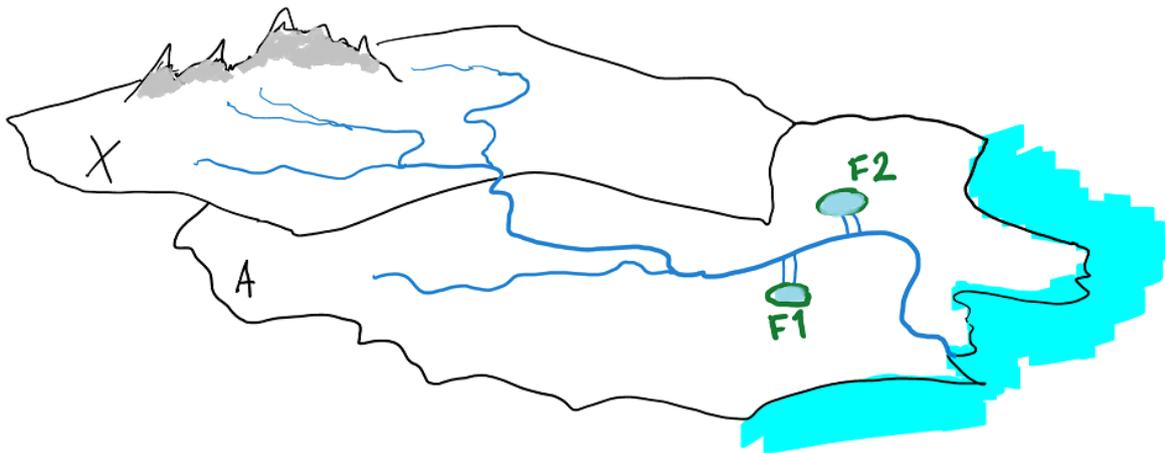


Working Group Exercises

Using the Aquatic Code and Manual to Determine Import Conditions for Safe Trade in Aquatic Animals

EXERCISE 2: Aquatic Animals:



There is great demand for new genetic material in Country “C”, where the koi carp (*Cyprinus carpio koi*) industry is worth \$125 million, thus the country wants to import koi carp broodstock from country A. As the Competent Authority of Country “C” you have asked Country “A” (pictured above) for the health status regarding koi carp in their country.

The broodstock from country A will come from either of two farms, F1 or F2, both of which are flow-through pond farms utilising water from the main river flowing through Country “A”.

The Competent Authority of Country “A” has informed you of the following:

1. The CA has made a self-declaration of freedom from all OIE listed fish diseases;
2. There is no active surveillance programme but the koi industry in “A” is required to report mortalities to the CA. The industry has submitted six reports of mortalities during the past 10 years. These reports were thoroughly investigated and no KHV or SVC was detected;
3. Suspicion and occurrence of OIE listed diseases are notifiable to the CA;
4. Import restrictions are in place in Country “A” to ensure that any koi entering the country for use in koi farming are tested negative for both KHV and SVC;
5. Water temperatures in the farms vary between 15 and 17°C in winter, climbing to 22 and 25°C in late spring to late autumn.

As Competent Authority of Country “C” you know that:

- You have conducted targeted surveillance of koi farms in your country for the last 3 years with negative results for KHV and SVC;
- You have detected and reported to the OIE the presence of *Aphanomyces invadans* and VHSV in your country;
- There have been no importations of live koi into your country the last 10 years.

Task:

1. As Competent Authority of Country “C” and using the OIE *Aquatic Code* and OIE *Aquatic Manual*, Determine whether you will permit the importation of the koi carp broodstock from country A.:

If you consider permitting entry, what import conditions and requirements will you require from the CA of Country “A”.

In the real world we would not necessarily accept information and assurances provided by the exporting country at face value. With this in mind, as the CA of Country “C” please:

- a. comment on the information provided and specify what additional detail, if any, you would request from the CA of Country “A”, and.
 - b. specify any other information which you would require.
2. After Country “A” made a request to export broodstock fish of koi carp (*Cyprinus carpio koi*), Country “B” also requested permission to export koi broodstock to your country. Two years ago, Country “B” reported to the OIE a positive detection of KHV in its koi population. As an OIE Member, would you allow the importation of live koi from Country “B” and, if so, what import conditions would you require?