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In Situ Conservation

Sanitary and Veterinary Issues National Emergency Plans





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- Sanitary & Veterinary
- Possibilities
- OIE
- Regional transboundary breeds
- National Emergency Plans (NEP)
- Conclusions and questions





Sanitary & Veterinary

- Sanitary conditions in a country
- Sanitary requests to be met by the single animal
- Veterinary issues in general health of the animal(s), herds, ..
- Special Veterinary issues according to current international and/or national regulations and laws
- Genetic hygiene hereditary defects, ...





Possibilities of S & V

- Enable safe national and international exchange and use of animals
- Ensure harmonized practices in sampling and testing
- Protect against the spread of infective diseases, zoonoses and hereditary defects



Sanitary & veterinary regulations

- Regulations EU 3rd countries international
- Problem (regional) transboundary breeds

- Problems local
- Can National regulations provide solution?





OIE

World Organisation for Animal Health

- Aims (selection)
 - Safeguard world trade by publishing health standards for international trade in animals and animal products
 - Improve the legal framework and resources of national Veterinary Services
- 116 diseases listed for 2017
- 23 multi-species diseases



OIE recommendations

• Base of legislation (national and international)

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- EU legislation sometimes exceeds OIE recommendations
- Consider commensurability but
- do not mention conservation of genetic resources!





Example MAEDI/VISNA

- OIE listed disease
- Slow virus infection
- Lab diagnosis only effective in older animals (> 1 year)



- Usually exchange of young animals
- What if animal is carrier?



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Example Turopolje Pig

- Regional transboundary breed
- Croatia, Austria, Germany



- critically endangered in each country
- Austrian project in 2015
 - Determine suitable candidates for broadening of genetic base of Austrian Population
 - Best material in Croatia
 - No way of getting animals and/or semen!



Problems & Questions

- Regulations tailored to mainstream breeds with well established trade and biotechnical structures
 - May cause major obstacles for conservation of (regional) transboundary breeds
- How to help endangered regional transboundary breeds?
- How many breeds are concerned? Where?





Concerning in situ

- EU legislative allows exceptions within limits
 - Priviledged premises zoos even special treatment in case of FMD!
 - But animals nust not get into the food chain
 - Rescue centres could be a solution
 - But very difficult to comply with regulations and expensive
- National emergency plans (NEP)
 - Exist for special diseases (FMD, African Swine Fever...)
 - How to integrate in situ issues into NEP?
 - Careful reckoning of pros and cons





Thank you for

questions, comments, discussion





