

Interregional Webinar on Aquatic Animal Welfare (Middle East and Asia-Pacific)

Strengthening Awareness and Capacity for the Integration of Aquatic Animal Welfare into Aquaculture Practices and Official Controls

Proposed Programme

Session 1 – Setting the Scene (20 min)	
Topic	Speaker/expert
Opening Remarks - WOAH Regional Representation for the Middle East - WOAH Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific Introduction - AQMenet follow-up actions and implementation of the Work Plan and training program - Why aquatic animal welfare matters today	Dr Ahmad Al Majali RRME Dr Tomoko Ishibashi RRAP
Session 2 – WOAHS Standards and Global Perspectives (40min)	
Topic	Speaker/Expert
Presentation 1 - WOAH Standards and guiding principles (update on the ongoing WOAHS work) Presentation 2 - Introduction to aquatic animal welfare - Welfare as a driver for sustainable aquaculture, consumer confidence and market access	Dr Ana Rita Sancho Silva (Senior Coordinator, WOAHS Standard Department) TBC Dr Amedeo Manfredi WOAHS Reference Laboratory for fish, mollusc and crustacean diseases Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie
Session 3 – Regional Experiences and Case Studies (25 min)	
Topic	Speaker/Expert
Case Study from Asia-Pacific Region - Local or countries / territories experience in implementing aquatic animal welfare measures Case Study from the Middle East Region - Emerging initiatives and opportunities for integrating welfare considerations	National Focal Point from Asia and the Pacific (TBI) National Focal Point from Middle East (TBI)

Session 4 – Panel Discussion and Interactive Exchange (15 min)	
Topic	Speaker/Expert
Discussion Topics: - Challenges and opportunities for implementation (Mentimeter) - Roles of competent authorities and focal points - Future collaboration between AQMENET and Asia-Pacific partners	Dr Faycal Meziani, Technical Expert RRME Dr Jaqueline Lusat, Animal Health Information Officer RRAP Dr Chyna Yong Suit-B, Aquatic Animal Health Officer RRAP (TBC)
Closing Remarks (5 min)	
- Key messages and next steps - Future capacity-building opportunities under AQMENET	Dr Ahmad Al Majali RRME Dr Tomoko Ishibashi RRAP