



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title	Review of the existing OIE Standards and practical Guidelines to better address wildlife health issues
Internal reference	PRD/CFEOI2022/1
Type of contract	Consultancy
Location	Home based
Starting date	1 February 2022, or the contracting date if later
Expected working days	38 days
Expected duration	4 months
CFEOI launching date	13 January 2022
Submission deadline	28 January 2022

1. CONTEXT

1.1 BACKGROUND

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1924.

Its Headquarters are based in Paris. It comprises 182 Member and is present on all continents through 13 Regional or Sub-regional representations in total.

The core mandate of the OIE has evolved since its foundation. The current mandate is to improve animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare world-wide.

Under this general mandate, the OIE is dedicated to:

- ensuring transparency of the animal disease situation world-wide, including diseases transmissible to humans,
- collecting, analysing and disseminating veterinary scientific information,
- providing expertise and promoting international solidarity for the control of animal diseases,
- guaranteeing the sanitary safety of world trade in animals and animal products,
- improving food safety from the farm to the abattoir,
- promoting animal welfare through a science-based approach,
- improving the legal framework and resources of national Veterinary Services.

The scientifically based international standards, guidelines and recommendations (standards) developed by the OIE in all fields covered by its mandate, are adopted, through a transparent process, by the World Assembly of Delegates following the principle of "one country – one vote". OIE standards are regularly updated to incorporate advances in the relevant science. Since the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1994, OIE standards are recognised as the international point of



reference for animal health and zoonoses in the framework of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

The OIE is responsible for standards relating to animal health and zoonoses, while international standards on safety and quality of the food products are established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission work closely together and collaborate to ensure that the standards issued by the two Organisations cover potential hazards throughout the food chain and those standards on topics of common interest are complementary.

The OIE has been addressing wildlife health for several decades. However, more recently it has developed a framework for implementation of an enlarged wildlife programme towards goals. The Wildlife Health Framework (WHF) aims to 'protect wildlife health worldwide to achieve One Health' with two main objectives, (i) to improve the ability of OIE Members to manage the risk of pathogen emergence in wildlife and transmission at the human-animal-ecosystem interface, whilst taking into account the protection of wildlife, and (ii) to support OIE Members to improve surveillance systems, early detection, notification, and management of wildlife diseases. To achieve these objectives a coordinated set of actions focusing on six core areas – namely, disease notification, guidelines and standards, multisectoral collaboration, communication, scientific knowledge, and capacity building – will : 1. Foster multisectoral collaboration to strengthen wildlife disease surveillance and health management; 2. Create an enabling environment to promote the role of veterinary services in wildlife health management; 3. Raise awareness of risk pathways and best practices in wildlife health and One Health management.

Consistent with this framework, the OIE working Group on Wildlife (in its December 2020 and June 2021 meetings) and the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (in its September 2021 meeting) have suggested that the OIE should ensure that its Standards adequately address wildlife disease surveillance and health management.

1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this assignment is to review existing OIE Standards and practical Guidelines to identify gaps and needs with regards to wildlife disease surveillance and health management and propose interventions for improvement. Wildlife disease is defined as diseases in wildlife that impact wildlife populations, ecosystems, domestic animals, or public health.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

The objectives of this OIE Standard and guidelines review are aligned with the two objectives of the OIE Wildlife Health Framework, as outlined above. The review aims to consider how the OIE Standards and practical Guidelines address wildlife disease surveillance and health management, and identify possible ways to address them:

The assessment should be guided by the initial needs and objectives on this matter identified by the OIE, Working Group on wildlife and take into consideration the Wildlife Health Framework and the discussions and input provided by the relevant OIE Specialist Commissions.

The Consultant will:

- Analyse the Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes and Manuals, as well as other OIE guidelines and publications to :

- Identify, specify and reference the standards and guidelines which currently address wildlife disease surveillance and health management
- Describe the context in which the identified standards address wildlife disease surveillance and health management, and what they concretely address (e.g. wildlife trade, wildlife disease surveillance, control of wildlife diseases, etc.)
- Identify gaps in addressing:
 - wildlife diseases, wildlife disease surveillance, and wildlife health management
 - assessment and management of risks of pathogens transmission between wildlife domestic animals, and humans, along the wildlife value/supply chain, as identified by the OIE *ad hoc* Group on reducing the risk of disease spillover events at markets selling wildlife and along the wildlife supply chain.
- Liaise and consult the international organisations with whom OIE has a collaboration on wildlife health to identify the needs of standards, guidelines or recommendations that will be either developed jointly or only by the OIE.
- Identify and list the needs in the current OIE Standards and Guidelines to address the gaps identified, and provide specific recommendations to the OIE on how to address them.

2.2 EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

Deliverables	Deadline (prov.)	Days of work (prov.)
Kick off meeting with Project officer, Programme Manager, and Standard Department: presentation of the methodology including how the results will be presented	8 February 2022	½ day
Conduct a thorough review of existing OIE standards and Guidelines, to determine which ones are addressing wildlife health and how wildlife health is addressed–	28 February 2022	15 days
Presentation of the results to the Project officer, Programme Manager, and Standards Department	2 March 2022	½ day
Review the selected OIE Standards and practical Guidelines to identify how wildlife health is currently addressed	28 March 2022	15 days
Preliminary draft report with gaps and needs to better address wildlife health in the OIE Standards and Guidelines.	4 April 2022	3 days
Meeting to provide feedback on the draft report	6 April 2022	½ day
Final report, including list of gaps and needs to better address wildlife health, with Specific recommendations to the OIE regarding the development and update of OIE Standards and Guidelines on wildlife health	18 April 2022	3 days
Validation of final draft report	4 May 2022	--
Presentation of the report to the relevant OIE staff, OIE Specialist Commission and OIE Working Groups in Microsoft PowerPoint format, showing key findings and recommendations	A day to define in May 2022	½ day

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications

- A degree in veterinary medicine or a Master Degree, PhD or equivalent in a relevant sector



- Minimum 5 to 8 years of professional experience, in the areas of public or animal health risk management
- Demonstrated knowledge of and experience in animal and public health, international standard setting, review and analysis, notably for OIE international standards
- Knowledge in wildlife disease surveillance and health management is required
- Experience in public or animal health risk management related to wildlife is an asset
- Background in epidemiology is an asset
- Knowledge of international standards, guidelines or recommendations on public and animal health, other than OIE, is an asset

Technical and interpersonal skills

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.
- Strong ability to collect data, compile and analyse information and prepare comprehensive reports.
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint software.
- Demonstrated ability to be highly organized, work independently and ability to meet strict deadlines
- Keen sense of observation, attention to detail and accuracy.

4. WORK ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 ORGANISATION OF THE WORK

The consultant can be home-based with reliable internet and international communication capability. The consultant will report to the Head of the Preparedness & Resilience Department at OIE Headquarters in Paris and be supported by the Project Officer, in charge of this assignment in collaboration with the Standards Department. Several virtual meetings will be organized as planned in the schedule to ensure project kick off and work progress.

4.2 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The following schedule of payments will be finalised in the Contract based on the agreed-upon workplan and set of deliverables:

- Fifty percent (50%) of the total price will be paid after delivery of the first draft of the report;
- The payment of the balance will be made after receipt and validation of the final report by the OIE.

OIE will proceed to the payment of undisputed invoices within 45 days of their reception by bank transfer or cheque.

The invoice should indicate, the activities carried out and the number of working days.

5. STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE

Please provide:

- CV
- Concept note (1 page maximum) on the proposed methodology to conduct the Standard and guidelines review and its analysis.

Financial offer duly completed and signed (annex 1)

Declaration of integrity duly completed and signed (annex 2)

6. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The OIE will proceed to an evaluation of all final proposals according to the criteria described below:

- **Technical criteria (80%)**
 - Expertise (40%)
 - Demonstrated understanding of the international standards settings (20%)
 - Relevance and quality of the proposed methodology (40%)

The three bidders who will receive the best score according to the technical criteria, may be invited to an oral presentation of its organisation, expertise and experience relevant to the tender. This presentation will allow us to review the analysis of the technical criteria.

If requested, the oral presentation format will be the following:

- Self-Introduction: 5'
- Methodology proposed 10'
- Questions and answers: 10'

- **Financial Criteria (20%)**
 - Global cost (100%)

7. RESPONSE PROCEDURE

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The OIE welcomes proposals of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

If you are interested in this call for expression of interest, please complete your bids online by clicking on the link below.

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The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the bidder for the purposes of identifying a suitable Consultant, to support its work.

The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and for the resulting administrative acts, it shall be kept for the duration of the contract with you and in an intermediate archive for a duration of 10 during the audit period.

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To exercise these rights or If you have any questions about the processing of your data, you can contact our data protection officer at dpo@oie.int. For more information check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.oie.int/en/privacy-policy>".

Should you have any questions, please contact f.diaz@oie.int.

To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, OIE shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor: (i) the nature of the contract (ii) year of award (iii) name and locality of the Consultant; (iv) the title, purpose of the Consultant; and (v) the amount of this Agreement. OIE will not release or publish information that could reasonably be considered confidential or proprietary.



8. ANNEXES

Annex 1: The financial offer to be returned dully completed and signed

Annex 2: The declaration of integrity to be returned dully completed and signed