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Implementation of OIE animal welfare standards: preliminary analysis of Members' replies to OIE Questionnaire 2008

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The questionnaire

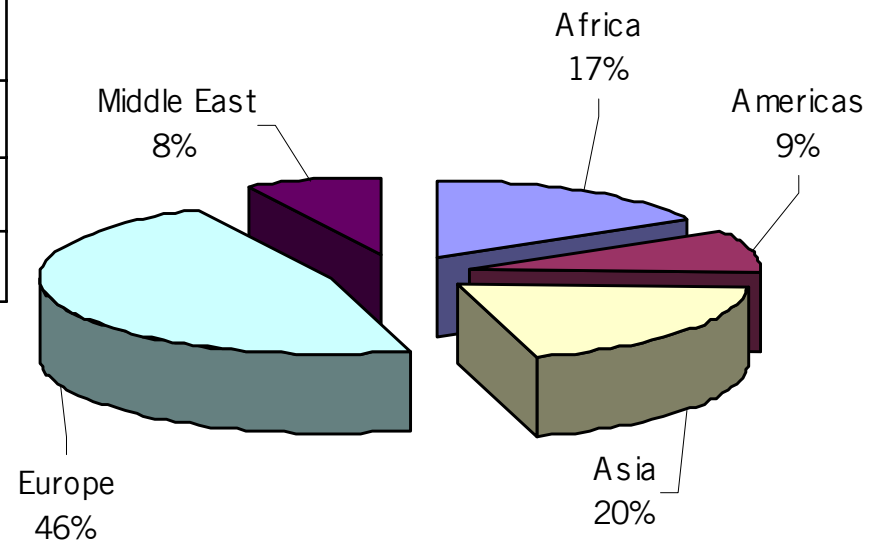
Topics

- Legislation
- Competent authorities
- Voluntary schemes and stakeholder involvement
- Education, training and communication
- Livestock transport
- Slaughter for human consumption
- Killing for disease control
- Major welfare problems, needs and tools
- Future OIE activities

Results

OIE region	Number of OIE Members	No. of respondents	% of countries in region
Africa	51	11	20%
Americas	29	6	21%
Asia, Far East & Oceania	28	13	46%
Europe	51	31	61%
Middle East	13	5	38%
Total	172	66	38%

Distribution of countries completing the questionnaire



Results

Human Development Index (HDI) of responding Members (based on the 2007/2008 Human Development Report of the UN Development Programme, Anon 2008).

61% of respondents have a high HDI

30% have a medium HDI and 9% have a low HDI

For replies from the OIE region of Europe, 26/31 came from EU Members and 5/31 from non-Members.

Competent authorities

91% of the countries who answered the questionnaire have a Competent Authority (CA) for animal welfare legislation at the 1st Administrative level (National)

56% have a CA at the 2nd Administrative level (provincial or state).

Legislation

Legislation for livestock transport

OIE Region	Number of countries	Legislation exists	Legislation reflects OIE standards
Africa	11	4	4
Americas	6	5	3
Asia	13	10	10
Europe	31	30	27
ME	5	4	3
Total	66	53	44

Legislation (2)

OIE Region	No. of countries	SLAUGHTER		KILLING (disease control)	
		exists	reflects OIE standards	exists	reflects OIE standards
Africa	11	64%	45%	73%	36%
Americas	6	100%	100%	67%	50%
Asia	13	77%	38%	69%	38%
Europe	31	97%	13%	90%	6%
ME	5	100%	80%	100%	80%
Total	66	76%	61%	82%	27%

Legislation (3)

Stray dog population control

OIE region	Number of respondents	Legislation exists
Africa	11	8
Americas	6	4
Asia	13	8
Europe	31	21
ME	5	4
Total	66	45

VOLUNTARY SCHEMES

	No. of countries	Transport		Slaughter		Killing	
		schemes	reflect OIE norms?	schemes	reflect OIE norms?	schemes	reflect OIE norms?
Africa	11	2	0	3	1	2	0
Americas	6	4	4	4	4	4	4
Asia	13	5	4	7	5	5	4
Europe	31	11	7	11	4	11	7
ME	5	3	2	3	3	3	2
Total	66	25 (37%)	17 (25%)	28 (42%)	17 (25%)	25 (37%)	17 (25%)

Education, training and communication

	Official veterinarians	Private veterinarians	Primary producers (farmers)	Industry (abattoirs, processors)
Africa	6%	3%	6%	3%
Americas	6%	5%	5%	5%
Asia	9%	3%	3%	5%
Europe	44%	6%	41%	41%
ME	6%	3%	3%	2%
Total	71%	20%	58%	55%

Education, training and communication (2)

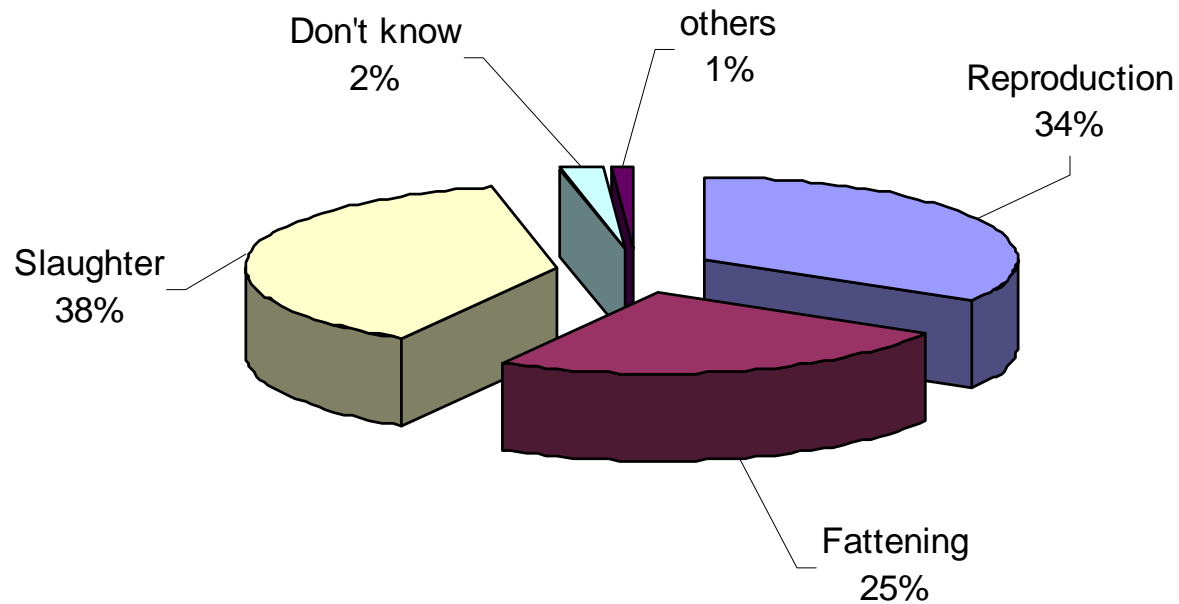
	Covered as part of other subjects	Taught as a specific topic	Post-graduate courses (Doctorate or Masters)
Africa	6	2	0
Americas	5	1	2
Asia	8	5	4
Europe	24	22	15
ME	1	2	0
Total	44	32	21

Transport

- legislation
- competent authority
- training/awareness of personnel
- reasons for exporting animals
- means of transport and distances
- conduct of scientific studies and assessments.

Livestock transport

Reasons for exporting animals

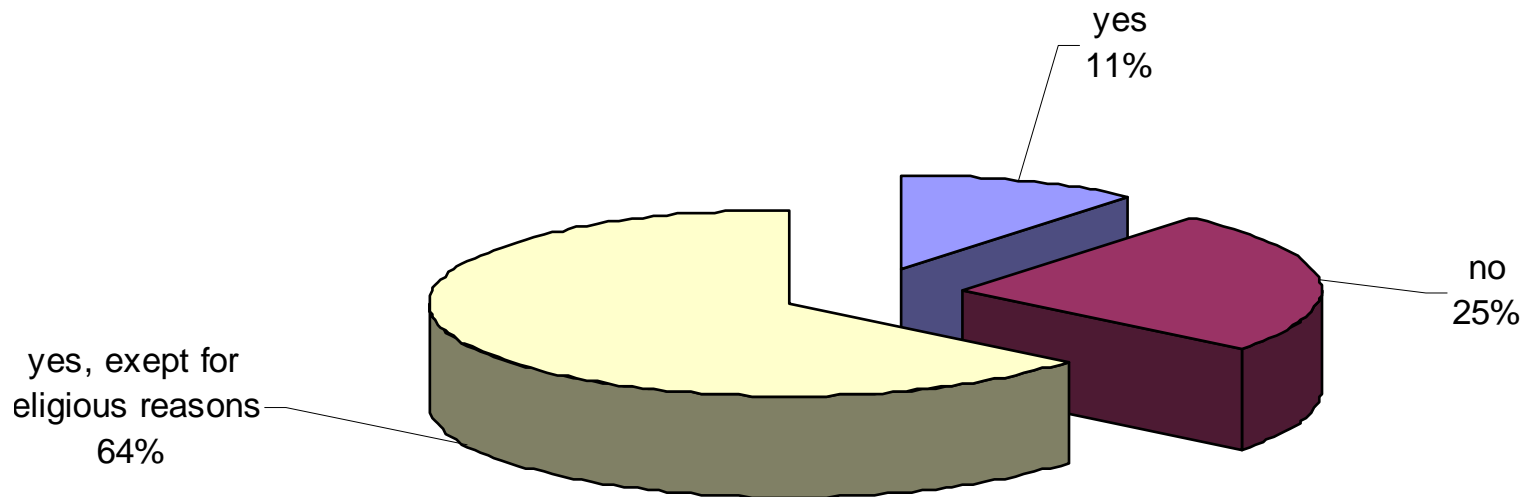


Livestock slaughter

- legislation
- competent authority
- mandatory stunning
- stunning methods
- training/awareness of abattoir personnel
- scientific studies or other assessments.

Livestock slaughter

Is it mandatory to stun livestock prior to slaughter?



Livestock slaughter

Are abattoir personnel generally aware of OIE standards and/or national legislation?

OIE Region	No. of responses	No. of positive replies
Africa	11	4
Americas	6	5
Asia	13	8
Europe	31	28
ME	5	2
Total	66	47

Killing for disease control

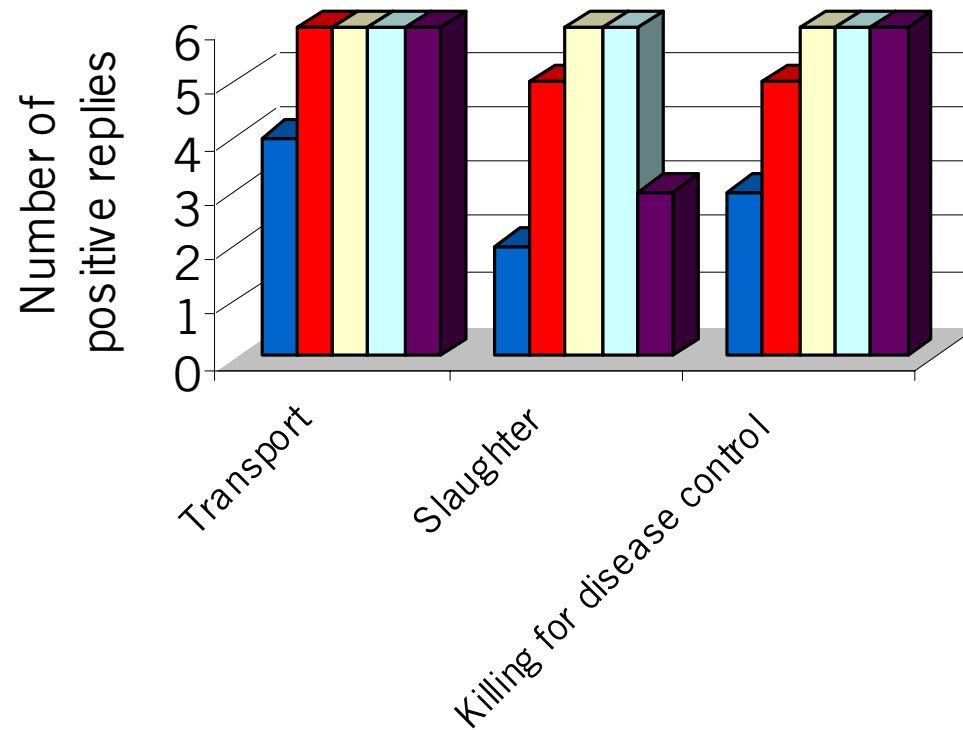
- legislation
- competent authority
- training/awareness of personnel
- methods used for killing
- conduct of scientific studies and assessments
- animal disease contingency plans and if these cover methods of killing for disease control.

Killing for disease control

OIE region and no. of replies	Is it mandatory to stun livestock before killing?	legislation on humane killing?
Africa (11)	2 (18%)	2 (18%)
Americas (6)	2 (33%)	4 (67%)
Asia (13)	4 (31%)	7 (54%)
Europe (31)	28 (90%)	29 (94%)
ME (5)	0 (0%)	3 (60%)
Total (66)	36 (55%)	45 (68%)

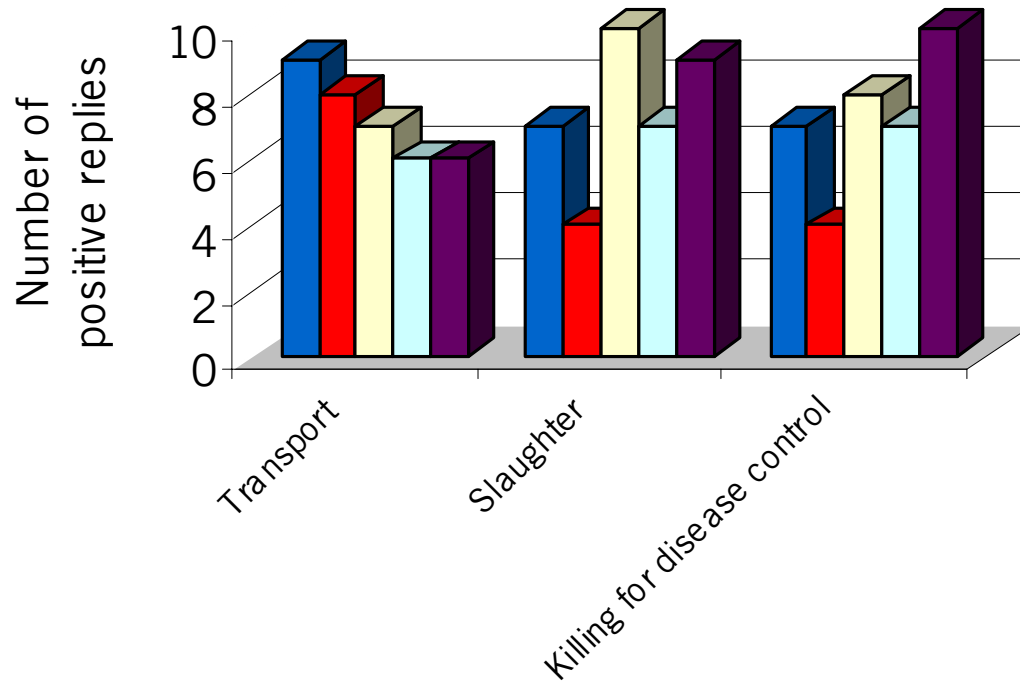
Tools that are needed: Americas

- Legislation
- Voluntary schemes
- Education
- Communication
- Strengthening of VS



Tools that are needed: Africa

- Legislation
- Voluntary schemes
- Education
- Communication
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Tools that are needed: Middle East

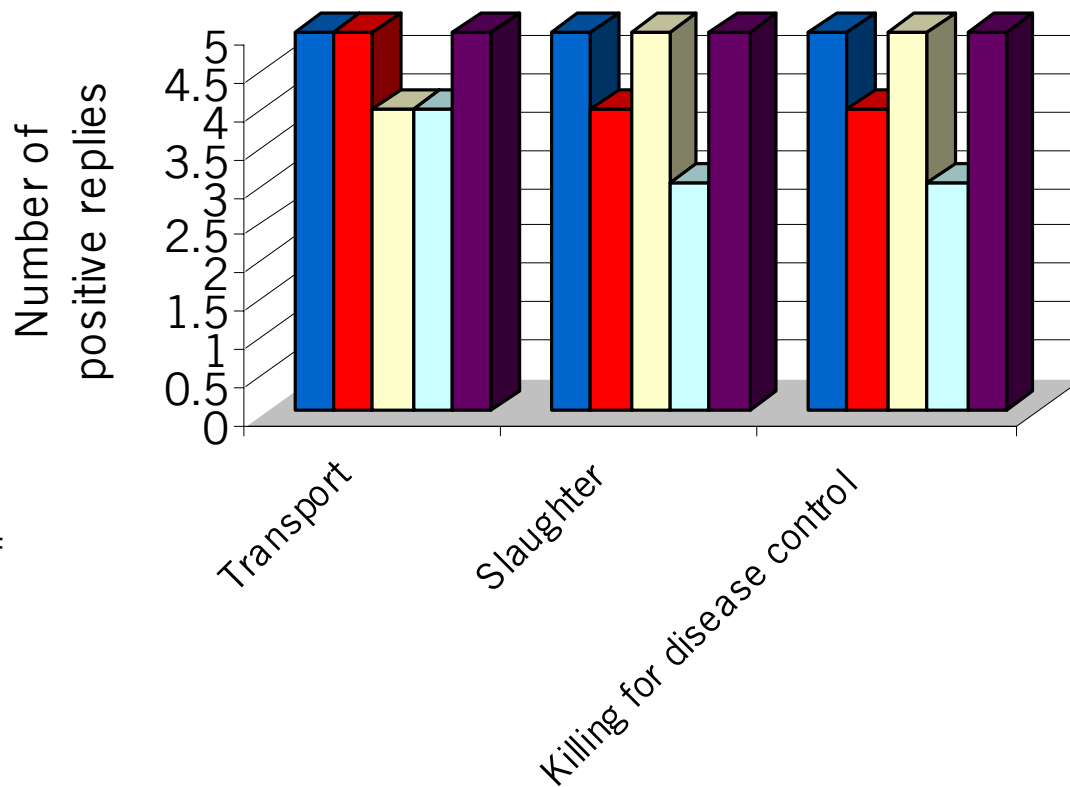
■ Legislation

■ Voluntary schemes

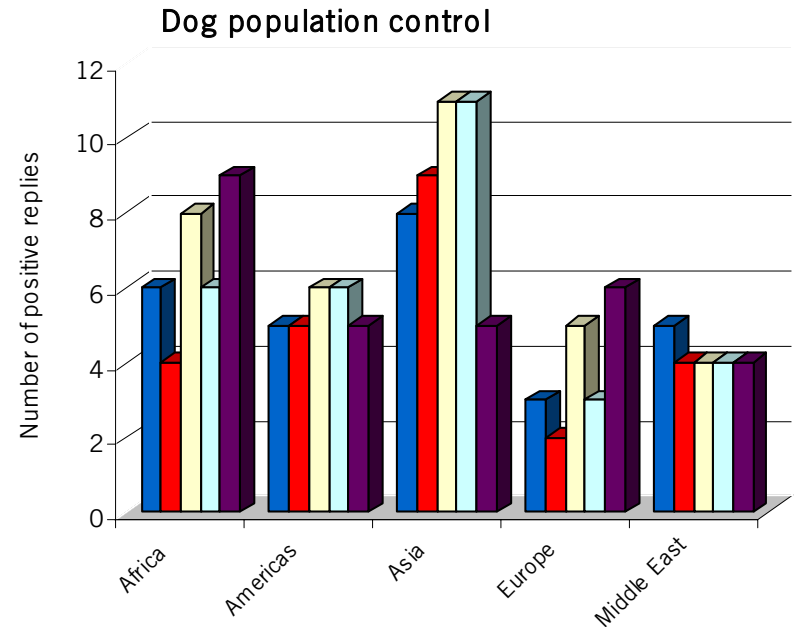
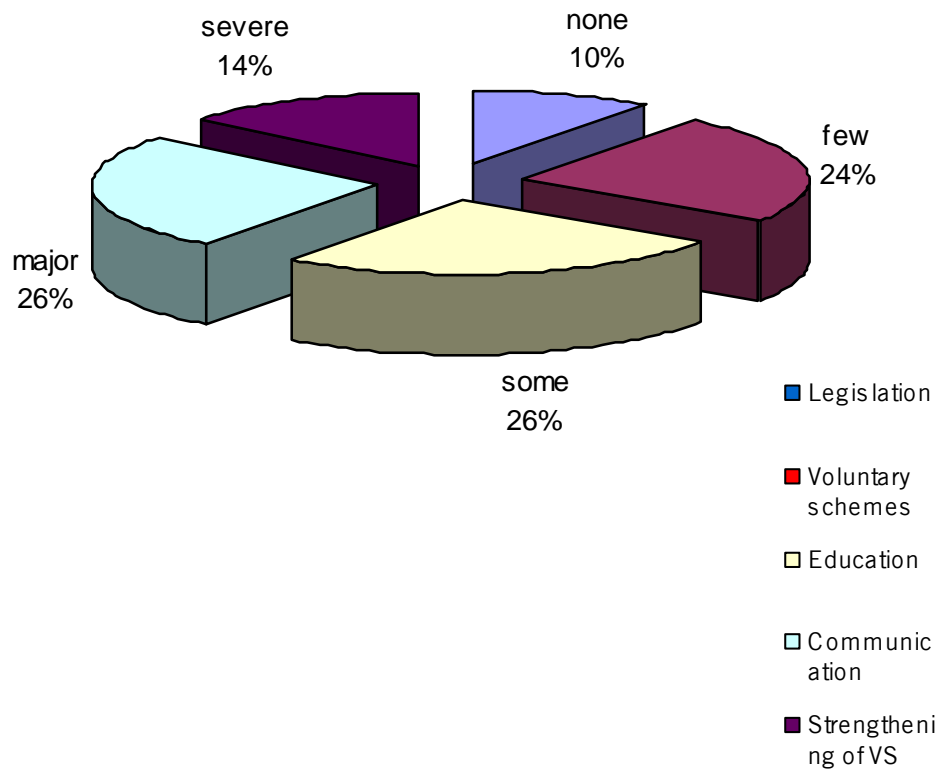
■ Education

■ Communication

■ Strengthening of VS



Stray dog population control



Conclusions

In addition to the general need to strengthen VS. particularly in developing countries, Members have identified a need for support in several areas, ie:

Animal welfare legislation;

Education and training, particularly for official veterinarians;

Promotion of pragmatic, policy oriented research, particularly of relevance to developing countries;

Conclusions (2)

Support in communication and raising awareness;

Regional strategies to implement the standards;

Continued development of guidance on specific animal welfare issues:

stray dog population control a high priority;

Ongoing standards development, for laboratory animals, farmed fish, livestock production systems...

OIE priorities

- Support for the development and implementation of legislation (i.e. OIE Veterinary Legislation Initiative);
- Technical advice and assistance with education and training, particularly for official veterinarians;
- Promotion of practical, relevant research in collaboration with donors, partners and OIE Collaborating centers (OIE Twinning initiative);

OIE priorities

- Promotion of collaboration between VS, industry, NGOs and stakeholders (OIE PVS Tool);
- Continued development of OIE regional animal welfare strategies;
- Standards for stray dog population control (for adoption at GS 2009)
- Future OIE standards for **laboratory animals, farmed fish, livestock production systems.**

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