

WOAH animal welfare working program and Global Animal Welfare Strategy (GAWS)

WOAH National Animal Welfare Focal Points training for the Europe Region

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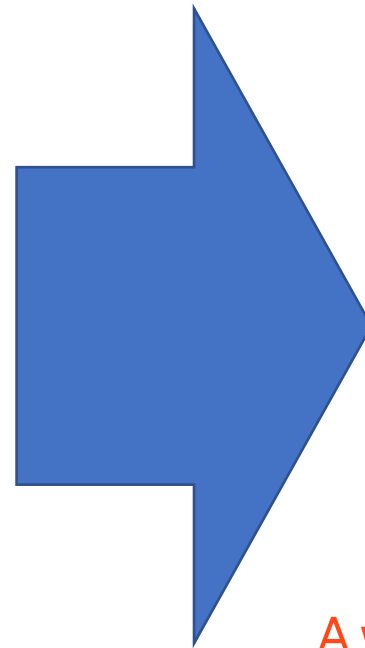
World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

Resolution No. XIV from the 70th WOAHA General Session, 26 - 31 May 2002

- Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the WOAHA since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution No. XXXI from 85th General Session, 21–26 May 2017

- The WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAHA's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



VISION

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.



STRATEGIC PILLARS



**DEVELOPMENT OF
ANIMAL WELFARE
STANDARDS**



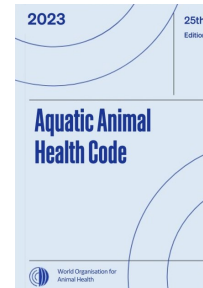
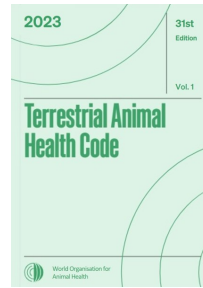
**CAPACITY BUILDING
AND EDUCATION**



**IMPLEMENTATION OF
ANIMAL WELFARE
STANDARDS AND
POLICIES**



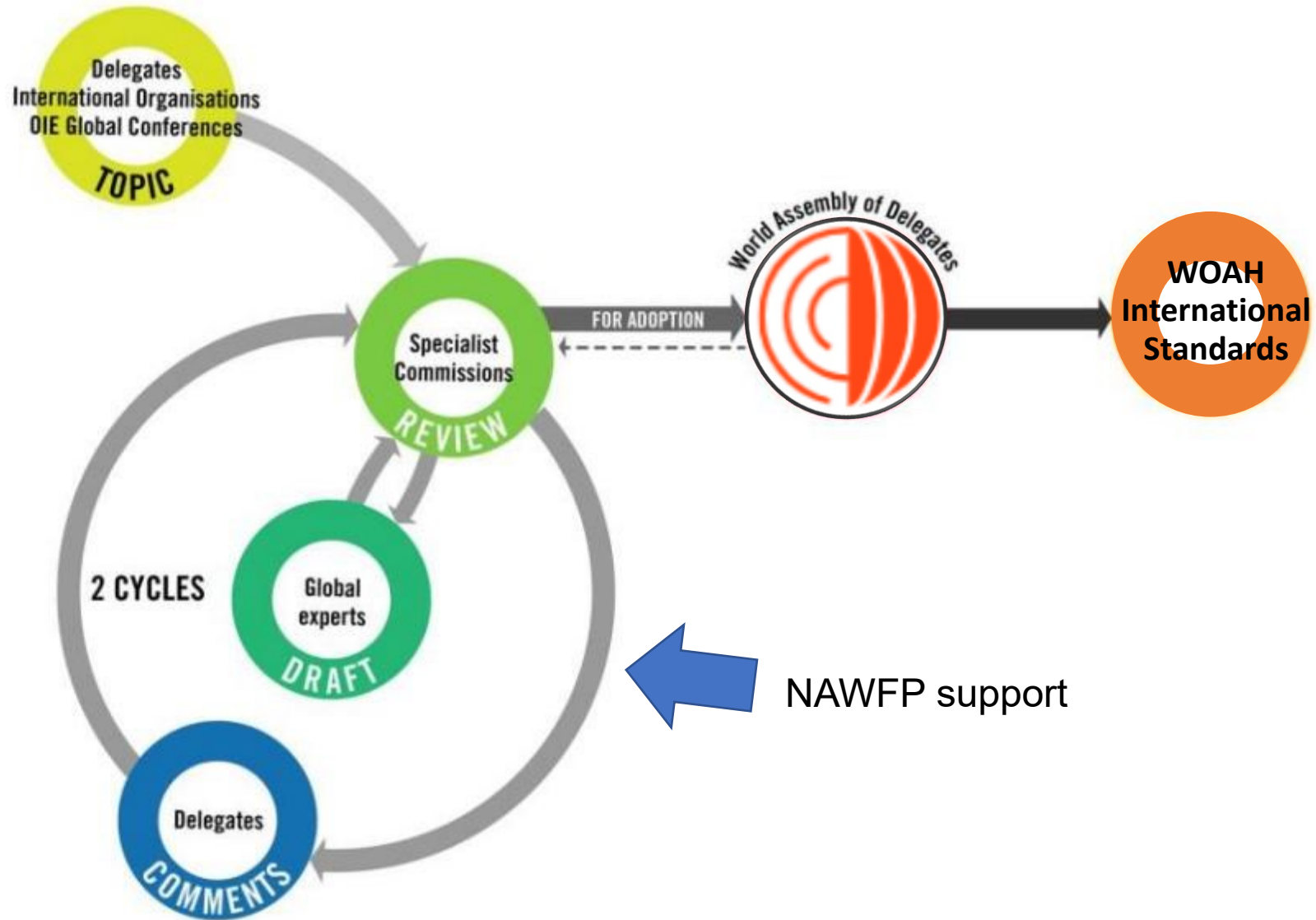
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ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY



WOAH STANDARD SETTING PROCESS

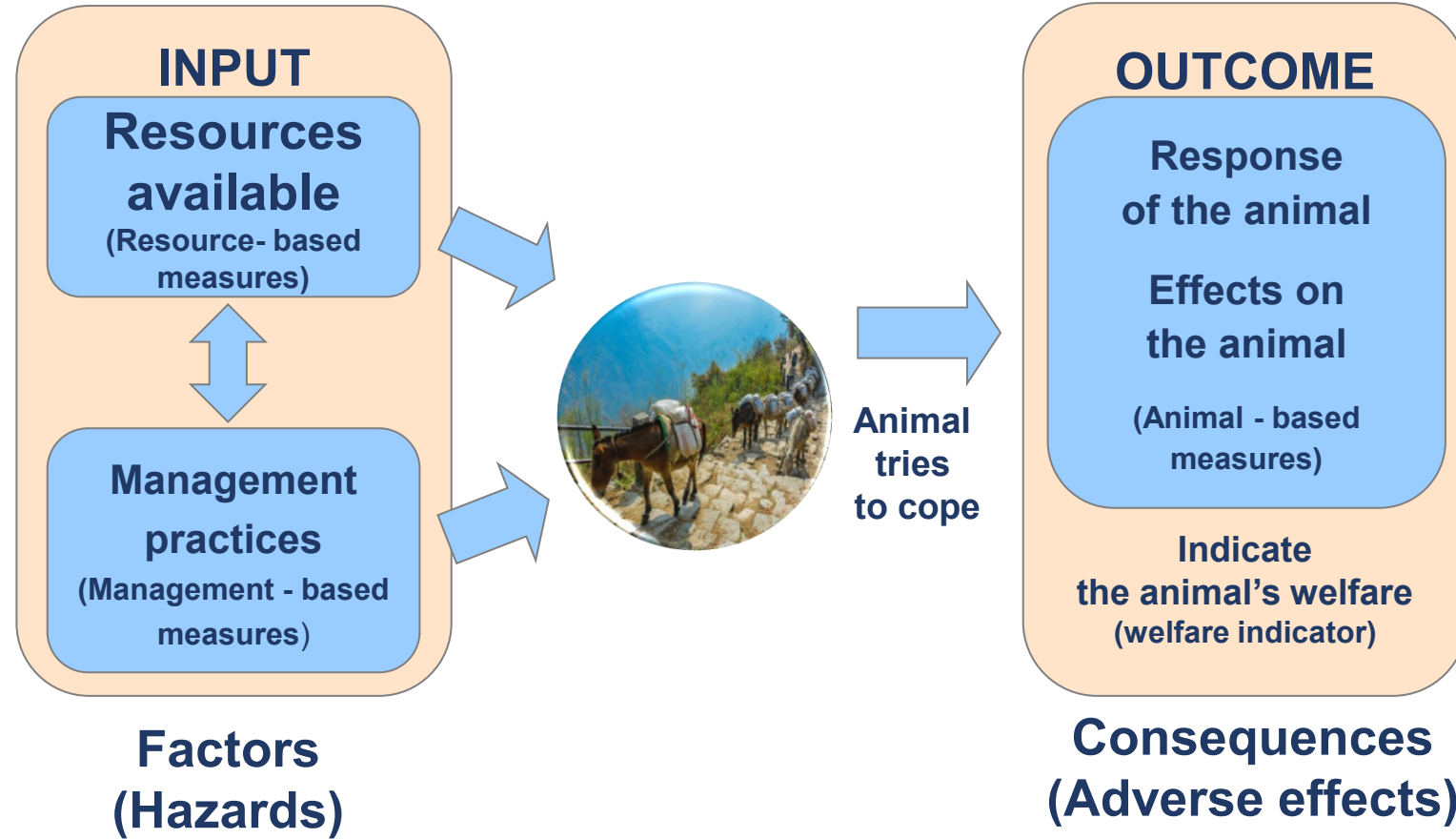




CONCEPTS USED ON THE WOAAH ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

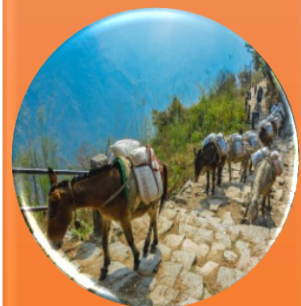


DEVELOPMENT
OF ANIMAL
WELFARE
STANDARDS





WOAH STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE: TERRESTRIAL CODE



DEVELOPMENT OF
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STANDARDS

SECTION 7.

Chapter 7.1.

Chapter 7.2.

Chapter 7.3.

Chapter 7.4.

Chapter 7.5.

Chapter 7.6.

Chapter 7.7.

Chapter 7.8.

Chapter 7.9.

Chapter 7.10.

Chapter 7.11.

Chapter 7.12.

Chapter 7.13.

Chapter 7.14.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2004/2019)

Transport of animals by sea (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by land (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by air (1982/2011)

Animal welfare during slaughter (Slaughter of animals) (2005/2024)

Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005/2016)

Dog population management (Stray dog population control) (2009/2022)

Use of animals in research and education (2010/2013)

Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (2012/2013)

Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems (2013/2017)

Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems (2015/2017)

Welfare of working equids (2016/2018)

Animal welfare and pig production systems (2018/2019)

Killing of reptiles for their skins, meat and other products (2019)





WOAH STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE: AQUATIC CODE



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SECTION 7. WELFARE OF FARMED FISH

Chapter 7.1. Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish (2008)

Chapter 7.2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport (2008/2012)

Chapter 7.3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption (2010/2012)

Chapter 7.4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes (2012/2013)





ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

February 2024 Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) meeting Report

Chapter adopted

- ❑ Chapter 7.5. Slaughter of animals (proposed new title: Animal Welfare during slaughter) and related definitions; Presented for comments and adoption at the 2024 WOAHS GS. **Adopted during the 91st General Assembly of Delegates, May 2024.**

Chapter for comments

- ❑ Chapter 7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare; Presented for comments (Inclusion of the 'Five domains' concept and use of terms 'animal-based measures' and 'measurables'). **Annex 29 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**
- ❑ Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes, **Annex 24 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**



DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

Other work in progress

- ❑ **Chapters 7.2. and 7.3. Transport of animals by sea and land; Second ad hoc Group meeting held the 18-20 June 2024**
- ❑ **Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air. Preliminary discussions with IATA.**



GAWS PILLARS ACTIVITIES



COMMUNICATION
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To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to debate openly on topics relevant to animal welfare

- First WOAHA AW Forum -March 2018.

‘Supporting the implementation of WOAHA standards’

- Second WOAHA AW Forum - April 2019

‘Animal transport: a shared responsibility’

- Third WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) April - April 2021

‘Animal Welfare and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals’

- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2022.

‘Animal welfare economics’

- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2023.

‘Developing national animal welfare legislation; different paths for the same destination’



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Plans for the 6th WOAAH Global Animal Welfare Forum

28 and 29 October 2024

Merida, Mexico



**“How WOAAH Global Animal Welfare Collaborating
Centre Network can support Members in the
development of animal welfare policies”**

The WOAAH 6th AW Forum will precede the triennial meeting of the Regional WOAAH Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre for the Americas Region and it will be a by invitation event.



CAPACITY
BUILDING AND
EDUCATION

- WOAAH Training Portal (<https://training.oie.int/>)
- Development of e-learning modules.
 - Chapter 7.14. Killing of Reptiles for their Skins, Meat and Other Products.
 - Labelling process
- WOAAH AW FPs Seminar and 'Flash Information Sessions'.
- Animal Welfare Collaborating Centers Network (AWCC Network).



<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/capacity-building-and-education/>



IMPLEMENTATION
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POLICIES

- Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS) and Platforms
 - Regional priorities
 - Governance
 - Action plan development



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- WOAH Observatory project
 - Thematic study on animal transport by land and sea. 1st Phase launched on the 15th of November 2023. 2nd Phase to be launched during the 2nd Semester of 2024.

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/observatory/>

- Technical Specification ISO TS 34700, Animal welfare management - General requirements and guidance for organizations in the food supply chain (<https://www.iso.org/standard/64749.html>)
- Guiding documents; Animal welfare during transport



<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/implementation-of-animal-welfare-standards-and-policies/>



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