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Updates on the Regional Collaboration Framework on Aquatic Animal Health

OIE Virtual Informational Session: PVS Aquatic Training for Asia and the Pacific

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Background

- More emerging disease
- **No coordination mechanism** existing in the region;
- Need to improve transparency of aquatic animal disease information.
- OIE launched its first **Aquatic Animal Health Strategy** in May 2021

Need a regional collaboration framework

To strengthen collaboration among and between OIE Reference Centres and Member Countries in the region;

To Share and exchange information on test validation, reference materials and positive samples.

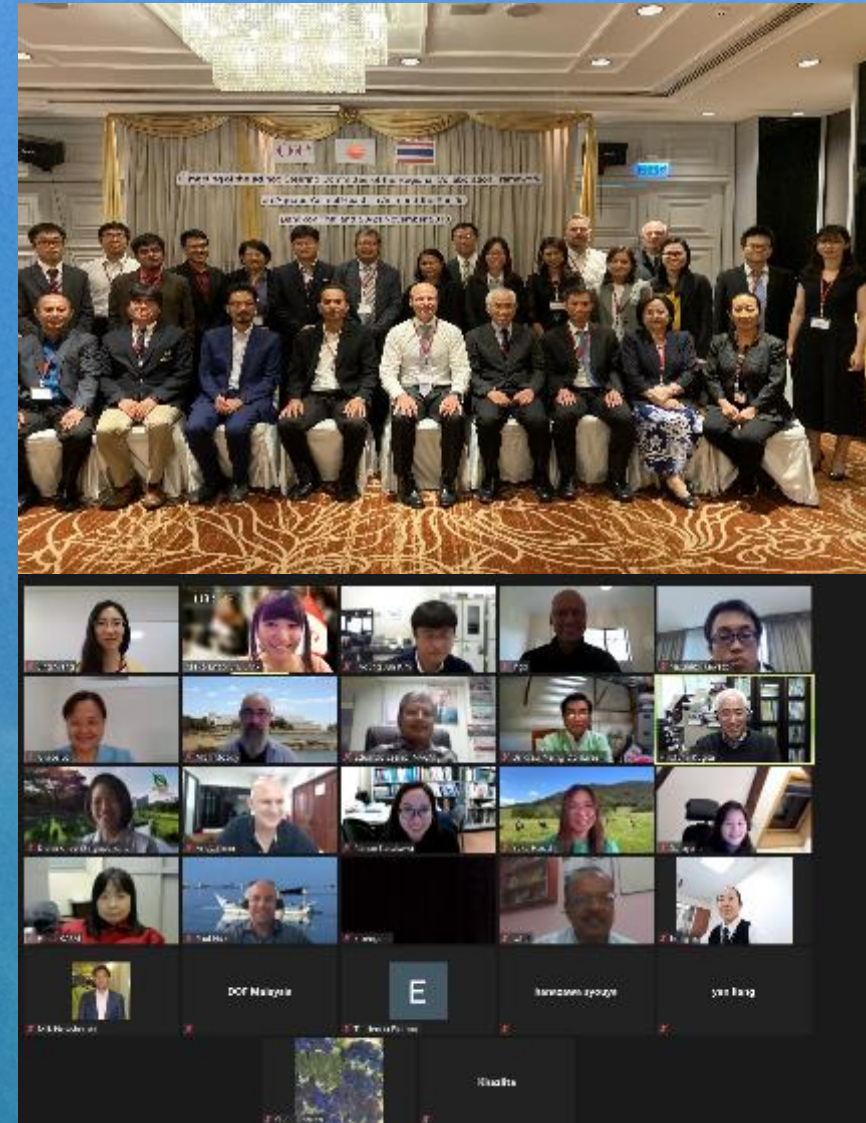


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Initial steps;

- Established an *ad hoc* steering committee;
- Ad hoc Steering Committee organized a mapping exercise;
- Steering Committee to draft an annual activities plan (implementing)
- 1st meeting of ad hoc steering committee of the Framework (Nov 2019)
- 2nd teleconference of the ad hoc steering committee
- Experts to develop the CN of the project that they coordinated
- 2nd meeting of the ad hoc steering committee of the Framework (Nov 2020)
Concept Note of two projects were approved by the ad hoc steering committee
- 3rd meeting of the ad hoc steering committee of the Framework (TBC 2021)



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Flagship activities

- **Collection and Evaluation of Existing Guidelines and Awareness Materials on Aquaculture Biosecurity for Small-scale Farms in the Asia-Pacific Region;** OIE in collaboration with Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA)
- **Collection and Evaluation of Existing Test Methods for Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND);** OIE in collaboration with OIE Reference Laboratory for AHPND
- **Regional collaboration to respond to emerging diseases of aquatic animals;** OIE in collaboration with Dr Ingo Ernst, President of Aquatic Animal Health Standard Commission

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Other activities

- Antimicrobial resistance/antimicrobial use in aquatic animals
- Investigation into the current expertise and resources of OIE RCs in the region & Information sharing platform on aquatic animal health
- OIE regional informational session on PVS: aquatic (2 November 2021)



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