



First OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on  
animal welfare in natural disasters for Balkan countries  
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**Country Report:  
Emergency preparedness of the Veterinary Services  
for natural disasters**

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# Competent authorities



Legal framework

National  
Strategy  
for  
Emergency  
Situations

Law on  
Protection  
and  
Rescue

12 National  
Plans for  
Protection  
and  
Rescue for  
different  
types of  
hazards

Municipal  
Plans for  
Protection  
and  
Rescue if  
available

Veterinary legislation (health, welfare, I&R)

# Competent authorities



Institutional framework



# Competent authorities



## Role of Veterinary Service



Enforcement



Control



Cooperation and coordination

Veterinary law, Law on Animal Welfare

## COOPERATION WITH OTHER STATE AUTHORITIES

Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European  
Integration

Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Ministry of Sustainable Development and  
Tourism

Army of Montenegro

Police Directorate

Agency for Environment Protection

Medical Emergency Service

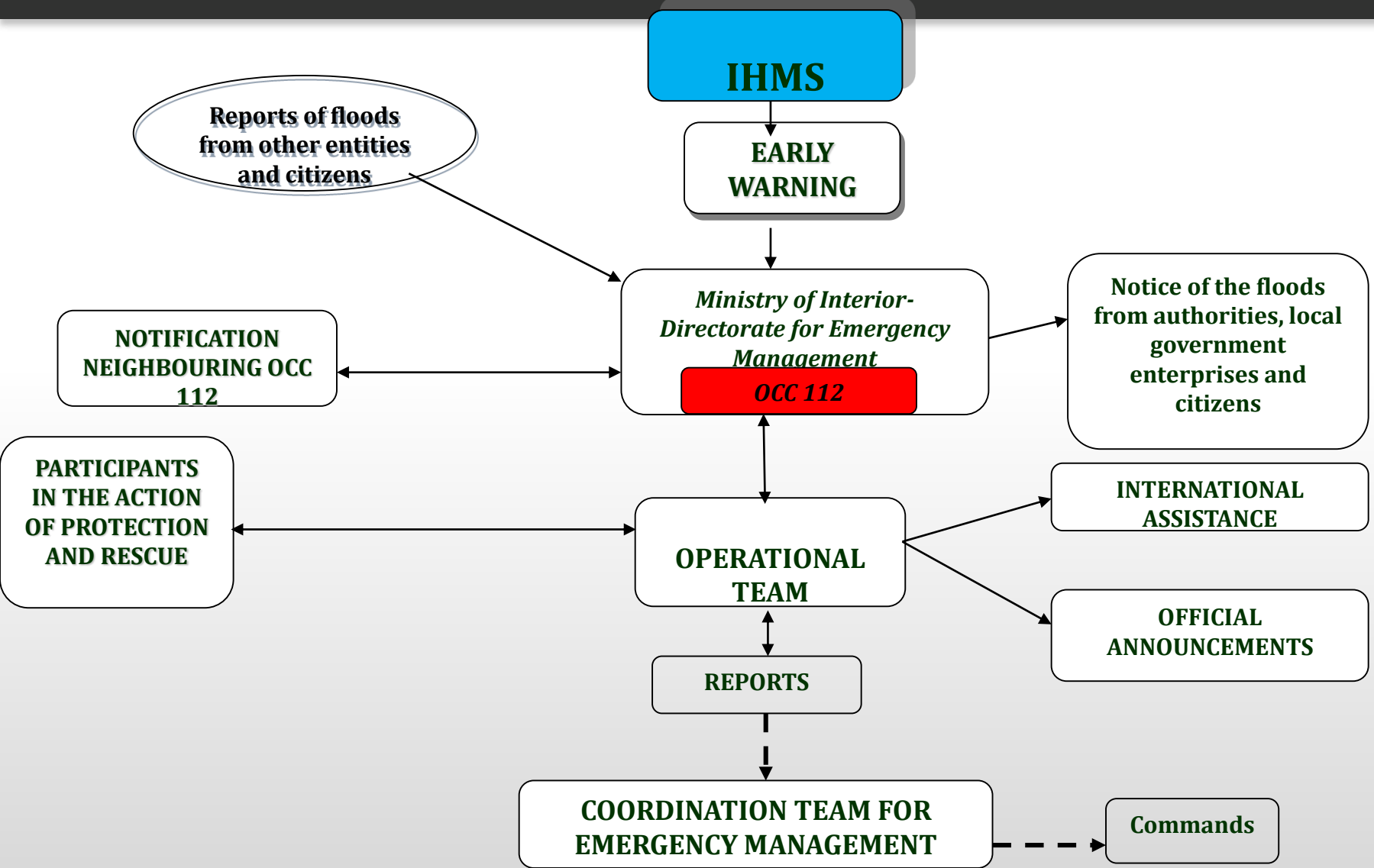
Institute for Hydrometeorology and Seismology

Center for Ecotoxicological Researches of Montenegro

Red Cross of Montenegro

Other governmental institutions

# CHART FLOW OF INFORMATION IN THE CAUSE OF FLOODS



# Competent authorities



## Protection and Rescue Plans

- National - proposed by the Ministry of the Interior, adopted by the Government
- Municipal – prepared by the municipal assemblies, approved the Ministry of the Interior
- Entrepreneurial - made by companies, other legal entities and entrepreneurs, approved by the Ministry of the Interior
- The protection and rescue plans are created on the basis of risk assessment studies



# Cooperation with private actors and non-governmental organisations



- Private veterinary organisation - part of national and municipal plans, responsible to provide veterinary care
- NGOs for animal protection





# Experience of natural disasters



Floods



Forest  
fire



Heavy  
snowfall



Heavy  
rains

# Experience of natural disasters



# Experience of natural disasters critical issues

- No plan for disaster management at the level of affected municipality
- Lack of available equipment and staff for animal rescue and husbandry (shelter, quarantine, dead animal collection)
- Irresponsible ownership

# Training and simulation exercises

- Body/organisation responsible to plan and manage training for natural disasters is Directorate for Emergency Management
- So far Veterinary Service have not been involve in these trainings

# Exercises, training and lessons learned

- "After-Action Review" – sporadic, not compulsory and formalised
- Conclusion and critical points - communicated to the Coordination team, the Protection and Rescue Operational headquarters and Municipal teams through members from the Veterinary Services (Minister and Director)



**Thank you for your attention!**