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<b>Call for Expression of Interest</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Development of country level Risk-based ASF Control Strategy
<b>Internal reference</b>	SRR-SEA/CFEOI2022/7
<b>Type of contract</b>	Consultancy contract
<b>Location</b>	Home-based work, electronic meetings
<b>Starting date</b>	From the signature of the contract
<b>Expected working days</b>	32.5 days
<b>Expected duration</b>	from August 2022 to February 2023 (7 months)
<b>CFEOI launching date</b>	4 August 2022
<b>Submission deadline</b>	18 August 2022



## 1. CONTEXT

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) whose statutory name is “Office International des Epizooties”, was created on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1924. Its headquarters is based in Paris. It comprises 182 Member and is present on all continents through 13 Representations or Bureaus in total, including the Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA), based in Bangkok, Thailand. The SRR-SEA provides supports to WOAH Members in South-East Asia to enhance the capacity of national Veterinary Services to implement the WOAH standards and guidelines for securing animal health and welfare.

WOAH is an intergovernmental organisation subject to public international law. It is responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The standards it develops for the trade of live animals and products of animal origin are recognized by the World Trade Organization as reference international sanitary rules ([Home - WOAH - World Organisation for Animal Health](#) ).

### 1.2 PURPOSE

African swine fever (ASF) is an infectious disease of domestic and wild pigs, caused by ASF virus (ASFV) which is the sole member of the family *Asfarviridae*. ASF epidemiology is complex with different epidemiological patterns of infection occurring in Africa, Europe and Asia. ASF occurs through transmission cycles involving domestic pigs, wild boars, wild African suids, and soft ticks'. Please refer to the WOAH's [technical disease card for ASF](#) for more information.

Following the introduction and further spread of ASF in Asia and the Pacific, there has been increasing concern over this disease in Asia and the Pacific. The ASF situation is continuously evolving in the region and has also been impacted by COVID-19 and associated restrictive measures. With over 60% of the world's domestic pig population in Asia the impact of this disease in the region cannot be underestimated. The impact of ASF in wild boar population in Asia is likely under-estimated, as well as its likely role in the epidemiology of the disease in the region.

In order to enhance control of ASF and other transboundary animal diseases (TADs), the WOAH SRRSEA organized a number of capacity building programmes such as the regional [ASF cross-border risk assessment training and study](#) in South-East Asia to enhance the capacity of Members to conduct entry risk assessments for any hazards, including ASF virus. The WOAH SRRSEA also organized other capacity building programmes such as training on cross border [value chain analysis](#), [outbreak investigation and response management](#), [spatial risk assessment](#) using GIS tools; [epidemiological study design](#), [infectious disease modelling](#) etc.

The next step will be to provide support to selected countries to assess ASF situation and risks based on ASF epidemiology and control, pig value chains, risk assessment, pig production system etc. The findings of the assessment of ASF situation will be useful to develop risk based ASF Control Strategy. Therefore, WOAH will recruit Consultant(s) who will support selected countries to assess their ASF situation and to develop country level risk based ASF control Strategy. The participating countries will be selected based on their ASF situation/ status, their participation in ASF studies coordinated by WOAH and their interest in receiving the support.



## 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of this project is to support selected countries to conduct study to assess their ASF situation and to develop country level risk-based ASF Control Strategy:

- Study of ASF situation based on the available data and information, ASF Risk Pathways, Value chain analysis and Pig Production System will lead to
  - o Understanding epidemiology and distribution of ASF in the country;
  - o Understanding the risks of ASF spread;
  - o determine future needs of ASF Control and to guide development of Risk-based ASF Control Strategy in the country.
- Develop Country level ASF Risk-based Control strategy to
  - o effectively plan, coordinate and implement ASF prevention and control activities to prevent spread and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the country.
  - o enhance the capability of the Member to better control (prevent, respond and eradicate) ASF in the country.

The scope of this consultancy will include:

#### i) Study ASF situation in selected countries

The Expert will undertake a study to assess ASF situation in the selected countries. This will include epidemiology of ASF and its control measures based on the available data, ASF Risk Pathways, Value chain analysis and Pig Production System to determine future needs of ASF Control. While studying the ASF situation, the Consultant should consider the findings of [cross-border entry risk assessment study](#) and other studies such as value chain analysis, spatial risk assessment studies, wild pig studies undertaken in the region, any illicit use of vaccines etc.

The Consultant will prepare study methods in consultation with the Candidate country and Core Group. The Candidate country will provide available data and background information related to ASF including reports on studies undertaken and any official reports related to pig value chains, pig production systems etc. Based on the agreed study methods, the technical staff of the candidate country will involve and support Consultants in undertaking this study. The WOAHA will provide reports and available global and regional document related to ASF to the Consultant. The Consultant will prepare ASF Situation Report which will be used for guiding the development of Risk-based ASF Control Strategy.

#### ii) Develop country level Risk-based ASF Control Strategy

The Expert will develop risk-based ASF Control Strategy for the selected countries in line with the ASF situation study report, [Global GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025](#), [Global ASF Control Strategy](#), ASEAN ASF Control Strategy and relevant WOAHA Standards and Recommendations, such as [Chapter 15.1](#) and other relevant chapters of the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code. The development of risk-based ASF Control Strategy



should also consider the pig production systems, socio-economic factors in disease control (for e.g. mass culling), epidemiology of ASF in the country, application of disease control tools such as zoning and compartmentalisation (in reference to guidelines such as ASF compartmentalisation guideline), and various measures and interventions undertaken to effectively prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the country.

The outlines of the Risk-based ASF Control Strategy will be developed by the Consultant in consultation with the Candidate Country and the Core Group, including the development of a Theory of Change (TOC). The Consultant will conduct country consultations with various stakeholders to get further information on ASF control at country level. The draft Strategy will then be shared with the Candidate Country and Core groups for their review and feedback. Consultative virtual and physical meetings with the resource/expert group and members will be arranged by the WOAHSRR-SEA and Candidate Country.

## 2.2 EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 2.2.1. FIRM TRANCHE

Lists of activities, deadline, and workload for an individual country.

**Table 1: Key steps and the number of working days and provisional deadlines**

Activity/ Steps	Deadlines (tentative)	Estimated workload (TBC) (in days)
<b>Inception and coordination</b>		
Development of a project workplan including reporting timelines to respect deadlines for submission of quality deliverables and the methodology to manage different steps of the review.	9 September 2022	2
Kick-off/inception meeting (virtual)	16 September 2022	0.5
<b>Conduct study to understand ASF situation in the selected countries</b>		
Desktop review of ASF literatures, reports and other documents	14 October 2022	3
Conduct study to understand the ASF situation in the selected country (including consultations with various stakeholders of the Candidate country)	8 November 2022	5
Develop draft ASF Situation Report	30 November 2022	2
Finalize the ASF Situation Report	15 December 2022	1
<b>Develop Risk-based ASF Risk Control Strategy for the Candidate Country</b>		



Develop the outlines of the Risk-based Control Strategy	10 January 2023	2
Consult with the resource groups/experts and finalise the outlines	30 January 2023	2
Conduct country consultations with various stakeholders to get further information of ASF control at country level	16 February 2023	2
Develop a first draft based on the agreed outlines (Submit the draft strategy) and present to the Resource Groups	7 March 2023	5
Consult the members and the resource groups/experts – integrate feedback received into the draft report	21 March 2023	2
Finalise the document (Submit final strategy)	3 April 2023	1
<b><i>Train ASEAN Member States to develop Risk-based ASF Control Strategy</i></b>		
Develop training materials	20 April 2023	3
Train ASEAN Member states to develop risk based ASF Control Strategy	5 May 2023	2
<b>Total working days</b>		<b>32.5 days</b>

All deliverables must be provided in English. Progress will be requested on a regular basis which the consultant has to show the timelines in the workplan presented at the inception meeting. The consultant/ Expert will be supported by the Core group composed of technical staff from the candidate country, WOA and FAO. WOA SRR-SEA and Candidate country will provide background information, relevant documents to facilitate the work of the consultant.

### **2.2.2. CONDITIONAL TRANCHE**

Should time and budget permit, the scope of work may be extended to support more countries (maximum of two additional countries) in the future if needed and agreed by all parties.

However, the implementation of this conditional tranche of work will depend on a discretionary decision by the WOA which will be notified to the Consultant under conditions set out in the Contract.

The consultant should complete the financial offer (annex 2) with a cost corresponding to the work for one additional country.

## **3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

The consultant should demonstrate the following skills/qualities and adhere to the highest review standards and code of ethics expected by WOA and its partners:

### **3.1 Experience**

- Proven experience in the development of control strategies for transboundary animal diseases at the regional and national level (required);



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- Proven experience in carrying out risk assessment and epidemiological studies for the animal disease/ other hazards (required);
- Working experience and knowledge of ASF (required);
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the Animal Health Sector (TADs prevention and control) at the national and regional levels;
- Good understanding and knowledge of the GF-TADs framework and of the WOAHS standards (is considered as an asset);
- Working experience in South-East Asia (is considered as an asset).

### 3.2 Interpersonal Skills

- Excellent writing skills in English, including the ability to convey complex issues and ideas in simple easy-to-understand forms;
- Strong epidemiological and analytical skills including document review, and ability to apply scientific findings in the field context;
- Ability to work in participatory and collaborative way to develop theory of change and strategy;
- Ability to communicate effectively in a multicultural environment.

## 4. WORK ARRANGEMENTS

### 4.1 ORGANISATION OF THE WORK

The consultant will develop workplan taking into consideration the restrictions due to the COVID-19 situation. There is freedom to conduct this consultancy as an individual, or as a team.

- Location: This assignment requires home-based work with electronic consultations as well as field visit depending on the sanitary situation of the participating countries and COVID restrictions.
- Duration: Contract duration of 6 months.
- Start date: Initiation of work will start in August 2022 and work will last until February 2023.
- Language: All documents shall be written in plain English.

### 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:

- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid after submission of inception and work plan and ASF Situation Report to WOAHSRR-SEA;
- Thirty percent (30%) of the contract value will be paid upon reception of the draft Risk-based ASF Control Strategy by the WOAHSRR-SEA;
- Remaining balance of the contract value will be paid upon reception and validation of the final ASEAN ASF Control Strategy and training report by the WOAHSRR-SEA.



#### 4.3 REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

For administrative question, the Consultant(s) will contact the WOAH SRR-SEA Regional Animal Health Coordinator: Dr Karma Rinzin.

For technical questions, the Consultant(s) may contact directly the members of the core group. The Consultant(s) and the core group will discuss and agree on the workplan and way forward to drive the consultancy during the kick-off meeting.

The Consultant(s) should periodically and at each milestone (defined at the start of the consultancy), report to the core group the progress on the workplan.

The core group will validate the work done and the deliverables.

#### 5. STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE

Interested bidder(s) are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) including the following:

- Maximum 4-page 'Expression of Interest' that provides information on the:
  - Understanding of the project;
  - General methodology;
  - Draft work plan and approach (including if any, a list of teammates who would be delegated to conduct this project);
  - Budget plan (including a breakdown and schedule of proposed costs for each proposed deliverables);
  - Professional profiles
    - Expertise
    - past similar experience,
    - rationale for team-set up if more than one
    - language skills etc.
  - Any additional information.
- Maximum 4-page CV with information on related experience (for each of the candidates, if joint submission);
- Two (2) work samples of peer reviewed related work.

Short-listed Consultant(s) may be further contacted by the WOAH should additional information/clarification is required.

- Financial offer duly completed and signed (annex 1)
- Declaration of integrity duly completed and signed (annex 2)



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## 6. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

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

- **Technical criteria (80%)**
  - Expertise (40%)
  - Quality of work samples (20%)
  - Experience in the development of control strategies for TADs (20%)
  - Working experience in South-East Asia and ASF (20%)
- **Financial criteria (20%)**
  - Global cost (100%)

## 7. RESPONSE PROCEDURE

The WOAHA places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The WOAHA 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.

[APPLY HERE](#)

The WOAHA, 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.

You have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to request erasure and obtain data portability under certain circumstances.

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@woah.org](mailto:dpo@woah.org). For more information check our Privacy Policy: <https://www.woah.org/en/privacy-policy>".

Should you have any questions, please contact [srr.sea@woah.org](mailto:srr.sea@woah.org).

To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, WOAHA shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor:

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(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. WOAHA 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