

# WOAH Collaborative Centre Reports Activities 2025

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## CENTRE INFORMATION

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## TOR 1 AND 2: SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Activities as a centre of research, expertise, standardisation and dissemination of techniques within the remit of the mandate given by WOA

Category	Title of activity	Scope
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment, (true)	Lumpy skin disease - important Australian vectors	Investigating high risk insect vectors related to potential incursion into Australia and long distance spread of LSD with Australia.
Training, capacity building (true)	Asia-Pacific Placements and Laboratory Leadership (APPLLe)	Provide laboratory support to leading laboratories in Vietnam for new & emerging diseases via establishment of nanopore-based sequencing. Facilitate laboratory placements throughout SE Asia and/or at ACDP including new & emerging diseases.
Zoonoses (true)	Pandemic preparedness and prevention	Determining the epidemiological drivers of infectious disease emergence and transmission at the wildlife-livestock-human interface
Wildlife (true)	Wildlife Interface Viromic Regional Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance (WIVIREIDS)	Strengthened risk-based, targeted surveillance pipelines for emerging infectious diseases of wildlife

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		at the interface between people and/or livestock.
Avian diseases (true)	HPAI H5N1 Vaccination Trial	HPAI H5N1 Vaccination trial in Australian bird species
Diagnosis, biotechnology and laboratory (true)	Development of a multiplexed serological assay for flaviviruses of health and biosecurity significance	Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV), Murry Valley encephalitis virus (MVE) and West Nile virus (WNV) are vector-borne zoonotic flaviviruses of importance in Australia, affecting livestock such as pigs and horse. Current serological diagnosis of infections relies on conventional ELISAs or PRNTs for each virus and is confounded by high levels of cross-reactivity between these viruses. This project will use recombinant antigens to develop a bead-based multiplexed serological assay for application to disease investigations and surveillance involving pigs and horses. Serum samples submitted to ACDP for flavivirus serology along with experimental samples will be used for assessment of the new assay
Vaccines (true)	Protective T Cell Vaccine for African Swine Fever Virus	Development of a commercial, mucosal, plasmid-based T cell vaccine for protection against African swine fever (ASF).
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment (true)	Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) Vector Surveillance	Assessing Test Feasibility for mosquitoes
Vaccines (true)	MagVAX	To develop a vaccine candidate for ASFV based upon the MagVAX platform.
DIAGNOSIS, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND LABORATORY (true)	Lumpy skin disease virus: Pathogenesis and host infection responses	Use of ex-vivo models to investigate the pathogenesis of lumpy skin disease
Diagnosis, biotechnology and laboratory (true)	Comparative evaluation of three ELISAs for detection of antibodies to LSDV in Australian cattle and buffalo	The main outcome will be a more robust assessment of diagnostic sensitivity and specificity for the three ELISAs available to test susceptible Australian livestock (cattle and buffalo). Testing of the assays using the same samples from infected and non-infected animals will provide comparability estimates, which will guide decisions about fitness-for-purpose of each test. Results will enable more precise sampling estimates for surveillance and proof-of-freedom testing after an outbreak in susceptible populations and facilitate acceptance internationally as reliable and standardised high-throughput antibody detection tests for these purposes.
		Highly pathogenic forms of H5 and H7 avian influenza virus evolve from low pathogenicity forms, predominately by acquisition of multiple basic

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Avian Diseases (true)	Understanding the biosecurity risk posed by Australian-lineage H5 LPAIVs and the potential genesis to highly pathogenic forms.	amino acids in the haemagglutinin cleavage site motif (HACS). To date, Australian-lineage H5 HPAIVs have not emerged. The reason for the apparent restriction of Australian-lineage H5 to low pathogenic forms remain unclear. This project will investigate the molecular evolution of a panel of viruses with defined HA cleavage site motifs. Previously, molecular evolution study of a Eurasian H5 HACS motif demonstrated that a panel of mutant viruses with short- and mid-length HACS readily evolve to acquire additional basic amino acids. We will apply this same approach to determine whether Australian-lineage H5 LPAIVs have the potential to evolve in a similar manner.
Avian Diseases (true)	Avian influenza point-of-care (POC) test validation	Evaluation and validation of commercial AIV specific POC tests for wild birds and poultry
Zoonoses (true)	Strengthened surveillance for vector-borne zoonotic and livestock diseases in Papua New Guinea	A One Health approach to surveillance of Japanese encephalitis and related zoonotic flaviviruses in Papua New Guinea, combining mosquito, animal and human surveillance an in-country partners.

## TOR 3: HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS

2. Proposal or development of any procedure that will facilitate harmonisation of international regulations applicable to the main focus area for which you were designated

Proposal title	Scope/Content	Applicable Area

3. In exercising your activities, have you identified any regulatory research needs\* relevant for WOA?H?

No

4. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOA?H Collaborating Centres (CC), Reference Laboratories (RL), or organisations designated for the same specialty, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

Yes

Name of WOA?H CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
BSL4ZNet	Global/virtual	América Asia y el Pacífico Europa	BSL4ZNet is a network of government mandated organisations with national level responsibility for protecting animal health by working together to enhance knowledge, competency and capacity to meet current and future high containment needs, including for new and emerging diseases

OFFLU	Global/virtual	África América Asia y el Pacífico Europa Oriente Medio	Coordination of the science underpinning the management and control of influenza in animals
Research Organization for Life Sciences and Environment at BRIN (Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional; National Research and Innovation Agency Indonesia)	Indonesia	Asia y el Pacífico	Supporting regional EID surveillance at wildlife and animal-human-wildlife interfaces in Indonesia under a wildlife market surveillance program.
The ASEAN Laboratory Technical Advisory group (LabTAG)	Asia and Pacific	Asia y el Pacífico	Technical laboratory coordination and advisory group
Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)	Philippines		Supporting regional EID surveillance at wildlife and animal-human-wildlife interfaces in Indonesia under a wildlife market surveillance program.
Lao-Oxford-Mahosot Hospital – Wellcome Trust Research Unit (LOMWRU)	Laos	Asia y el Pacífico	Supporting regional EID surveillance at wildlife and animal-human-wildlife interfaces in Indonesia under a wildlife market surveillance program.
National Animal Health and Production Research Institute (NAHPRI)	Cambodia	Asia y el Pacífico	Supporting regional EID surveillance at wildlife and animal-human-wildlife interfaces in Indonesia under a wildlife market surveillance program.

## TOR 4 AND 5: NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

5. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOAHC Collaborating Centres, Reference laboratories, or organisations in other disciplines, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

Yes

Name of WOAHC CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
WOAHC Wildlife Health Collaborating Centre Network (WOAHC WildNet)	Global/virtual	Africa Americas Asia and Pacific Europe Middle East	To support WOAHC in implementing the WOAHC wildlife health strategy and to share knowledge and expertise relating to wildlife health

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Wildlife Health Australia	Australia	Asia and Pacific	Support for wildlife health surveillance programs in the Asia Pacific region.
Wildlife Conservation Society	Cambodia and Laos	Asia and Pacific	Support for wildlife health surveillance programs in the Asia Pacific region.
European Virus Archiving Group (EVAg)	Global/virtual	Africa Americas Asia and Pacific Europe Middle East	A coordinated global network that mobilises expertise in virology to amplify, characterise, standardise, authenticate, distribute, track, collect viruses and derived products
Global Foot-and-Mouth Disease Research Alliance	Global/virtual	Africa Americas Asia and Pacific Europe Middle East	A coordinated global alliance of scientists producing evidence and innovation that enables the progressive control and eradication of FMD
Global African Swine Fever Disease Research Alliance	Global/virtual	Africa Americas Asia and Pacific Europe Middle East	To establish and sustain global research partnerships that will generate scientific knowledge and tools to contribute to the successful prevention, control and where feasible eradication of ASF

## TOR 6: EXPERT CONSULTANTS

6. Did your Collaborating Centre place expert consultants at the disposal of WOA?H?

Yes

Name of expert	Kind of consultancy	Subject
Dr Jemma Bergfeld	Invited presenter	Asia-Pacific Wildlife Health workshop (Kagoshima, Japan)
Dr Frank Wong and Dr Caitlin Holley	Invited participant	WOAH Regional Workshop on Avian Influenza Prevention and Control in Asia and Pacific
Dr Jemma Bergfeld	Invited participant & provision of technical advice	WOAH CC workshop on sample collection for Avian Influenza and Environmental Sampling
Dr Petrus Jansen van Vuren	Invited participant	WOAH Collaborating Centre Network for Wildlife Health (WildNet) Annual Meeting

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Dr Dwane O'Brien	Invited participant	WOAH General Assembly
Dr Debbie Eagles	Invited panellist and on scientific committee	WOAH Global Conference on Biological Threat Reduction
Dr Nick Moody	Chair	Megalocytivirus pagrus 1 ad hoc Group
Dr Nick Moody	Meeting	Meeting to discuss relinquishing Ranavirus Reference Laboratory and update of the work of the Megalocytivirus pagrus 1 ad hoc Group
Dr Nick Moody	Workshop participant and Facilitator for Workshop 2	WOAH and STAR-IDAZ Workshop on Identifying Priority Research Areas for Finfish Health
Dr Nick Moody	ad hoc Group member	WOAH ad hoc Group meeting on susceptibility of crustacean species to infection with Aphanomyces astaci.
Dr Wilna Vosloo	Invited participant	27th SEACFMD National Coordinators meeting
Dr Wilna Vosloo	Meeting chair	Annual meeting of the WOA ad hoc on evaluation of FMD status of members

## TOR 7: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

7. Did your Collaborating Centre provide advice/services to requests from Members in your main focus area?

Yes

- Request from Vietnam (National Centre for Veterinary Diagnosis (NCVD) 2) for characterisation of African swine fever samples
- Request from Vietnam (NCVD2) for advice regarding diagnostic testing for Peste-des-Petits Ruminants virus.

8. Did your Collaborating Centre provide scientific and technical training, within the remit of the mandate given by WOA, to personnel from WOA Members?

Yes

- Technical visit : 3
- Seminars : 33
- Hands-on training courses: 37
- Internships (>1 month) : 0

Type of technical training provided (a, b, c or d)	Content	Country of origin of the expert(s) provided with training	No. participants from the corresponding country
A	Electron microscopy and virology	Philippines	3

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C	Histology	Fiji	2
B	Introduction to MinION sequencing for wildlife emerging infectious disease surveillance	Philippines Indonesia Laos Cambodia	33
C	Molecular and sequencing workflows for wildlife interface	Cambodia, Laos, Philippines	35

## TOR 8: SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

9. Did your Collaborating Centre organise or participate in the organisation of scientific meetings related to your main focus area on behalf of WOA?H

Yes

National/International	Title of event	Co-organiser	Date	Location	No. Participants
Internationally	Sample Collection for Avian Influenza and Environmental Surveillance	Mahidol University, Wildlife Health Australia, Singapore NParks	2025-10-01	Thailand	44

## TOR 9: DATA AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

10. Publication and dissemination of any information within the remit of the mandate given by WOA?H that may be useful to Members of WOA?H

a) Articles published in peer-reviewed journals:

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Mananggit, Milagros R; Ongtangco, Joely T; Baccay, Xandre D; Domingo, Ronnie; Miranda, Mary E; Gundran, Romeo; et al. Detection and characterization of novel respiratory viruses among native ducks (*Anas luzonica*) in Central Luzon, the Philippines. *Western Pacific Surveillance and Response (WPSAR)*. 2025; 16(2):6p; <https://doi.org/10.5365/wpsar.2025.16.2.1124>

McNabb L, McMahon A, Woube EG, Agnihotri K, Colling A, Broder CC, Kucinskaite-Kodze I, Petraityte-Burkeikiene R, Bowden TR, Halpin K. Development and Validation of a Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals (DIVA) Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) Strategy for Distinguishing Between Hendra-Infected and Vaccinated Horses. *Viruses*. 2025 Feb 28;17(3):354. doi: 10.3390/v17030354. PMID: 40143282; PMCID: PMC11945769.

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interepidemic dynamics and guides control strategies. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*. 2025; 292(20250453):12.

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CSIRO. Multi-omics signatures indicative of status and effectiveness of vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 in ferrets. In: *American Virology Society Annual Meeting*; 14 to end of 17 Jul 2025; Montreal, Quebec

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d) Other (Provide website address or link to appropriate information):

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11. What have you done in the past year to advance your area of focus, e.g. updated technology?

*During 2025, the New and Emerging Diseases Collaborating centre has continued to strengthen regional networks for wildlife Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) within the Southeast Asian region via the DFAT-support Wildlife Interface Viromic Regional EID Surveillance (WIViREIDS) Program. Networking with partners from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines and international organisations including WOA and FAO was facilitated via a regional meeting in Siem Reap, Cambodia in October 2025.*

*The Collaborating Centre has also been involved in the recently formed WOA Wildlife Collaborating Centre Network for Wildlife Health (WOAH WildNet). As part of the network, ACDP conducted a review of the current network members and potential gaps in the network 'Workplan Activity 3: Expansion of the Network: Part B'. The Centre also participated in broader workplan activities during the WOA WildNet in person meeting in June 2025.*

*The annual Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) symposium and Snowdon Oration were events organised by ACDP in November 2025, in which awareness of New and Emerging Diseases was promoted and discussed.*

12. Additional comments regarding your report:

N/A