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# OIE standards and Rare Breeds



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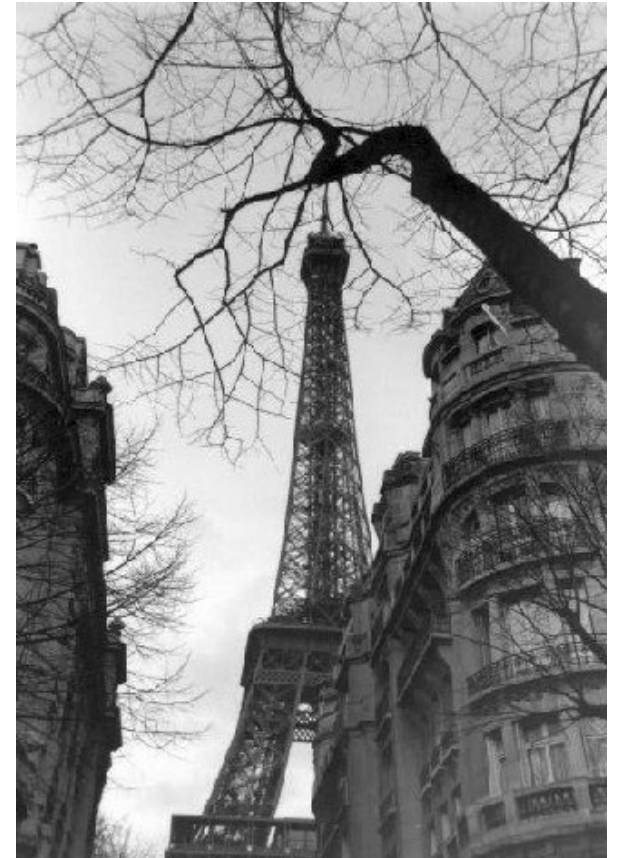
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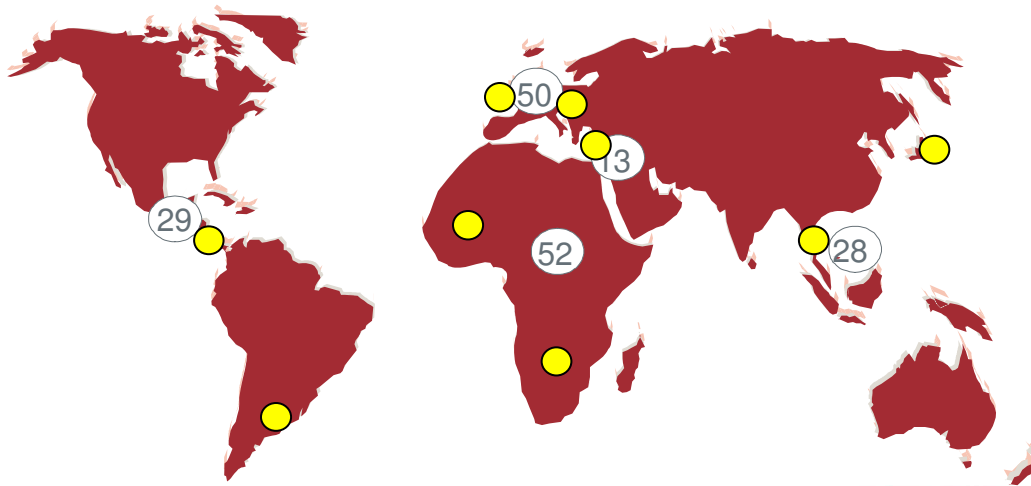
## Content

- Introduction to OIE
- Role and mandate
- OIE and rare breeds



# SOME KEY FACTS

- Established in 1924: 172 Members
- Intergovernmental organisation – predates the UN
- Permanent Regional Representations: Bamako (Mali), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Tokyo (Japan), Sofia (Bulgaria) and Beirut (Lebanon)
- Sub-regional Offices: Bangkok (Thailand), Gaborone (Botswana), Panama, Brussels (Belgium), soon: Tunis (Tunisia)
- Regional Commissions: Africa, America, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Middle East



# OIE's objectives

- ensure transparency in global animal health situation
- collect, analyse and disseminate scientific veterinary information on control methods of animal diseases
- contribute expertise and encourage coordinated approach to disease outbreaks
- improve veterinary services
- within its WTO mandate, safeguard world trade through animal health standards
- animal welfare and animal production food safety

# **OIE's standard setting mandate**

**WTO SPS Agreement recognises OIE  
as a reference organisation for  
international standards**

**(one of the “ 3 sisters”)**

# OIE's WTO mandate

Standard-setting  
organisations

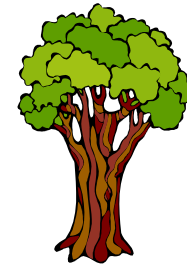
*food safety*  
CODEX



*animal health and  
zoonoses*  
OIE



*plant health*  
IPPC



Codex = Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO/WHO)  
OIE = World Organisation for Animal Health  
IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)

# Why OIE standards necessary

- enhance safety of international trade
- transparency in reporting diseases
- harmonisation of national legislation and control measures
  - fewer unjustified trade restrictions
- promote fairer trade
  - benefits developing countries

**International Public Good!**



# OIE Standards

- **sanitary measures to be used by veterinary or other competent authorities faced with animal diseases including zoonoses**
- **health regulations, including surveillance guidelines, to prevent importations of pathogens, including those transmissible to humans, while avoiding unjustified sanitary barriers**

# OIE Standards

- diagnostic methods to be used by laboratories
- quality criteria for vaccines
- how to collect and process semen and embryos

# OIE International Standards

**Terrestrial Animal Health Code – mammals,  
birds and bees**

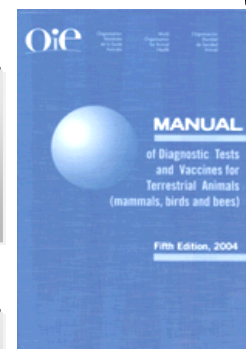
**Aquatic Animal Health Code – fish, molluscs  
and crustaceans**

**Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for  
Terrestrial Animals**

**Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic  
Animals**



**available on the  
OIE Website ([www.oie.int](http://www.oie.int))**



CULL OR LET LIVE?

**YES!**

# Prevention measures

- ✓ Intensive surveillance
- ✓ Biosecurity measures
- ✓ Vaccination
- ✓ Zoning and Compartmentalisation

# Zoning and Compartmentalization

**When building  
with compartmentalisation in mind!**



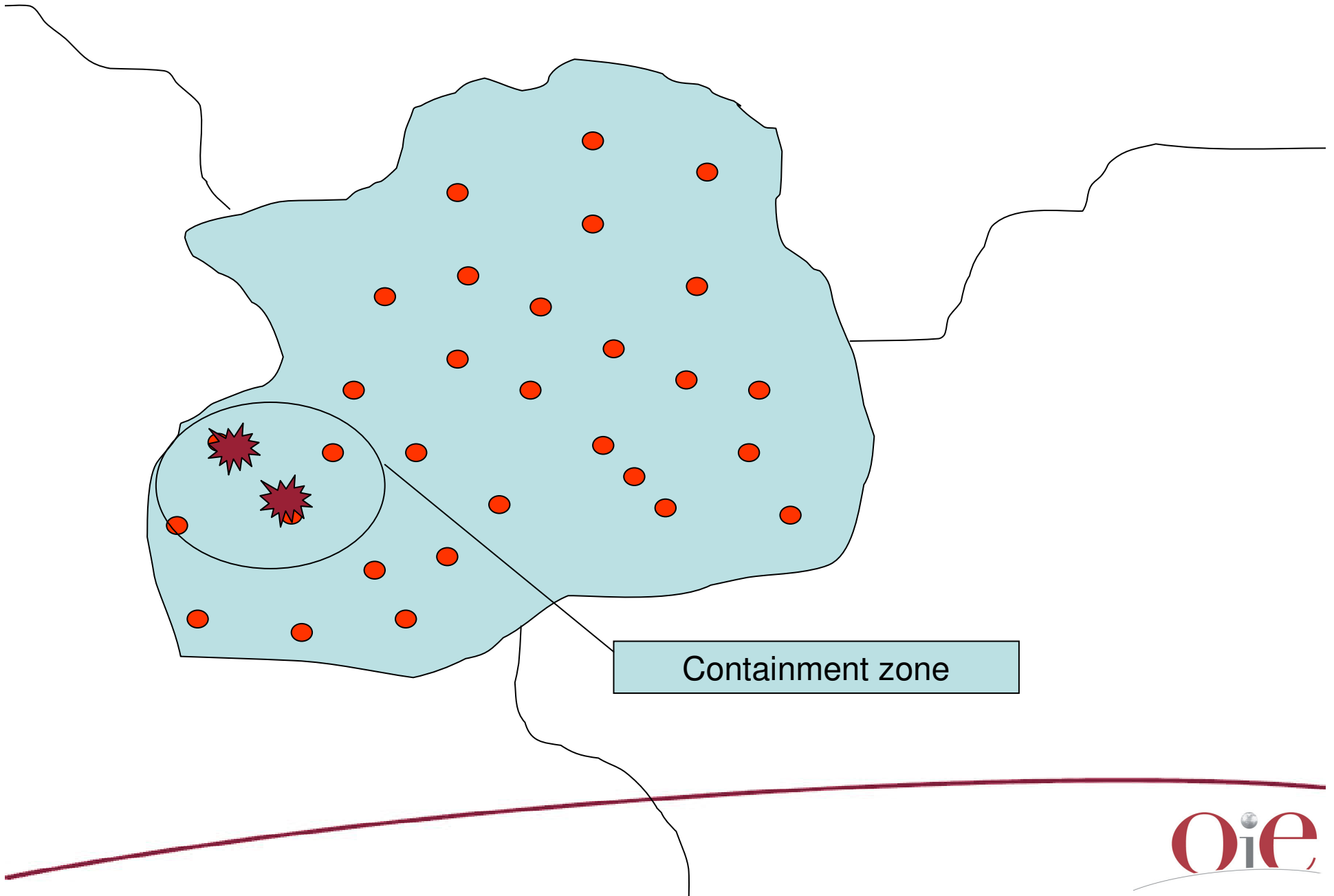
# When is culling appropriate?

- ✓ Disease outbreak of significant public health implication, or pandemic potential
- ✓ Early stages of disease of rapid spread
- ✓ Conditions seriously affecting animal welfare



# Minimising or preventing culling

- ✓ Early detection and response
- ✓ Containment zone



Containment zone

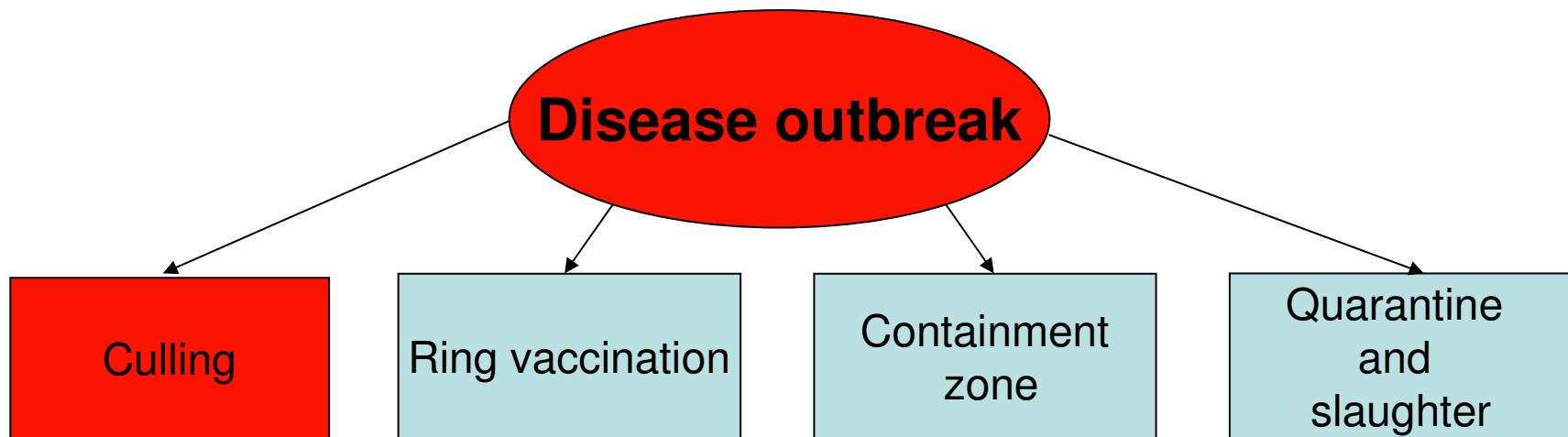
# Minimising or preventing culling

- ✓ Early detection and response
- ✓ Containment zone
- ✓ Ring vaccination
- ✓ Quarantine, followed by on time slaughter

# What can go wrong?

- ✓ Failure of Member countries to fully implement OIE recommendation in their legislation
- ✓ Importing countries requiring “disease freedom” rather than OIE’s “safe trade recommendations”
- ✓ Failure to communicate and influence public perception before a crisis
- ✓ Misuse of ‘private standards’ by private sector

## Prevention mechanism



# The way forward I

- ✓ Need good Veterinary governance and the ability to detect emerging diseases
- ✓ Veterinary Services need a communication strategy to increase the awareness and consumer confidence
- ✓ Coordination between Ministries in conveying the right message on public health and food safety
- ✓ Improvement of the private-public partnership

# The way forward II

- ✓ Vaccination
- ✓ Compartmentalisation

# Thank you for your attention

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