


Annual report of the Working Group In situ conservation and valorisation of Animal Genetic Resources

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- NCs are invited to nominate experts
- If expert is not able to attend WG meeting, NC can nominate replacement for the specific meeting
- Travel costs for attending the meeting will be reimbursed by ERFP

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Annual meeting


Annual ERFP Working Group meetings
23rd/24th April 2024 in Nicosia, Cyprus

Meeting WG *In situ* conservation
-> see activities on the next slides

Joint meeting with WG Documentation and Information
-> Transboundary breeds/genetic relatedness between breeds

Joint meeting with WG *Ex situ* conservation
-> Integration of *ex situ* and *in situ* approaches

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Activities

How is *In situ* conservation understood in different countries?
Task leader: Srdjan Stojanović (supported by Danijela Bojkovski)

- Revision of draft questionnaire after comments from Working Group
- Sending of agreed questionnaire to NCs and WG members
- Results of analysis of answers presented at the WG meeting

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Activities

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Main conclusions:

- Not all countries have installed a National Strategy for AnGR
- Lack of a National Strategy does not automatically include, that there are no activities for the conservation of AnGR
- AnGR are sometimes included in other strategies (Rural Development, animal breeding strategies, etc.)
- Landscape management activities with local breeds are a very important topic

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Activities

How is AnGR management and conservation included in the national legislation?

- Presentation of examples from different countries at the WG meeting
- Discussion about further work on this topic
- Questionnaire will be created and sent out to NCs and WG members (Danijela Bojkovski/Srdjan Stojanović/Holger Göderz)

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Activities


Integration of *ex situ* and *in situ* approaches

- Defined as task in the Action Plan for achieving the goals of the European Strategy (AnGRSE)
- Presenting of examples from countries and discussion at the joint meeting with WG *Ex situ* conservation

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Idea for common Ad hoc action
(will be presented to the GA in Florence)

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Activities

Work on related Ad hoc actions

- Identifying of Simmental cattle in Europe (Jan Tomka)
- Native horses network (Ruta Sveistine)
- Transhumance in the Alps (Fabio Pilla)
- Landscape management and ecosystem services (Jesus Fernandez/Enrico Sturaro/Holger Göderz)

Detailed information will be given in the Ad hoc action reports.

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Work Plan 2024/2025 (To be approved by the ERFP GA)

- How is in situ conservation understood in different countries?**
What to do with the results of the survey? Brochure/booklet/guidelines
- Inclusion of AnGR management and conservation in national legislations**
Survey among NCs/WG members is planned
- Approaches of integrated in situ and ex situ conservation**
Cooperation with WG Ex situ; proposal for Ad hoc action (will be presented at the General Assembly in Florence)
- Collaboration with WG DocInfo and EURC-EAB** in assesment of breeding programmes, effective population size and breed risk status
- Further work on ongoing Ad hoc actions**



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