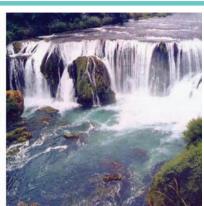
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Preparation of this document

This draft National aquatic animal health strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina was prepared as an activity of FAO Project TCP/BIH/3101 "Strengthening Aquaculture Health Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina." Preparation of the National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy (NAAHS) was initiated at the Workshop on National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy Development, held in Mrakovica from 16 to 19 March 2007 and attended by 31 participants, including representatives from the state and entity veterinary services; other key government agencies; the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Sarajevo; major private-sector aquaculture companies and experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Following the workshop, a draft document was developed by a National Strategy Working Group chaired by the project's National Project Coordinator, Dr Nihad Fejzić, at that time Deputy Director, State Veterinary Organization (SVO) of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH), with the participation of Drs D. Alagić, D. Čobanov, S. Šerić-Haračić, A. Jažić, Z. Mehmedbasić, J. Omeragić and S. Tanković. Technical guidance and editorial assistance were provided by Drs M.B. Reantaso and R.P. Subasinghe (FAO, Rome, Italy) and J.R. Arthur (FAO Consultant, Barriere, Canada).

The SVO, as the Chief Competent Authority (CCV) for BIH, recognizes the importance of good policy and planning as essential to improving national aquatic animal health status, achieving international recognition of the high quality of BIH's aquaculture products and assisting their entrance onto international markets. The SVO has thus led the preparation of this NAAHS to guide the government and private sectors in accomplishing essential activities towards achieving these goals. It is expected that the NAAHS will be further developed through discussion within SVO and with key stakeholders from the state and entity governments, the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Sarajevo, the aquaculture and fish processing industries, and other members of the private sector, and that a detailed implementation plan will be developed and the requisite funding allocated.



Abstract

As an output of FAO Project TCP/BIH/3101 "Strengthening aquaculture health management in Bosnia and Herzegovina", the National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy (NAAHS) was developed jointly by representatives of the government and private sectors to assist in formulating policy and planning towards improving national aquatic animal health status, achieving international recognition of the high quality of Bosnia and Herzegovina's aquaculture products and assisting their entrance onto international markets. The draft strategy expresses a Statement of purpose; Vision; Guiding principles; and... implementation; and outlines nine major programmes of activity: (1) Policy, legislation and institutional framework; (2) Risk analysis and quarantine; (3) Diagnostics and health certification; (4) Surveillance, monitoring and reporting; (5) Emergency preparedness; (6) Capacity building; (7) Research and development; (8) Communication and international collaboration; and (9) Resources and funding. Within each major programme are presented its objectives, current status, and a number of projects that are to be accomplished during the initial phase of implementation. The NAAHS will be further developed by the State Veterinary Organization for funding and implementation.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AIA Administrations for Inspection Affairs

ALOP appropriate level of protection BIH Bosnia and Herzegovina BKD bacterial kidney disease **BMPs** better management practices CCA central competent authority

CAcompetent authority DB District of Brcko

EHN epizootic haematopoietic necrosis

ERD enteric redmouth disease

EU European Union

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FBIH Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

FSA Food Safety Agency

GAHP good animal husbandry practices

GLP good laboratory practice **GMP** good management practices

HACCP Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point

HH high health

IHN infectious haematopoietic necrosis IPN infectious pancreatic necrosis

IRA import risk analysis

ISA infectious salmonid anemia IT information technology

KHV Koi herpes virus

MoA Ministry of Agriculture

NAAHS National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy

Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia-Pacific NACA

NRL National Reference Laboratory

NTFAAH National Task Force on Aquatic Animal Health

OIE World Organisation for Animal Health **OMVD** Oncorhynchus masou virus disease

PRAT Pathogen Risk Analysis Team **OMS** Quality Management System **RAWG** Risk Analysis Working Group

RS Republic of Srpska SPF specific pathogen free **SVC** spring viraemia of carp SVO State Veterinary Office

TCP Technical Cooperation Programme (of the FAO)

VHS viral hemorrhagic septicemia

WSD white spot disease YHD yellowhead disease