

WOAH global activities on animal transport

4th meeting of WOAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

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THE WOAAH AND ANIMAL WELFARE: A STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

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

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

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

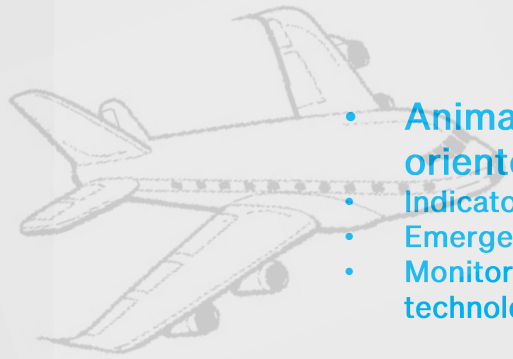
- The WOAAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAAH's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



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.

GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM (2019)

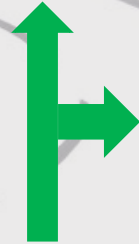


- Animal-base oriented
- Indicators
- Emergency plans
- Monitoring (new technologies)

REVISION OF THE CODE
CHAPTERS (SCIENCE
BASED)

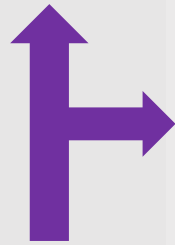


COMMUNICATION



- Coordination
- Awareness campaigns

IDENTIFICATION AND INVOLVEMENT
OF THE MAIN ACTORS/PARTNERS



- Competent Authorities proactivity
- CITES (2015 Cooperation Agreement – 2024 Memorandum of Understanding)
- IATA
- ATA
- Exporter
- Importers
- Civil Society
- Police

INCLUSION OF OTHER
SCIENCES



- AW Economics
- Applied ethology



SUPPORT THE
REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK



- Training
- Coregulation (IATA LAR - ISO 34 700 -CITES)
- Use of WOH tools (PVS pathway)
- Interaction between regulations (Sea – Land)



GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM



Implementation of
animal welfare
recommendations



A journey to successful
shipments

ANIMAL TRANSPORT CHAPTERS IN THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH CODE (SECTION 7 ANIMAL WELFARE)

Chapter 7.2. Transport of animals by sea and

Chapter 7.3. Transport of animals by land

Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air

These recommendations apply to the following live domesticated animals: cattle, buffaloes, camels, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and equines.

They will also be largely applicable to some other animals, e.g. deer, other camelids and ratites.

Wild animals and feral animals may need different conditions.

UNDER A REVISION PROCESS

CHAPTER 7.4. TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY AIR

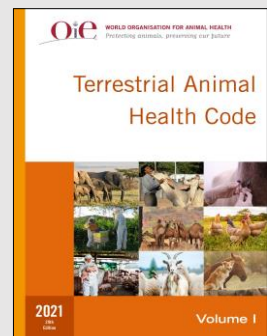


During the 49th WOAHA General Session, held in Paris 25-30 May 1981, WOAHA formally approved the IATA LAR as the guideline for the carriage of animal by air.

12. I.A.T.A. Regulations for live animals (approved by the O.I.E.) may be adopted if they do not conflict with national legislative arrangements. (Copies of these Regulations are obtainable from I.A.T.A. in Montreal, Canada.)

Referenced in the Chapter 7.4. transport of animals by air of the Terrestrial Code.

Reinforce collaboration after the agreement signed in 2008 between both organisations.





WOAH ad hoc Group on the revision of Chapter 7.2. and 7.3. Transport of animals by sea and land

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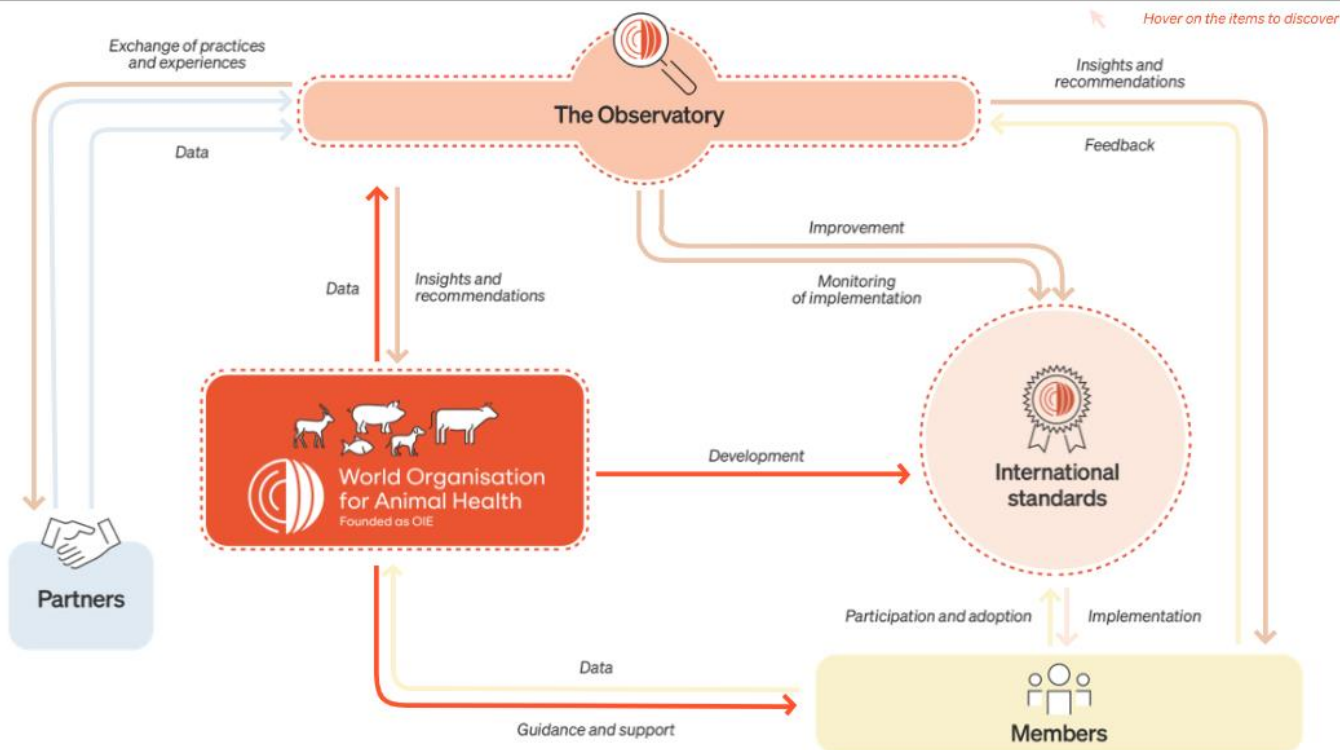




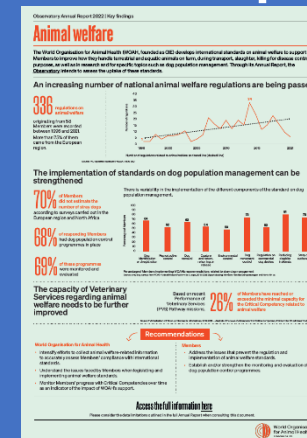
- **Members are encouraged to participate in the standard-setting process and eventually adopt the standards.**
- **But do we know if and how Members implement standards once they are adopted?**

The adoption of the **Resolution N°36** by the World Assembly of Delegates at the 2018 General Session.
The Assembly recommends that:
“The OIE develop an Observatory to monitor the implementation of its international standards, to increase transparency and to identify constraints and difficulties faced by Members”

THE OBSERVATORY: MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WOAH STANDARDS



Annual Report



The Observatory developing a thematic study on the implementation of standards related to transport of live animals at global level



Gather data and insights regarding the implementation of WOAH standards

Identify areas where the implementation of WOAH standards falls short and provide recommendations and calls for action

Disseminate information, while preserving confidentiality

Overarching goal: Improve effectiveness and use of WOAH standards

Monitoring report

Existing datasets are used

A wide range of standards are reviewed

A high-level assessment of the level of implementation of these standards is performed

The main deliverables are published every 5 years

Thematic studies

New, ad hoc data is collected

A small set of standards on a specific topic of interest are reviewed

The barriers and/or success factors to the implementation of these standards are assessed

Deliverables are published at least once a year

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Context

- Transport of live animals is a complex issue with potential high impact on animal welfare and for which societal concerns are growing
- In the context of the WOAAH Global Strategy on animal welfare and the planned revision of the WOAAH standards related to animal welfare, gaining insights on the current state of play would help inform decision-making

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Objectives

- Assess to what extent the standards related to transport of live animals are implemented in WOAAH Members;
- Seek for feedback on Members' overall experience with these standards (what factors facilitate their implementation versus what barriers prevent their implementation);
- Inform standard revision process of the Code commission.

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Methods

- A survey targeting the Veterinary Services of WOAAH Members to assess the level of implementation of WOAAH standards related to animal welfare during transport
- Interviews and/or focus groups to explore the barriers to the uptake of these standards as well as the success factors with Veterinary Services of WOAAH Members;

Scope

- Transport by land and sea only;
- Species covered by Chapters 7.2. and 7.3, i.e. cattle, small ruminants, pigs, poultry , buffaloes, camelids;
- Global scale;
- Time frame: current situation.



Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

- Survey open from 15 November to 31 December 2023
- 1 online questionnaire in 3 languages
- Target respondents: National Welfare Focal Points (NAWFP) of all WOAAH Members

Importance of animal transport
in/from the country
For transport by land and Sea

Presence and characteristics of
a regulatory framework related
to animal welfare during
transport

Presence and characteristics of
a mechanism to enforce these
requirements

Final questions and general
information

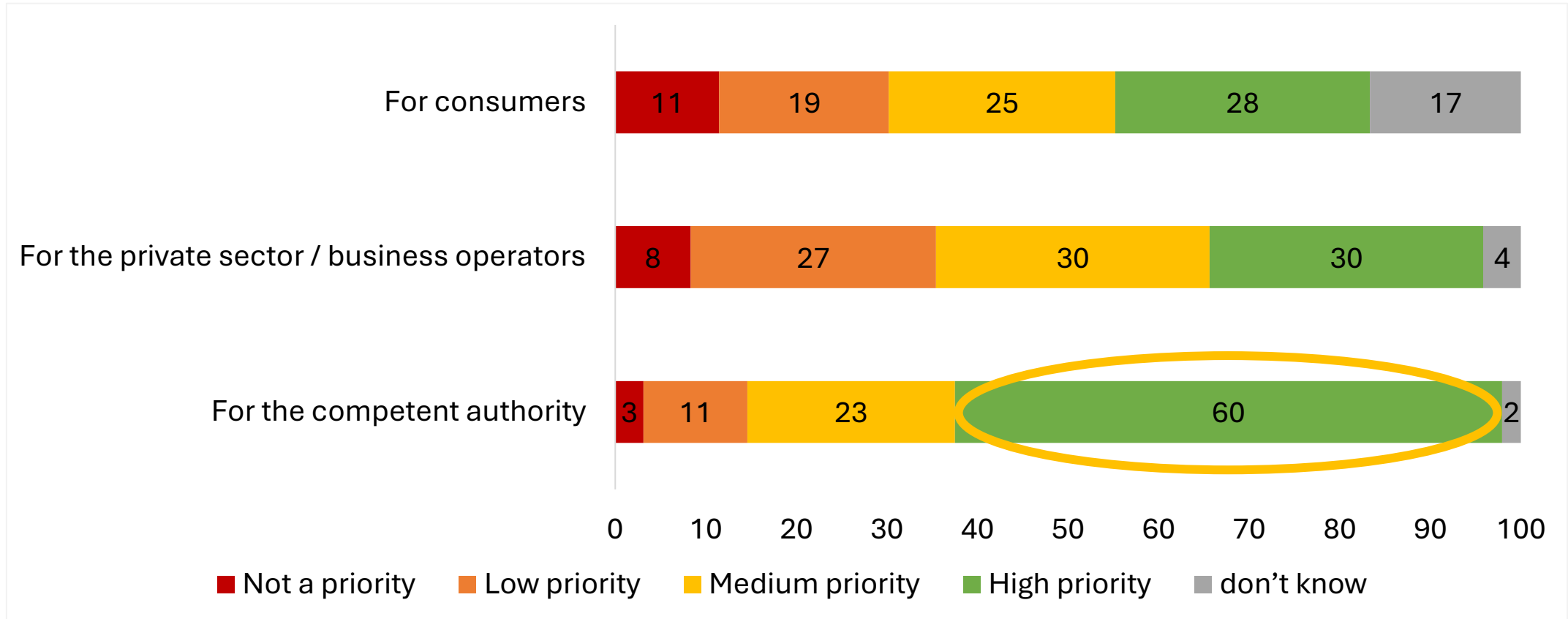


Response rates: 96 Members (52%) completed the questionnaire

Region	Number	Percentage
Africa (<i>n</i> = 53 Members)	21	40%
Americas (<i>n</i> = 32 Members)	16	50%
Asia-Pacific (<i>n</i> = 34 Members)	23	68%
Europe (<i>n</i> = 52 Members)	30	58%
Middle East (<i>n</i> = 12 Members)	6	50%
Total (<i>n</i> = 183 Members)	96	52%

Level of prioritisation depends on the stakeholders

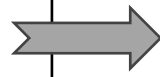
Q43: To what extent is animal welfare during transport by land and sea a priority topic in your country?



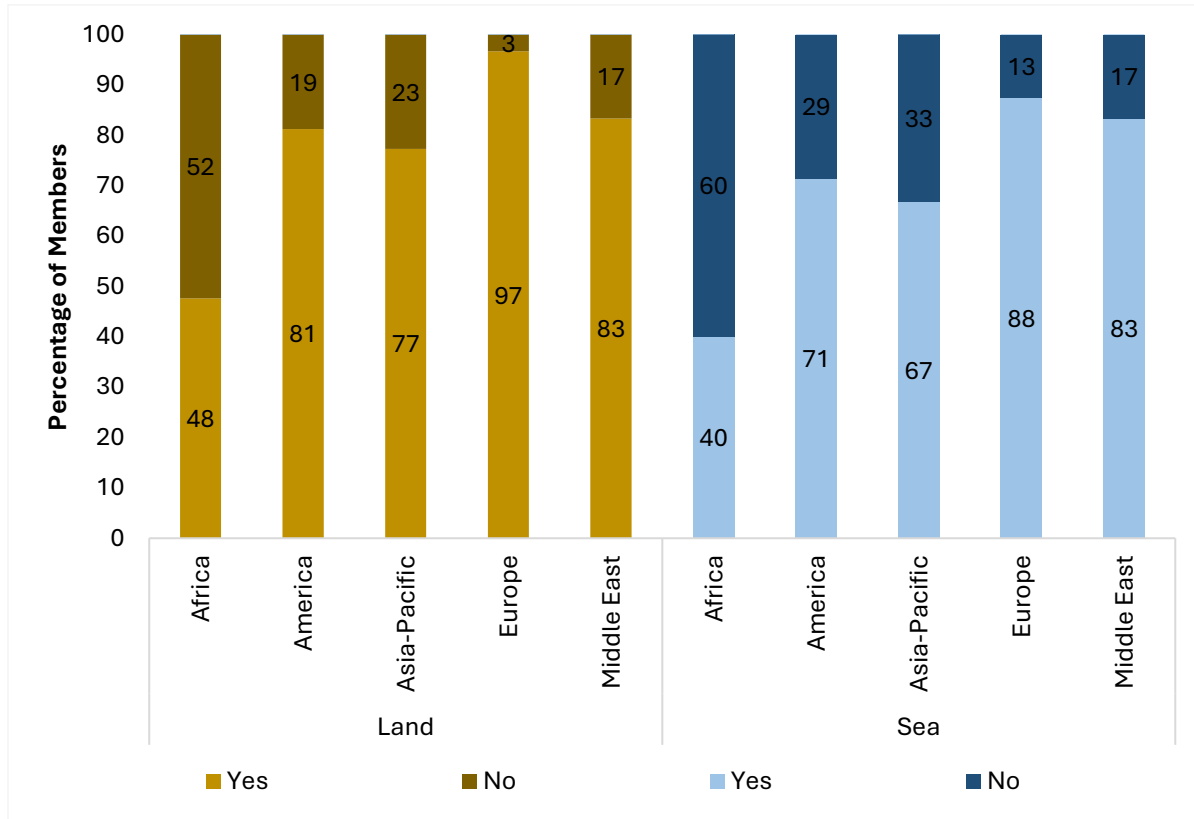


Presence of regulatory framework – by Regions and by Species

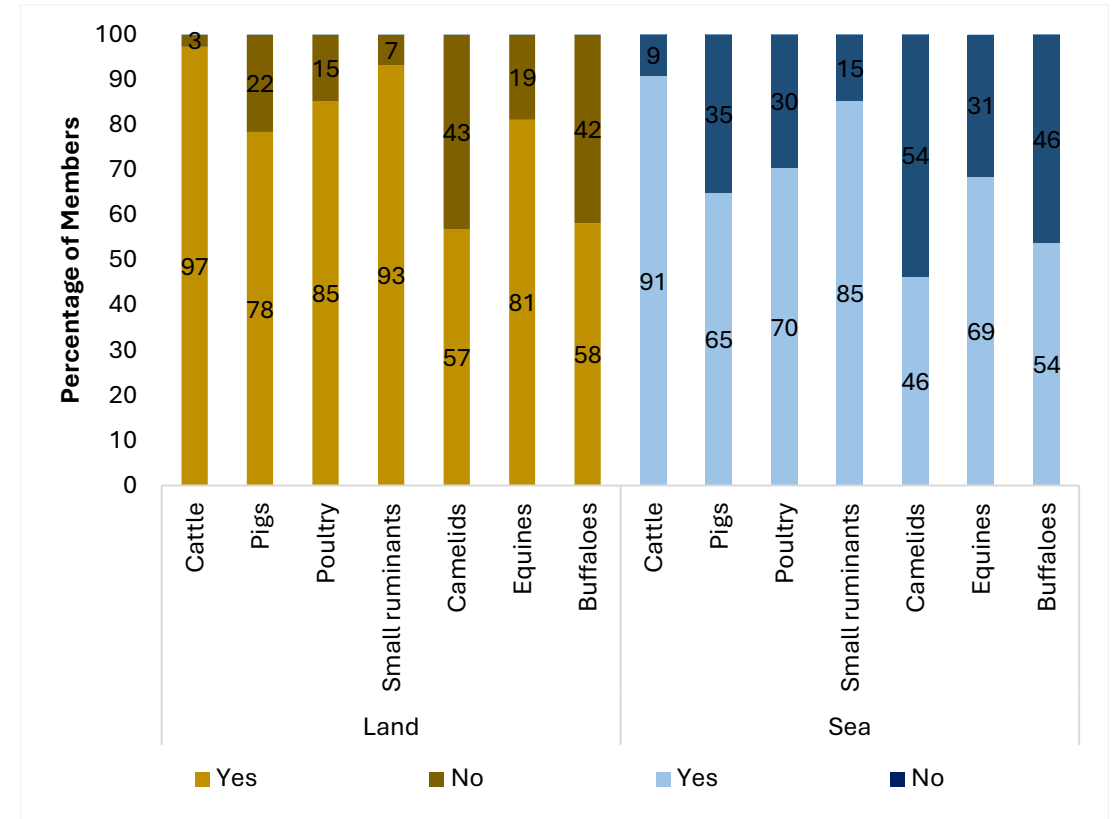
Presence of a regulatory framework covering animal welfare during transport



Land: 78%
Sea: 70%
of respondents



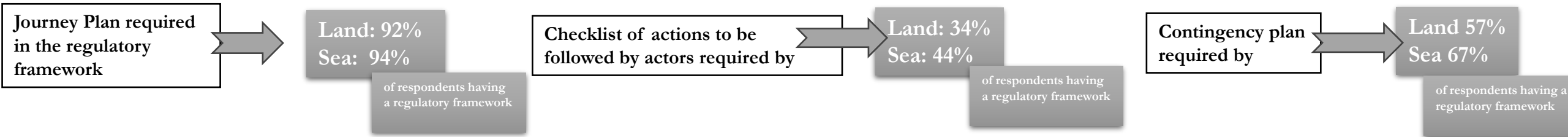
Presence of a regulatory framework by regions



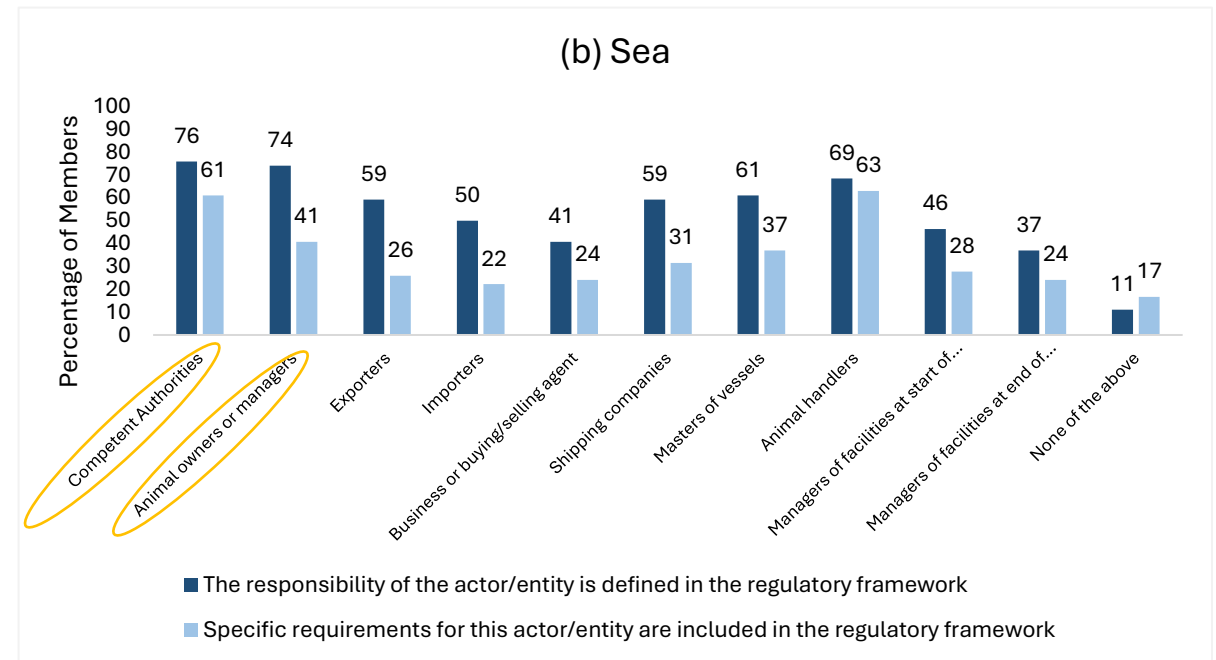
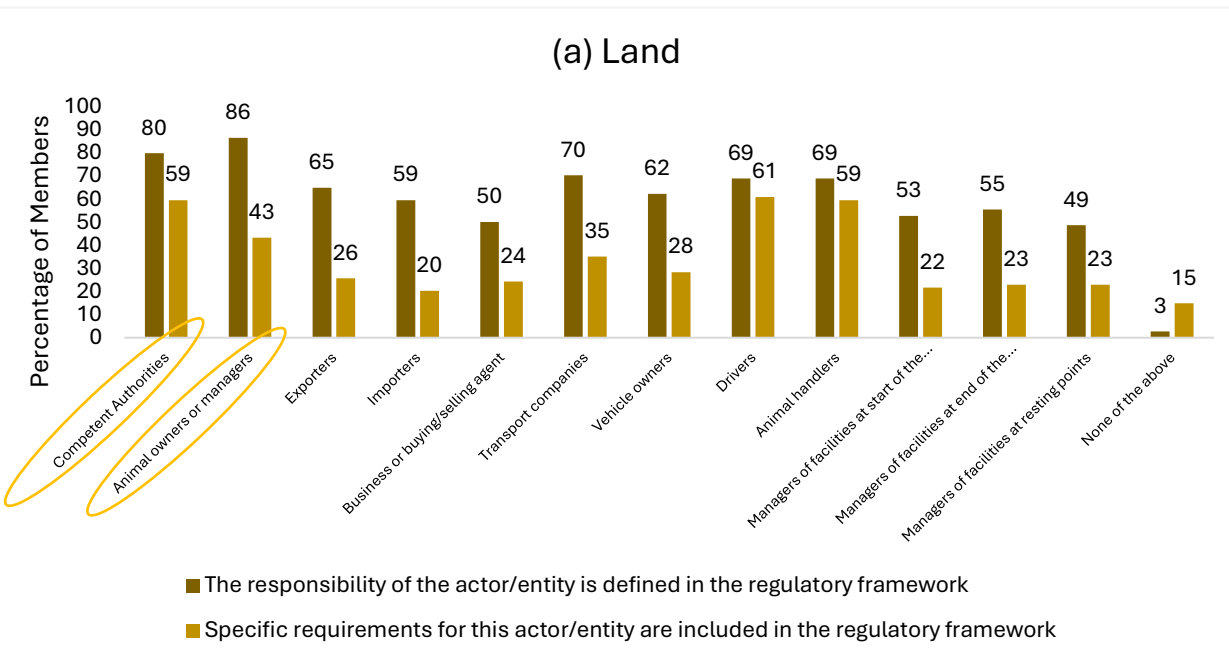
Species covered by a regulatory framework developed by Members



Main requirements of the Terrestrial Code are not always included in regulatory frameworks

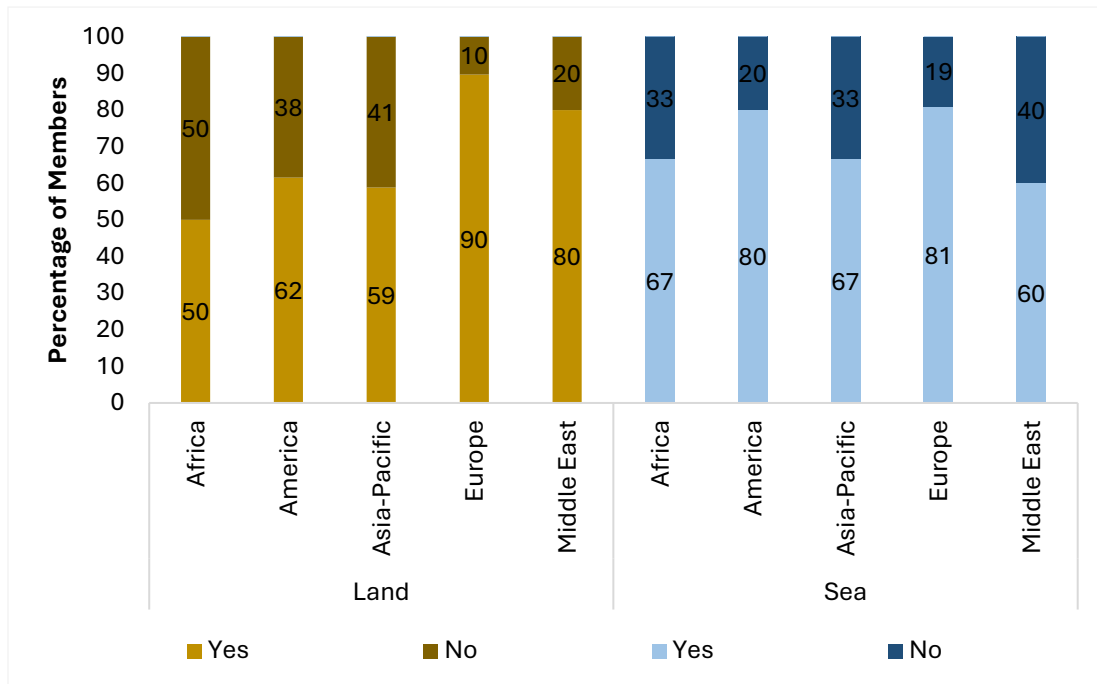
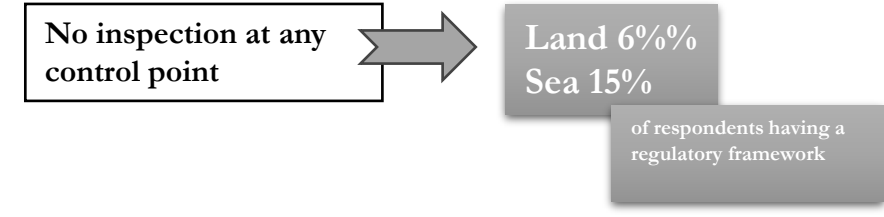
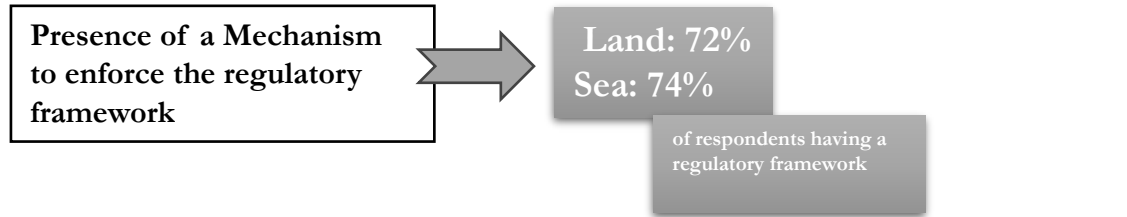


Responsibility of actors/entity and specific requirements for this actor/entity

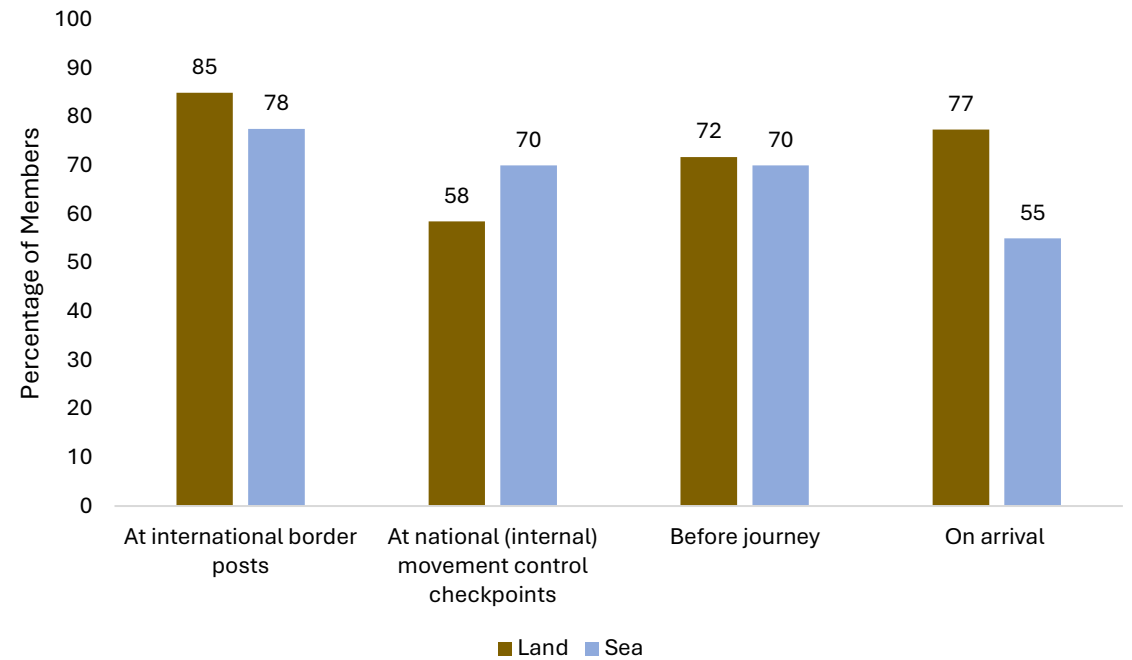




Mechanism to enforce the regulatory framework by Veterinary services



Presence of a mechanism to enforce regulatory shown by region



Members performing at least one type of inspection at different control points for the control of animal welfare



- explore the barriers to the uptake of animal welfare standards during transport as well as the success factors with Veterinary Services of WOAHI Members
- Conduct of the focus groups / interviews with different profiles of members
- 72% of respondents agreed to share their experience on that topic on a one-to-one interview or a focus group

Thank you

Gracias

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Animal welfare: a vital asset for a more sustainable world

Vision Paper



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