Australian Wildlife Health Network (AWHN)

Coordinating Australian Wildlife Surveillance, Education, and Training

Description

The AWHN aims to promote and facilitate collaborative links in the investigation and management of wildlife health in support of human and animal health, biodiversity and trade. Its founding principles are that it focuses on free-living populations, and demonstrates scientific objectivity and complementarity. It Is a multi-organizational collaboration operating at a national, not state-based level, providing functions that the states and territories cannot: coordinated surveillance at a national level, provision of information and linkage building. Its vision is for a nationally integrated wildlife health system for Australia.

Purpose

The key objectives of AWHN are to:

- Coordinate a network of wildlife health expertise and resources.
- Maintain and expand the functionality of a national database.
- Coordinate and monitor field surveys and/or investigations of disease incidents.
- Promote the development of regional and national wildlife health emergency preparedness and response strategies.
- Improve education and training in wildlife health.

Scope

National – Australia

Primary Funders

Australian Government, others unknown.

Participants & Key Collaborators

Animal Health Australia, Taronga Conservation Society, Australian Government (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry), NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Definition of One Health

Unknown.

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

Unknown.

Sources of Information

http://www.wildlifehealth.org.au/AWHN/AboutUs/AboutUS.aspx?id=35

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