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# ToRs, role and responsibilities of the National Focal Points for Wildlife

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# Background: WOAHA National Wildlife Focal Points

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- **History**

- 2008: 76th General Session, WOAHA World Assembly of Delegates
  - The Assembly re-iterated the importance of the Focal Points for Information on Animal Diseases
  - In addition, requested nomination of other Focal Points: **Wildlife**, Aquatic animal diseases, Animal welfare, Animal production food safety, Veterinary products and antimicrobial products, Communication, and Laboratories (added later)

- **Governance**

- Focal points are nominated by and are under the authority of the Delegate even when they are located in other Ministries or Departments

- **Function**

- Focal points serve primarily as a means for improved communication between Members and WOAHA
- FP establish networks and improved communications at country level between two or more Competent Authorities.



# The WOA National Wildlife Focal Points (WFP) are part of the bigger WOA Wildlife Programme launched in 2020

## WOAH Wildlife health programme



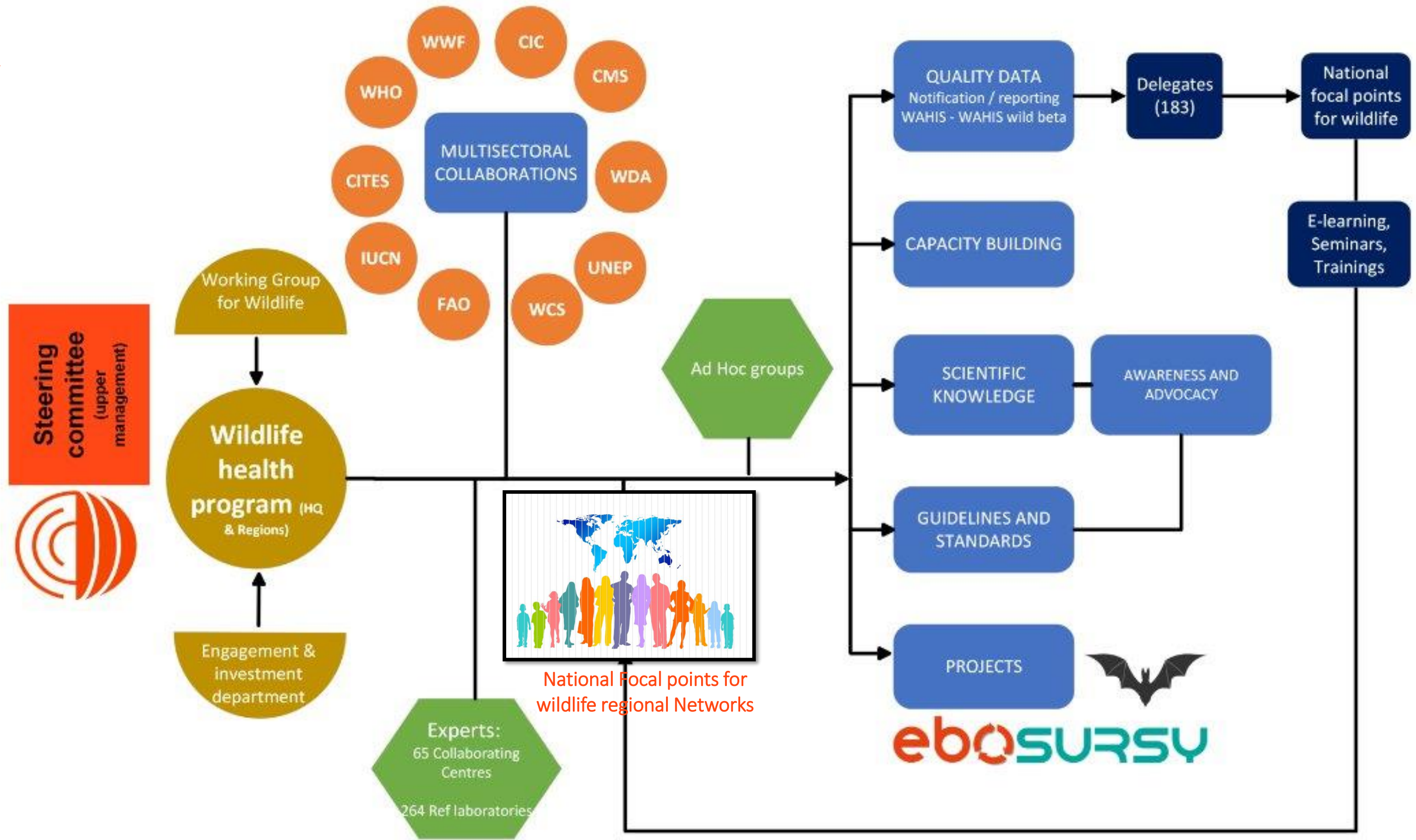
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What is the role of the WOAH National Wildlife Focal Point (WFP) towards improving wildlife health in the European Region and around the globe?

**WFP Terms of Reference (TORs)**



## NETWORKING

with relevant / wildlife experts  
within their country

## COOPERATION and COMMUNICATION

with relevant national authorities  
where responsibilities are shared

- **To establish a Network of wildlife Experts**
  - Or link with existing national network
  - Facilitate the circulation of the information through these networks
- **To establish and maintain a dialogue**
  - With the competent authority for wildlife in his/her country
  - And facilitate cooperation among several authorities in charge of wildlife





**CONTACT POINT**  
for WOAHA Relevant Departments  
to provide and receive information  
on wildlife health

**IN-COUNTRY CONSULTATION  
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draft standards

- **Act as a contact point on matters related to information on wildlife, including wildlife disease**
  - WOAHA Preparedness and Resilience Department
  - WOAHA World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department
  - Other WOAHA Departments
- **Receive Reports from the WOAHA Headquarters, Regional Offices, and Sub-regional Offices**
  - Of the Working Group on Wildlife and other relevant reports (E.g: Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases)
  - Related to wildlife or livestock–wildlife interface
  - Conduct the in-country consultation process with relevant experts on draft texts of standards dealing with wildlife health



COMMENTS on meeting reports and proposals for new WOA H Standards and Guidelines for the National Delegate

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- **To prepare comments for the WOA H Delegate**
  - on relevant meeting reports
  - on the proposals for new WOA H standards and guidelines related to wildlife
  - reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual WOA H Member and/or the Region
- **To collect and report wildlife disease**
  - under the authority of the WOA H Delegate of his/her country
  - through WAHIS (immediate notifications and follow-up reports, six-monthly reports, and annual questionnaires) and *WAHIS-Wild beta*





## The WFP contributes to the WOAHA Wildlife Team Effort while benefitting from the various other components of the WOAHA Wildlife Network

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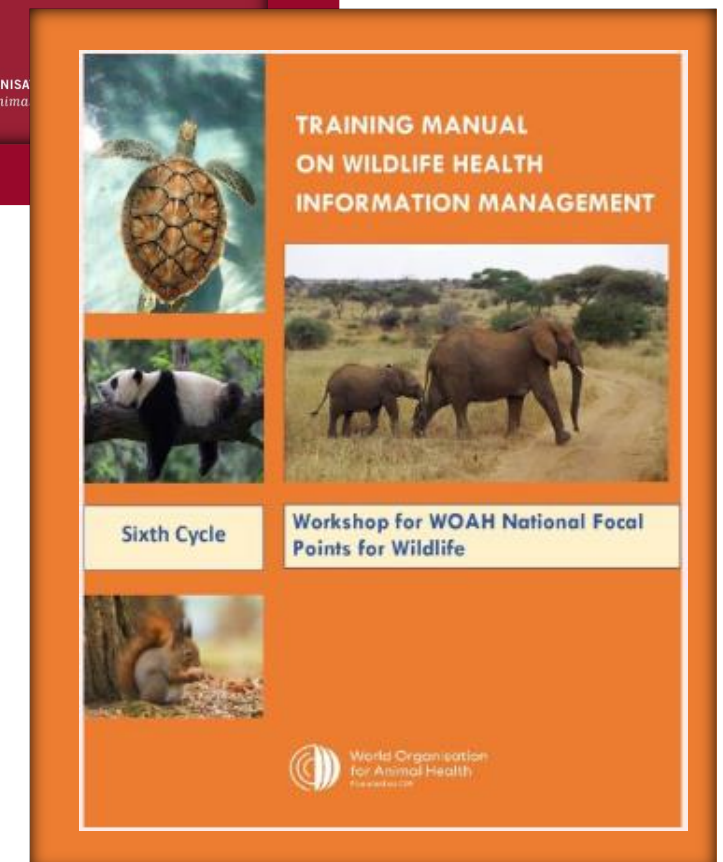
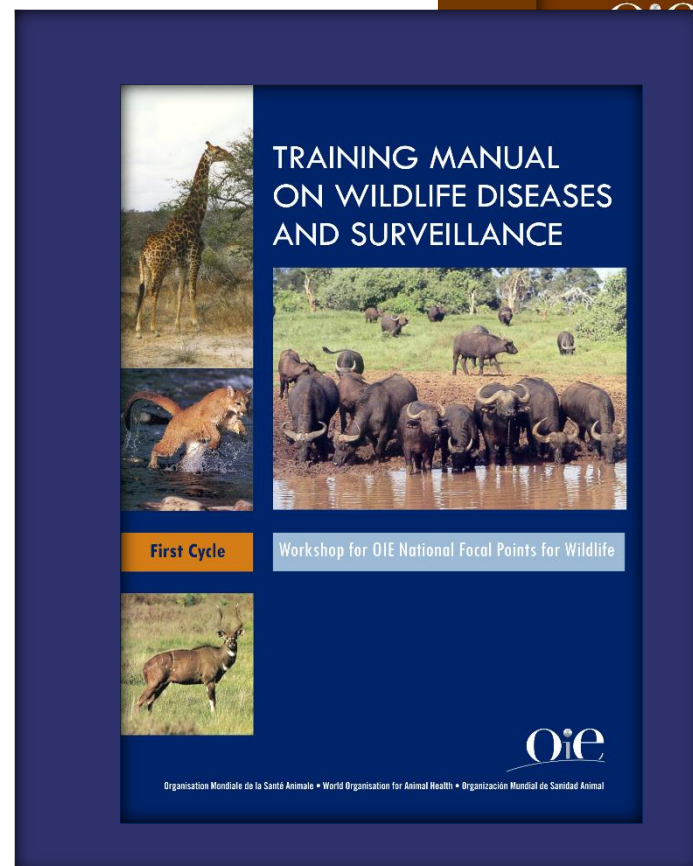
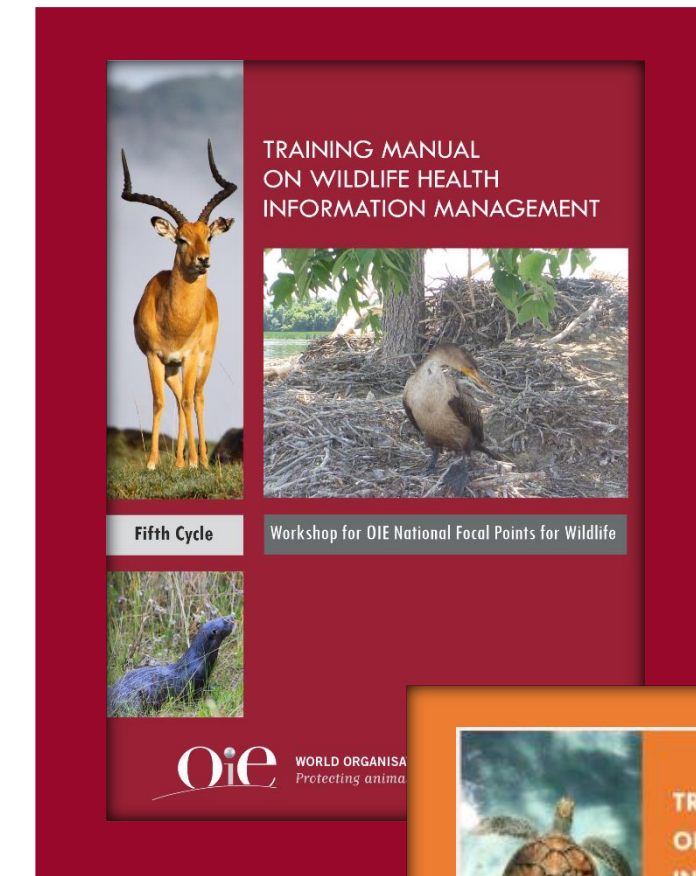
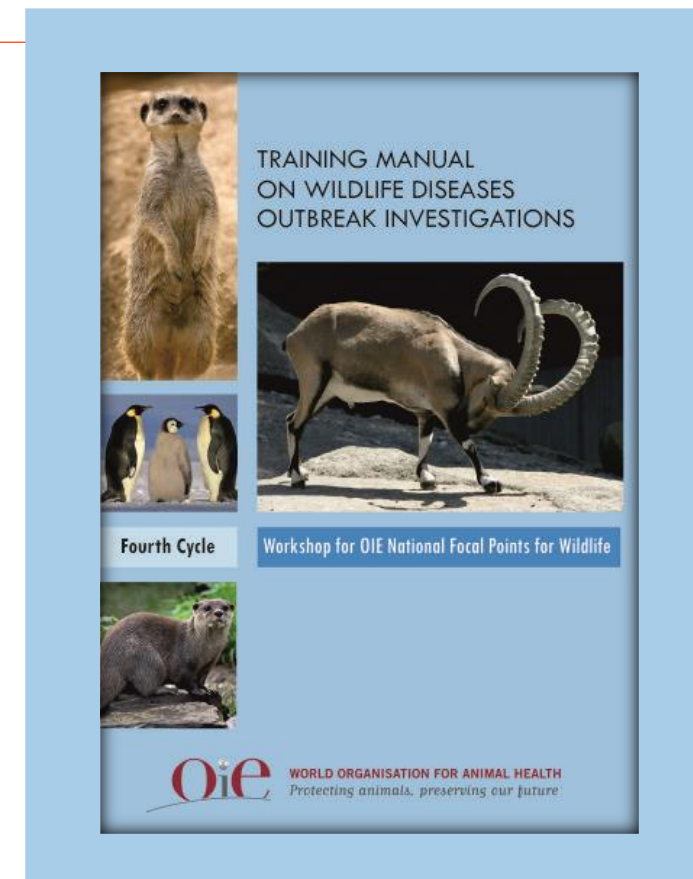
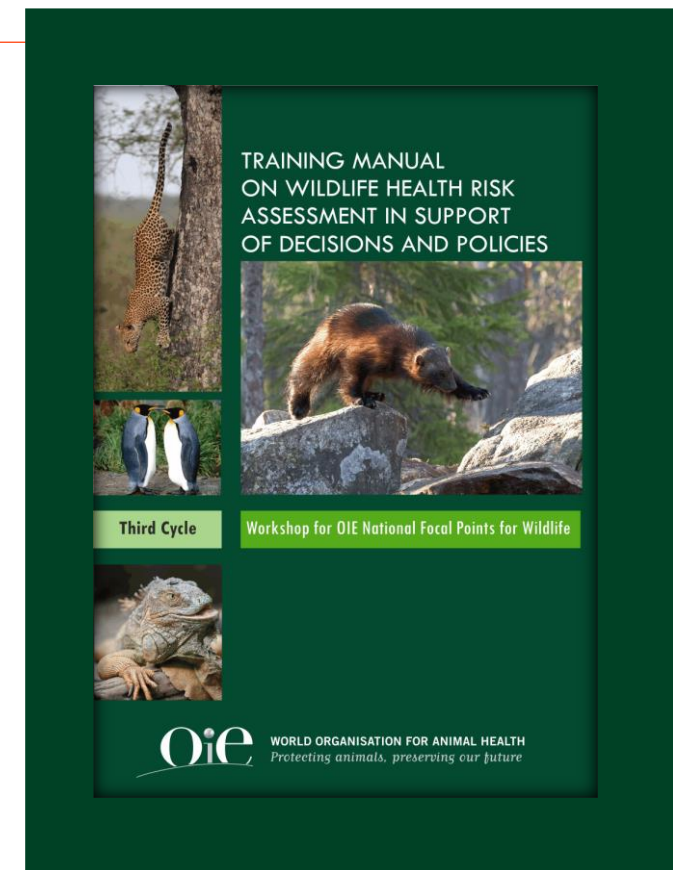
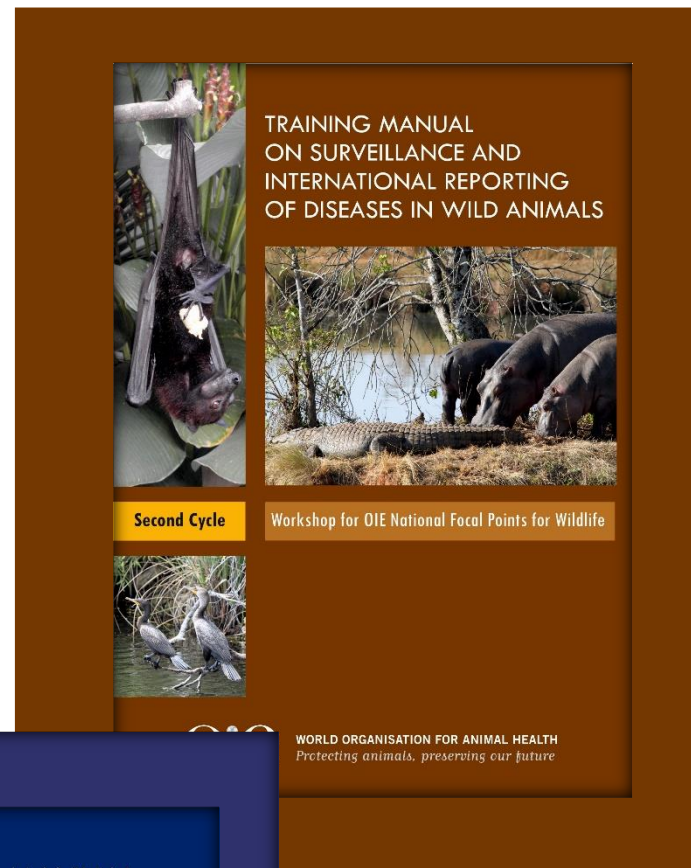
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# RESSOURCES : training manuals and in-person trainings

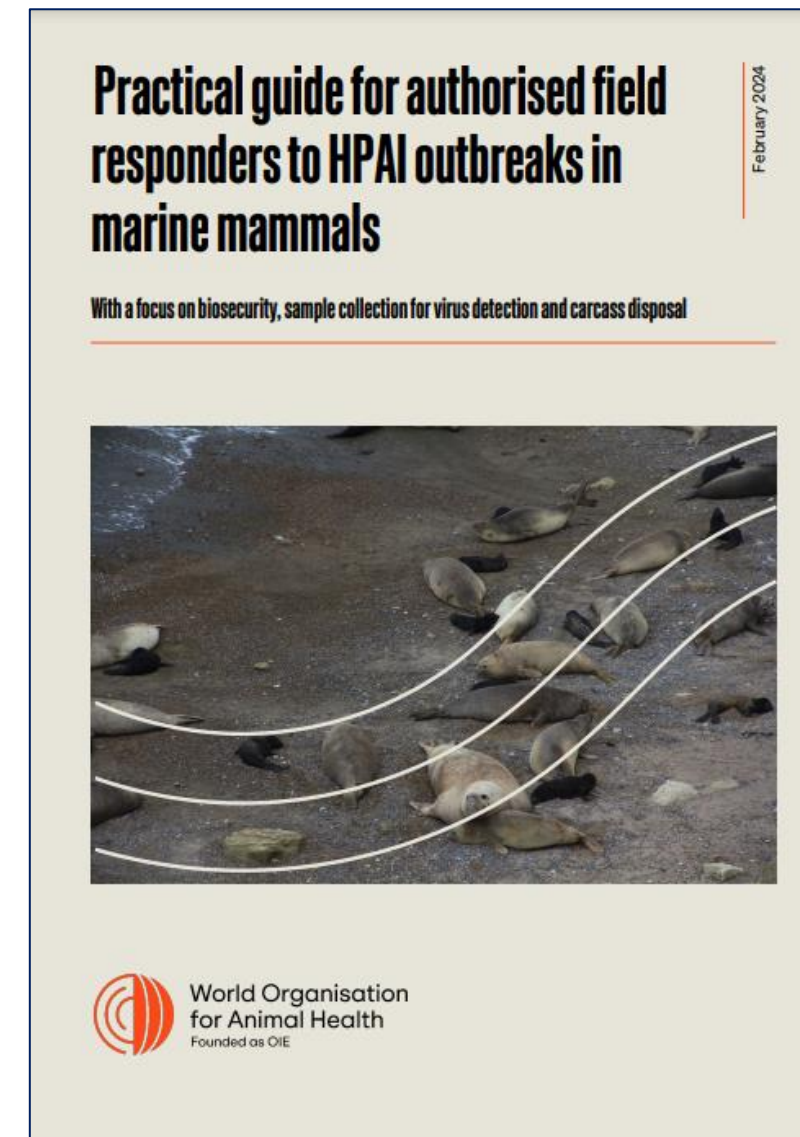
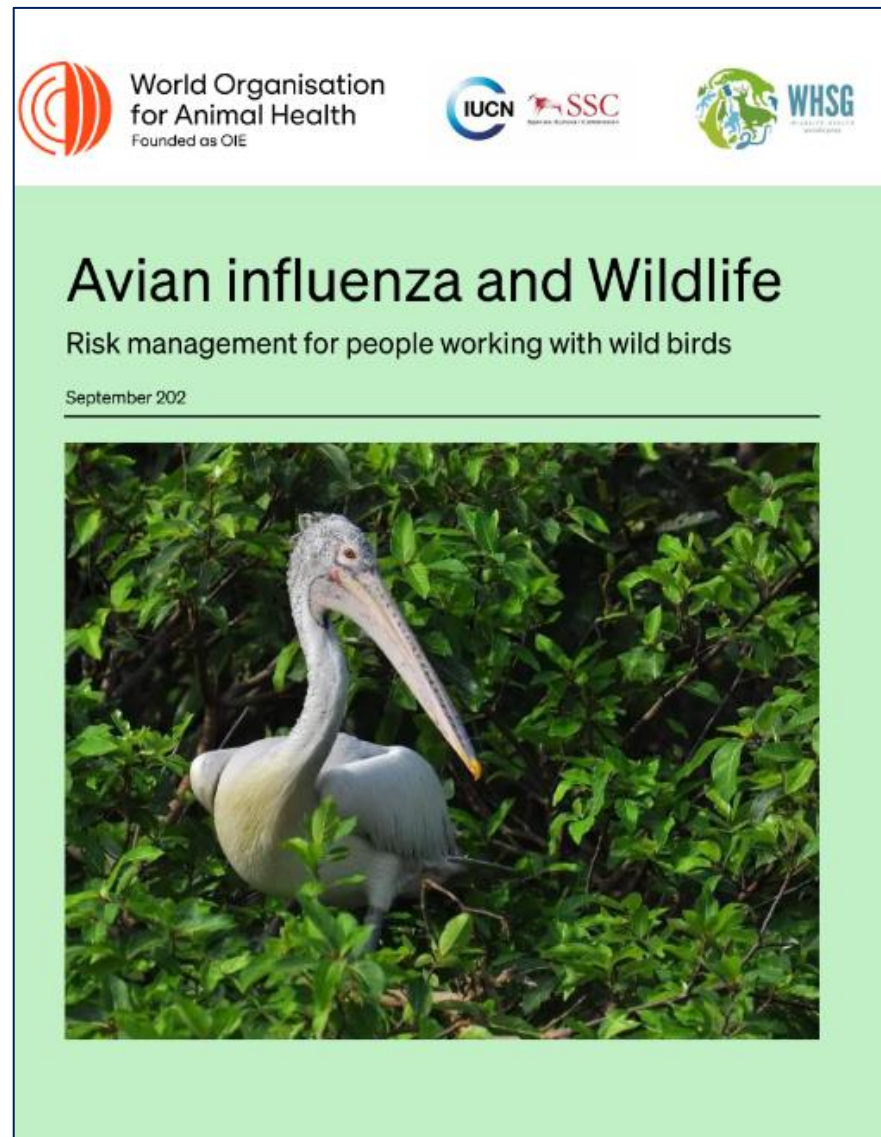


**Training Manuals from  
all 6 training cycles are available online**





# RESSOURCES: Guidelines on wildlife health



- Guidelines for Risk guidance on **reducing spillback of Mpox from humans to wildlife, pet animals and other animals**
- Considerations for **emergency vaccination of wild birds against high pathogenicity avian influenza** in specific situations
- Guidelines for **Working with Free-Ranging Wild Mammals in the Era of the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- Guidelines & Manual for **Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis** (currently being updated)





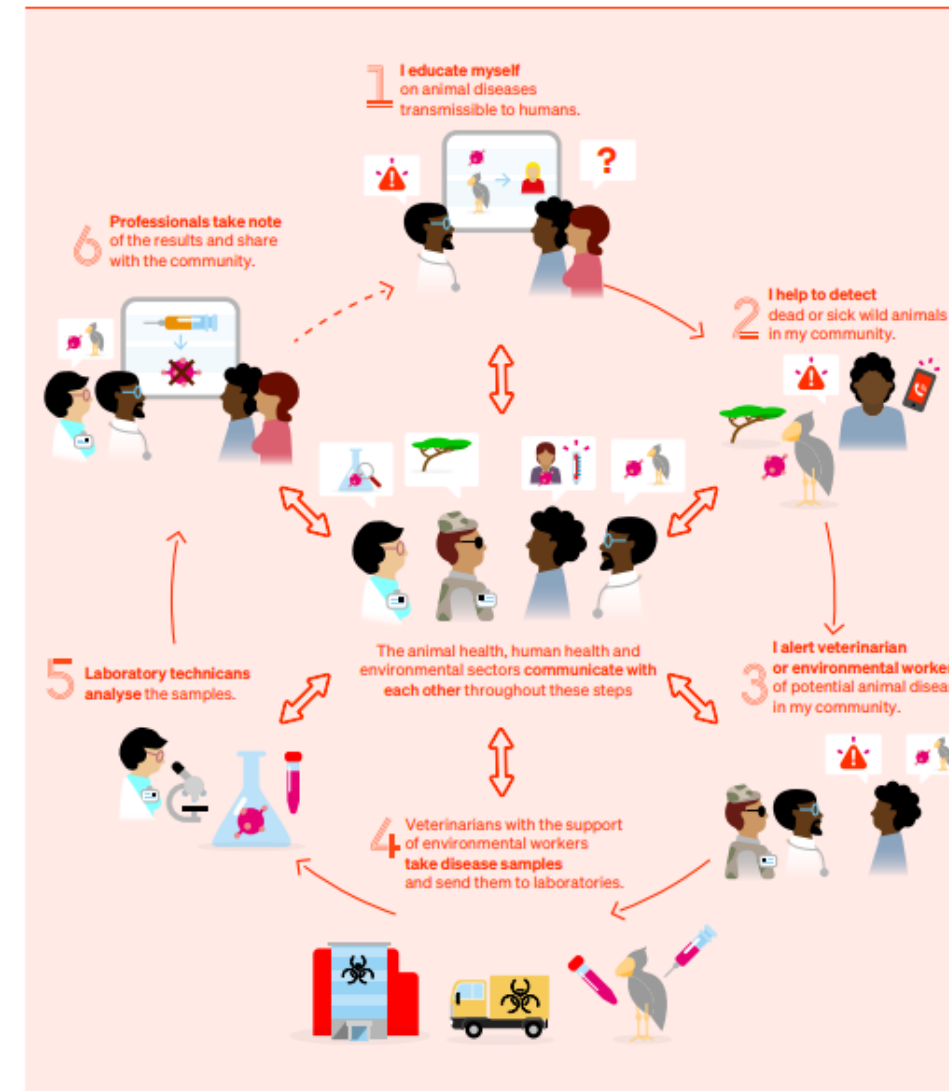
# Ressources : communication tools

- To highlight the importance of Wildlife health for Global health
- Provide material for advocacy purpose



- Ecosystem Video
- Surveillance Video
- Pelican and AI video
- TB video
- Posters

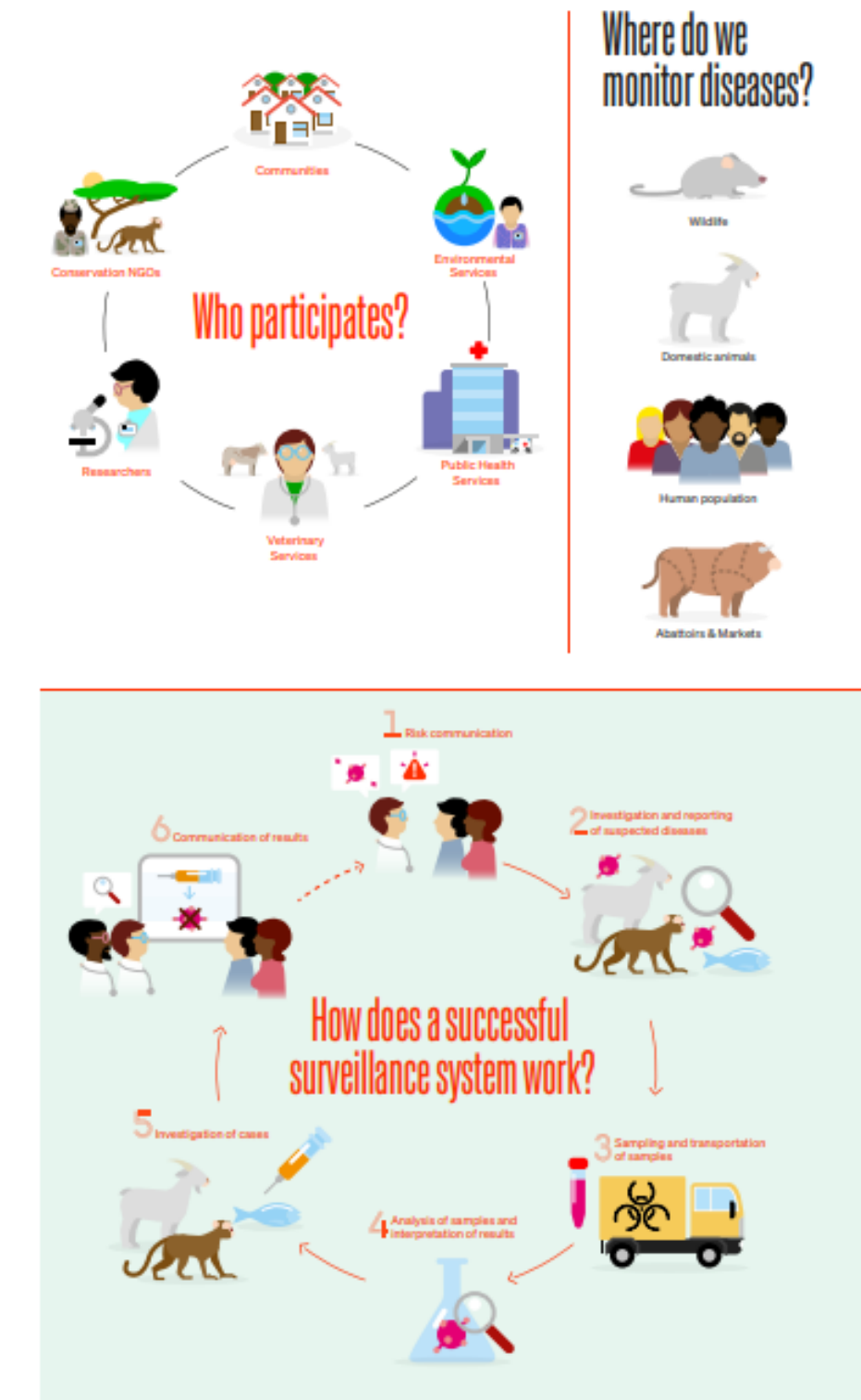
## WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A CITIZEN IN THE ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM?



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## HOW DOES COMMUNITY-BASED SURVEILLANCE WORK?



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