

# The OIE Aquatic Animal Health Strategy



Regional Workshop for National Focal Point  
for Aquatic Animals in Europe

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## OIE Aquatic Animal Health Strategy 2021-2025



Announced at the  
4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference in Chile in April 2019

Its development is a collaborative effort

Support and input from the Aquatic Animals Commission and  
the whole OIE Community

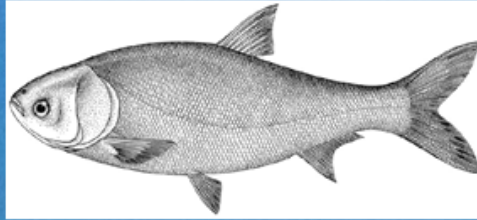
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# Global aquaculture

Over 500 species of aquatic animals are farmed

Aquaculture is highly diverse

Fastest growing food sector in the World (~6% per annum)



70% of production is **small-scale, subsistence** and based on species of carp and tilapia

Aquatic protein most **highly traded** food commodity

Sector provides food, nutrition, income, **livelihood** for 100's millions people

## Vision

*The Aquatic Strategy will improve aquatic animal health and welfare worldwide, contributing to sustainable economic growth, poverty alleviation and food security, thereby supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.*



# Outcomes

## Outcome 1.

**Competent Authorities have improved aquatic animal health management in place, supporting increased aquatic animal production and reduced disease risk**

- Strong Aquatic Animal Health Services
- Empowered professionals
- Culture of transparency
- Emergency disease response capability is improved
- Small-scale aquaculture is less vulnerable to disease issues
- Public-private partnerships maximise cooperation and investment

## Outcome 2.

**Regions are supported to collaborate on aquatic animal health issues of common concern, improving the overall health, productivity and resilience of the region**

- Regional partnership are cultivated across common issues
- Scientific expertise and networks are fully utilised, gaps are filled
- Regions encourage transparency, collaboration and information sharing
- Regions are resilient to emergency disease outbreaks, transboundary spread is minimised

## Outcome 3.

**The OIE provides global leadership and in partnership with the OIE Community, builds a stronger and more resilient global aquatic animal health system**

- The OIE is a global leader and able to adapt to future challenges
- The OIE Community has access to scientific networks
- Standards are continuously improved and contemporary
- Members are supported to implement standards
- Professionals are fully supported in their roles in the OIE Community
- Global transparency underpins standard implementation



The existing OIE initiatives that **you value the most** are:

- *Aquatic Code*
- *Aquatic Manual*
- OIE-WAHIS



The **biggest opportunities** in the next 5-10 years are:

- strengthening Aquatic Animal Health Services
- improving biosecurity
- keeping pace with changes in production methods and technologies



The **biggest threats** in the next 5-10 years are:

- poor biosecurity
- changing climate and environments
- poor responses to disease emergencies

**STANDARDS**



**CAPACITY BUILDING**

OIE programmes support the strengthening of the Aquatic Animal Health Services of OIE Members

**IMPROVING AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE WORLDWIDE**

**LEADERSHIP**



**RESILIENCE**

Responses to emerging aquatic animal health issues of regional or global concern are coordinated and timely



## RESILIENCE

- 3.1 Formalise procedures for a coordinated OIE approach to disease emergencies\*
- 3.2 Provide support for early response at the national level
- 3.3 Develop guidelines for collaborative emergency response\*
- 3.4 Provide practical AMR guidance





## CAPACITY BUILDING

- 2.1 Support the implementation of standards
- 2.2 Increase the use of the OIE PVS Pathway
- 2.3 Develop public–private partnerships
- 2.4 Identify barriers to transparency in disease reporting
- 2.5 Develop a Disease Identification Guide for mobile devices
- 2.6 Support OIE Delegates and OIE Focal Points\*
- 2.7 Establish an OIE Global Aquatic Animal Health Scholarship scheme\*
- 2.8 Support small-scale aquaculture

The whole organisation must commit

Building on our strengths

Include the whole OIE  
Community

Building cross-organisational teams

**Where and how  
can you  
contribute???**



Guardians of  
aquatic animal health and  
welfare