



WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY 3: Day 3, 6 December 2018

Objective

To understand the challenges and constraints in disease reporting in your country and to develop some ideas as to how to improve the level of disease reporting, thereby contributing to preventing the transboundary spread of important diseases of aquatic animals.

Task

- Assume you work in the Competent Authority of an OIE Member that has a good record for reporting terrestrial animal diseases to WAHIS but a poor record for reporting aquatic animal diseases despite a significant aquaculture industry.
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- The new Head is aware of the difference in WAHIS reporting between terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases and they would like to improve the reporting of aquatic animal diseases. He/she has asked you to develop a strategy /arguments that you will present to the OIE Delegate to convince him/her of the importance of reporting OIE listed and emerging diseases of aquatic animals, an obligation as an OIE Member.

Task (cont.)

- 1. Discuss with each other your own experiences with respect to the level of disease reporting in your country through WAHIS for OIE listed diseases and emerging diseases; possible reasons for differences between reporting of terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases (if this is the case in your country); the benefits of reporting; the challenges of reporting etc. A new Head of the VS/AAHS has just been appointed. This position reports to the OIE Delegate.
- 2. Develop a strategy/ arguments that you will present to the Delegate to convince them to improve his/her reporting of aquatic animal diseases and therefore meet their obligations as an OIE Member.

Report back

- Once you have developed your arguments, we will have a role play where each group will get the chance to present some of their arguments to the OIE Delegate (played by Ed Peeler).
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INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO IMPROVE DISEASE REPORTING IN THE REGION?

Context

OIE Members must comply with the notification requirements specified in Articles 1.1.3. and 1.1.4. of the *Aquatic Code*.

Despite the importance of aquatic animal diseases globally, the level of reporting through the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) is much lower than for terrestrial animal diseases.

Improvements in reporting in recent years have been less than expected despite OIE support activities, e.g. training of WAHIS and aquatic animal focal points, the PVS Pathway, Delegates training etc.

The Europe region has the highest percentage of reporting, followed by the Americas and then Asia, Middle East and Africa regions.

Some countries submit six-monthly reports to the OIE on a regular basis but often with very little information contained in the reports.

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WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY X: Day 1, 4 December 2018

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