

# ANIMAL WELFARE IN ASIA: SPECIFIC FLAWS AND STRENGTHS, FUTURE TRENDS AND OBJECTIVES

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# Animal Welfare Issues in Asia

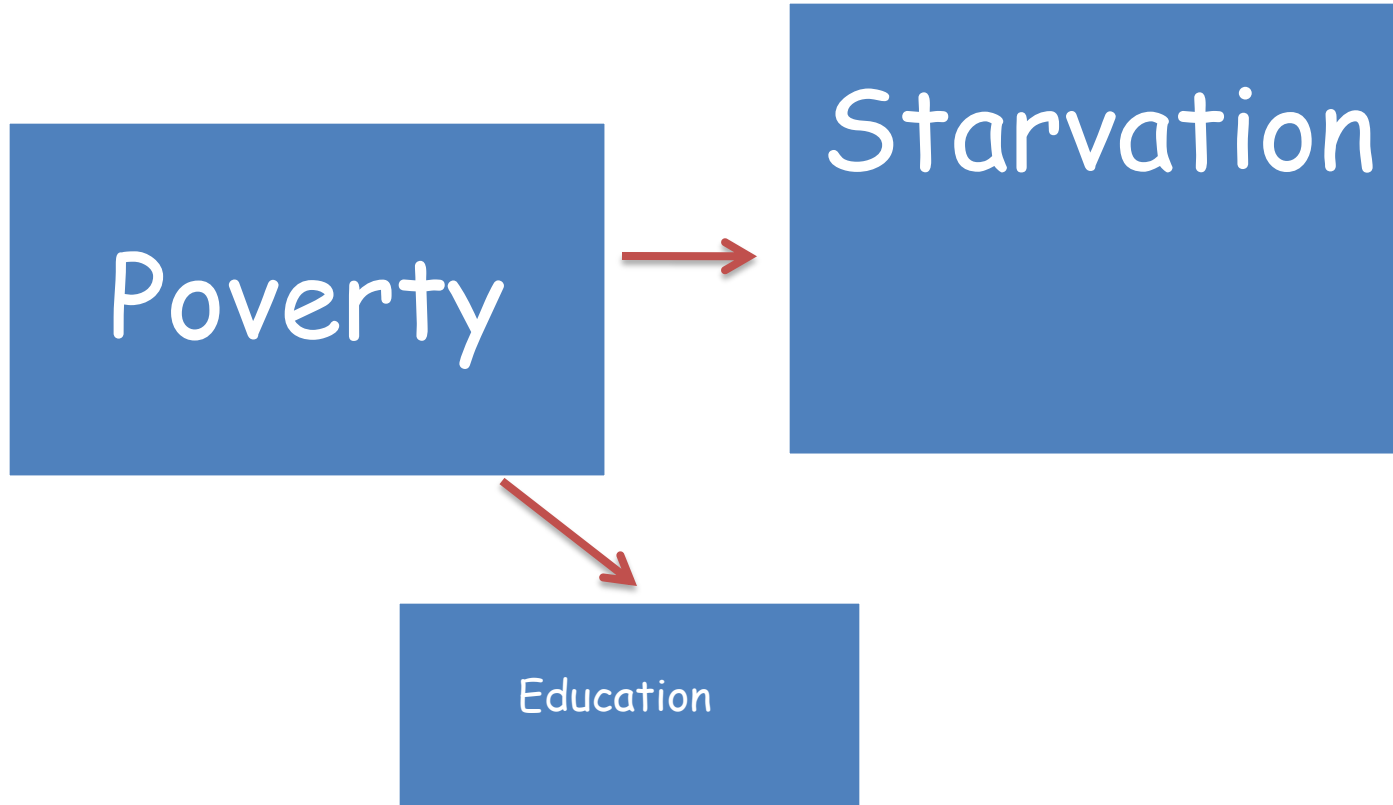


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**Poor Animal Welfare**



# Threats to Animal Welfare



Cultural  
Practices



Religious

Slaughter of cattle

# Threats to Animal Welfare



Strays

# Threats to Animal Welfare

Disease; rabies





# Threats to Animal Welfare

## Environmental disasters



# CATALYST FOR CHANGE

**2000:** AW recognised as a strategic priority in the 3rd OIE Strategic Plan (2001-2005)

**2002:** Adoption by the General Assembly of National Delegates of a Resolution leading to the creation of an animal welfare working group (AWWG);

**2003:** Adoption of the General Principles

**2004:** First Global Conference on Animal Welfare - Paris



# OIE: Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (7.1)

The transport of animals by land (7.2.)

The transport of animals by sea (7.3.)

The transport of animals by air (7.4.)

The slaughter of animals (7.5.)

The killing of animals for disease control purposes (7.6.)

The control of stray dog populations (7.7)

The use of animals in research and education (7.8.)

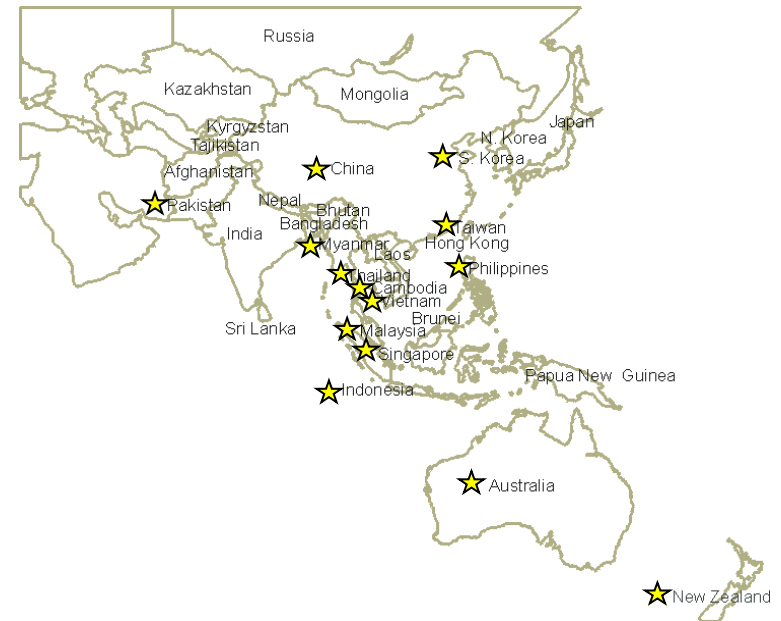
Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (7.9.)

Animal Welfare and broiler chicken production systems (7.10)



# FOCUSSED EFFORT REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY

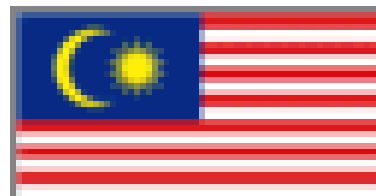
- 1. Animal Welfare Workshop (Nov 2007)
- 2. Writing Group (Feb 2008)
- 3. Strategy endorsed (May 2008)
- 4. Implementation plan endorsed (Nov 2009)
- 5. Planning workshop (Apr 2010)
- 6. RAWs Coordination Group Meeting 1 (April 2011)



# RAWS CG AFEO Region Members



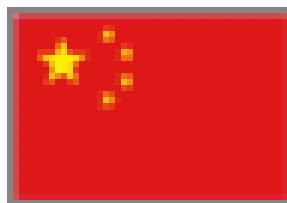
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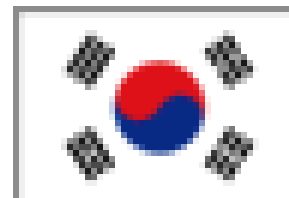
Malaysia



New Zealand



China



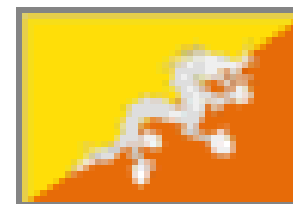
Korea



Indonesia



Thailand



Bhutan

## Factors driving the region's approach to improving animal welfare

- Science: Standards □
- Values:intrinsic Vs instrumental
- Ethics:human-animal relationship □
- Culture □
- Education and awareness □
- Economics and livelihood
- Research and development □
- Regional and international developments



# RAWS

## ➤ **RAWS mission**

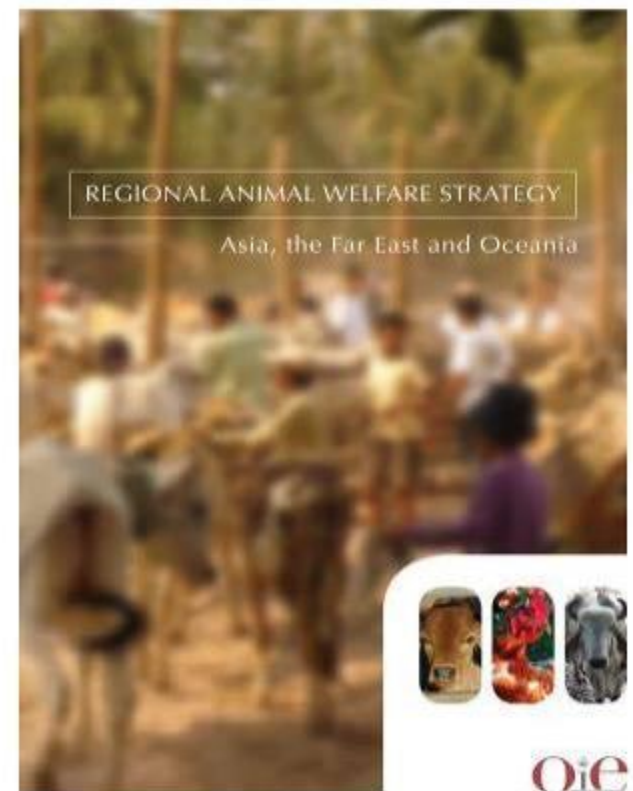
To provide regional leadership in animal welfare

## ➤ **RAWS vision**

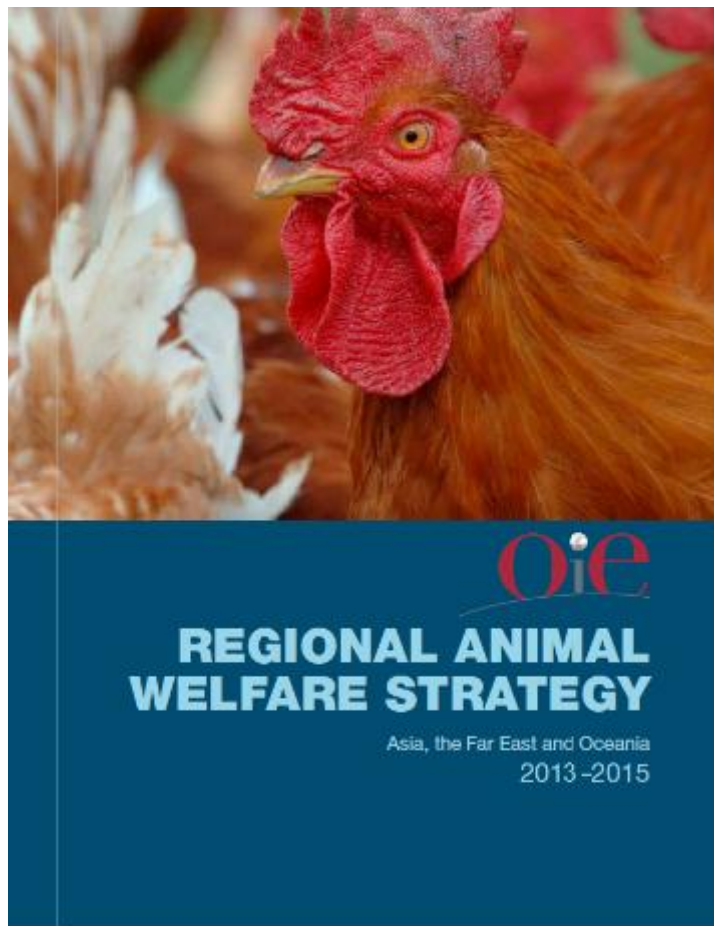
To respect, promote and incrementally advance Animal Welfare

## ➤ **RAWS goals**

1. Promotion and achievement
2. Coordinating a regional approach
3. Sustainable improvements
4. Sustainable mechanisms



# RAWS, Edition 2, 2013-2015



## Key elements of the strategy

- OIE guidelines
- Legislation
- Codes of practice
- Education and training
- Research and development
- Regional and international developments
- Regional expectations
- Stakeholders

## Scope of the strategy

- All sentient animals, with initial emphasis on farm animals



# RAWS Activities

- Animal Welfare Training/Training on animals in disasters
- Translation of the RAWS
- RAWS Website (<http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/activities/regional-programme/regional-animal-welfare-strategy/>)
- Updating of Action Plan
- Support to other regions in developing RAWS
- Education and training



# MALAYSIA



# ANIMALS ACT

- The Animals Act 1953(Act 647), Revised-2006. Part V1: Prevention Of Cruelty To Animal (Amendment 2013).
- Penalty for cruelty has been raised to RM50,000 and jail term from 6 months to 1 year. This has been enforced since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013.



# INSPECTION



# ENFORCEMENT



## ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ON ANIMAL CRUELTY

### DVS, Malaysia (2009 TO 2013)

Enforcement Activities	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Complaints Received	288	134	168	280	255	1,125
Inspections Conducted	354	1376	3579	5553	4942	15,804
Cases Obtained / Investigated paper	3	5	71	17	29	125
Court Cases	2	1	1	12	13	29



# Malaysia will have a new Animal Welfare Act in 2016

- 32 draft Regulations including the Code of Practice(COP) on various aspects of animal welfare are being developed.
- These regulations and COP are required for the full implementation of the Animal Welfare Act



# GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- The National Animal Welfare Strategic Plan 2012-2020 is being implemented which involve legislation(regulations and code of practice), strengthening animal welfare governance, competency, public awareness, research, centre of excellence(CoE)
- Malaysian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee(MAWAC) meetings to address animal welfare issues

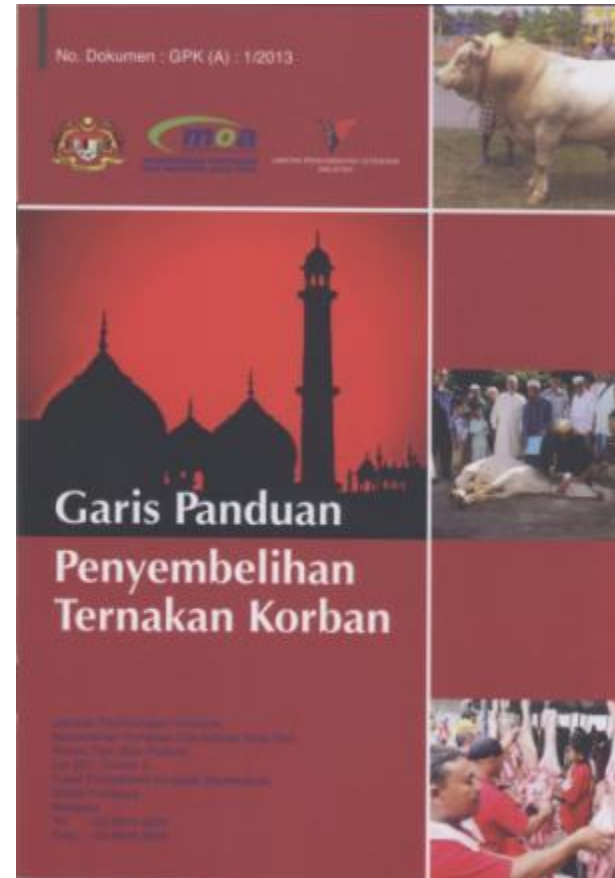




# GUIDELINES FOR SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES



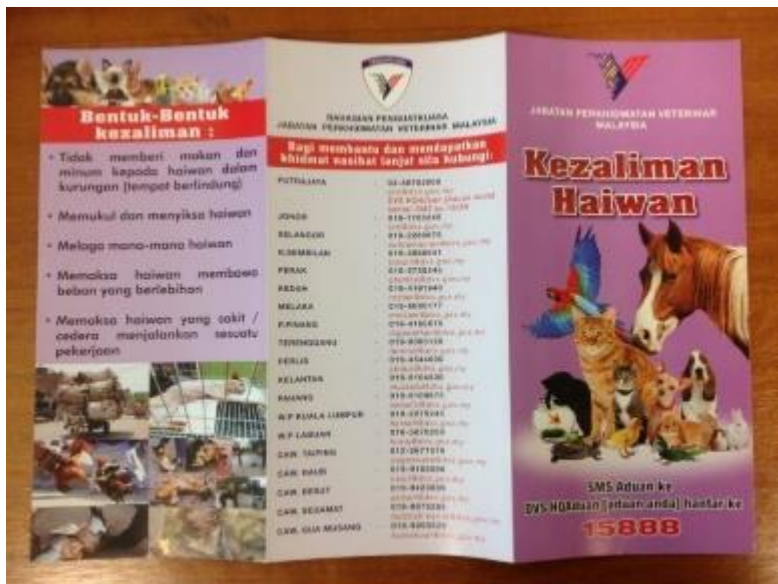
This guideline(Oct 1 2013) covers various aspects involving religious slaughter, slaughter premises and animal welfare. Emphasis on: **proper restraint of cattle, proper slaughter techniques, handling the carcass (food safety) and proper disposal of waste.**



# Political Support for AW: Minister



# Printing and distribution stickers and pamphlets



# AWARENESS



# DEMONSTRATION: RESTRAINING



# LOADING & UNLOADING CATTLE



# NGO Initiatives

- SPCA WORLD ANIMAL DAY
- To create awareness on animal welfare to the public.



# NGO'S Involvement





# KOREA



Animal  
Welfare  
Strategy

Animal  
Welfare  
Act

Animal  
Welfare  
Advisory  
Committee



# AWARENESS

- Use famous singers and actors
- Evaluation of AW awareness of politicians



# OTHER INITIATIVES

- Training
- Certification of AW farm

- Nationwide registration of companion animals
- Animal Friendly Products



# PHILLIPINES



# LEGISLATIONS

Animal Welfare  
Act 1998  
(RA 8485)

Rules &  
Regulation

- Transport by land, sea, air
- Humane Handling for slaughter



# INITIATIVES



Education



Training



Workshop



Seminar



# CHINA





# LEGISLATIONS

- **Animal Husbandry Law of PRC (2006)** ; refer to animal breeding improvement, feeding environment and transport conditions; "Transportation of animals...must ensure safety of livestock and provide necessary space, food and water."
- Implementation Methods of **Pig Slaughtering Management Regulation (2008)** : "encourage slaughtering houses to conduct humane slaughter according to relevant national standards."
- **Management Regulations of Veterinarians Practitioner**. (No. 18) Issued by MOA on Nov. 4th , 2011; a veterinarian practitioner shall love and protect animals, disseminate animal health care and welfare knowledge
- Farm Animal Welfare Requirements for pigs (CAS 235-2014) Issued in May 2014
  - ▶ **The First Farm Animal Welfare Standard in China**



# STANDARDS

- National standard of *The General Principles of Animal Welfare Assessment* is completed and under approval. It focuses on the welfare of various categories of animals including farm animals , and aims at raising the profile of AW within the livestock industry, and improving awareness and concern over farm animal welfare nationwide.
- National standard of *Farm Animal Welfare Requirements for Beef Cattle(draft)*
- National standard of *Farm Animal Welfare Requirements for Mutton Sheep(draft)*



# REWARDING GOOD AW PRACTICES

- 1st Farm Animal Welfare Production Award was launched on 20th of June, 2014.

Aiming at rewarding market leading animal husbandry companies, processing companies, and sales companies for their commitments to animal welfare, promoting animal welfare and the healthy and sustainable development of nationwide farming, and improving quality of animal products and the brand competitiveness.

- 3 Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards:
  - Good Pig Production Award
  - Good Chicken Production Award
  - Good Sheep Production Award in China



# EDUCATION

- China Agricultural University -College of Animal Science and Technology :  
Introduction to animal protection -Public elective
- Shanghai Jiaotong University- College of Agriculture and Biology:  
Animal behavior and protection- Public elective
- Guangxi University -College of Animal Science and Technology:  
Introduction to animal protection-Public elective
- Northwest University of Political Science and Law-Legal science professional :  
Environmental and animal welfare law -Undergraduate major elective courses
- Northwest University of Political Science and Law-Environmental resources and  
protection professional : Animal welfare law -Graduate student elective course
- Nanjing Agricultural University- Veterinary medicine:  
Introduction to animal protection -Public elective



# AWARENESS

- Books :  
Good Practice for the Welfare of Farm Animals: published in 2011
- OIE Standards: Translated
- A Public Survey on Awareness of AW  
11348 questionnaires were issued by relative communities, government departments, websites and media.



# INDIA



# LEGISLATIONS

## Regulatory

- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act(PCA), 1960. Under this Act, various rules have been framed for carrying out the purpose of the Act.
- Two statutory bodies - Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and Committee for the Purpose of Supervision and Control of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) have also been set up under this Act.



# DEVELOPMENTAL

Financial assistance provided through the Animal Welfare Board of India:

- construction of shelter house
- dispensaries etc. for stray, infirm and abandoned animals
- It also gives grants for ambulance & vehicles in connection with treatment and transportation of sick, injured and rescued animals
- Immunization and sterilization of stray dogs
- Scheme for Relief to Animals during Natural Calamities and unforeseen Circumstances





# EDUCATIONAL

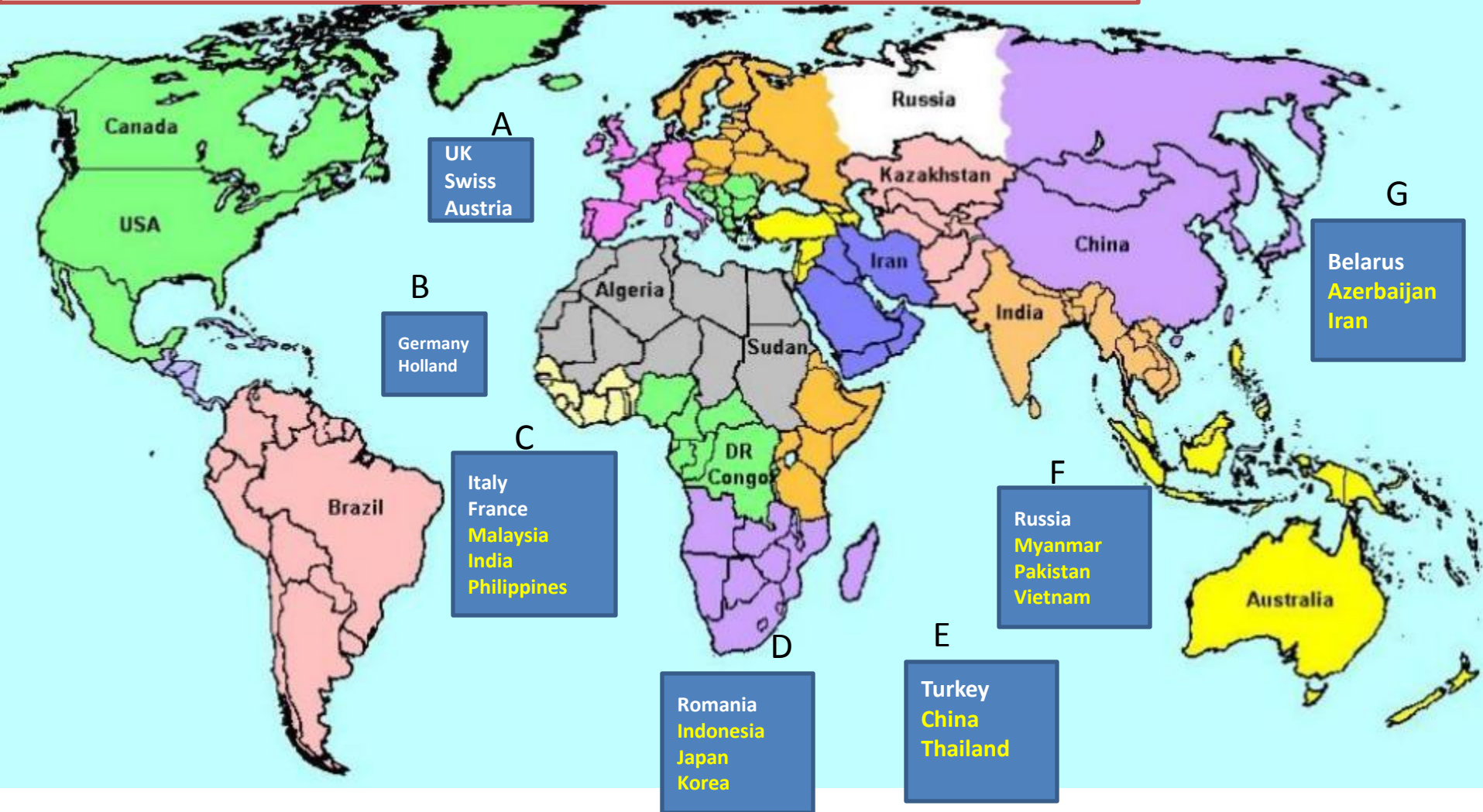
- Workshops, seminars and conferences are organized from time to time.
- National Institute of Animal Welfare (NIAW), Ballabgarh, Haryana for imparting training and education on diversified subjects in Animal Welfare including animal management, behavior and ethics



# IMPACT



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# CHALLENGES

- Lack of knowledge & understanding
- No policies and legislations
- Laws with poor implementation
- Religious practices
- Cultural practices
- Economic wellbeing



*THANK YOU*

*Terima kasih*

