



Recent PVS Achievements in IRAQ

PVS Sub-regional Orientation Training – Middle East - 2023

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Focal point for disease notification

- IRAQ is situated in South east Asia, Middle east -
Total Geographical area of **437.072** Square Km.

- Administrative units, Iraq has **18** governorates, **3** of which are organize as a con federal unit (Kurdish region).

- The Capital is Baghdad, lies in the middle country

- Population are estimated to count **42** million people with about 20% live at the capitol.

Vet. Services officially starts in **1919**

First vet . Lab. **1920**

-- First law for Vet. **1924-1936-1968-2013**

-Iraq member in WOAHA since **1928**

-First VET. Quarantine **1935**

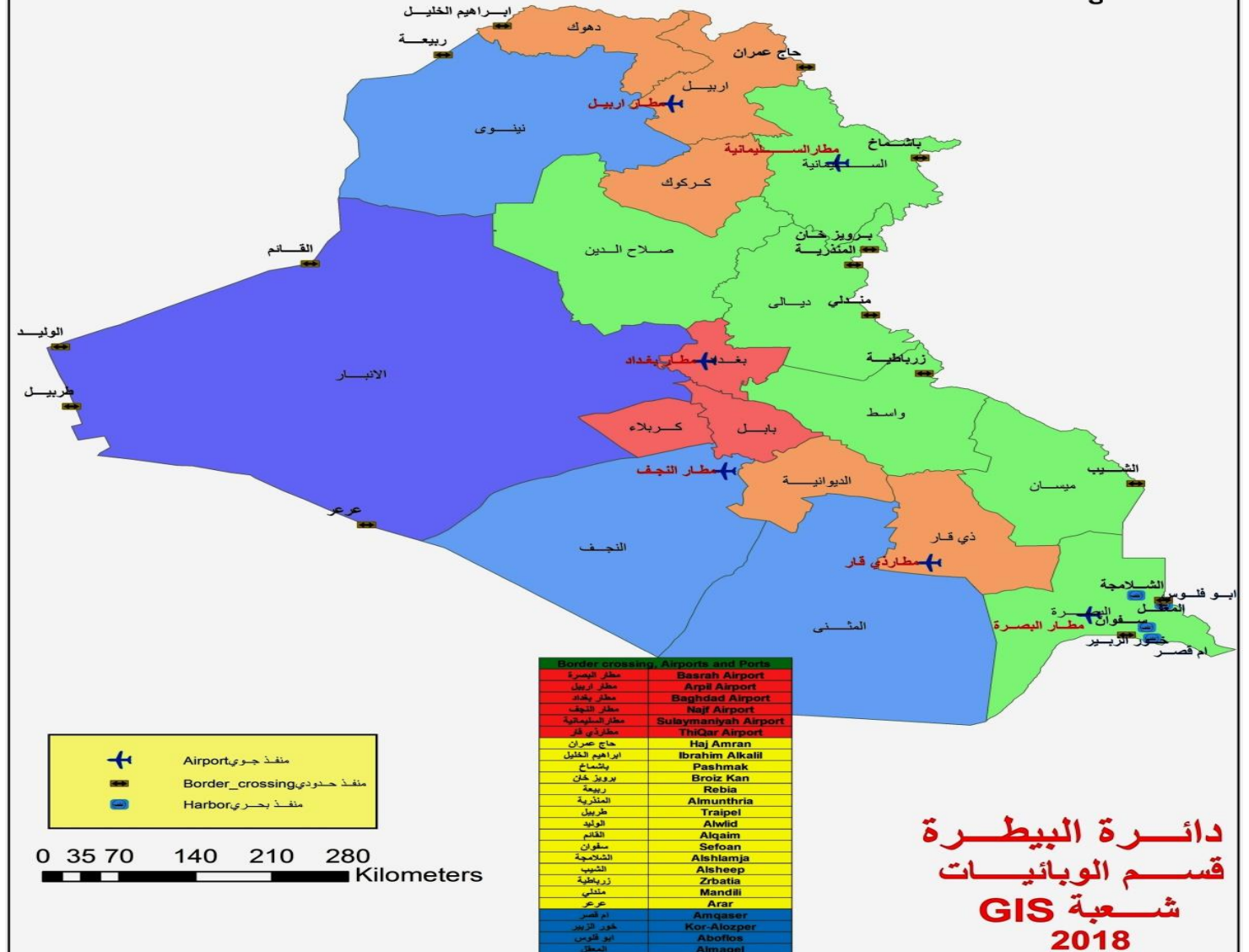
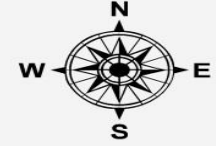


Land ,air and sea border for Iraq

Length of Iraq Boundaries with neighboring countries

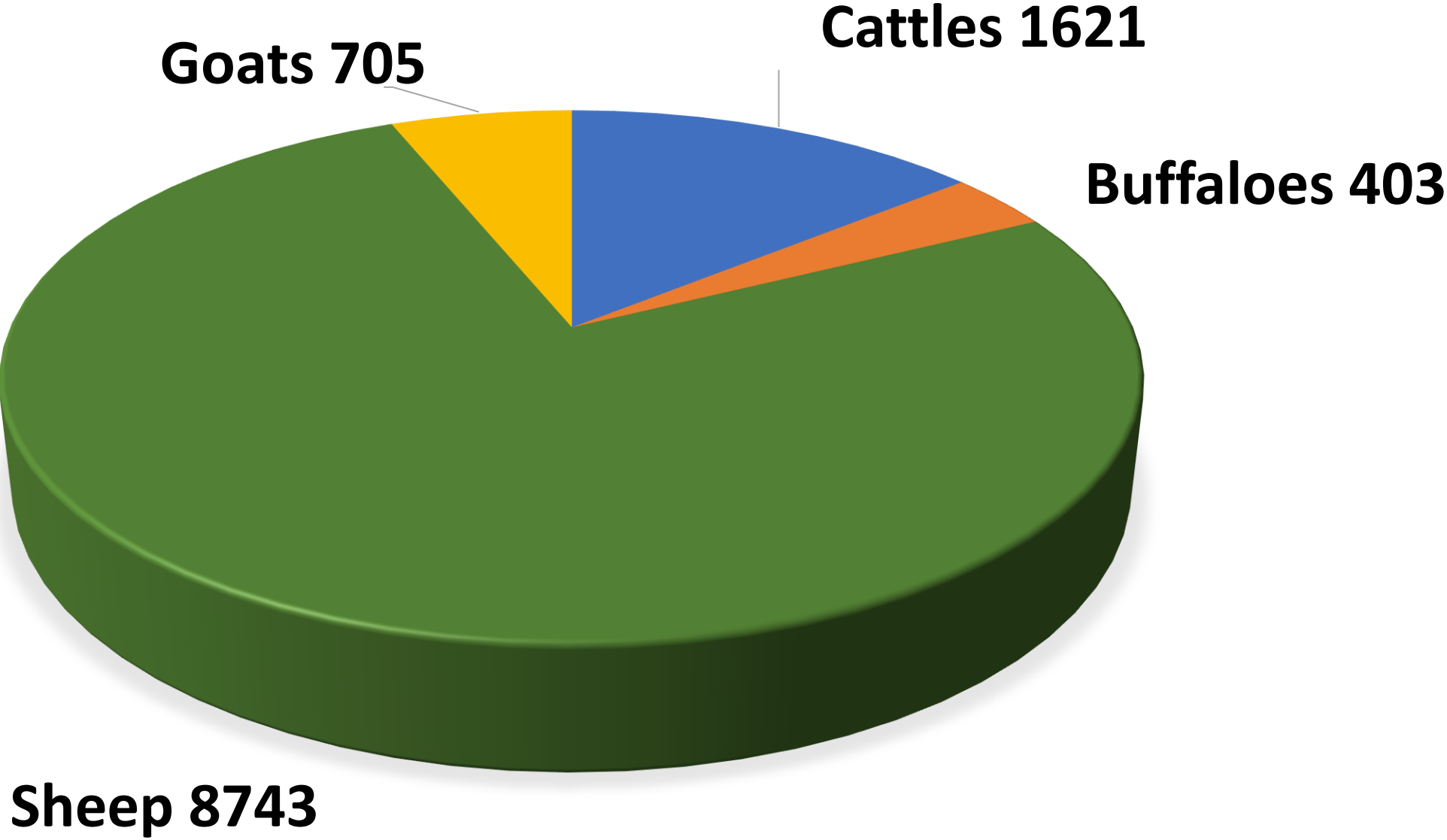
Syria	600 km
Jordan	178 km
Saudi Arabia	812 km
Kuwait	195 km
Turkey	377 km
Iran	1300 km

المنافذ الحدودية (البرية والجوية والمائية) في جمهورية العراق



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Structure_of the Veterinary Services in IRAQ

MOA

Veterinary Directorate

Director Manager

Director Manager Deputy

Units : IT , Media ,, Engineering ,international organization.follow up

Internal Audit Dept.

Finance Dept.

Human Resources Dept.

Legal Dept.

Epidemiology Dept.

Animal Health Dept.

Planning Dept.

Pharmaceuticals and supplies Dept.

Governorate Vet. Hospitals/15
Veterinary Dispensaries /236

Vet Quarantine Dept.

Abattoirs Dept.

Pharmaceutical and Biological Quality Control Dept.

Central Veterinary Laboratories Dept.

PVS Importance for IRAQ

- PVS is an important tool to understand the quality of services provide by the veterinary directorate and analyze the weakness and gaps to resolve them , with international vision.**
- Evaluating PVS will support the Veterinary directorate efforts to advance in animal diseases control strategies such as FMD and PPR in compliance with international Recommendations**

Strengths

- The VET. Dir. is the official representative of Iraq to the OIE. It take the responsibility to design and applicate the general lines of animal health strategy in Iraq. Responsible for control of transboundary , zoonotic, and other economic impact animal diseases.

Registration and license of veterinary pharmaceutical products and vaccines as well related products

Laboratory Diagnosis and confirming of animal diseases.

In important participant in one health concept.

Suggest legislations concerning animal health.

Preparing health certificates and veterinary codes for importing and exporting live animals and their products.

Supervising abattoir houses in the country.

Weaknesses

- Weakness of infrastructure of the veterinary institute.
- Shortage of professional and paraprofessional staff.
 - Low and unstable annual financial funds to cover veterinary activities, purchase vaccines, and to develop the infrastructure
- Difficulties in dealing with the veterinary authority of the Kurdish region and lack of cooperation with.
- Lack of adequate animal census as well as animal tagging system that imply a negative impact on planning the veterinary services.
- Unstable security situation at some regions and uncontrolled of smuggling animals across borders.
- Lack of cooperation between the official sector and private sector.

Priorities for the next 5 years of the Veterinary Services in IRAQ

- **Developing the infrastructure of the veterinary services to comply with international standards.**
- **Overcome the shortage of staff from professional and paraprofessional as well as fill the increased needs of specialist in different fields.**
 - **Improve the quality of veterinary services provided to the community.**
- **Improve the quality and services provide by abattoirs and build and operate more units to fill the shortage in this sector.**
- **Support and develop the laboratory sectors for a good and fast response against continuous and newly introduced animal diseases.**

- **After completing PVS evaluation mission, we expect those achievements :**
- **The current status of the infrastructural of the veterinary services starting from the smallest terminal unit to the head quarter.**
- The current status of the human resources including professional and para professional staff.**

- **The current and future needs for specialist staff in different fields.**
- **Distribution map of the resources: logistic, human, infrastructure, and financial.**
- **PVS can be a good tool to arrange and harmonize the vet services with the Kurdish vet authority.**
- **PVS act as a good auditory document for decision makers to build upon the strategic plans for development and capability building.**

- **PVS will support achievements of progress within the international plans for disease control**

Main benefits and impact that the PVS Evaluation

- Iraq had requested PVS mission for several times, and each time the mission were cancelled because of unstable security situation.

- . Iraq had performed a self assistance PVS to be a base for the international PVS mission



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