

COUNTRY REPORT - SWEDEN FOR 2007-2008

Strategic Priority Area 1: Characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risks

Actions undertaken during the past year

An inventory of the Linderöd pig population - a student exam work from the Swedish Agricultural University.

Actions planned for the next year

Contingency plans for breeds of sheep and goats at most risk.

Student exam work on the breed of Swedish Friesian Cattle before the introduction of Holstein. To invent the remaining number of animals of "the old type" and their genetic status.

Strategic Priority Area 2: Sustainable use and development

Actions undertaken during the past year

Two sheep breed associations have together set up/restored a database with heritage and production data to support and secure their breeds.

Actions planned for the next year

Completion of guideline and criteria document for breeding plans. Review of the breeding plans for most breeds in the light of the new document.

Strategic Priority Area 3: Conservation

Actions undertaken during the past year

Support to genebanks for poultry and rabbits as well as to horses of rare national breeds has been introduced as part of the Environmental and Rural Development Plan.

Actions planned for the next year

Continuation of collection of bovine semen for the frozen genebank. Preparatory work for the collection of horse semen.

Strategic Priority Area 4: Policies, institutions and capacity building

Actions undertaken during the past year

A Swedish Regulation to guide and control breeding organisations and breed associations in their managing of AnGR will be put in place soon, starting with cattle.

A guiding document on collecting, storage and use of genetic material is finalized. Another document giving guidance on the responsibility of one or several breed associations for the same breed is accomplished.

Actions planned for the next year

Setting up a research program for AnGR. Based on the National plan of action we have identified a number of areas with gaps of knowledge.

The work with the National plan of action in the frame of the Global Plan of Action has been the main task during the past year.