



Concept Note

Inception Workshop for the Regional Technical Cooperation Programme on African Swine Fever Emergency Preparedness and Response in East and Southeast Asia (TCP/RAS/3704)

29-30 August 2019
Bangkok, Thailand

Background:

African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly fatal viral disease infecting domestic pigs and wild boars. There is no vaccine to prevent from the disease or any treatment for it. The ASF virus is very resistant and can survive long time in very hot and cold weather. China reported the first ASF case in the region on 3rd August 2018. It spread to all of the mainland provinces in China within ten months. ASF continually outbreak in the Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR in the region in 2019. ASF virus contaminated pork products were detected from travellers in Australia, Japan, RO Korea and Taiwan. Animal health experts agree that the disease will inevitably spread further.

Pork consumption is over 50% to total meat produced in many countries like Cambodia, China, Philippines and Viet Nam (FAO GLIPHA 2006). China produces and consumes more than half of world pigs and pork. Viet Nam and Philippines are also listed in the top ten pork producing countries in the world. Pig industry plays important role in both nutrition and income increasing roles in many countries. The ASF crisis is not only causing economic hardship, but also threatening food security in the region.

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAORAP), worked with FAO Headquarter (FAOHQ), country offices and supported by other international agencies, related governments organized the ASF regional consultation workshops, meetings after the ASF outbreak in the region, to review the regional situation, identify the gaps and main activities should be addressed in the short, medium and long term to deal with the ASF crisis in the regional level. The African Swine Fever emergency preparedness and response in East and Southeast Asia (TCP/RAS/3704) addresses these priorities to fill the gaps and help the related countries to better prevent and control the ASF.

Objectives of the meeting:

The meeting aims to:

- 1) Officially inform representatives of the relevant animal health authorities of the participating countries and key partners on the project concept, objectives and implementation plan;



- 2) Discuss and identify priority activities and agree on the project work plan;
- 3) Share information, align efforts among the different stakeholders, discuss and agree on implementation arrangement, including coordination mechanisms, as well as roles and responsibilities of relevant partners to ensure synergies and avoid overlapping of activities.

Expected outputs:

- 1) Agreed project work plan;
- 2) Agreed implementation arrangement and coordination mechanisms as well as roles and responsibilities of identified key partners within the TCP project and with external initiatives with common objectives;
- 3) Meeting report with conclusions and recommendations.

Participants:

Approximate number of 50 participants. Representatives from:

- 1) Participating countries: Brunei, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam (2 from each country);
- 2) ASEAN Working Group on Livestock;
- 3) FAO ECTAD country teams in China, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (1 per country team);
- 4) FAO RAP and HQ;
- 5) Invited experts;
- 6) Representatives from private sector;

Dates and Venue:

29-30 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand



Tentative Agenda

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DAY 1 (Thursday, 29 August): 2019

Time	Topic	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
Session 1: Introduction and Scene Setting		
08:30 – 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by FAO • Introduction of participants • Introduction of objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop. 	
09:00 – 09:30	Country situation on ASF	Facilitated workshop
09:30-10:00	Current status of countries' capacities for ASF detection, laboratory diagnosis and control	Facilitated workshop
Group photo and coffee break (10:00-10:30)		
Session 2: Capacity development for ASF detection and control		
10.30 – 12.30	Laboratory diagnosis and network for ASF	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
Lunch (12:30-13:30)		
13.30 – 15.30	Field investigation and risk assessments	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
Coffee break (15:30-16:00)		
16.00 – 17.30	Policy and approaches for ASF outbreak response	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
17:30	End of day 1	



DAY 2 (Friday, 30 August): 2019

Time	Topic	
Session 3: Advocacy, Awareness and communication for ASF		
08:30 – 10.00	Review stakeholders, key messages, approaches required for ASF prevention and control	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
Coffee break (10:00-10:30)		
Session 4: Inter-sectoral and multidisciplinary partnerships and networks for ASF		
10.30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public-private partnerships at bilateral and regional levels • ASF Research Network • Standing Group of Experts on ASF for Asia 	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
Lunch (12:00-13:00)		
Session 5: TCP implementation and work plan		
13.00 – 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP Implementation arrangement • TCP work plan 	Plenary presentations
Coffee break (14:30-15:00)		
Session 6: FAO/OIE joint planning for ASF under GF-TAD		
15.00-16.30	Regional collaborative work planning for ASF	Plenary presentations and facilitated workshop
Session 7: Conclusions		
16.30 – 17.00	Conclusions and recommendations	Plenary discussion
17:00	Closing remarks and end of workshop	