

Developing, Implementing, Auditing & Certifying Veterinary Biosecurity Programs



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To Cover

- Why? – Motivation
- What? – Necessary components for practical & effective biosecurity plans
- How? – Components are integrated
- Who? – Does the work
- When? – Biosecurity auditing/certified might be accomplished
- The next steps & the way forward





INTERNATIONAL AQUACULTURE BIOSECURITY CONFERENCE

Practical Approaches for the Prevention, Control, and Eradication of Disease
August 17-18, 2009
Trondheim, Norway

Held in conjunction with Aqua Nor 2009, the international aquaculture venue.

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A two day program of internationally-recognized keynote speakers and contributed posters on the following topics:

- Economic impact of disease and biosecurity programs
- Components of ideal biosecurity plans and programs
- International, regional and national strategies
- Identifying and prioritizing hazardous diseases and evaluating risks
- Determining and mitigating hazardous disease critical control points and risks
- Disease epidemiology, surveillance and monitoring
- Determining disease status and freedom
- Control and eradication contingency plans and programs
- Disease diagnostics, medical and farm record keeping
- Implementing, auditing and certifying biosecurity programs

The goal of this conference is to provide expert opinions and tools for implementing practical, economic, and effective biosecurity plans and programs. A call for posters is forthcoming on the website.

- Registration by July 1, 2009: NOK 3500 (~ \$500 USD)
- Registration after July 1, 2009: NOK 4500 (~ \$650 USD)

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Much an outcome of the

International Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference

August 2009
Trondheim Norway

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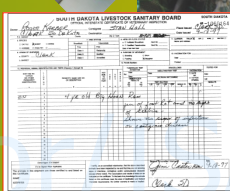
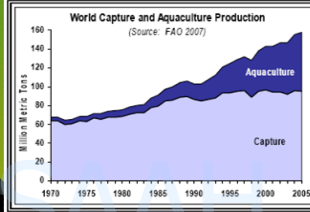

Motivation

Producers

- Protect investments
- Maximize production
- Value-added certified product
- Meet regulations?

Governments

- Protect industries
- Increase production & trade








World Capture and Aquaculture Production
(Source: FAO 2007)

Year	Capture	Aquaculture
1970	60	0
1975	65	0
1980	70	0
1985	75	0
1990	80	10
1995	85	25
2000	90	45
2005	95	70

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Motivation

International

- Prevent disease spread
- Protect domestic industries



- Meet international trade requirements

Global Spread of White Spot Disease

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The Focal Point & Ultimate Objective of Biosecurity

To ensure that an epidemiological unit does not become diseased and it remains that way.

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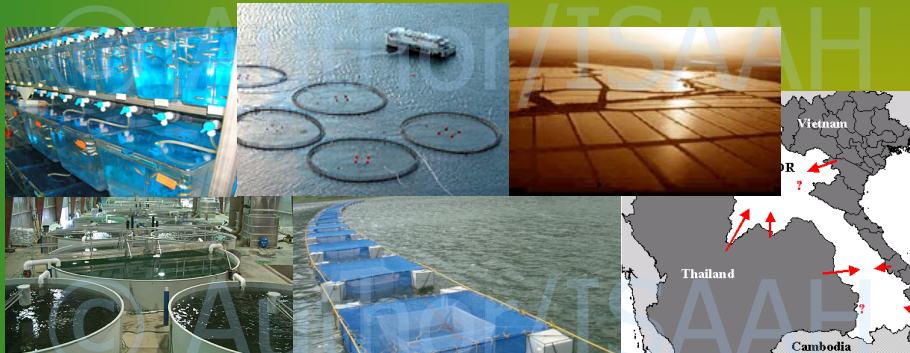
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Epidemiological Units – from a Tank to a Nation

Epidemiologic Unit—a defined population of animals, separated to some degree from other populations, in which infectious and contagious diseases can be transmitted



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The Components

What procedures & processes need to be place to prevent (or control & eradicate) infectious & contagious diseases?

- Identify disease Hazards & Risks (risk analysis)
- Identify Critical Control Points (for disease entry / escape)
- Fix / Mitigate Critical Control Points (risk management)
- Develop Contingency Plans
- Determine Disease Status / Freedom
- Monitor progress & Audit implementation
- Certify Biosecurity Levels / Disease Freedom

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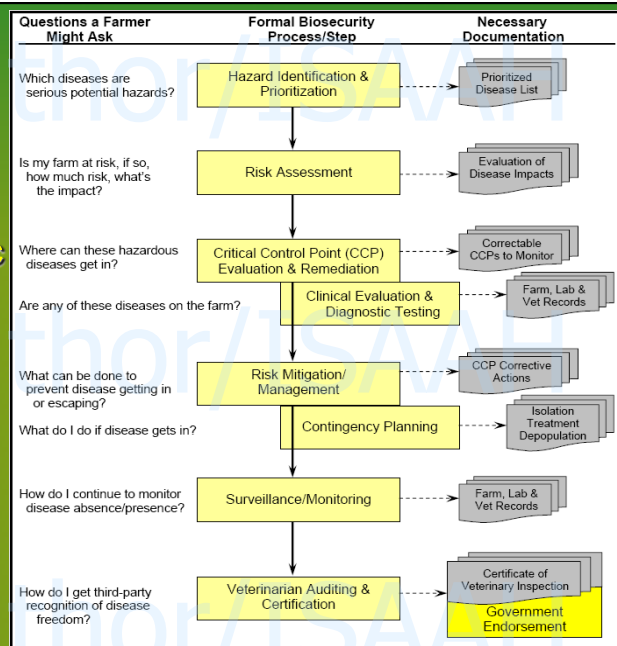
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Integrating Biosecurity Components

Any Epidemiologic Unit (EU)

- Establishment
- Compartment
- Zone
- Region
- Country



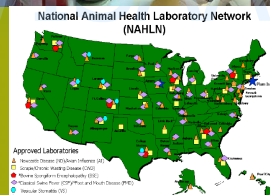
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Resources/Workforce Needs

- Licensed/registered veterinarians (legal & professional liability)
- Paraveterinary (techs/nurses/biologist) field service personnel
- Diagnostic laboratory system
- Product/equipment suppliers
- NGO systems & infrastructure
 - Education
 - Compliance registry
 - Competency credentialing
- Governmental (regulatory) personnel & infrastructure



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Implementation Personnel & Activities

Personnel

- Operation owner & employees
- Licensed/registered / accredited veterinarians
- Para-veterinary professionals – vet techs, nurses, fisheries biologists

Activities

- Written operation-specific Biosecurity Plan & records
- Veterinary evaluation, diagnostic interpretation, auditing, ABC certificates
- Diagnostic lab tests, general assistance

Workforce – Training & credentialing needed for all individual involved in activities

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Implementing Biosecurity Steps

A progressive process – in written Plan

- **ABC Level I** – Committed to developing site-specific plan; decision – deciding disease hazards/risks
- **ABC Level II** – Risk analysis, CCP evaluation & mitigation evaluation complete, diagnostics started
- **ABC Level III** – CCP/risk management & contingency plan in place; diagnostics complete
- **ABC Level IV** – Full audit complete; disease-free/SPF
- **ABC Level V** – Government Agency endorsement

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What's Audited & Certified

Implementation Progress of Tailored Biosecurity Plan

■ ABC Level 1

■ ABC Level 2

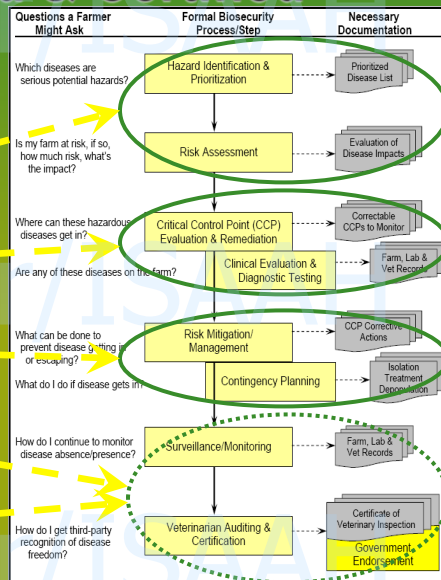
■ ABC Level 3

■ ABC Level 4

(Disease Free)

■ ABC Level 5

(Reserved – Gov't Endorsement)



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Veterinary Biosecurity Certificates

■ Need to be tailored specifically for biosecurity

COUNTRY: [Blank]
Identifying Information: [Blank]
Declaration: [Blank]
Endorsement: [Blank]

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION FOR LIVE AQUATIC ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS
Identifies Veterinarian, C.V.I. Animals, Types and Purpose
Identifies Animal Species
Legal Declarations
Veterinary Authority Endorsement

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Governmental (competent authority) Endorsement

- For “official” recognition (primarily for meeting regulatory requirements) non-governmental programs require government agency endorsement
- Voluntary NGO/industry programs must meet the same endpoints as government/regulatory programs
- Biosecurity endpoints – measures (prevention, control, eradication) are in place to ensure Epi-Unit (e.g. farm) is SPF

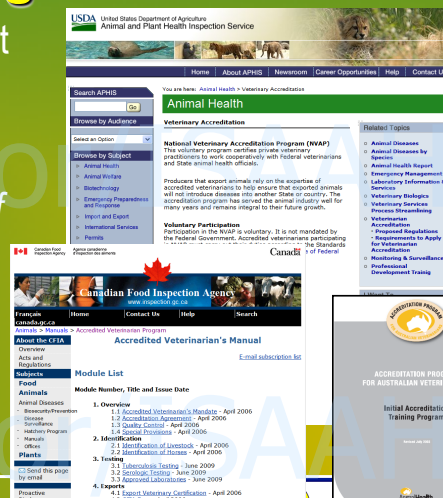
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Boosting Agency Workforce – National Veterinary Accreditation Programs

- ✓ Supplementing government regulatory activities workforce
- ✓ Supports OIE Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS Tool).



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US NVAP - Aquatic Veterinary Modules -

1. Priority diseases
2. Biosecurity
3. Health/disease regulations & certification

National Veterinary Accreditation Program
Aquatic Animal Health Certificates and Regulations

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Welcome to the Aquatic Animal Health Certificates and Regulations module.

This module will provide information on the various agencies involved in regulating aquatic animal health and trade, with an emphasis on USDA and the role of accredited veterinarians. It will also address the proper completion of health certificates for farmed aquatic animals and provide resources for obtaining current regulations.

Upon completion of this module, you should be able to:

- List the regulatory agencies involved in aquatic animal health and trade
- Explain your role and responsibilities as an accredited veterinarian as they relate to aquatic animal health
- Find current health regulations for the international export and interstate movement of aquatic animals
- Accurately complete health certificates for farmed aquatic animals

Completion of this module is estimated to take 55-60 minutes, but will vary depending on your familiarity with the information presented.



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Implementation Considerations

Voluntary

- Individual producer/farm
- Industries

Compulsory

- Legislation/regulations

National/International standards

- National Strategies/OIE Code

Combinations

- Voluntary, compulsory & standards (requires government-industry, public-private collaboration, cost-sharing, etc)

Flexible

- Tailored to specific needs, resources & conditions

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Implementation Considerations

- Ideally – an Internationally Standardized Approach
- Large well-funded producers
 - will adopt easily
- Small-scale, resource-limited producers
 - will need
 - ownership,
 - self motivation
 - explicit returns for investment

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Producer & Workforce Training & Credentialing

Next Steps

- Producer & service provider training workshops
 - 1-day theory & process
 - 1-day table-to exercises & scenario modeling
 - 1-day on-farm exercise
- On-line recognition
 - Producers actively implementing a V-ABC program (& ABC Level)
 - Service providers credentialed as trainers & implementers

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The Way Forward

International Veterinary Aquaculture Biosecurity Consortium Initiatives

- September 2010 – ISA-Biosecurity Workshop, Norway
- October 2010 – ISA-Biosecurity Workshop, Puerto Montt, Chile
- 2011/12 - FOA/OIE EUS-Zambezi Valley Biosecurity Workshops
- October 2011 – WVA Aquaculture Biosecurity Workshop, Cape Town, S. Africa
- Possible Turkey, UK Workshops

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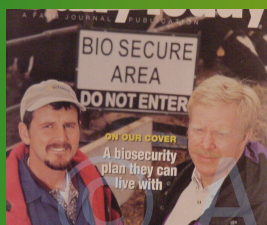


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