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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The purpose of this document is to update the Working Group on the progress that has been made in the preparation of the first *Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources (Report)* until 25 March 2004. This information complements working document CGRFA/WG-AnGR-3/04/2.
2. FAO has committed the Animal Production and Health Division as the Global Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources, to coordinate further development of the Global Strategy, and as having overall responsibility for the preparation of the first *Report*. The dominant activities of the Global Focal Point during 2003 and early 2004 have been related to the preparation of the first *Report*, primarily focusing on facilitating preparation of Country Reports.

**II. UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN THE COMPLETION OF  
COUNTRY REPORTS**

3. An update on the status of Country Reports is provided in Table 1. Draft reports are those Country Reports already submitted to FAO for final comments or still awaiting an official submission letter from the country. Expected reports are those already in preparation by the National Consultative Committee, with technical support from FAO, and an informal commitment from the country that submission to FAO, at least as final draft, will take place before June 30, 2004.

**Table 1. Country Reports officially submitted to FAO or submitted as draft by 25 March 2004, and expected before 30 June 2004**

Region or sub-region	Country Reports			
	Submitted		Expected	Total
	Final	Draft		
Africa	25	11	8	<b>44</b>
Asia and Pacific	12	13	6	<b>31</b>
Europe	29	3	7	<b>39</b>
Latin America and Caribbean	6	9	6	<b>21</b>
Near East	6	4	5	<b>15</b>
North America	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Non-Member Countries	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>154</b>

### **III. UPDATE ON COUNTRY ASSISTANCE AND THE FAO – WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION – PARTNERSHIP**

4. The Global Focal Point has coordinated and implemented operations in support of the SoW-AnGR process from 2001. Technical and/or financial support for the preparation of country reports has been provided to 156 countries from September 2001 to March 2004. To assist in providing technical support to developing countries and countries in transition in the preparation of their Country Reports, including non-member countries, FAO entered into an agreement with the World Association for Animal Production (WAAP) in September 2001. This agreement enabled the establishment and support of a highly mobile network of regional facilitators. A summary of the joint efforts of FAO directly and through the partnership FAO-WAAP in country support is given in Table 2.

**Table 2. Financial and technical support to countries provided directly through FAO and the FAO-World Association for Animal Production (WAAP) partnership, from September 2001 to March 2004**

Region or sub-region	Country Support		
	Technical	Financial / Technical	Total
Africa	4	41	<b>45</b>
Asia and Pacific	4	16	<b>20</b>
Europe	22	17	<b>39</b>
Latin America and Caribbean	7	24	<b>31</b>
Near East	6	11	<b>17</b>
North America	2	0	<b>2</b>
Non-Member Countries	0	2	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>156</b>

#### **IV. UPDATE ON REGIONAL WORKSHOPS**

- In addition to direct country support, FAO is convening a number of follow-up regional workshops. These workshops enable National Coordinators, technical experts, and members of National Consultative Committees to exchange experiences in the preparation of Country Reports, assisting countries that are still in the preparatory phase of their work. The Workshops are also leading to the identification of common issues and joint identification of sub-regional or regional priorities for action. An updated list of regional workshops conducted during 2003 and early 2004 (up to 25 March 2004) is given in Table 3.

**Table 3. Regional workshops conducted in 2003 and early 2004 (up to 25 March 2004)**

<b>Region or sub-region</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Participant countries</b>
Europe	Slovenia	March 2003	22
Northern and Eastern Europe	Latvia	May 2003	12
Mediterranean Countries	Greece	June 2003	12
South America	Peru	June 2003	10
Central America and Caribbean	Cuba	August 2003	10
Nordic Countries	Norway	November 2003	5
West Africa	Togo	November 2003	21
Asia	Thailand	December 2003	18
Eastern Europe and Russia	Moldova	December 2003	5
Southern Africa	Mozambique	January 2004	9
D-8 Countries	Egypt	January 2004	7
North America	United States of America	February 2004	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>133</b>

## V. UPDATE ON THEMATIC STUDIES

6. FAO has or will initiate thematic studies involving competent organizations and/or experts to address specific topics to provide additional inputs to support the preparation of the first *Report*. Several topics were suggested by the Second Stakeholders meeting held in June 2001. An update on the selection and status of the thematic studies is presented in Table 4.

**Table 4. Update on the selection and status of the thematic studies undertaken to support the preparation of the first *Report*.**

Thematic study	Comments
Breeding strategies for low-input production systems – decision support	Developed under a dedicated Regular Programme post in the Animal Genetic Resources Group – FAO. Prototype version to be field-tested in early 2005.
Valuation of animal genetic resources	A first contribution by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) available to the Working Group (Background Study Paper No. 21)
Community-based management – improving livestock management	A commented collection of case studies to be published as an FAO book under the sponsorship of the FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP) in 2004
Describing and quantifying gene flow of major domestic animal species among countries and regions	A global, multi-species study sponsored by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and executed by the University of Hohenheim (Germany) and FAO
Options for the conservation of threatened farm animal populations	A first approach to developing a global concept for conservation, planned as a special conference at the 2004 annual meeting of the European Association for Animal Production (EAAP). A special study on conservation on animal genetic resources co-funded by the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI)
Legal issues for the management of animal genetic resources use	A first contribution of FAO to legal aspects related to animal genetic resources available to the Working Group
Biotechnology and animal genetic resources	Views from the first 41 Country Reports summarized at the FAO/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Symposium ( <a href="http://www.iaea.org/programmes">www.iaea.org/programmes</a> ) and FAO book on the State of Food and Agriculture 2004 focused on biotechnology
Measurement of Domestic Animal Diversity (MoDAD) – review of recent studies	A survey of molecular characterization of animal genetic resources available as information document to the Working Group (CGRFA-WG-AnGR-3/04/3/Inf.3)
Animal genetic resources and environment	A study in preparation on impact on the environment on animal genetic sponsored by the FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP) to be completed in 2004
Impact of emergencies and interventions on animal genetic resources	A study with focus on the situation in the Balkans to be completed in 2004