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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
CA	competent 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
NACA	Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia-Pacific
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
QMS	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