

INFORMING REGULATION TO ENSURE BIOSECURITY AT FACILITIES FARMING WILD ANIMALS IN VIETNAM

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Key messages

- Regulations on and operationalisation of biosecurity at facilities farming wild animals in Viet Nam needs to be enhanced.
- Biosecurity at facilities farming wild animals involves stakeholders at multiple levels and it should be the foundation of disease control strategies.
- Enhanced regulations on wildlife management and veterinary medicine need to address animal health, animal welfare and biosecurity specific to facilities farming wild animals.
- The role and capacity of the Department of Animal Health in supervising facilities farming wild animals in Viet Nam needs to be further specified and strengthened.

Context

Registration, Inspection, and Reporting:

- Lack of guidelines relating to wildlife farming conditions
- Unclear reporting, monitoring requirements for facilities farming wild animals
- Lack of individual marking system

Veterinary and Animal Health Requirements:

- Lack of detailed guidance for facilities farming wild animals
- Unclear responsibilities and cooperation mechanisms between agencies
- Absence of defined penalties for non-compliance

Practical Implementation Issues:

- Limited information sharing
- Irregular health and biosecurity checks
- Limited capacity of farm owners and veterinaries for farmed wild animals
- Limited responsibilities of the Forest Protection Department in biosecurity monitoring

Our approach

- Policy review:** focus on regulatory shortcomings that may contribute to increasing the risk of zoonotic emergence and spill-over
- Applied research:** focus on factors influencing decision-making on implementing zoonotic prevention measures at facilities farming wild animals and international literature review
- Multi-stakeholder policy advocacy:** consultation and regular exchange of findings to align key messages and focus next steps

Recommendations

- ✓ Create a country-wide accepted and understood **definition of biosecurity at facilities farming wild animals**
- ✓ Draft feasible and clear **national biosecurity standards** that align with legal requirements and eventually inform the development of biosecurity plans at facility level
- ✓ Develop **farm-specific biosecurity plan and measures** based on size, species and zoonotic risk identified at facility level, including checklists to help farmers implement and self-monitor the application of the plan
- ✓ Ensure coordination and collaboration across sectors through the adoption of the **One Health approach**
- ✓ Follow a **stepwise approach** and ensure **engagement of all actors** in the development of farm biosecurity plans
- ✓ **Tailor documents to different target groups** including reference documents, posters, flowcharts, factsheets and checklists
- ✓ Develop **biosecurity checklists** to help veterinary and non-veterinary authorities in monitoring



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