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STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

Actions undertaken during the past year

All populations of native breeds under conservation programme are monitored at the annual basis. A substantial increase of population size in majority of breeds under conservation programme was observed in the last year;

On-farm selection of individuals that were introduced into the conservation programme of the Polish Merino in the old type and the Podhale cakiel sheep.

Actions planned for the next year

Ongoing monitoring of breeds under conservation programme;

Various studies to characterise breeds under conservation programme will be continued or will be initiated (e.g. for Sztumski and Sokolski horses).

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

Initiation of discussion on development of specific products obtained from native breeds;

Development of the scheme to support breeders to control inbred level in a small population of Olkuska sheep.

Actions planned for the next year

Undertaking efforts to develop specific, unique products obtained from native breeds;

Strengthening cooperation with breeders societies to promote implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, especially in the context of maintaining within breed diversity.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

Re-visiting conservation programmes for majority of breeds currently under conservation, and amendments, where necessary;

Cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in preparation of the Package 7 within the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, under Agri-environment;

Introduction of new breeds into conservation programme: Polish black and white cattle; Polish red and white cattle, Wielkopolski, Sztumski and Sokolski horses, and Polish Merino in the old type. Restoration of native sheep breed: the Podhale cakiel;

Study tours related to establishment and management of the ex-situ gene banks have been undertaken in November 2007 to Czech Republic, Norway, France and the Netherlands.

Actions planned for the next year

Coordination of implementation of the conservation programmes:

- for cattle, horses and sheep and pigs (measures included in the package P7 of agri-environmental programme, Rural Development Programme framework 2007-2013);
- for remaining species: poultry, fur animals, honey-bees and fish (state measures for animal breeding development within annual budget of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development);

Re-visiting conservation programmes for remaining breeds;

Undertaking efforts to establish national ex-situ genebank for animal genetic resources.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

Exhibition of native breeds during the National Animal Show in September 2007;

Conducting workshop for sheep breeders participating in the conservation programme in November 2007 in Balice;

Translation of the SoW-AnGR-in brief and the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources into Polish; wide dissemination: ministries, breeders' associations, agricultural universities, agricultural schools, NGOs in May 2008;

Contribution to the preparations for 13th session of SBSTTA and 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

National Coordinator represented Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development during the 13th session of SBSTTA (Rome, 17-23 February 2008) and 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Bonn, 16-30 June, 2008);

Presentation of “After Intelaken” activities undertaken in Poland during the side event organized by FAO at SBSTTA 13;

Presentation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources at the FAO side event during the COP9.

Actions planned for the next year

Re-visiting National Priorities identified in the Country Report in 2002 in the lights of 23 GPA priorities and associated actions;

Initiation and finalisation of development of the National Action Plan for Animal Genetic Resources - addressing AnGR in the broader context of conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity;

Conducting workshops for breeders involved in conservation of animal genetic resources within other species;

Continuous cooperation with NGOs, especially breeders' societies;

Exhibition of native breeds at the National Animal Show, September 2008;

Consideration of establishment of the Foundation for Animal Genetic Resources Conservation.