



Regional Animal Welfare Strategy for Asia, the Far East and Oceania Regional Meeting, back-to-back with the Action Plan Writing Group Meeting

28-30 July 2015

Meeting Report



Photo: RAWs Regional Meeting

Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

MEETING SUMMARY

Following the Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania Meeting in Paris, May 2015 and its agreement to assume greater responsibility for the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS), a RAWS Regional Meeting was held on 29 – 30 July 2015 in Bangkok to consider future requirements and management of the RAWS.

The Regional Meeting was preceded by an Action Plan writing group meeting on the 28th July in Bangkok. This meeting prepared a Supplementary Paper and draft generic RAWS Action Plan for consideration at the Regional Meeting.

The Regional Meeting had a good mix of participants from countries in the Region including Focal Points, OIE Representatives from Headquarters, the Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific and Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia, the Chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group, Representative from World Animal Protection, the Vice-President of the OIE Council and a Member of the OIE Regional Commission.

Background materials for the RAWS Regional Meeting are attached;

- RAWS Coordination Group (CG) ToR (**Annex 1**)
- RAWS, 2nd Ed (2013-2015) ([http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/fileadmin/Regional_Representation/Programme/RAWS/Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Edition 2 2013-15.pdf](http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/fileadmin/Regional_Representation/Programme/RAWS/Regional_Animal_Welfare_Strategy_Edition_2_2013-15.pdf))
- RAWS Discussion paper (**Annex 2**)
- RAWS Comparison of the RAWS & OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (**Annex 3**)
- Agendas for the Action Plan and RAWS Regional Meetings (**Annex 4**)
- Supplementary Paper (**Annex 5**)
- A list of participants (**Annex 6**)

The Meeting was positive and constructive. Issues that emerged during discussion related to the Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* of a proposed RAWS Advisory Group (AG), a draft generic Action Plan and approaches for funding/future activities.

In respect of the proposed AG, the key issue of nominating the Chair of the Group was discussed in some detail. Some were of the view that the Chair should be the Regional Member of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group. Others were of the opinion the Chair should be a Member of the Regional Commission. There are pros and cons for each. In the end, the Meeting agreed to leave the decision to the Director General of the OIE based on the advice of the Regional Commission.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

That OIE and the Regional Commission

- AGREE that the Regional Commission assume responsibilities for the RAWS and its management
- AGREE to the establishment of a RAWS Advisory Group and that this be established as soon as practical to enable the work of the RAWS to be progressed
- AGREE to the proposed Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* of the Advisory Group detailed at **Annex 7**
- PROVIDE Advice on the Chair of the Advisory Group for Director General consideration
- AGREE that the draft generic Action Plan (**Annex 8**) be used as a resource document by the Advisory Group and Member countries
- NOTE proposed approaches and recommendations for seeking funding including the development of an Advocacy Document and future planning for Projects (**Annex 9**)
- AGREE that Focal Points are key to the development of successful progress of the RAWS and must liaise closely with OIE Delegates
- THANK the former RAWS Coordination Group for its commendable efforts in developing and progressing the RAWS

Annex 1



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REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY COORDINATION GROUP (Coordination Group)

The implementation of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) and the activities of the Secretariat are to be guided by a small Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group (Coordination Group) which has appropriate representation from the OIE, from regional governments (including South Asia and the Pacific) as well as industry, and non-government organisations.

Terms of Reference

- To provide strategic advice and guidance to OIE through the Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania on the further development and implementation of the RAWS.
- To review the performance of the RAWS, to enable the measurement of improvements to animal welfare in the region.
- To identify issues/ new research/ scientific knowledge of relevance to the RAWS and to seek independent scientific advice as necessary.

Guiding Principles

- The chairperson and members/alternates of the Coordination Group will be appointed by the Director General of the OIE.

Modus Operandi

- The Coordination Group will operate predominantly by email and teleconference. It is envisaged that one face-to-face meeting a year will be required.
- The Coordination Group will invite observers when appropriate to participate in the activities of the Group, for the purpose of informing and engaging other stakeholders, including OIE regional representatives, European Commission, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Bank.
- DAFF will provide secretariat support for the Coordination Group for the initial period of 2 years.
- The Coordination Group is initially established for 2 years followed by a review at the end of this period.

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Discussion Paper.

Purpose:

- To provide draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and *Modus Operandi* for a proposed RAWS Advisory Group (AG) for discussion at the RAWS Regional Meeting in Bangkok on the 29-30 July 2015.

Background:

- In May 2008, the OIE International Committee and the Regional commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania endorsed the 1st Edition of the RAWS after a Regional Meeting. This followed the recommendations of a meeting in 2007 of 37 representatives from 12 countries in the Region and 3 international organisations, and the subsequent establishment of a small Writing Group.
- A RAWS Coordination Group (GG) to monitor and to advise on developments was established by the Director-General. The Secretariat for the RAWS CG and funding for meetings, an Independent Chair and small projects, was provided by the Australian Department of Agriculture.
- The OIE Regional Representation Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) assumed the RAWS Secretariat in April 2014 when Australia was no longer able to provide this service.
- Although Australian Program funding for the RAWS formally ended in May 2015, the RAWS Regional Meeting and associated Action Planning Meeting have been funded from the remaining balance of RAWS funds. The RAWS is in its 2nd Edition (2013-2015).
- OIE and the Regional Commission agreed in May 2015 that the RAWS should continue and move to a next stage of its development with the direct oversight of the Regional Commission.

Key Issues:

- It is suggested that the Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* not stray too far from existing arrangements given the success of the RAWS to date; and that future RAWS developments be recommended in the light of experience.
- The proposed RAWS AG terminology to replace the RAWS CG reflects the fact that the current RAWS CG is more advisory in its function than coordinative.
- It should be noted that that no funds are available at the moment for RAWS Meetings (although some monies may be available for small Projects). This means that, for the moment, RAWS AG participants should be self-funded, and that other working arrangements should be explored e.g. e-mail, electronic conferencing, meeting at the margins of relevant meetings such as Animal Welfare Focal Points (FPs) and the like.
- The broad representation on the RAWS CG (governments, extensive and intensive industries, World Animal Protection, the Chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Committee, and an OIE Headquarters Staff Member) has worked well and it is suggested these arrangements continue. Further Observers have participated constructively in all of or part of RAWS CG Meetings, for example the EU, research institutions, and Federation of Asian Veterinary Association (FAVA).

- There should be greater involvement of FPs in driving, reporting, and advising on RAWS activities.
- The OIE RRAP is able to continue to provide the Secretariat function at its cost.

RAWS AG:

- The implementation of the RAWS and activities of the Secretariat will be guided by a small RAWS AG that will have balanced representation from OIE and OIE Regional Members, industry and non-government organisations.
- ToRs
 - o To provide strategic advice and guidance to OIE and the Regional Commission of the further development and implementation of the RAWS
 - o To monitor the performance of the RAWS and advise on any improvements needed
 - o To develop a 3rd edition of the RAWS (2016-2020)
 - o To maintain and update the RAWS Action Plan as appropriate
 - o To identify and advise on emerging welfare issues in the Region
 - o To develop and advocacy document to support funding for RAWS and RAWS AG activities including meetings, working group activities, and projects
 - o To provide advice to the OIE on Focal Point training in the Region
 - o To suggest project activities to support the RAWS
- *Modus Operandi*
 - o The Director-General of the OIE will appoint the Chair and RAWS AG Members.
 - o The RAWS AG will comprise:
 - The Chair
 - 6 OIE Member country representatives (OIE Delegates or FPs)
 - An OIE Representative
 - The Chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group
 - A World Animal Protection Representative
 - A Representative from each of the extensive and intensive livestock industries
 - o The RAWS AG will be constituted for a 3 year period after which Members will be replaced on a staggered basis.
 - o Observers can be invited to RAWS AG Meetings at their own expense.
 - o The RAWS AG will meet by e-mail and teleconference with one face-to-face meeting a year subject to funding availability, self-funded or otherwise.
 - o The Secretariat will be provided by the OIE RRAP and will work closely with the Chair in organizing and reporting on meetings and in carrying out a range of RAWS functions such as the preparation of Newsletters, updating the RAWS website, and the like.

Next Steps

- Working Groups consider and report on their views on ToR and Modus operandi.

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Summary Notes - Comparison of the RAWs & OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

<u>Purpose:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide summary notes comparing the RAWs to the OIE Platform to aid discussion.• Detail on the latter can be found at: http://rpawe.oie.int/. Dr Nadège Leboucq from the OIE Sub Regional Representation in Brussels has been most helpful in advising on the OIE Platform for Europe.• Please note, Gardner Murray drafted these notes, is responsible for any errors of facts or judgment.	
<u>Basic Concepts:</u>	
The RAWs	OIE Platform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RAWs is a broad strategic approach that covers over half the world's population where there is a great diversity of religion, culture, language and economic development. The RAWs can and has been used as a basis for national welfare strategy developments in a number of countries. RAWs action plans provide a mechanism against which countries can report on progress on the implementation of OIE standards so that, in due course, some way to measure improvements may be possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The OIE Platform deals with communication, information sharing, and capacity building activities e.g. rabies, website development, workshops, and awareness campaigns. Members are in favour of concrete activities. The need for a Regional Strategy will be explored, but it's not certain that a Strategy is needed, at least at this point of time.
<u>Funding:</u>	
The RAWs	OIE Platform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no funding for the RAWs other than a small yet to be defined amount for Projects. Past funding for the RAWs, although very modest, enabled face-to-face meetings and provided support for low cost activities such as publishing and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platform activities have, in comparison, received funding and support from the EC, Germany, Switzerland and France plus in kind-contributions from countries hosting events and support from

<p>translating the RAWs. A funding strategy will need to be considered.</p>	<p>Teramo. The situation is however becoming difficult because, due to new financial rules, the EC now requires 50% co-funding; that is funding for activities must be matched Euro for Euro. A more 'aggressive' funding strategy is likely to be considered. In support of the Platform, an Advocacy document has been produced and distributed to all Delegates at the Conference of the OIE Commission for Europe, as well as to OIE World Fund donors.</p>
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Steering/Advisory Groups:	
The RAWs	OIE Platform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is suggested that the option of a RAWs Advisory Group (AG) be explored to replace the former Coordination Group (CG), and that draft Membership, Terms of Reference, and <i>Modus operandi</i> as per the Agenda Item paper be considered. In the past, efforts were made to hold 2 RAWs CG face-to-face meetings each year, often one of them back-to-back with other key welfare meetings. The RAWs Coordination Group comprised representatives from 6 OIE Member countries, OIE HQs, one intensive and one extensive livestock producer, and World Animal Protection representing NGOs. Other organisations can and do attend meetings e.g. the EC, universities and the like. • An Independent Chair (Gardner Murray) ran the RAWs. The RRAP in Tokyo provides the Secretariat. Meetings tend to be at 6 monthly intervals but in the absence of funds, alternative approaches should be explored. Funding for meetings in the past has been through a combination of support from RAWs funds, and self funding e.g. industries and observers. Depending upon arrangements, the cost of meeting can range between 12,000 and 20,000 AUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Platform Steering Group (SG) comprises governmental (country representatives - 2 from EU and 3 from non-EU countries), OIE, EC and CC representatives. World Animal Protection is an Observer and attends all meetings. Some other stakeholders such as TAIEX and FVE can also attend the SG meetings for specific items. OIE HQs chairs the SG. • The OIE Sub Regional Representation in Brussels provides the Secretariat dealing with both technical and logistical issues. Two face-to-face meetings are held each year. The Secretariat activities are quite demanding and first class material and analyses are produced, with substantial help provided by OIE, Headquarters and others e.g. the OIE Communications Unit designed the Advocacy Document, OIE managed a transportation workshop based on the Improved Animal Welfare Program, and Teramo supported the stray dog questionnaire and

	<p>contributed to the follow-up Report. Representatives of countries are funded; all the others e.g. the EC, CC and WAP are self-funded. The hosting country (an SG member country) contribute to the expenses of the SG meetings - rooms, transfers, and official dinner). The overall cost of an SG is 10 000 EUR</p>
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Annex 4

OIE Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Regional Meeting, back-to-back with the Action Plan writing group meeting

Bangkok, Thailand, 28-30 July 2015

AGENDA

DAY 1 (Action Plan writing group meeting): 28 July 2015		
Time	Subject	Chair/Speaker
09:00-09:30	Introduction to the meeting	Dr Gardner Murray
09:30-10:00	Presentation on Revised Action Plan draft	Dr Ian Dacre
10:00-10:30	Tea break	
10:30-12:30	Plenary discussion on the draft	All
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-15:00	Working Groups – finalise drafts and develop guidelines for use	Gr1; Dr Quaza Gr2; Dr Dacre
15:00-15:30	Tea break	
15:30-16:00	Working Group reports	
16:00-17:00	Conclusions and Next Steps	Dr Gardner Murray
DAY 2 (RAWS Regional Meeting): 29 July 2015		
Time	Subject	Chair/Speaker
09:00-09:15	Introduction to the Meeting	Dr Gardner Murray
09:15-09:45	Report on the outcomes of Regional Commission regarding RAWS at 83rd GS	Dr Yooni Oh
09:45-10:30	Key issues for discussion (Plenary discussion)	Dr Gardner Murray
10:30-11:00	Tea break	
11:00-13:00	Working Groups – Terms of Reference/Modus operandi	Gr1; Dr Quaza Gr2; Dr Schipp
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	

14:00-15:30	Reports of Working Groups – Plenary discussion	
15:30-16:00	Tea break	
16:00-18:00	Working Groups – Funding, Action Plan, Future activities	Gr1; Dr Sen Gr2; Dr Rahman
18:00-18:30	Report of Working Group	
18:30-	OIE Reception	
DAY 3 (RAWS Regional Meeting): 30 July 2015		
09:00-09:15	Conclusions of Day 1	
09:15-10:30	Writing Groups	
10:30-11:00	Tea break	
11:00-12:00	Reports/discussion	
12:00-13:00	Recommendation and Next Steps	Dr Gardner Murray
	Closing	

Annex 5

OIE Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Regional Meeting – Supplementary Paper

Purpose

- To provide a second version Action Plan and amended Terms of Reference for consideration

Issues

- The Action Plan (**Annex 6**) provides a framework approach to general actions needed to meet strategic objectives
- It will have to be refined in the light of experience, the availability of funding, and revised strategic directions if the proposal to develop a RAWS 3re Edition (2016-2020) is agreed
- The proposed Terms of Reference for the suggested Advisory Group have been amended to take into account writing group proposals on the development of the RAWS 2016-2020; the development of Advocacy document to support funding applications; the provision of advice on Regional Focal Point training and the development of project proposals (see below)

For consideration

Amended ToRs

- To provide strategic advice and guidance to OIE and the Regional Commission of the further development and implementation of the RAWS
- To monitor the performance of the RAWS and advise on any improvements needed
- To develop a 3rd edition of the RAWS (2016-2020)
- To maintain and update the RAWS Action Plan as appropriate
- To identify and advise on emerging welfare issues in the Region
- To develop an advocacy document to support funding for RAWS and RAWS AG activities including meetings, working group activities, and projects
- To provide advice to the OIE on Focal Point training in the Region
- To suggest project activities to support the RAWS taking into account recommendations made by former RAWS CG

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OIE Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Regional Meeting, back-to-back with the Action Plan Writing Group Meeting List of Participants

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Annex 7

REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY (RAWS) ADVISORY GROUP (AG)

Terms of Reference

- To identify, report and advise on animal welfare activities & emerging issues in the Region
- To suggest project activities to support the RAWS
- To provide strategic advice and guidance to OIE for of the further development and implementation of the RAWS
- To develop a 3rd edition of the RAWS (2016-2020) consistent with any Global Animal Welfare Strategy
- To maintain and update the RAWS Action Plan as appropriate
- To develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the implementation of the RAWS and monitor the achievement
- To develop advocacy materials to support the development of funding for RAWS, RAWS AG and Member country activities including meetings, working group activities, and projects
- To provide advice to the OIE on Focal Point training in the Region
- To produce annual/quarterly report on activities and achievements of RAWS
- To develop linkages to share information with the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group, Collaborating Centres and other OIE Regions

Modus Operandi

- The Director-General of the OIE will appoint the Chair and RAWS AG Members, based on advice of Regional Commission.
- The RAWS AG will comprise:
 - o The Chair (Animal Welfare Working Group representative from the Region, subject to clarification; or a member of Regional Commission)
 - o 6 OIE Member country representatives (OIE Delegates or National Focal Points) from all sub-regions
 - o An OIE Representative
 - o The Chair of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group subject to clarification
 - o Representatives from World Animal Protection, Federation of Asian Veterinary Association and Collaborating Centre
 - o Representatives from extensive and intensive livestock industries
 - o Secretary to the AG
- The RAWS AG will be constituted for a 3 year period aligned with OIE election cycle after which Members will be replaced on a staggered basis
- Upon the agreement of the Chair, observers from a range of stakeholders groups, such as religious leaders, consumers, inter-governmental organization and scientific institutions can be invited to RAWS AG Meetings at their own expense
- The RAWS AG will meet by e-mail and teleconference as necessary with one face-to-face meeting a year subject to funding availability, self-funded or otherwise.
- The Secretariat will be provided by the OIE RRAP and will work closely with the Chair in organizing and reporting on meetings and in carrying out a range of RAWS functions including monitoring progress against RAWS, coordination of activities & sharing information, preparation of Newsletters, updating the RAWS website, and the like.
- With the support of the Secretariat AG members will be individually responsible for leading & coordinating RAWS activities & special projects

Annex 8

ACTION PLAN FOR THE REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY – ASIA, THE FAR EAST AND OCEANIA (2013-2015)

Based on work of the former
Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group



28 July 2015

What is the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Action Plan (RAWSAP) second Version?

The Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Action Plan is a living document developed by the RAWS Coordination Group (RAWS CG) to streamline, define and track activities under the RAWS. This version was consolidated in 2015 by the Coordination Group and builds upon both the previous RAWS Action Plan and the RAWS Implementation Plan (RAWS IP).

The Action Plan contains the activities and actions under the RAWS that are either currently underway or are yet to be progressed. Completed activities/items and previous action plan can be found at xxx.xxxx (website link).

This action plan gives a framework to support implementation of the RAWS and promotion of the social and economic benefits of improving animal welfare.

However, each country will have its own approach to managing implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards. Delegates can therefore identify priorities based on the Action Plan to be progressed at a national level and provide support to Focal Points to deliver and report on these priorities.

Animal welfare improvements in the region (and in each country) need to be monitored, and in this regard, Delegates and Focal Points have a key role to play and are encouraged to report progress to the Regional Commission.

There is an expectation that when considering the implementation of the Action Plan, Delegates and Focal Points are working together; and interacting with other stakeholders including, but not limited to the Regional Commission, the OIE Collaborating Centre, NGO and industries..

With assistance from identified Advisory Group Members, OIE Member countries and other designated stakeholders are expected to fulfil their responsibilities under the Action Plan. The Advisory Group will update, monitor and report on the Action Plan, in accordance with the agreed Advisory Group Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* and the Secretariat will maintain the website as a critical communication tool.

It should be noted the RAWSAP complements and should be used in concert with other OIE initiatives including the PVS Pathway and any future Global Animal Welfare Strategy.

RAWS Action Plan

Goal 1: Promotion and achievement of a high level of understanding and awareness of animal welfare in the region through effective coordination, communication, education and training

Objective 1: To promote ownership of the strategy by all member countries of the region

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
1.	<p>Including all key stakeholders*, develop a national public communication network that will improve the platform for communicating animal welfare issues, developments, and standards. Note, individual countries will have to establish their own linkages to refine communication strategies wherever necessary and to ensure it links with the regional communication network (the RAWS website).</p> <p>*Stakeholders (e.g. governments, industry, NGOs, religious leaders, mass media, academic institutions, UN etc.).</p> <p><i>(Source: RAWS AP)</i></p>	<p>RAWS AP to be disseminated to OIE Delegates & NFPs before RC Conference (Sep 2015, Mongolia)¹</p>	<p>To be progressed - activity with medium term outcomes 2015-2018</p>	<p>Champion: TBD – secretariat? Responsibility: National Focal Points RAWS CG</p>
2.	<p>Provide animal welfare educational seminars and presentations to stakeholders from the animal health sector e.g. regional government, ASEAN, SAARC, SPC, industry, NGOs, UN and religious leaders as an ongoing agenda</p>	<p>Update will identify institutions, agencies or ‘ambassadors’ that can coordinate the implementation of the RAWS in each member country or territory – Note, we have discovered that this is</p>	<p>Ongoing activity with medium term outcomes</p>	<p>Champion: TBD – WAP? Responsibility: ALL PARTIES</p>

¹ [Although considerable Animal Welfare improvement have been made in the region, no updates have been sought or received from countries since RAWS CG9 \(Mar 2015\) in Kuala Lumpur](#)

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
	item – a database of stakeholders to be developed (Source: RAWs AP)	already occurring within many organisations. Seminars and presentations should have a focus on implementation of OIE standards as well as social and economic benefits of improving animal welfare (to guideline?)		
Goal 1: Promotion and achievement of a high level of understanding and awareness of animal welfare in the region through effective coordination, communication, education and training				
Objective 2: To improve attitudes, skills and knowledge of all animal carers and handlers, with initial emphasis on farm animals				
3.	Evaluate existing education curricula and training resources (including extension services) conducted by government, industry and NGOs in member countries to identify animal welfare needs/priorities within a national context. These needs/priorities should be identified prior to developing further education and training tools so that they can be customised to the needs of member countries/territories i.e. the inclusion of animal welfare concepts and applications in veterinary and animal science-related courses and curricula. (Source: RAWs Activity)	Opportunities for courses within the region are to be identified. Recent WAP Online course completed with next scheduled in 2015. This course has been recognised by FAVA and several regional institutions and may serve as a starting point for regional recognition/certification in animal welfare training.	Ongoing activity with long term outcomes	Champion: TBD Responsibility: OIE Sub-Regional Secretariat OIE Collaborating Centre National Focal Points
4.	Explore different methods of consulting with stakeholders, including the general community, decision makers and legislators on issues related animal welfare. This will identify how to best promote the adoption of OIE Animal Welfare Standards according to the stage of development each countries is in with regards to AW.	Currently still in the planning stage, but it is a priority for 2015-16. Note: many members of RAWs CG may be already be doing this within individual organisations and agencies.	To be progressed	Champion: TBD Responsibility: OIE Sub-Regional RAWs CG OIE Regional

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
	(Source: RAWS AP)			
Goal 1: Promotion and achievement of a high level of understanding and awareness of animal welfare in the region through effective coordination, communication, education and training				
Objective 3: To raise the profile of animal welfare with stakeholders, including decision makers, legislators and educators				
5.	Incorporate animal welfare information/issues and programs into public awareness campaigns for animal health, food safety and production. (Source: RAWS Activity)	N/A	Ongoing activity with long term outcomes	National Focal Points
6.	Discuss animal welfare developments/standards/issues with ministers and policy makers during OIE Missions. (Source: RAWS IP)	N/A	Ongoing	Champion: TBD Responsibility: OIE Sub-Regional OIE Regional
7.	Examine the public's awareness of animal welfare issues through surveys. This may serve as a monitoring and evaluating tool for the effectiveness and impact of RAWS. (Source: RAWS IP)	Survey conducted to identify/determine the attitudes and awareness of stakeholders towards animal welfare issues/standards in the region.	Ongoing with medium term outcomes	Champion: TBD Responsibility: Secretariat National Focal Points OIE Collaborating Centre
Goal 2: Ensuring a coordinated regional approach and ongoing commitment to the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and guidelines				
Objective 1: To facilitate the development or improvement of legislation within member countries				
8.	Review existing and new animal welfare legislation, and how they compare to OIE's animal welfare standards. (Source: RAWS Activity)			National Focal Points

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
9.	Promote a harmonised approach to the development/improvement of animal welfare codes of practice across all member countries and territories. <i>(Source: RAWS Activity)</i>		Ongoing activity with medium term outcomes	OIE Sub-Regional OIE Regional National Focal Points
Goal 2: Ensuring a coordinated regional approach and ongoing commitment to the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and guidelines				
Objective 2: To obtain high-level support for the implementation of the strategy in each member country in the region				
10.	Regularly inform and update department and ministry heads on animal welfare developments. <i>(Source: RAWS Activity)</i>		Ongoing	National Focal Points
11.	Incorporate animal welfare awareness and standards into the context of animal disease control and prevention programs. <i>(Source: RAWS IP)</i>	Training for focal points. Promote broad dialogue.	Long-term	National Focal Points
12.	Emphasise that animal welfare can be an international trade opportunity but should not be used as an international trade barrier. <i>(Source: RAWS IP)</i>	OIE agreement with ISO	Ongoing	OIE and ISO
Goal 2: Ensuring a coordinated regional approach and ongoing commitment to the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and guidelines				
Objective 3: To ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the strategy				
13.	Identify animal welfare agencies in member countries/territories. Establish agencies in countries where they don't already exist. <i>(Source: RAWS IP)</i>	Animal welfare committees are currently or already being established in member countries such as Malaysia and Thailand.	Ongoing	National Focal Points

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
14.	Encourage member countries/territories to submit animal welfare position statements to the OIE Regional Commission. <i>(Source: RAWS IP)</i>		To be progressed - Medium to long term	RAWS CG Secretariat
Goal 3: Achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare based on regional and international research and development				
Objective 1: To ensure that new knowledge and developments in animal welfare are broadly communicated and adopted into the OIE standards				
15.	Identifying possible research and development needs and priorities.		Ongoing - Short term activity.	OIE Collaborating Centre
16.	Ensure the latest animal welfare publications/research results are considered when reviewing OIE Animal Welfare Standards.		Ongoing activity.	AWWG
Goal 3: Achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare based on regional and international research and development				
Objective 2: To explore opportunities for the dissemination and use of research outcomes from regional OIE collaborating centres.				
17.	Network with OIE collaborating centres and achieve stakeholder outreach through OIE Twinning programs.	OIE is considering University of Putra Malaysia's application to become a collaborating centre.	Ongoing activity.	RAWS CG OIE Collaborating Centre
18.	Provide website links to regional collaborating centres with animal welfare expertise and to a calendar page listing animal welfare meetings.		To be progressed	Secretariat
19.	Organise annual animal welfare meetings in the region.		To be progressed	Secretariat OIE Sub-Regional OIE Regional
Goal 3: Achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare based on regional and international research and development				
Objective 3: To explore mechanisms for community involvement in the development and implementation of welfare standards				

No.	Action/Activity	Update	Timeframe/Status	Champion and Responsibility
20.	Encourage the collection of stakeholder inputs related to the humane treatment of animals from all sector especially those from regional and sub-regional meetings.		Ongoing	RAWS CG OIE Sub-Regional OIE Regional
Goal 3: Achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare based on regional and international research and development				
Objective 4: To continuously learn from regional and international experiences and best practices				
21.	Develop close working relationships and formal links with animal welfare NGOs, institutions and private organisations to ensure the technical and theoretical expertise of RAWS.		Ongoing	Secretariat RAWS CG
22.	Identify animal welfare information sources (e.g. documents on animal welfare best practices, socioeconomic studies, etc.) for dissemination to assist the OIE HQ in developing an inventory of animal welfare publications and research.		To be progressed	National Focal Points OIE Collaborating Centre
Goal 4: Development of sustainable mechanisms to coordinate and promote animal welfare programs and priorities				
Objective 1: To seek and maintain cooperation and support from regional and international organisations, key trading partners and NGOs				
23.	Undertake joint and collaborative initiatives with relevant partners to implement animal welfare programs, campaigns and activities. (Source: RAWS Activity)	OIE, FAO, WSPA, FAVA, IDF Korea Standards development, Australian Government Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP).	Short-term to medium activity	RAWS CG
24.	Coordinate animal welfare activities of member countries and territories with assistance from the OIE Regional Commission (Source: RAWS Activity).	Interactive RAWS website	Completed	Secretariat
25.	Seek partnerships from different agencies (e.g. World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Asian Development Bank, etc.) to support project proposals and the implementation of RAWS initiatives (Source: RAWS IP).		To be progressed	Secretariat Regional Commission

Annex 9

REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY (RAWS) - Funding, Action Plan & Future Activities

The group discussed a pathway for future Regional Animal Welfare Strategy activities which recognised the necessity of having a compelling action plan that meets the needs and common interests of the region and securing funding to enable activities under the RAWS.

Funding

No funding is available from the OIE itself for RAWS and funding previously provided by the Australian government has lapsed. Opportunities for future funding may be found amongst the following:

- governments in the region may support the program given the evident needs for coordinated animal welfare strategies including legislation, awareness, training and research in the most populous Asia, Far East and Oceania region
- governments elsewhere in the world may wish to support the program given that our region is a key export destination and a key recipient of development assistance
- non-government organisations are already active in the region working to promote animal welfare activities that are consistent with RAWS, therefore there may be NGOs who might be interested in financially supporting RAWS as it provides a framework supported by all governments in the region
- international and intergovernmental agencies likewise have an interest in animal welfare and may be in a position to financially support RAWS
- RAWS has been an inclusive program involving not only governments but also non-government organisations and industry representatives. It is in the interests of industry to meet the expectations of consumers and these expectations are increasing. Therefore there may be good rationale for industry to financially support RAWS.

Small Projects

We understand that limited amount of money may be available to support a small number of projects. We recommend that these projects be carried out to address the immediate needs in the animal welfare sphere in our region and to identify the past achievements of the RAWS program.

Advocacy paper

In order to make RAWS an attractive and relevant proposition to each potential financial and political supporter it is recommended that an advocacy paper be professionally prepared detailing the past achievements of RAWS and future vision.

Action Plan

The RAWS action plan has been rationalised to make it a very focussed document which comprehensively described activities necessary to support the program in our region. There is scope under the action plan to develop projects that are relevant to specific geographical sub-regions, industry sectors or needs.

It is recommended that National Focal Points be engaged to identify the needs of their countries, including progression along the PVS Pathway, and industry sectors and that these needs be addressed through a number of focused projects under RAWS.

Recognition should be given to the fact there is already a significant amount of work being conducted in the region by research scientists, non-government organisations and other bodies that is relevant to RAWS. This work should be identified and duplication avoided. Close engagement between RAWS and the Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre in our region is essential.

Future Activities

Based on the funding, future activities will include projects prepared in consultation with Focal Points and stakeholders including, but not limited to the Regional Commission, the OIE Collaborating Centre, NGO and industries.