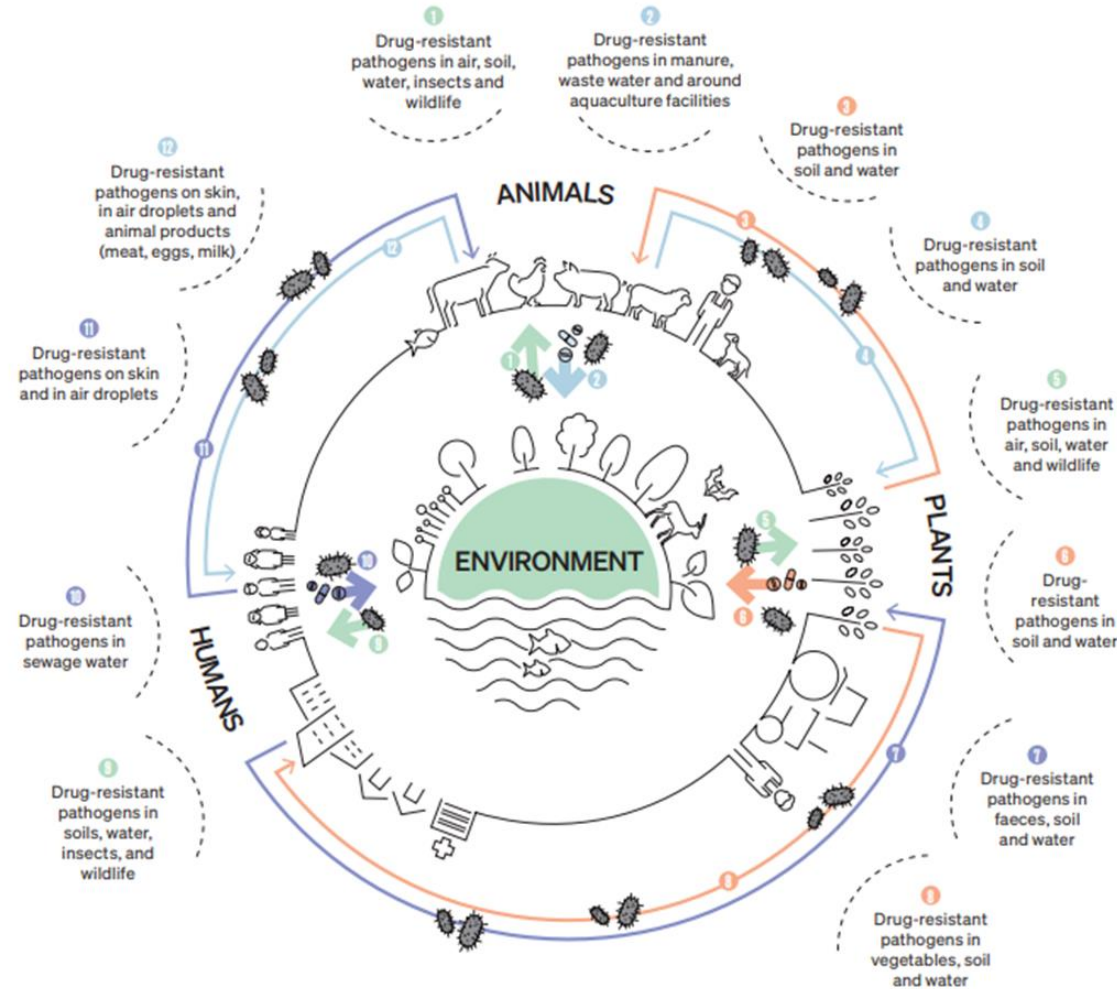
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Misuse and overuse of antimicrobials can generate antimicrobial resistance. Drug-resistant pathogens can then spread between and within animals, humans, plants and through the environment.

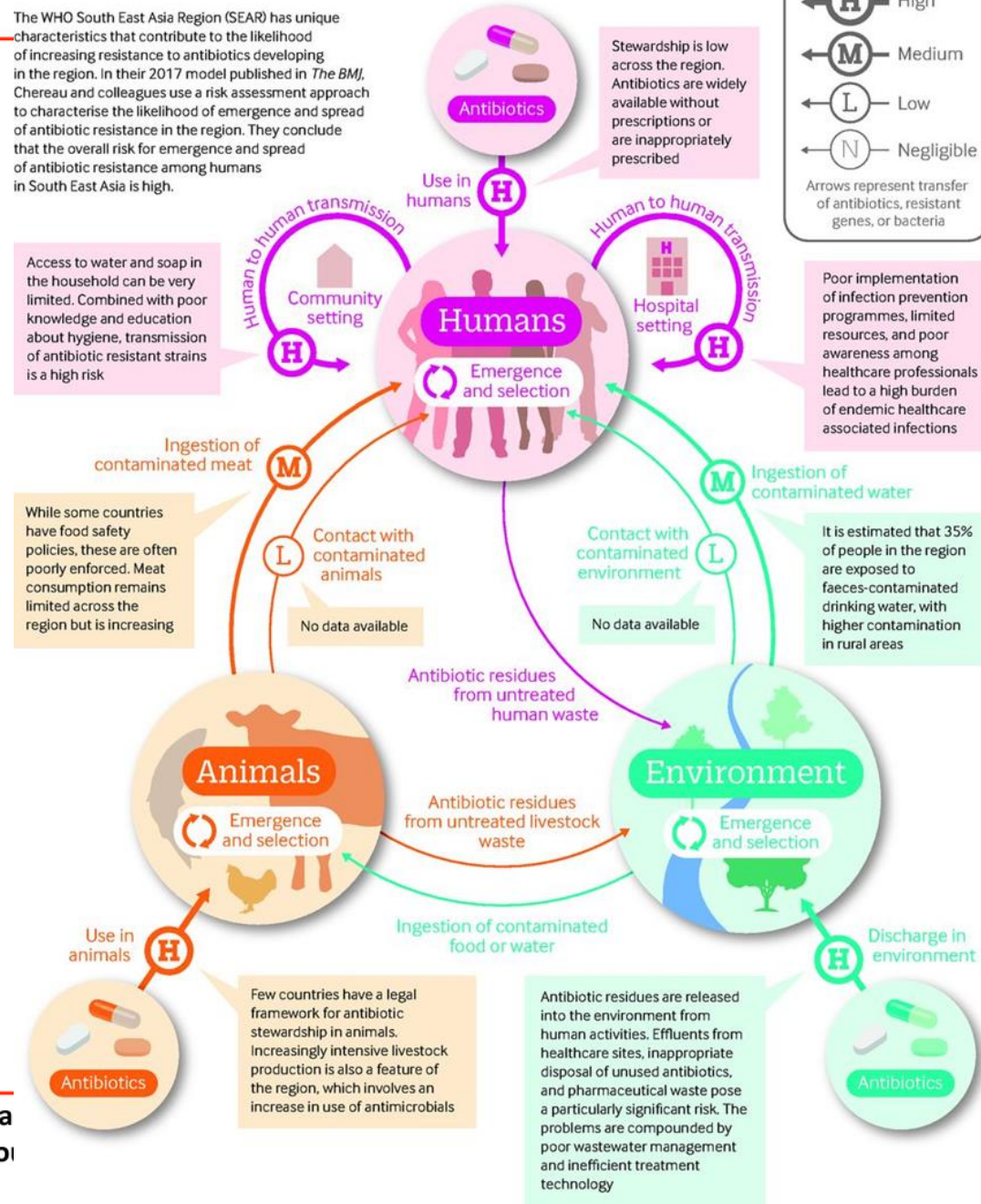
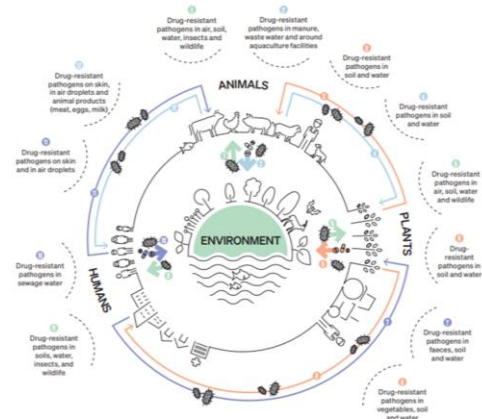




SEAR's antibiotic challenge

Risks of emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance in South East Asia

The WHO South East Asia Region (SEAR) has unique characteristics that contribute to the likelihood of increasing resistance to antibiotics developing in the region. In their 2017 model published in *The BMJ*, Chereau and colleagues use a risk assessment approach to characterise the likelihood of emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance in the region. They conclude that the overall risk for emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance among humans in South East Asia is high.

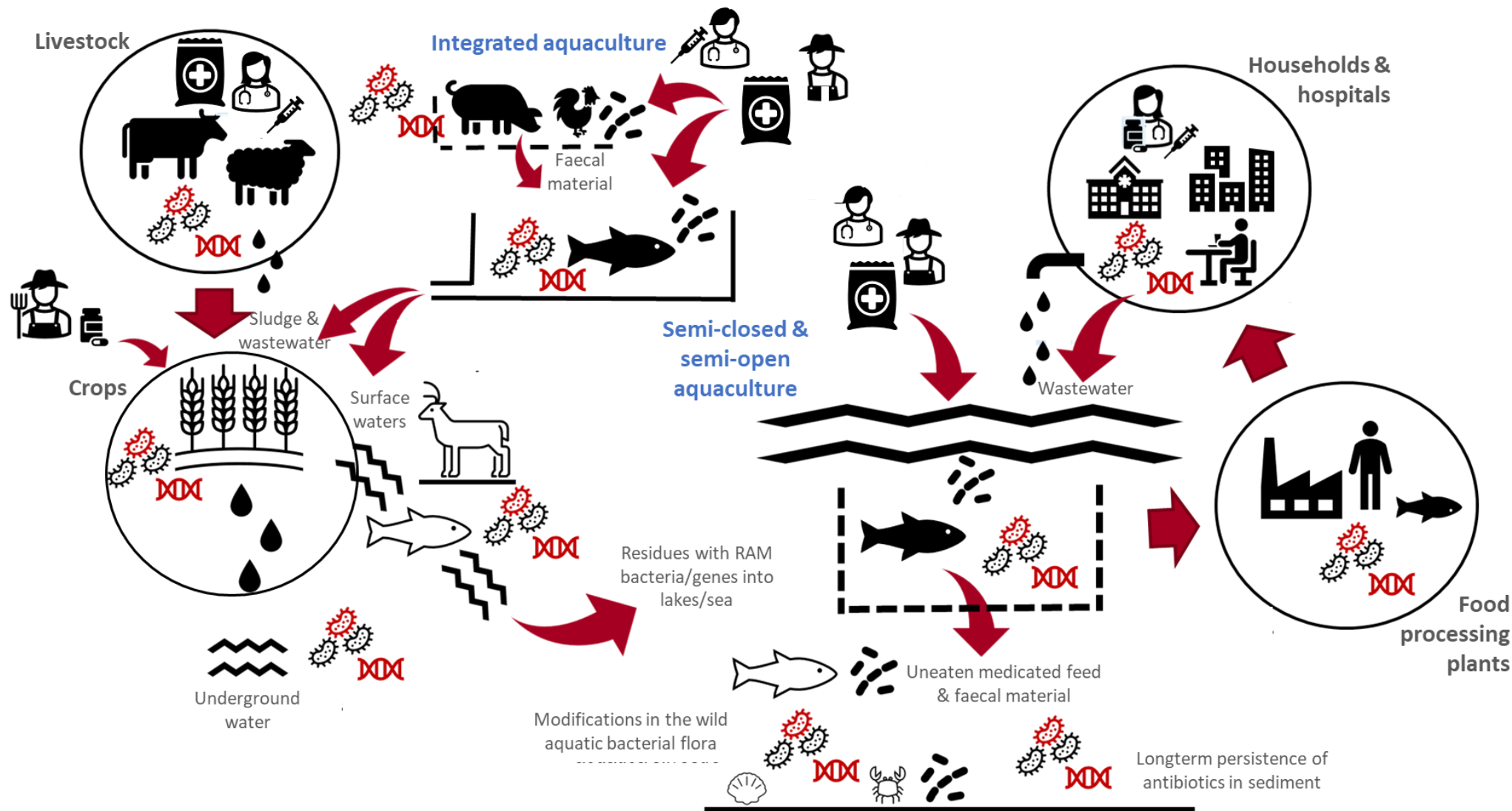


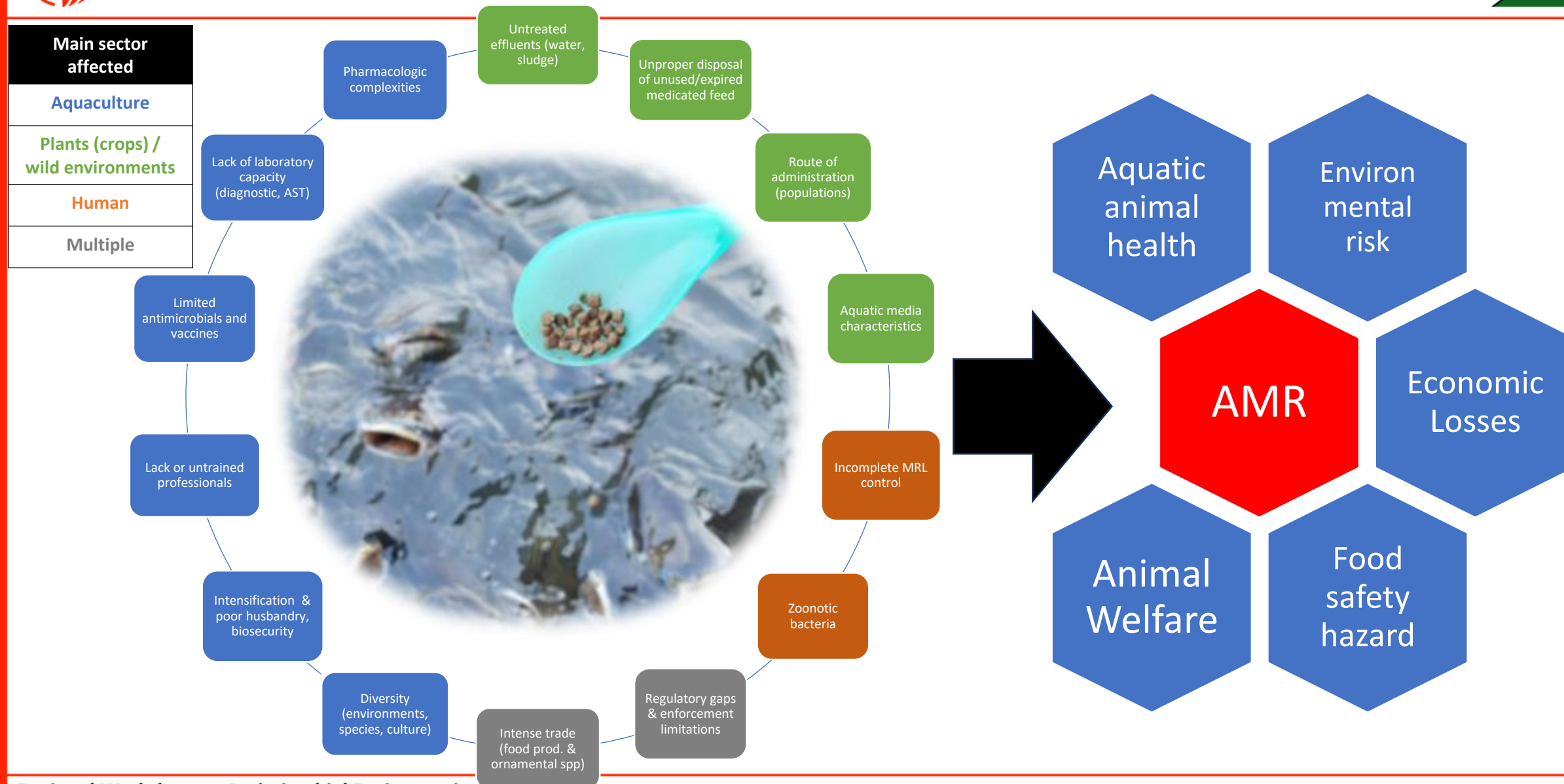
AMR risk

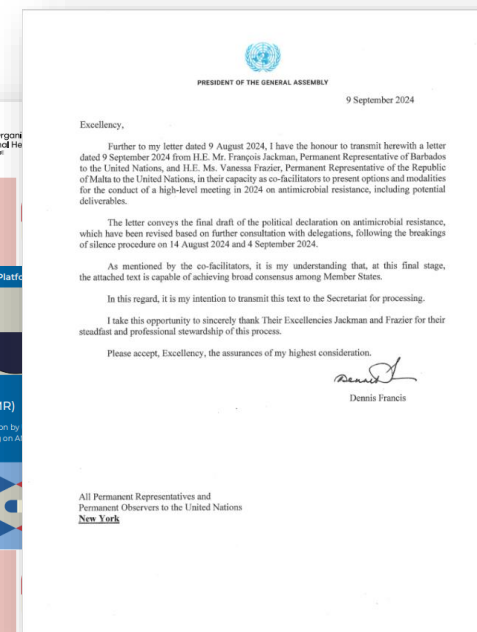
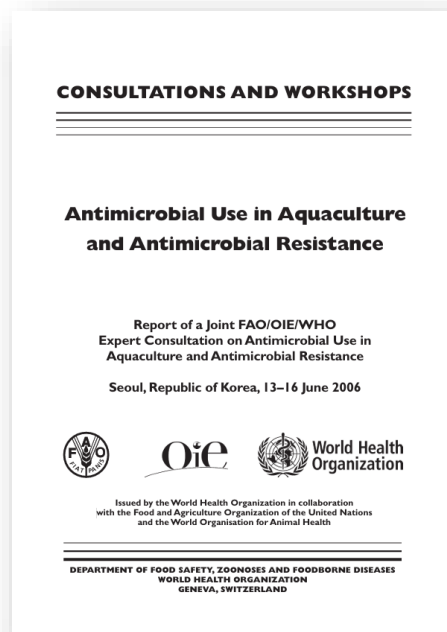


Chereau et al., 2017







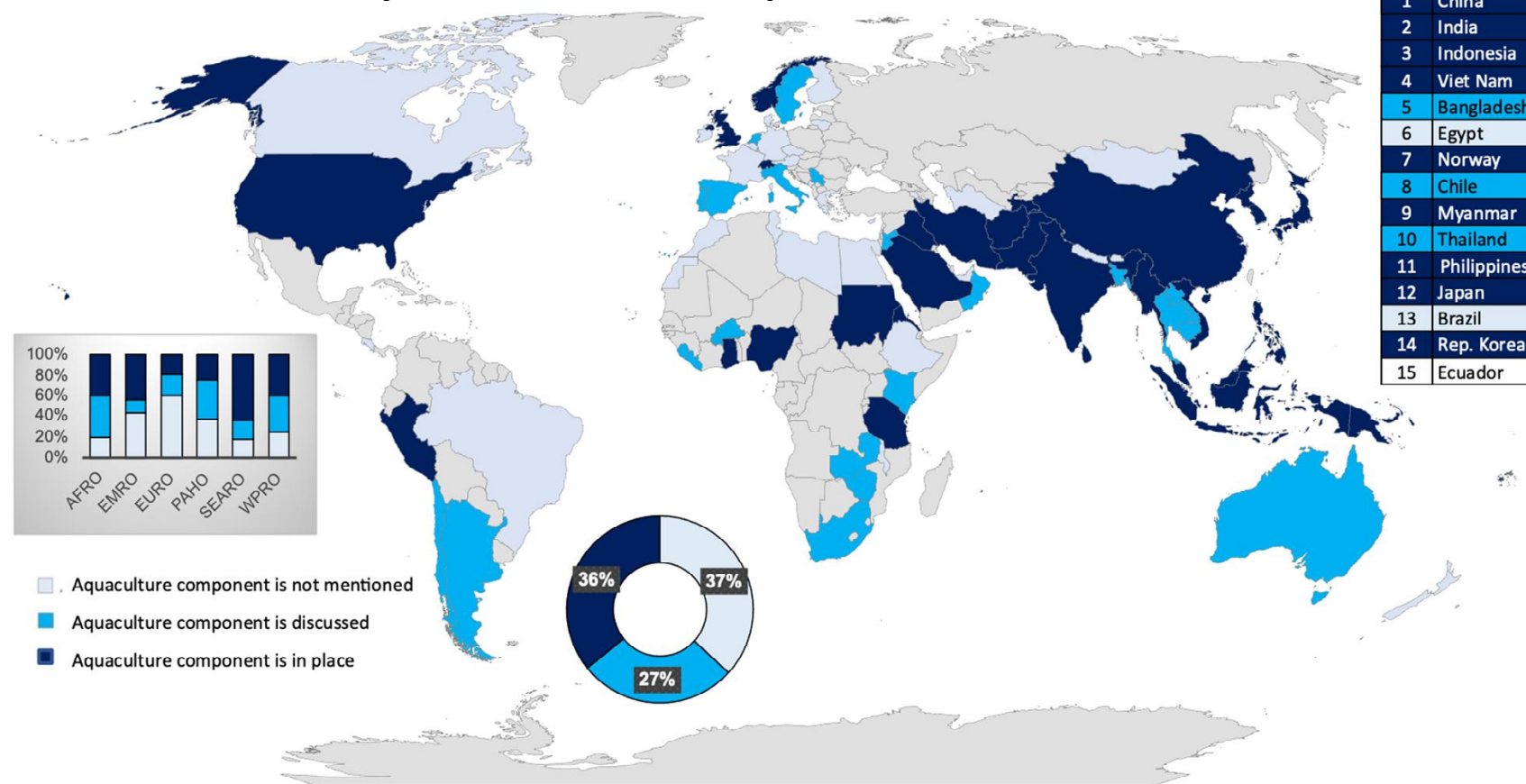


Guidance levels to include aquaculture in NAPs-AMR

(Reantaso et al., 2020)

- I. Generic: Aligned with GAP (WHO) and international strategies (WOAH, FAO)
- II. Specific: According to characteristics of country's aquaculture and their relatedness to potential emergence of AMR
 1. Identify most important cultured species and their pathogens
 2. Review MRL (Codex Alimentarius)
 3. Review methods to address bacterial diseases (prevention/biosecurity, management, treatment, ATAs)
 4. Guidance and requirement on AMU and AMR surveillance

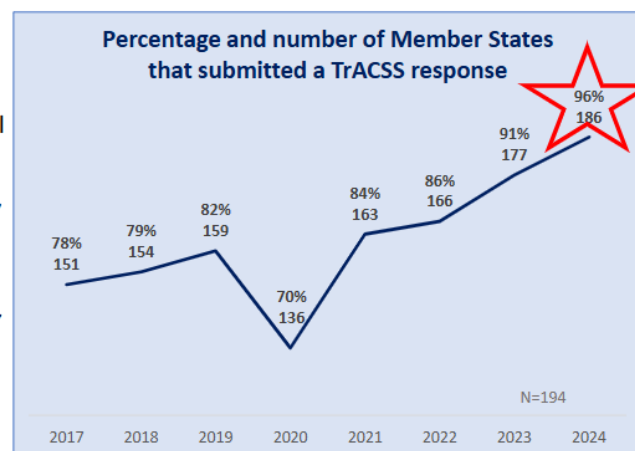
Global analysis – NAPs-AMR & aquaculture (Caputo et al., 2022)



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Tracking AMR Country Self-Assessment Survey (TrACSS)

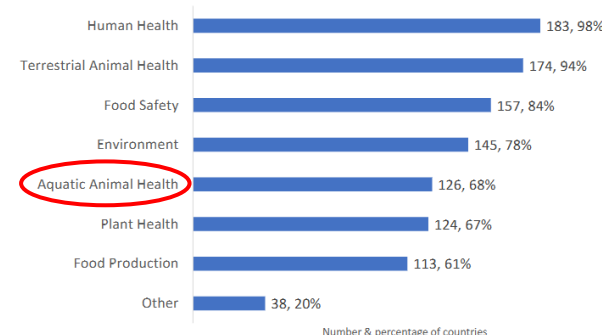
- Annual multisector survey jointly administered by the Quadripartite agencies.
- It monitors the implementation of AMR NAPs across 194 WHO Member States and the key indicators of the Global Action Plan on AMR since 2016.
- The survey has five sections – multisector, human health, animal health, agriculture and environment.
- Some of the indicators being tracked include: *AMR governance, awareness and education, AMR surveillance, Monitoring consumption and use of antimicrobials, IPC, etc.*
- Indicators are assessed on an A-E scale of increasing capacity. *Level C (or D) serves as threshold for 'nationwide' implementation*



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AMR Multisector Coordination – sectors involved

TrACSS 2024: Sectors involved in the AMR multisector-coordination mechanism (MCM) (N=186)

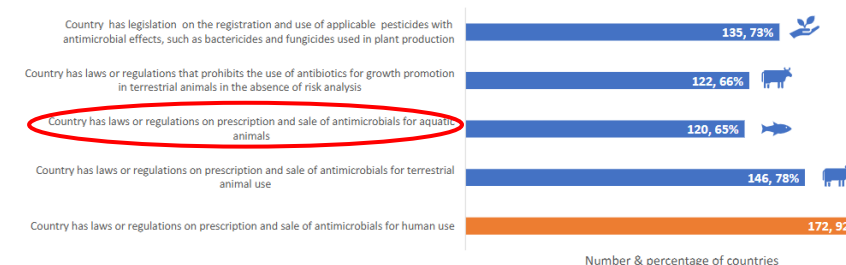


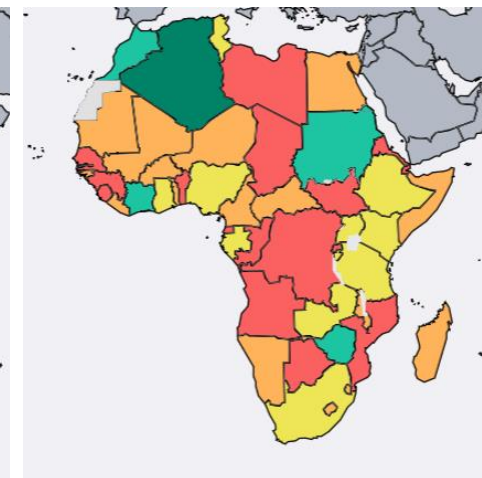
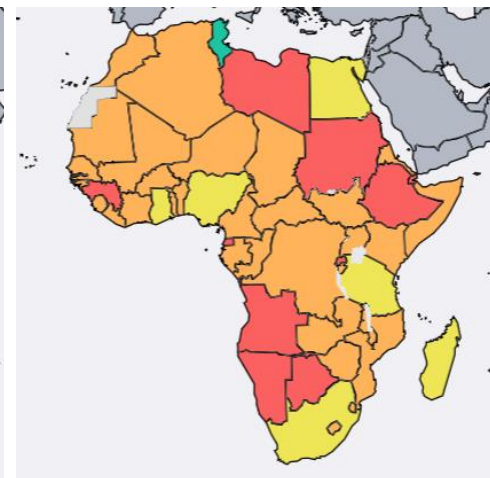
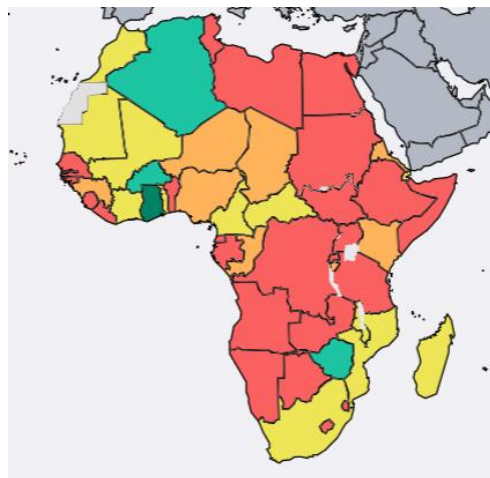
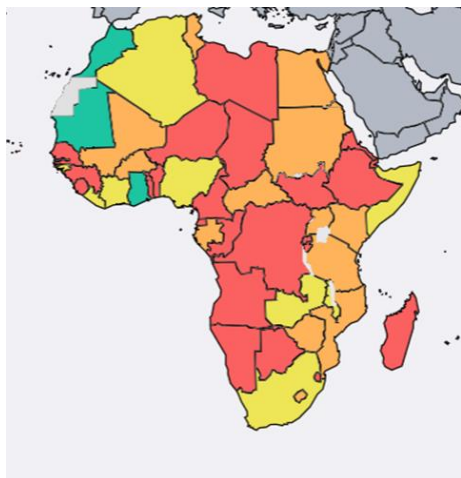
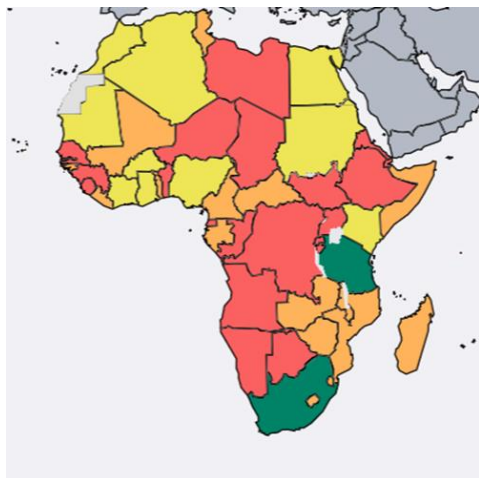
42%
Of countries have **all One**
Health sectors involved in the
AMR MCM

Legislation on antimicrobial use

172 (92%) countries report having laws or regulations on prescription and sale of antimicrobials for human use

Country legislation on antimicrobial use 2024 (N=186)





4.2 Training and professional education on the aquatic health sector

- A:** No training on AMR
- B:** Courses available
- C:** AMR in some AAHP curricula
- D:** Training available nationwide
- E:** AMR required in AAHP training

4.4 Progress with strengthening aquatic animal health services

- A:** No systematic approach
- B:** AAHS assessed (PVS aquatic)
- C:** Implementation underway
- D:** Regular monitoring
- E:** Strong capacity (WOAH Standards)

4.8 National surveillance system for AMR in live aquatic animals

- A:** No strategies or plans
- B:** National plan but no capacity
- C:** Some data collected
- D:** Data systematically collected
- E:** National system established

4.10 Biosecurity and good animal husbandry practices to reduce AMU and minimize development and transmission of AMR in aquatic animal production

- A:** No systematic efforts
- B:** Some activities in place
- C:** National plan agreed
- D:** Nationwide implementation
- E:** Implementation monitored

4.12 Optimizing AMU in aquatic animals

- A:** No national policy for AM
- B:** Partial legislation on AM
- C:** Full national legislation on AM
- D:** International standards incorporated
- E:** Enforcement implemented



CLASS/SUB-CLASS	Molecules used in aquaculture	WOAH 2025	WHO 2024	EMA
AMINOGLYCOSIDES	Neomycin	VHIA	CIA	Caution
AMPHENICOLS	Florfenicol, Thiamphenicol	VCIA	HIA	Caution
LINCOSAMIDES	Lincomycin	VHIA	HIA	Caution
MACROLIDES	Erythromycin, Kitasamycin, Tilmicosin	VCIA	CIA	Caution
(AMINO)PENICILLINS	Amoxicillin, Ampicillin	VCIA	HIA	Prudence
PHOSPHONIC ACID DERIVATIVES	Fosfomycin	VHIA	HPCIA	Avoid
PLEUROMUTILINS	Tiamulin	VHIA	IA	Caution
QUINOLONES	Flumequine, Oxalinic acid	VHIA	HPCIA	Restrict
FLUOROQUINOLONES	Ciprofloxacin, enrofloxacin	VCIA	HPCIA	Restrict
SULFONAMIDES	Sulfadiazine, Sulfadimethoxine, Sulfamerazine, Sulfamonothenoxine, Sulfisozole sodium, Ormethropim + sulfonamide	VCIA	HIA	Prudence
TETRACYCLINES	Chlortetracycline, Doxycycline, Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline	VCIA	HIA	Prudence





Thank you !

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