

**Evaluation of surveillance systems:
Presentation of the questionnaire and its online use**
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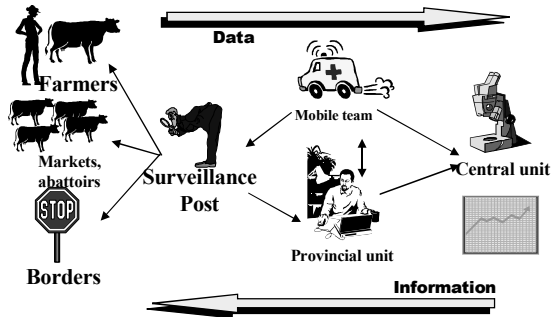
Situation of epidemiological surveillance networks in the Caribbean

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Objectives

To contribute to the structuring, mutual reinforcement and harmonisation of the national surveillance networks. To facilitate the compliance of these systems with the international standards.

Organisation of a network



Key points for the operation of a surveillance network

- ◆ Institutional organisation
 - ◆ Structure of the networks
- ◆ Formalisation and standardisation of objectives and methodologies
- ◆ Good operation
 - ◆ Coordination and supervision
 - ◆ Data management
 - ◆ Communication
 - ◆ Training
 - ◆ Assessment and follow-up

Items of the questionnaire

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| Structure | — | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Administration and central unit ◆ Steering committee and technical committee ◆ Provincial unit and field actors ◆ Laboratory and mobile team ◆ Importation and quarantine ◆ Position of the private sector in surveillance and control ◆ Strategy in animal health |
| Methodology | — | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Formalisation of surveillance procedures ◆ Emergency preparedness plans ◆ Data management ◆ Coordination / supervision of the network ◆ Training |
| Operation | — | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Data feed-back and distribution ◆ Assessment and performance indicators |

Organisation of the questionnaire

The image shows a screenshot of a questionnaire form. The left side is titled 'Importation et quarantaine' and contains several checkboxes for data collection, such as 'Déclaration sur le site d'importation complétée et fichée correctement'. The right side is titled '1.3 Importation et quarantaine' and contains sub-sections for '1.3.1 Organisation de l'importation', '1.3.2 Inspections aux frontières', and '1.3.3 Quarantaine'. Each sub-section has a list of checkboxes and text boxes for data entry.

Synthesis of an item

Steering committee and technical committee

- Steering committee organised with the objective to define the main trends of the surveillance (diseases under surveillance, validation of the surveillance protocols, etc.) and gathers at least a member of each partners institution of the surveillance, including a representative of the stockbreeders and private veterinarians
- The steering committee meets according to the planned rate and a report is produced at the end of each meeting
- A technical committee is organised with the objective of bringing a support to the development of all the technical documents (research forms, surveillance protocols, organisation of the training sessions, etc.) and gathers at least a member of each partners institution of the surveillance, including a specialist in a field covered by the network, specialist in diagnosis (researcher, epidemiologist, etc.)
- The technical committee meets according to the planned rate and is consulted for any technical development within the framework of the network

Result

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Comments :

Results for a country

- = Administration and central unit
- = Steering committee and technical committee
- = Provincial unit and field actors
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- ; Position of the private sector in surveillance and control
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