**OIE *AD HOC* GROUP ON SUSCEPTIBILITY
OF MOLLUSC SPECIES TO INFECTION WITH OIE LISTED DISEASES**

**November–December 2021**

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**Terms of reference**

**Background**

Chapter 1.5. Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogenic agent, was introduced in the 2014 edition of the *Aquatic Code*. The purpose of this chapter is to provide criteria for determining which host species are listed as susceptible in Article X.X.2. of each disease-specific chapter in the *Aquatic Code.* The criteria are to beapplied progressively to each disease-specific chapter in the *Aquatic Code*.

These assessments will be undertaken by *ad hoc* Groups and the assessments will be provided to Members for comment prior to any change in the list of susceptible species in Article X.X.2. of the disease-specific chapters in the *Aquatic Code.*

For species where there is some evidence of susceptibility but insufficient evidence to demonstrate susceptibility through the approach described in Article 1.5.3., information will be included in the relevant disease-specific chapter in the *Aquatic Manual*.

**Purpose**

The *ad hoc* Group on Susceptibility of mollusc species to infection with OIE listed diseases will undertake assessments for infection with *Marteilia refringens* in molluscs.

**Terms of Reference**

1) Consider evidence required to satisfy the criteria in Chapter 1.5.

2) Review relevant literature documenting susceptibility of species for infection with *Marteilia refringens*.

3) Propose susceptible species for infection with *Marteilia refringens* based on Article 1.5.7.

4) Propose a list of susceptible species of molluscs for infection with *Marteilia refringens* based on Article 1.5.8.

**Expected outputs of the *ad hoc* Group**

1) Develop a list of susceptible species for inclusion in the Article 11.4.2. in the *Aquatic Code.*

2) Develop a list of species with incomplete evidence for susceptibility for inclusion in Section 2.2.2. of the *Aquatic Manual.*

3) Draft a report for consideration by the Aquatic Animals Commission at its February 2022 meeting.

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