

Coordination meeting on African horse sickness in Asia



Asian countries met on 10 and 17 November 2020 to share the most recent updates in terms of:

The African horse sickness (AHS) situation in South-East Asia

Thailand and Malaysia presented the updated situation of the disease in the country, including the control measures implemented. Thailand provided written feedback to comprehensively answer all questions raised.

AHS preparedness in countries neighbouring infected countries

Countries neighbouring Thailand and Malaysia were invited to present the measures they have taken to prevent the introduction of AHS and to get prepared. Representatives of the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar and Singapore described the situation in their respective countries.

Vector surveillance in the region

Countries that had indicated the existence of *Culicoides* surveillance, in a poll conducted during the first session, were invited to share protocol(s) in place and relevant findings. Interesting studies and protocols were shared by Australia, China, Indonesia and Thailand.

This session highlighted and clarified the current gaps in vector surveillance and clarified how the OIE could further support the Members. The OIE Representations in Tokyo and Bangkok will further develop their 2021 workplan to address these gaps.

Material developed by the OIE to support countries

Countries were invited to translate and adapt a [leaflet](#) and a [poster](#) targeting local veterinarians and community animal health workers. Editable versions are available to countries for ease of use.

In addition, and following its recent release (see [article](#) from last month's issue of *OIE News*), the *AHS: OIE Guidelines on Preparedness and Implementation of Emergency Vaccination in the Asian Region* was presented to the participants.

All presentations are available [here](#).

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