



Sharing the experience: Whole Journey Scenario

Multi-Regional Workshop in Colombia to Enhance Animal Welfare during Transport



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World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

3rd WJS on long distance transport for Europe
16-18 December 2024
Paris, France

This was the 1st WJS workshop held in the Americas

Cartagena, Colombia
6 – 8 November, 2024



CONTENTS



AW training
for
transporters



1. To **share** challenges and successful **experiences**.
2. To **learn** from the **strategies** already implemented by other exporting countries to ensure the good welfare of the animals transported throughout the different stages.
3. To find ways to **strengthen** trade **unions** (alliances) between exporting countries and importing countries, to facilitate joint monitoring of the state of animal welfare during transport.

Europe:

- Belgium
- Ireland
- France
- Portugal
- Romania
- Spain



Africa:

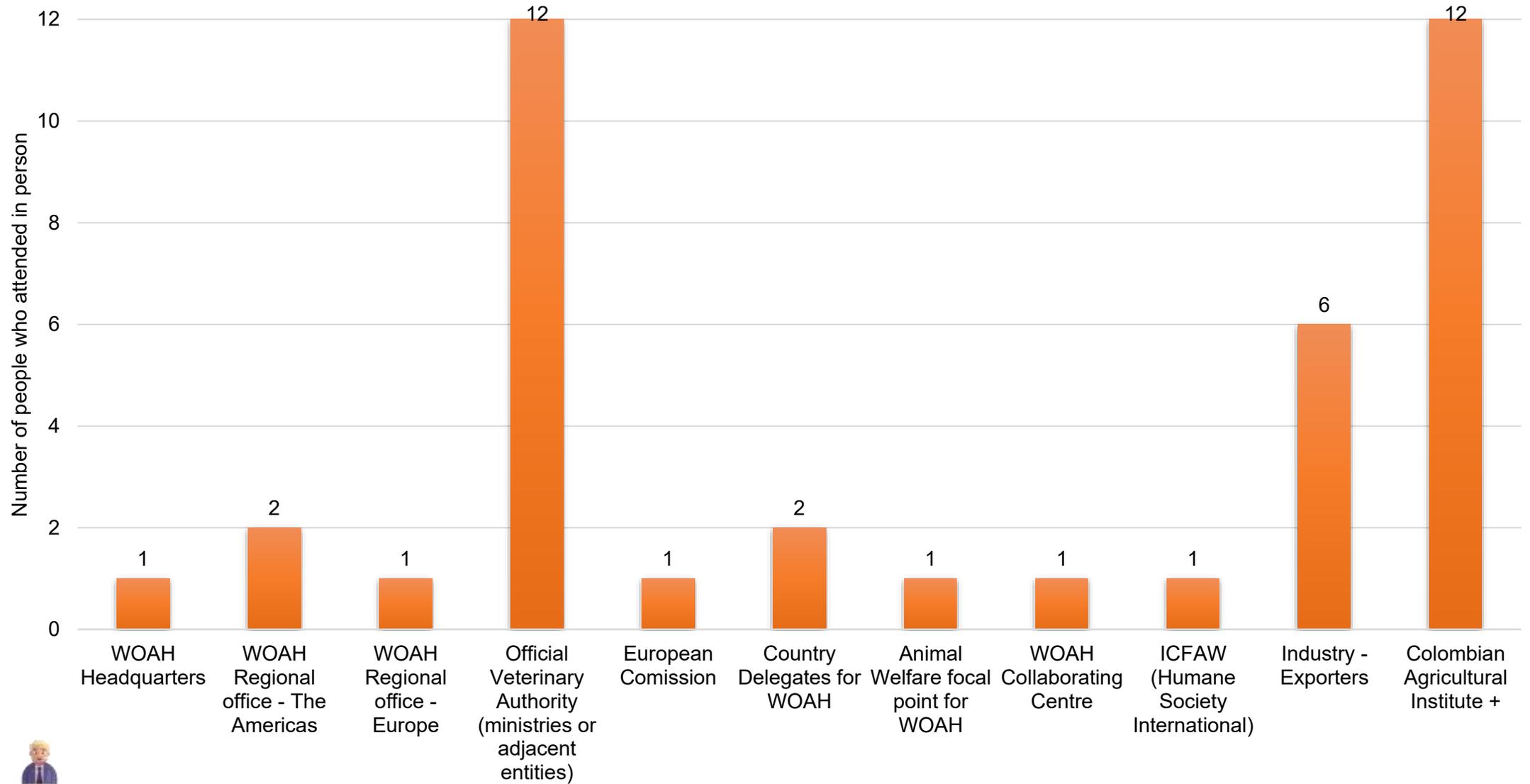
- Morocco

Americas:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Uruguay

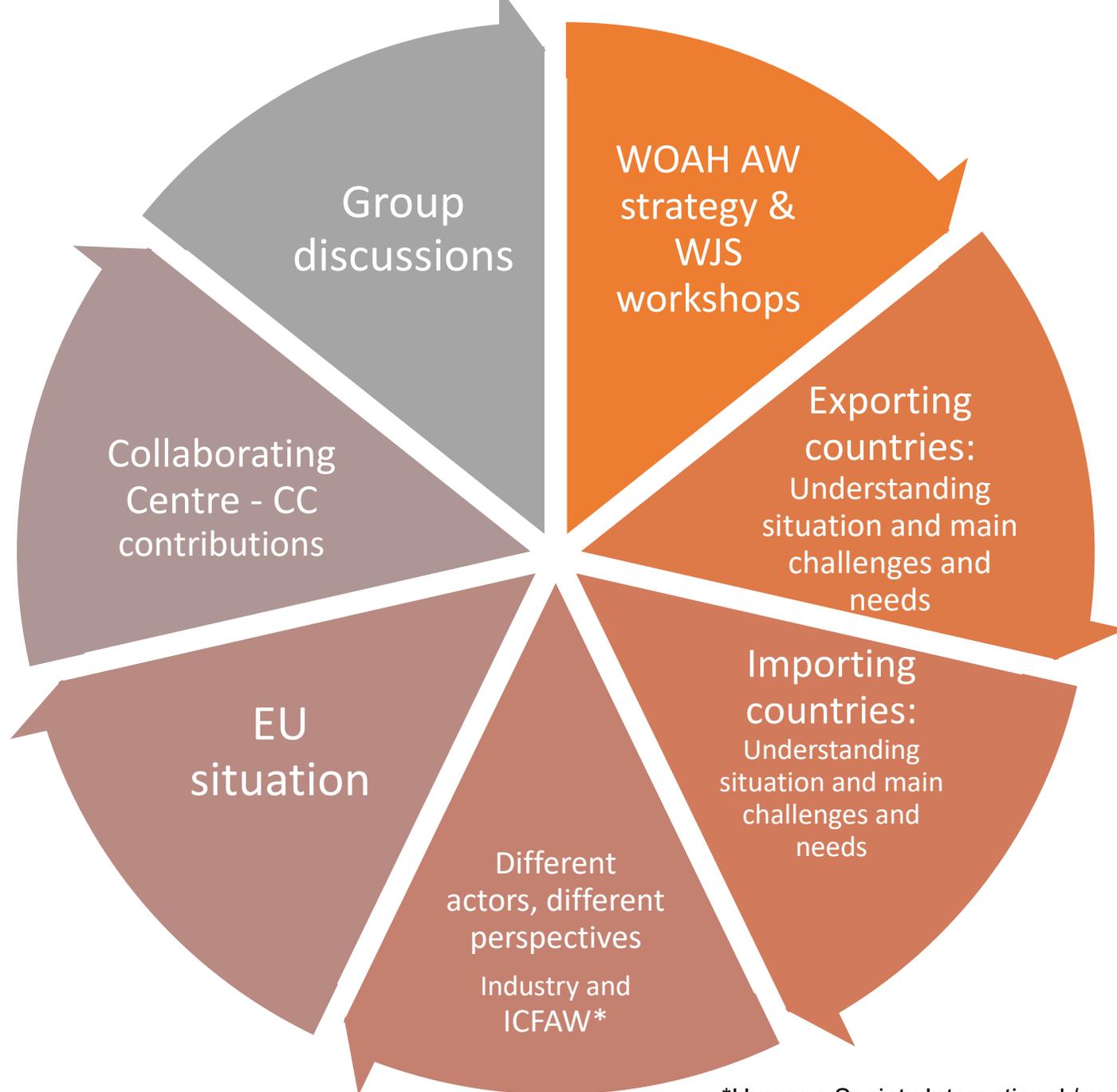
Asia:

- Australia (virtually)
- New Zealand



Participants





*Humane Society International / representing ICAFAW



Visit to a certified exportation farm 🐮

- Farm located in Turbaco, Bolivar

A farm that collects cattle from other beef farms (of 300 and 320 kg of weight) and keeps them for approximately 6 months. It is a farm where the animals undergo quarantine prior to export.



Activities & Field trip



Concerns, challenges and needs



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- 🐮 Exportations have increased, 2023: 500,000 animals/year (Colombia ~ 300.000)
- 🐮 Concerns regarding:
 - Free on Board (FOB): 85% of exports
 - Frees exporters from responsibility for the animals and their condition.
 - Risks are transferred to importers
 - Report of trip: Quality and analysis of these reports.

🐮 What is the definition for long distance transport

- How many km? or how many hours?
- It is key to define it clearly.

“Cattle transported for more than 24 hours or according to the needs of the species and category, receive water, food and rest”

🐮 Many aspects are written on paper but not sure about surveillance.



Sandra Jeréz & José Manuel Maldonado
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Concerns, challenges and needs



- 🐮 Exports: 2 to 3 ships/month.
- 🐮 Regulation based on the EU Regulation No. 1/2005.
- 🐮 Big change will come due to what is coming in the EU.
- 🐮 Weakness: Lack of AW training, lack of presence of official veterinarian (on board) and lack AW inspections.
- 🐮 There is no specific AW department within the livestock services.

Laura Lapitz
Ministerio de Ganadería,
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There is a need for:

- 🐮 Clarity in international animal welfare guidelines.
- 🐮 Should we all follow EFSA recommendations (i.e. space allowance)?
- 🐮 Establish direct communication and joint work channels between official veterinary authorities of countries involved.



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On going Strategies

Improving welfare standards is the solution to not ban!



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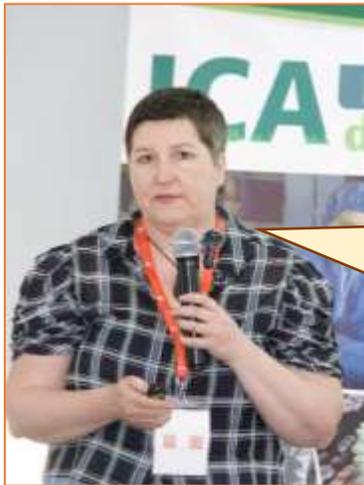
- Adoption of technology based on research.
- Inspections on board.
- Direct communication and shared access to reports.
- National transport **contact points**.

☀️ **BIG concern**: sick animals on arrival... who is responsible for their care and handling?

Group discussion sessions



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Chief of animal health division
National Office for Food Safety
Morocco



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Ministry for Primary Industries
New Zealand

Focus on risk identification:

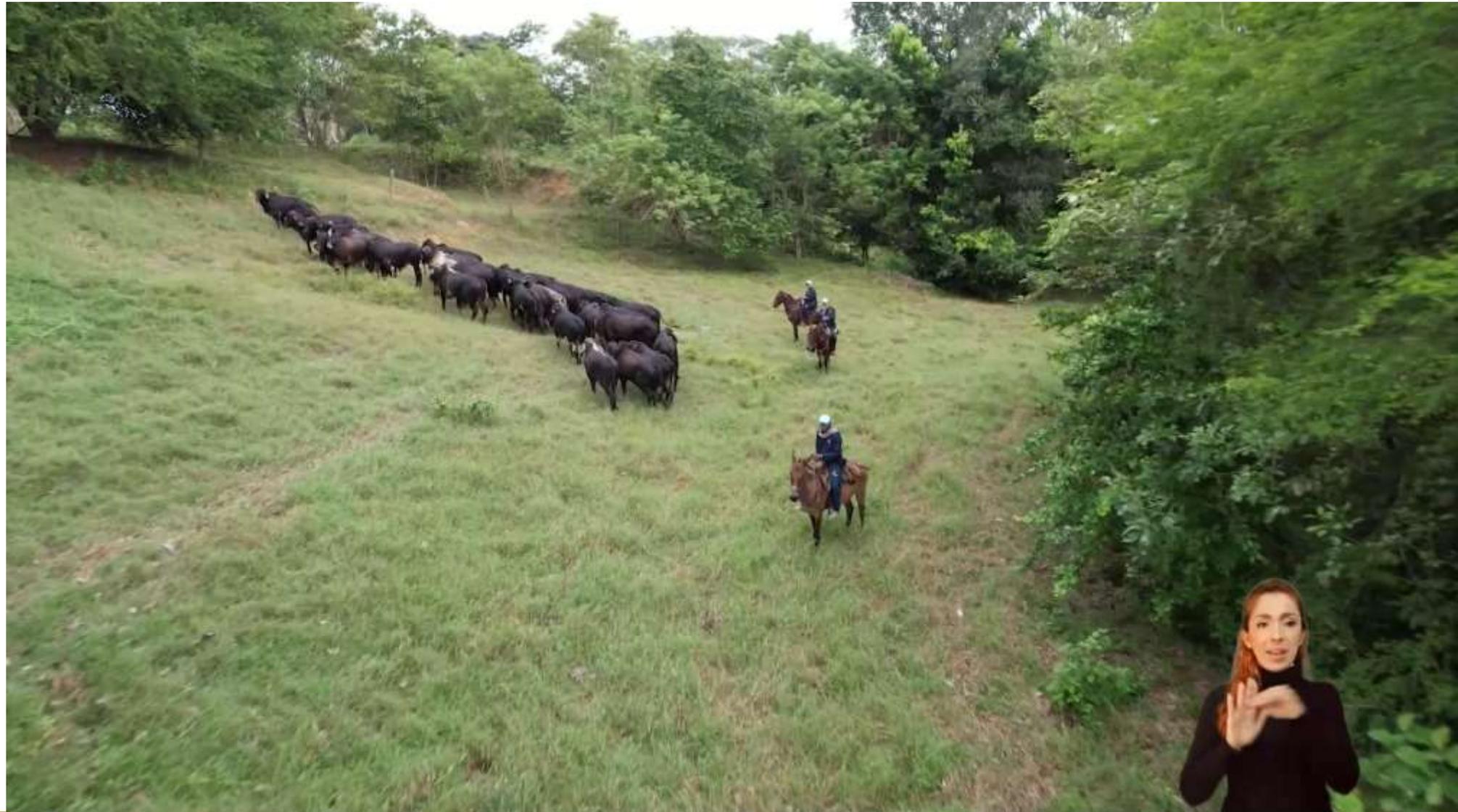
- Animal selection (minimum BCS, weight, pregnancy stage, transitioned to on-board diet, socialized in groups of transport).
- Journey: training and trained 'stockpersons:animals' ratio
- Management and contingency plans.
- Monitoring and reporting from veterinarians.

Future Steps for the Region *Hopefully*

Aiming for the sustainability of live animal exportation around the word, having as a pillar animal welfare

- To identify and create the network of contact points for the region.
- To connect with contact points of importing countries and strengthen communication for problem-solving.
- To establish a regional agreement that determines the aspects to be met by countries involved in this activity to ensure the welfare of the animals to be exported.

Clips from the field visit



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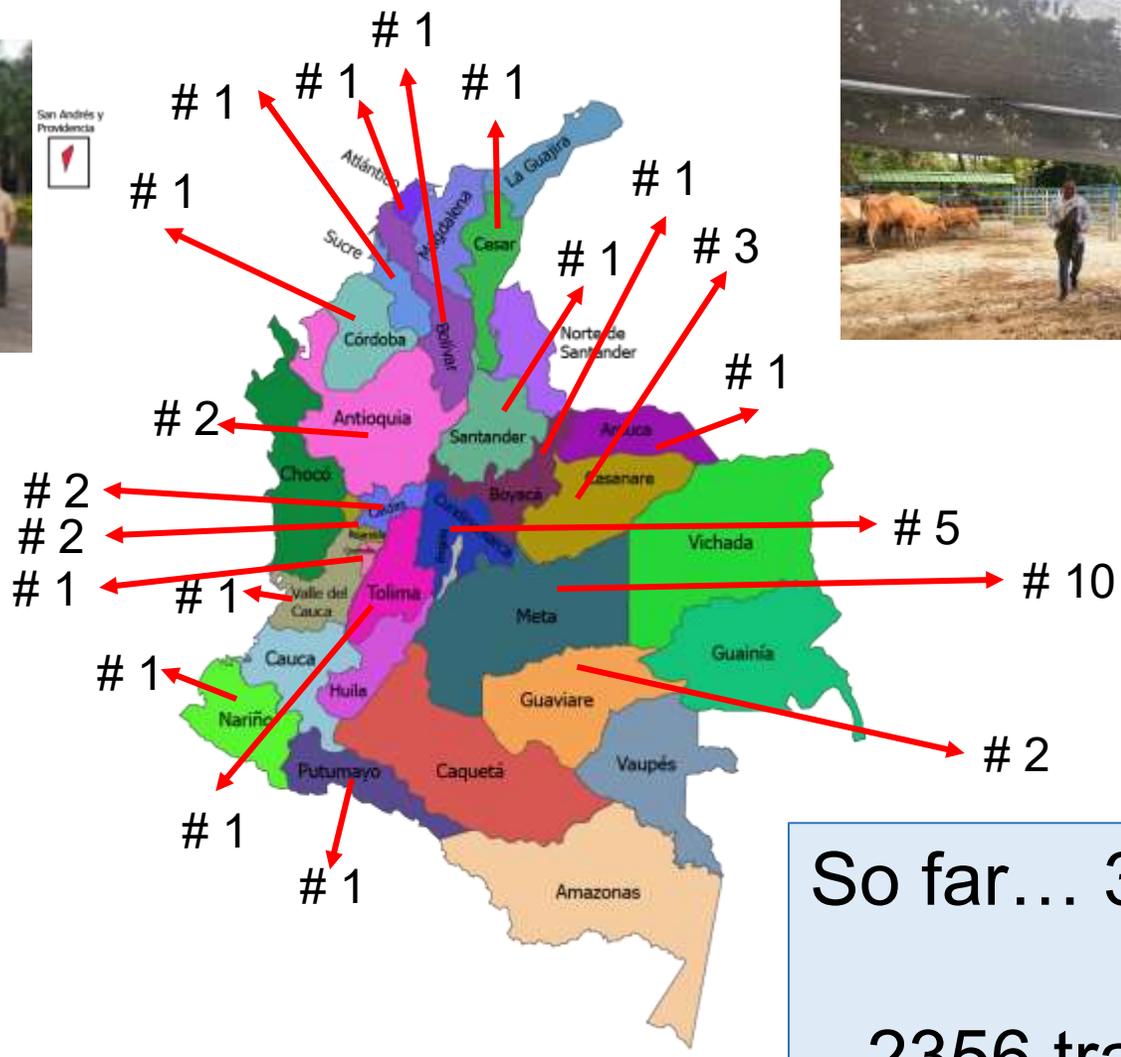
Full TV programme
(In Spanish)
ICA Comunica TV

Animal Welfare Regulation 2022 by



Article 6. Drivers and crew members of vehicles will have a maximum of 3 years, counting from 02-11-2022, **to complete the training course in animal welfare and be certified.**

Since 2023... We have been training Transporters on animal handling and welfare, and we keep doing it!



So far... 39 courses in 21 out of 32 departments
2356 transporters certified so far!



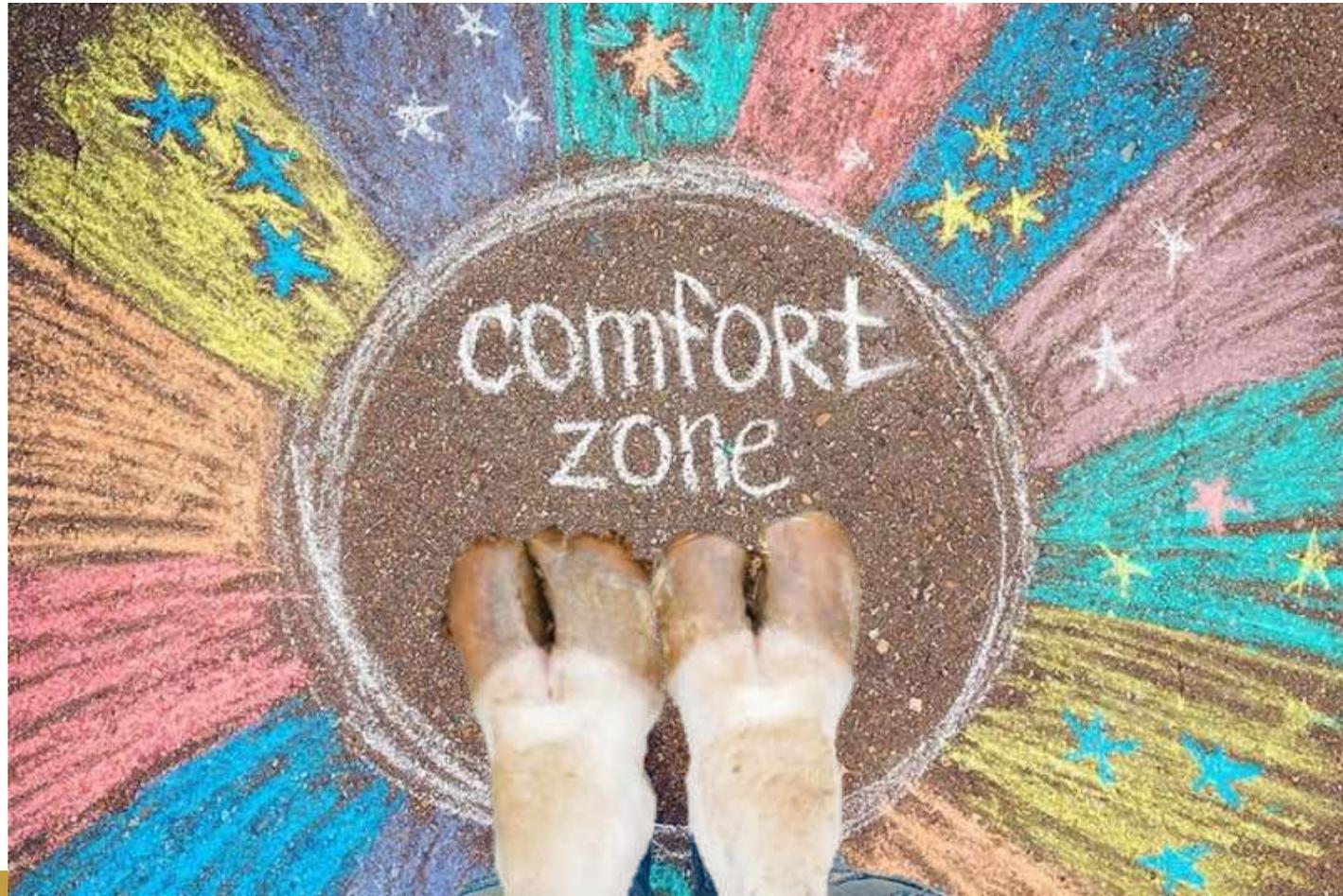
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Acacias, Meta



Raising Awareness by “Putting ourselves in the hooves of animals”



Merci Beaucoup / Thank you



Muchas Gracias