



# ***The First Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources***



**Animal Genetic Resources Group  
Animal Production and Health Division  
FAO**



## **Intergovernmental meetings 2006 and ITC**

### **17 – 19 May 2006**

- **Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources**

### **November 2006**

- **Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

### **2007 (?)**

- **International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources**

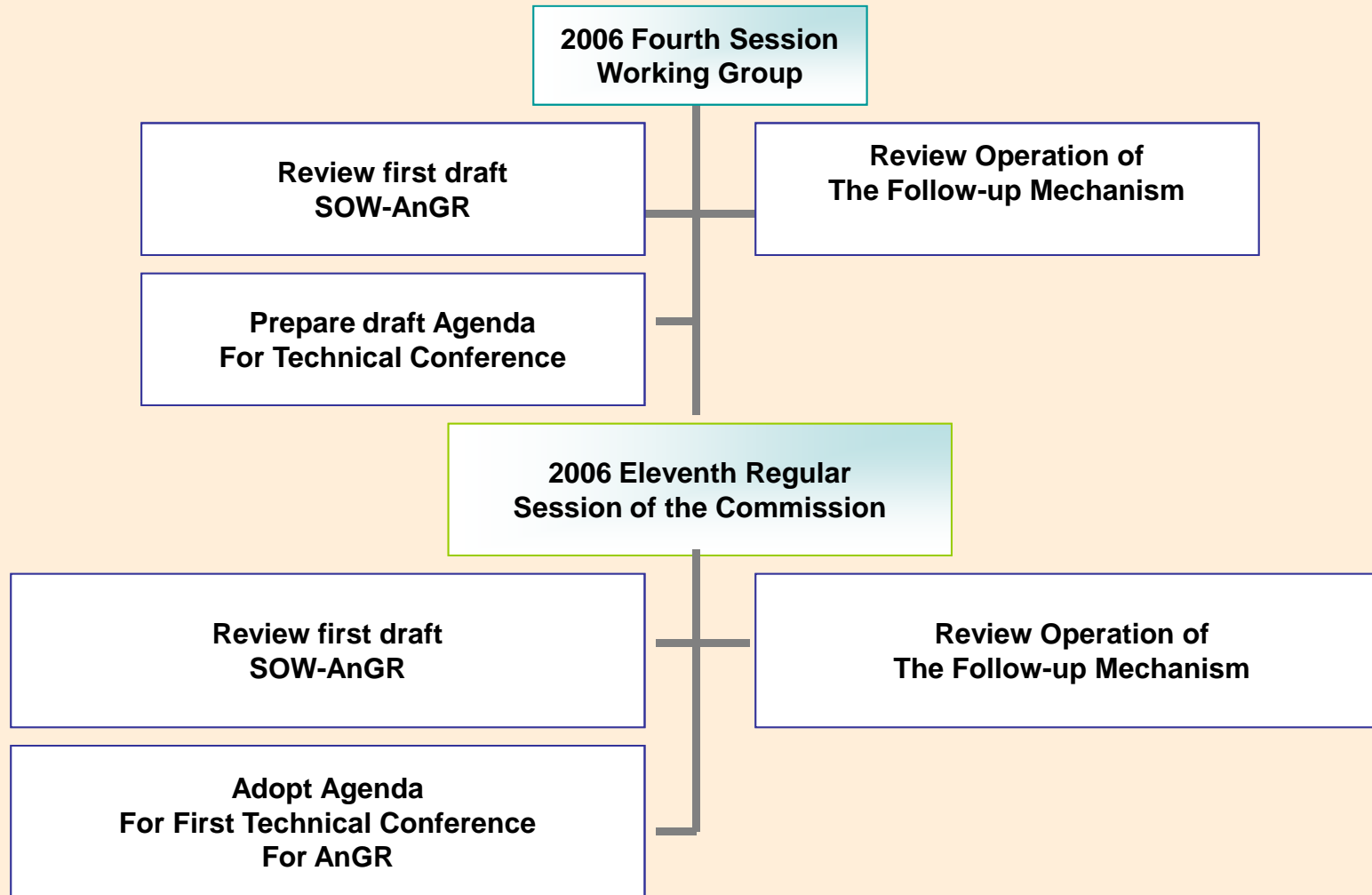


## Schedule for the SoW-AnGR





# Schedule for SoW-AnGR 2006





## **Concluding the SoW-AnGR Process**

### **Convening of an INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES in 2007**

**Host country, financing and/or co-  
financing are being sought  
(USD 750K – 900K)  
See documents CGRFA-10**



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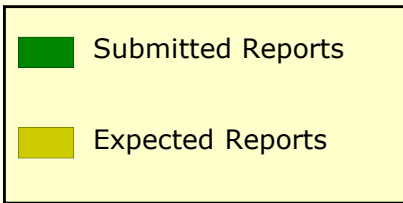
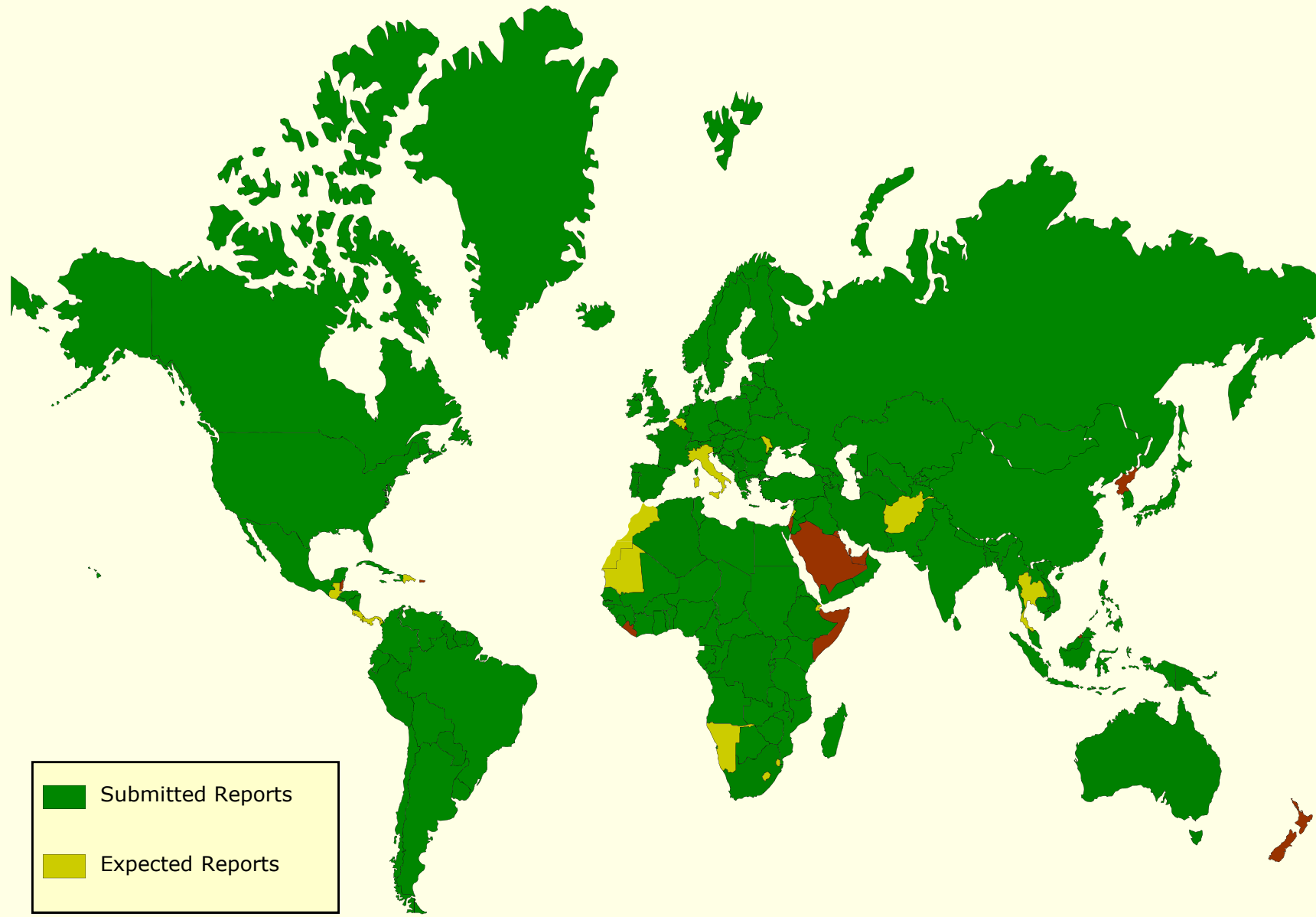


***in the context of the global strategy for  
the management of farm animal genetic  
resources***



## State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources

- **181 countries invited, 151 agreed officially to participate in the process**
- **396 persons from 178 countries were trained in 15 regional workshops in country reporting**
- **151+ countries received technical and/or financial assistance (FAO in partnership with the World Association for Animal Production)**
- **17 regional workshops for country report review and regional priorities involving 150 countries**
- **159 Country Reports officially submitted to FAO, 170 are expected before 30 July 2005 - More than 95% of the world's surface and 90% of countries covered**







## From assessment to action



- **National and regional political commitment to support sustainable livestock production**
- **Donor commitment in long-term development projects**
- **Key concept: FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM**



# **Report on Strategic Priorities for Action (RSPA) for the Sustainable Use, Development and Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

- A first draft of the *RSPA* is available as of June 01, 2005 and will be reviewed
- A revised first draft of the *RSPA* will be available in July 2005



## Report on Strategic Priorities for Action RSPA

- It will be discussed and commented on in regional consultations (as requested by the Commission) to take place between September and December 2005
- Based on 141 Country Reports that were submitted to FAO, as well as reports from several international organizations and commissioned background studies
- Not all priorities will be relevant to all countries



## Report on Strategic Priorities for Action RSPA

- **Chapter 1 - Animal genetic resources:** overview of the diversity of species of animals (and breeds within these species) which are contributing most to food and agriculture.
- **Chapter 2 - Inventory/characterization:** current state, differences in capacity to undertake these activities among countries. A set of **strategic priorities** for improving national, regional and global understanding of the state of animal genetic resources.



## Report on Strategic Priorities for Action RSPA

- **Chapter 3 – Utilization:** current state of use and development of animal genetic resources. A set of **strategic priorities** for improved use and development of animal genetic resources.
- **Chapter 4 – Conservation:** current state of animal genetic resources conservation. A set of **strategic priorities** to enhance conservation efforts at the national, regional and global levels.



## Report on Strategic Priorities for Action RSPA

- **Chapter 5 – Institutions and Capacity Building:** current state of national programmes for animal genetic resources
- ✓ With **strategic capacity building priorities** for a strong national programme on animal genetic resources, building on previous chapters
- ✓ Global Focal Point and Regional Focal Point activities in institutional development and capacity building

# Regional Consultations

## Objectives

- Review the **RSPA**
- Identify regional priorities for action
- Formulate plans for regional cooperation
- Add policy dimension and attract political support
- Discuss organization of Regional Focal Points

## Format

- E-mail conferences moderated by the Global Focal Point (September to December 2005)

## Input

- **RSPA**, outputs from regional meetings, regional facilitator experience, national coordinators

## Output

- Regional Reports
- Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of Regional Focal Points

# Regional Consultations

## *Questions from ERF*

- When regional consultations are planned
- What level, policy, technical? Separate meetings?
- If FAO is interested in support from ERF
- If these are formally FAO or ERF meetings
- If plans and wishes of FAO can be given in written form to ERF very soon (870/2004)
- Can we set up a small working group for that purpose?
- Preparatory workshop?
- Regional European Consultation
- Regional Report from Europe





## Regional Reports

1. Evaluation of the importance of livestock sector to region's economy and food security
  2. Description of production systems
  3. Summary description of animal genetic resources in the region
  4. State of capacity for the management of animal genetic resources
  5. Regional priorities at technical and policy level
- ✓ FAO will develop template and guidelines



## Follow-Up Mechanism

- ✓ mobilization of financial resources
- ✓ providing support in project design, development and submission to relevant funding agencies
- ✓ enhancing the understanding of animal genetic resources roles and values and their contribution to food and agriculture

## Follow-Up Mechanism

- ✓ CGRFA:  
funding to be provided by FAO from its Regular Programme, as well as for extra-budgetary funds
- ✓ No extra-budgetary funding
- ✓ FAO: keeps active the network of regional facilitators
- ✓ FAO: staff time to follow-up activities (assistance to project proposals, support to the establishment of Regional Focal Points)



## EUROPEAN REGIONAL FOCAL POINT AnGR

- The only *working* formal/official RFP
- EUROPE – integration - diversity
- *ASIA - regional project, no continuity*
- *SADC – regional project, no continuity*
  
- ✓ AFRICA (North, West, East, South)
- ✓ Middle East
- ✓ Latin AMERICA (South America, Caribbean, Central America)
- ✓ ASIA (West, South East, Central)



## EUROPEAN REGIONAL FOCAL POINT AnGR

### PARTNERSHIPS

- In EUROPE (East, West, North, South cooperation)
- Mediterranean countries
- Russian Federation, CEE, Caucasus
- Central Asian countries
- In the world (AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA)
- Sub-regional networks?



## REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS AnGR

### BOTTLENECKS FOR REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS

- Weak national structures (NC, NCC, NCI)
- Institutional limitations
- Budget limitations
- Idea that “FAO must do everything”
- No concept of a “growing” RFP
- National pride
- Poor inter-regional communications
- Instability in the regions



## **REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS AnGR**

### **Minimum working REGIONAL FOCAL POINT**

- A network of National Coordinators (people)
- A web-site + on-line network
- Minimum budget for one or two meetings per year
- Building capacity for project preparation
- Political lobbying in region and outside region
- Development of a funding strategy



## REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS AnGR

- FAO can contribute with seed money
- Sponsoring countries can contribute in kind and/or financially
- All countries in the region must contribute in kind and financially



