



## LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS AFFECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES - 2013 -

Country: Sri Lanka

### SECTION 1: SUSTAINABLE USE, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

This section targets information on legislation and policies related specifically to the management of animal genetic resources, i.e. to:

- characterization, surveying and monitoring;
- sustainable use and development;
- conservation; and
- research and development related to animal genetic resources management.

It also includes issues related to patenting and access and benefit sharing. Instruments in these fields of action may or may not include specific provisions related to animal genetic resources or to relevant broader categories such as living organisms or genetic resources for food and agriculture.

#### 1. Overall management of animal genetic resources

*Note: In the policy field, this might include, for example, a national strategy and action plan for animal genetic resources.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Control of slaughter of breedable cows and heifers: Animals Act No. 29 of 1958

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl14664.pdf>

Conservation and protection of animal genetic resources from contagious diseases: Animal Diseases Act no. 59 of 1992

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl19676.pdf>

Conservation of wild animals: Fauna and flora protection ordinance No 2 of 1937

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl22041.pdf>

Conservation of aquatic animals: Fisheries and aquatic resources Act no.2 of 1996

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/srl4092.doc>

Mitigation of erosion of genetic resources: Butchers Ordinance (15 January, 1894)

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl37153.pdf>

Management of farms: Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl43285.pdf>

Implementation of National Animal Breeding Policy Guidelines: National Breeding Policy Guidelines

[www.fao.org/ag/againfo/.../SriLanka\\_LivestockDevelopmentPolicy.pdf](http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/.../SriLanka_LivestockDevelopmentPolicy.pdf)

Guidelines to achieve self-sufficiency in livestock products: Livestock Master Plan 2009

Quality food of animal origin to ensure healthy nutrition for the nation: Mahinda Chinthana Way Forward

[www.treasury.gov.lk/.../mahindaChintanaVision-2010full-eng.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov.lk/.../mahindaChintanaVision-2010full-eng.pdf)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Conservation and sustainable utilization of animal genetic resources

Future needs

- Secondary legislations have to be developed based on the existing principle legislations

- Review and update of gaps

#### 2. Integration of animal genetic resources management with the management of other genetic resources for food and agriculture (plant, forest or aquatic genetic resources)

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Fauna and flora protection ordinance: Conservation of wild animals: Integration of animal genetic resources with vegetation

- Fisheries and aquatic resources Act: Conservation of aquatic animals
- Establishment and management of National animal parks, Wildlife sanctuaries. Implementation of wildlife act
- Agrarian Development Act: Management of farms thereby to conserve and sustainable utilization of animal genetic resources

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Conservation from bio-invasion and alien species

Future needs

National coordination mechanism for relevant legislations

### 3. Surveying and monitoring of animal genetic resources

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Census of agriculture crops and livestock: Census ordinance
- Periodical assessment of status: Statistics ordinance
- Animal Identification, traceability and Monitor slaughter of livestock: Animals Act
- Monitor import and export of genetic resources: Customs ordinance

Impact on animal genetic resources management

- Conservation of animal genetic resources
- Population size, trend analysis to determine the risk status

Future needs

Breed-wise population census and genetic characterization

### 4. Official recognition of livestock breeds

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Control and management of location specific species/breeds: Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000

Impact on animal genetic resources management

- Development of specific breeds appropriate for agro-climatic zones in the habitat areas
- Determination of risk status, conservation needs

Future needs

Development of enforcement mechanism with related institutions

### 5. Animal breeding and genetic improvement strategies

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Castrations of scrub bulls, AI and Natural breeding: Animals Act No. 29 of 1958

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Genetic improvement

Future needs

Identify gray areas and filling of gaps

#### Do these measures address:

##### 5.1 Animal identification and recording

*Note: Sections 2 and 3 include questions on traceability and on animal identification as it relates to animal health. If relevant, please use cross-references to indicate that a given law or policy affects more than one field of action.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Animals Act: Ear tagging of breeding bulls with metal tags
- Implementation of traceability systems for cattle, buffaloes

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Easy identification and monitoring of genetic pool

Future needs

Extend to other species as well

## 5.2 The establishment and operation of breeders' associations

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Formation of breeder farmers' organization: Cooperative societies law No. 11 of 1952 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl100165.pdf>
- Organization of livestock breeders: Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000
- Scheme for development of breeds: Animals act No. 29 of 1958

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Maintain/Improve, pool and sharing genetic resources

Future needs

Formalization of breeder associations

## 6. Use of reproductive biotechnologies (excluding zoosanitary issues)

*Note: Zoosanitary issues are covered in Section 3.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Artificial Insemination: National Livestock Development Policy and Strategies Sept. 2006, 3.1-xii (see attachment)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

- Faster improvement of genetic make-up of the animal genetic resources
- Conservation of endangered species

Future needs

Embryo transfer, animal cloning, trans-genesis

## 7. Genetic modification of animals used for food and agriculture

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Genetic modification of animals for food and agriculture: Biosafety bill based on Cartagena protocol <http://www.ecolex.org/server2.php/libcat/docs/TRE/Full/En/TRE001327.pdf>

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protect and conserve animal genetic resources (indigenous and endangered species)

Future needs

Review current status and identify appropriate regulatory framework

## 8. Suitability of imported genetic material for use in local production environments

*Note: For example, rules requiring a "genetic assessment" before genetic material can be introduced.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Regulate the import and use of genetic materials: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protect the domestic animal genetic resources

Future needs

Conducting surveys and studies and perform adaptive research in different agro-climatic zones

## 9. Conservation programmes for animal genetic resources

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Animals Act No. 29 of 1958 to prevent the slaughter of breedable cows and buffaloes and ban on slaughter of cow calves

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Conservation of breedable animals to mitigate the population loss

Future needs

Expand the coverage of Animals Act to other livestock species as well

**Do these measures include provisions specifically related to:**

**9.1 *In vivo* conservation**

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Measures not yet been finalized

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

Develop regulatory framework for in vivo conservation

**9.2 Cryoconservation**

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Measures not yet been finalized due to financial constraints

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

Develop regulatory framework for Cryoconservation

**10. Research and development related to animal genetic resources management**

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

Genetic manipulation to develop resistance against natural challenges and enhance production traits

**11. Patenting**

Legislation

**If legislation is place or under development, does/will it include provisions (including exemptions) specifically targeting:**

Animal genetic resources for food and agriculture  Living organisms in general

Details of the measure(s)

Intellectual property rights on animal genetic resources: Intellectual property Act No. 36 of 2003 [www.customs.gov.lk/docs/25489.pdf](http://www.customs.gov.lk/docs/25489.pdf)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Prevention of smuggling of animal genetic materials

Future needs

Development of appropriate regulatory framework

## 12. Access and benefit sharing arrangements

*Note: The Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, on 8 August 2013, invited countries to report on the conditions under which genetic resources for food and agriculture are exchanged and used (Circular State Letter C/ NRD-5). Please coordinate responses within your country.*

Legislation

No

Policy

No

**If instruments are in place or under development, do/will they include provisions (including exemptions) specifically targeting:**

Animal genetic resources for food and agriculture

Genetic resources for food and agriculture in general

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

## SECTION 2: MARKETING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

This section targets information on legislation and policies addressing the marketing of animal products, including those addressing:

- the production and marketing of organic products;
- the production and marketing of products sold under protected designations of origin or similar labels;
- production and marketing of products sold under labels indicating adherence to animal-welfare-related standards; and
- food safety.

While some policies and legislation in these fields of action may include specific references to animal genetic resources, it is likely that many will not. The latter may, nonetheless, have indirect effects on animal genetic resources and their management. Consumer demand for animal products often has a major influence on the use and development of animal genetic resources. A lack of demand may place a breed at risk of extinction. Marketing initiatives for breed-specific products, or products from production systems in which locally adapted breeds are kept, can provide a means of promoting the use of at-risk breeds and reducing the risk that they will become extinct. Legislation and policies that facilitate initiatives of this kind can have a positive effect in terms of the maintenance of animal genetic diversity. Conversely, legislation and policies that inhibit the marketing of particular types of products, or products from particular locations or production systems, may inhibit the use of animal genetic resources associated with these products, locations or production systems.

### 1. Marketing of animal products in general

*Note: This question refers to measures that are not specifically focused on market subsectors such as organic products or products with designated labels of origin.*

Legislation

Yes

Policy

Yes

Details of the measure(s)

- Fare trade on animal genetic resources: Consumer protection Act No. 1 of 1979 [http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num\\_act/cpa1o1979292/](http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num_act/cpa1o1979292/)
- Regulate and control importation, sale and distribution of food: Food Act No 26 of 1980 [http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num\\_act/fa26o1980103/](http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num_act/fa26o1980103/)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Increased production efficiency

Future needs

Review and update

### 2. Production and marketing of organic products

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Agriculture produce grading and marking ordinance

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Increased production efficiency of organic products of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review, research and development of standards

### 3. Production and marketing of products sold under protected designations of origin or similar labels

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Provide for the grading and marking of agricultural and livestock produces for purposes connected: Agriculture produce grading and marking ordinance No. 8 of 1940 <http://www.srilankalaw.lk/revised-statutes/volume-i/86-agricultural-produce-grading-and-marking-ordinance.html>

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Ensure sustainability of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review, research and development of standards

### 4. Production and marketing of products sold under labels indicating adherence to particular animal welfare-related standards

*Note: For example, rules relating to the marketing of products as “free range” or under similar designations. Basic animal welfare legislation (i.e. not specifically related to marketing) is covered in Section 3.*

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Provide for the Grading and Marking of Agricultural and livestock Produces: Agriculture produce grading and marking ordinance No. 8 of 1940

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Ensure sustainability of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review, research and development of standards

### 5. Safety of food products from animals

*Note: If relevant, include measures related to the marketing of products derived from genetically modified organisms.*

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Regulate and control importation, sale and distribution of food: Food Act No 26 of 1980 [http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num\\_act/fa26o1980103/](http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num_act/fa26o1980103/)  
- Import and export of food of animal origin: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Increased production efficiency of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review, research and update

### 6. Traceability of animal-origin products

*Note: Sections 1 and 3 include questions on animal identification as it relates to breeding and to animal health. If relevant, please use cross-references to indicate that a given law or policy affects more than one field of action.*

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

Develop legal framework

### SECTION 3: ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

This section targets information on legislation and policies addressing animal health and animal welfare. While some policies and legislation in these fields may include specific references to animal genetic resources, it is likely that many will not. The latter may, nonetheless, have indirect effects on animal genetic resources and their management. Animal genetic resources and their management can be affected both by the direct effects of animal diseases and by the effects of measures taken to control animal diseases. For example, a disease epidemic may threaten the existence of at-risk breeds, particularly if their populations are concentrated geographically. Animal diseases, as influenced by the presence or absence of effective animal health services, can also influence the type of animal genetic resources that can be kept in particular locations, influence breeding objectives and/or affect the economic sustainability of livestock-keeping livelihoods. Compulsory culling measures used to control disease epidemics may pose a threat to geographically concentrated breed populations. Legal restrictions on the import of genetic material because of zoosanitary reasons may affect breeders' access to genetic resources. Legal restrictions on livestock movements, restrictions on particular husbandry practices, or onerous requirements for animal health-related actions on the part of livestock keepers (or in the food processing and marketing chain), may inhibit the keeping of animal genetic resources associated with the production systems targeted. Zoosanitary legislation related to the use of semen, embryos and other genetic materials may have implications for cryoconservation programmes. Legal and policy frameworks related to animal welfare might promote or inhibit the keeping of animals in particular production systems or the use of animals to provide specific products or services. In turn, these developments might promote or inhibit the continued use of the animal genetic resources associated with the respective production systems, products or services.

#### 1. Delivery of animal health services and control of animal diseases

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Prevention and control of animal diseases: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protection of animal genetic resources from contagious and infectious diseases

Future needs

- Develop appropriate policy
- Review and update the current legislations

**Do these measures include provisions specifically related to:**

##### 1.1 Animal identification

*Note: Sections 1 and 2 include questions on animal identification as it relates to breeding and on traceability. If relevant, please use cross-references to indicate that a given law or policy affects more than one field of action.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Compulsory identification of cattle: Animals Act No. 29 of 1958

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Traceability system developed

Future needs

Expand to other species of livestock

##### 1.2 Control of the import of animal genetic resources (live breeding animals and/or germplasm) for zoosanitary reasons

Legislation

Details of the measure(s)

Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992; to regulate and control the import of live animals and animal genetic materials

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protect animal genetic resources from disease causing agents

Future needs

Development of Animal Health Information System for continuous monitoring

### **1.3 Control of the export of animal genetic resources (live breeding animals and/or germplasm) for zoosanitary reasons**

Legislation  Yes

Details of the measure(s)

Regulate and control the export of live animals and animal genetic materials: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Prevent the spread of disease causing agents from the country

Future needs

Development of Animal Health Information System for transparency and continuous monitoring

### **1.4 Zoosanitary rules related to the use of reproductive technologies**

Legislation  Yes

Details of the measure(s)

Prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases through genetic materials: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protection of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Development of Animal Health Information System for continuous monitoring

### **1.5 Control of livestock movements (within the country) for zoosanitary reasons**

Legislation  Yes

Details of the measure(s)

- Compulsory requirement of animal health certification for movement of cattle: Animals Act No. 29 of 1958  
- Control of animal movement in an outbreak situation: Animal Diseases Act No. 59 of 1992

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protection of animal genetic resources from infectious and contagious diseases

Future needs

Expand to include other species of livestock

### **1.6 Restrictions or compulsory actions related to husbandry practices (for zoosanitary reasons)**

Legislation  Yes

Details of the measure(s)

Determine the livestock species and breeds to specific locations: Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Prevent dilution of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review and update the gaps

### **1.7 Compulsory culling in the event of outbreaks of specific diseases**



Legislation

**If legislation is in place or under development, does/will it include provisions to protect at-risk animal genetic resources from the effects of culling programmes?**

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

**2. Animal welfare**

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/consol\_act/cta573256.pdf  
- Animal welfare in transportation: Animals Act No. 29 of 1958"/>

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

**SECTION 4: AGRICULTURE, LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

This section targets information on legislation and policies that address the overall management of the production systems, ecosystems and environments within which animal genetic resources are used and developed. The questions address the following main topics:

- general frameworks or strategies for rural development;
- agriculture, land use and natural resources management;
- management of biodiversity;
- other aspects of environmental protection;
- overall livestock-sector development;
- management of rangelands and other grazing lands;
- establishment of livestock farms or holdings
- establishment and operation of civil society organizations in the livestock sector
- participation of livestock keepers in decision-making in livestock-sector development; and
- prevention, preparedness and response to natural or human-induced disasters

While some policies and legislation in these fields may include specific references to animal genetic resources, it is likely that many will not. The latter may, nonetheless, have indirect effects on animal genetic resources and their management. For example, policies and legislation that promote or constrain the keeping of livestock in particular production systems, for particular purposes or in particular geographical areas may promote or discourage the use of the animal genetic resources associated with these systems/uses/locations (hence possibly affecting their risk status), lead to the establishment of breeding objectives targeting the development of animals suitable for the favoured systems/uses/locations or lead to the import of genetic resources suitable for these systems/uses/locations.

**1. General framework or strategy for sustainable agriculture, land use and natural-resources management**

*Note: This question relates to broad strategic-level instruments such as national agricultural or rural development policies, strategies or laws. Instruments related to specific aspects of agricultural and rural development should be described under other questions as and where relevant.*

Legislation

Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Ensure sustainability of animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review and update

## 2. Management of biodiversity

*Note: Please use this question to provide information on the general framework for managing all aspects of the country's biodiversity (e.g. instruments related to the designation and management of protected areas). Include, for example, information on whether animal genetic resources issues are included in your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and on any provisions addressing potential conflicts, or perceived conflicts, between the management of animal genetic resources and the management of other elements of biodiversity. Specific animal genetic-resources-related instruments (e.g. National Strategy and Action Plans for Animal Genetic Resources) should be reported in Section 1 (Question 1).*

Legislation

Yes

Policy

Yes

Details of the measure(s)

Protect Fauna and Flora: Fauna and Flora protection ordinance No. 2 of 1937

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protection of Animal Genetic Resources

Future needs

Review and update

## 3. Environmental protection

*Note: Instruments specifically targeting the management of biodiversity are covered under Question 2. Please use this question to provide information on instruments addressing other environmental issues (e.g. addressing pollution of land and water, deforestation, climate change, water use or flood protection). If an instrument addresses both biodiversity and other aspects of environmental protection, please indicate this using a cross-reference to your answer to Question 2.*

Legislation

Yes

Policy

Yes

Details of the measure(s)

- Protect the breeding tracts and habitats of animal genetic resources, Control of felling of trees ordinance: Forest ordinance No 16 of 1907 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl3371.pdf>
- Water use management: Irrigation Ordinance No. 32 of Year 1946 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl2113.pdf>
- Make provision for the enhancement and substance of productive capacity of the Soil; to restore degraded land for the prevention and mitigation of soil erosion; for the Conservation of soil resources and protection of land against damage by floods, salinity, alkalinity water logging; Soil Conservation Act No. 25 of 1951 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl14668.pdf>

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protection of Animal Genetic Resources

Future needs

## 4. Overall development of the livestock sector

*Note: This question relates to broad strategic-level instruments addressing the livestock sector as a whole, such as national livestock development strategies or laws. Instruments related to specific aspects of livestock development should be described under other questions as and where relevant.*

Legislation

No

Policy

Under development

**If provisions are in place or under development do/will they include:**

### Particular provisions aimed at supporting livestock keeping in harsh production environments

*Note: Please consider direct and indirect forms of support (e.g. grants or subsidies, favourable access to credit or livestock services, facilitation of market access).*

Legislation

No

Policy

No

### Particular provisions aimed at supporting large-scale, high external input or export-oriented production systems or supporting management practices associated with such systems

*Note: Please consider direct and indirect forms of support (e.g. grants or subsidies, subsidized inputs, favourable access to credit or livestock services, support for infrastructure development or mechanization).*

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Promotion of dairy industry: [Industrial Promotion Act, No. 46 of 1990](#)  
- Promotion of exports: [Export Development Board Act No 40 of 1979](#)  
- Credit facilities for establishment or strengthening of commercial scale dairy farms: Regional Development Depart. of Central Bank: [Commercial Scale Dairy Development Loan Scheme \(CSDDL\)](#)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Enhancement of productivity of animal genetic resources

Future needs

- Stakeholder participation in decision making  
- Development of legal framework

## 5. Management of and access to rangelands or other grazing lands

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Permit for using village forest resources: Forest ordinance No 16 of 1907 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl3371.pdf>  
- Preservation of certain State land as pasture land, for the leasing of such land, for the recovery of possession of such land from persons in unauthorized possession or occupation for commercial forage production: Pasture Lands (Reservation and Development) Act No.4 of 1983 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/srl28909.doc>

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Ensure feed resources for animal genetic resources

Future needs

Review and update of legal framework on expansion of animal genetic resources

## 6. Establishment of livestock farms or holdings

*Note: This question relates to planning rules related to the size, location, ownership, registration, etc. of livestock farms or holdings.*

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Guidelines on farm locations, ownership and registration:  
Municipal Council ordinance and their by-laws  
<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl37103.pdf>  
Municipal dairies and Laundries ordinance  
<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl37103.pdf>  
Suburban dairies and Laundries ordinance  
<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl37104.pdf>  
Urban development Law No.41 of 1978  
[www.cse.lk/270808/pdf/UDA\\_Act.pdf](http://www.cse.lk/270808/pdf/UDA_Act.pdf)  
Town and country planning act No.1 of 1946  
[www.lawnet.lk/section.php?file=http://www.lawnet.lk/docs/...](http://www.lawnet.lk/section.php?file=http://www.lawnet.lk/docs/...)  
Pradeshiyashabha Act no 15 of 1987  
[www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num\\_act/psa15o1987207/](http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num_act/psa15o1987207/)  
Housing and Town improvement ordinance no 39 of 1979  
[http://www.lawnet.lk/section.php?file=http://www.lawnet.lk/docs/statutes/cey\\_leg\\_encat\\_1956/indexs/1956Y10V268C.html](http://www.lawnet.lk/section.php?file=http://www.lawnet.lk/docs/statutes/cey_leg_encat_1956/indexs/1956Y10V268C.html)  
Nuisance ordinance no. 15 of 1862  
[http://www.lawnet.lk/process.php?st=1956Y8V230C&hword="a&path=3](http://www.lawnet.lk/process.php?st=1956Y8V230C&hword=)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

- Minimized conflicts among human and animal genetic resources  
- Assured Animal welfare  
- Improved public health

Future needs

- Review and update in relation to population growth and urbanization  
- Introduce appropriate legal framework based on livestock development

## 7. Establishment and operation of civil society organizations in the livestock sector

Note: Instruments specifically related to organizations focused on breeding (genetic improvement) activities are covered in Section 1 (Question 5.2). Please use the present question to provide information on instruments of a more general nature (e.g. related to the operation of cooperative societies or community organizations).

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

- Establishment of dairy cooperatives, promotion of livestock rearing & benefit sharing: Co-operative societies law no. 11 of 1952 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl100165.pdf>  
- Establishment of farmer organizations: Agrarian Development Act no. 46 of 2000 <http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/srl43285.pdf>  
- Non-profit community based organizations: Voluntary social service organizations Act no. 8 of 1998 [www.ngosecretariat.gov.lk/web/images/downloads/Actno08of1998.pdf](http://www.ngosecretariat.gov.lk/web/images/downloads/Actno08of1998.pdf)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Establish collective bargaining and pooling resources

Future needs

Regulatory framework for regulating and supervising civil organizations by the direct agencies

## 8. Participation of livestock keepers in decision-making related to the development of the livestock sector

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Future needs

Regulatory framework for stakeholder participation

## 9. Prevention, preparedness and response to natural or human-induced disasters

Legislation  Policy

If instruments are place or under development, do/will they include any provisions specifically targeting:

### Animal genetic resources

Note: For example, measures targeting the protection of at-risk breeds.

Legislation  Policy

### Livestock in general

Legislation  Policy

Details of the measure(s)

Emergency approach in the event of introduction of an exotic animal disease into Sri Lanka : Sri Lanka Exotic Diseases Emergency Plan 2004 -2005 (SEDEP) [www.epid.gov.lk/web/attachments/article/180/SEDEP.pdf](http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/attachments/article/180/SEDEP.pdf)

Impact on animal genetic resources management

Protected animal genetic resources from agro-terrorism or food terrorism

Future needs

Expansion of regulatory framework for prevention of Agro-terrorism or food terrorism targeting progress of the livestock

## SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide information on any aspects of your country's legal and policy framework that affect animal genetic resources and their management but are not covered by any of the questions above.

Empowerment of Mahaweli Authority to implement livestock management activities to increase the production potential of dairy animals in the Mahaweli development areas: Mahaweli Authority Of Sri Lanka Act No. 23 of 1979 [http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num\\_act/maosla23o1979355/](http://www.commonlii.org/lk/legis/num_act/maosla23o1979355/)

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