



*OFFLU meeting*  
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*Brighton, UK*

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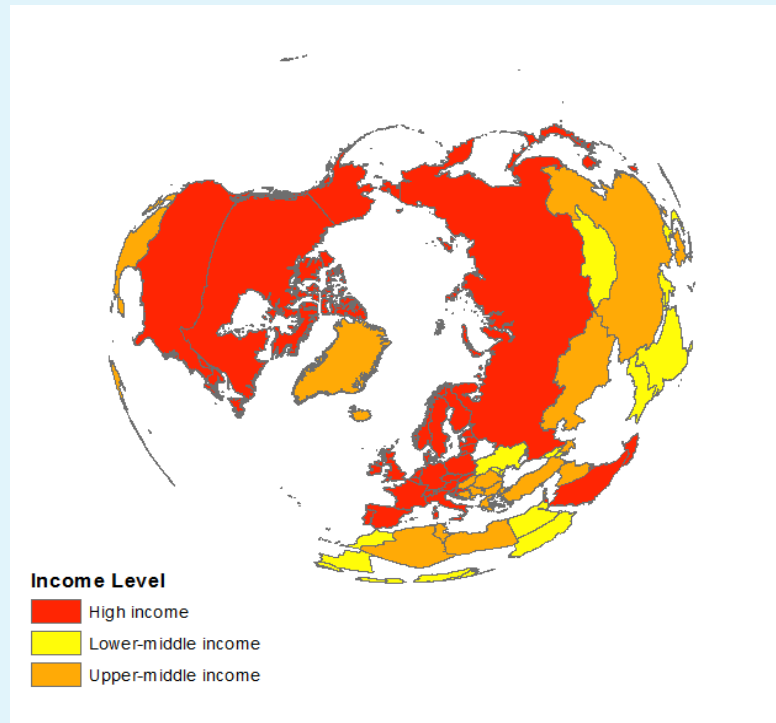


# Identified Major Purposes

- To provide a platform for discussion, coordination, and data sharing between key wildlife experts involved in influenza surveillance and research
- To regularly review the OFFLU Research Priorities on Avian Influenza: Wild Birds
- To review existing findings from 10+ years of extensive wild bird surveillance and to highlight the main outputs
- To provide OFFLU with technical expertise on influenzas in wild animals

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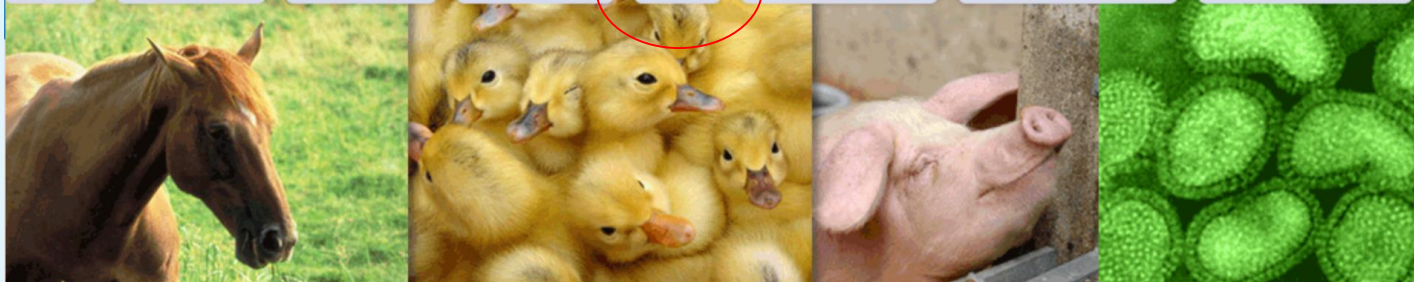
- To decide whether there is a need to develop/coordinate a low-cost targeted wild bird surveillance strategy at a global level accounting for existing surveillance programmes



# Group Activities

## Teleconferences

- Held several times throughout the year
- Experts provide regional updates on avian influenza activity
- Experts discuss and debate position papers, avian influenza resources, guidance documents, recent literature, and OFFLU website features
- Follow-up from teleconferences conducted over email



OFFLU is the OIE-FAO global network of expertise on animal influenza working to reduce the negative impacts of animal influenza viruses by promoting effective collaboration between animal health experts and with the human health sector.

**NEWS**

**31.01.18 Update of Influenza A cleavage site document**

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**28.01.18 Immediate notifications on HPAI (OIE WAHID)**

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**27.01.18 Latest avian influenza outbreak events (FAO EMPRESi)**

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Influenza A Cleavage site update - 2018**

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**OFFLU Annual Report 2017**

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**EVENTS**

**6th meeting of the African Network for Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology**

March 19 - 21, 2018 Antananarivo, Madagascar

**10th International Symposium on Avian Influenza**

15-18 April, 2018  
Brighton, Sussex, UNITED KINGDOM

**4th International symposium on neglected influenza viruses**

# Global Surveillance for Influenza A Viral Diversity in Wild Birds: A Concept & Discussion Paper

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Wildlife/Wild Bird Technical Activity of OFFLU

August 2016

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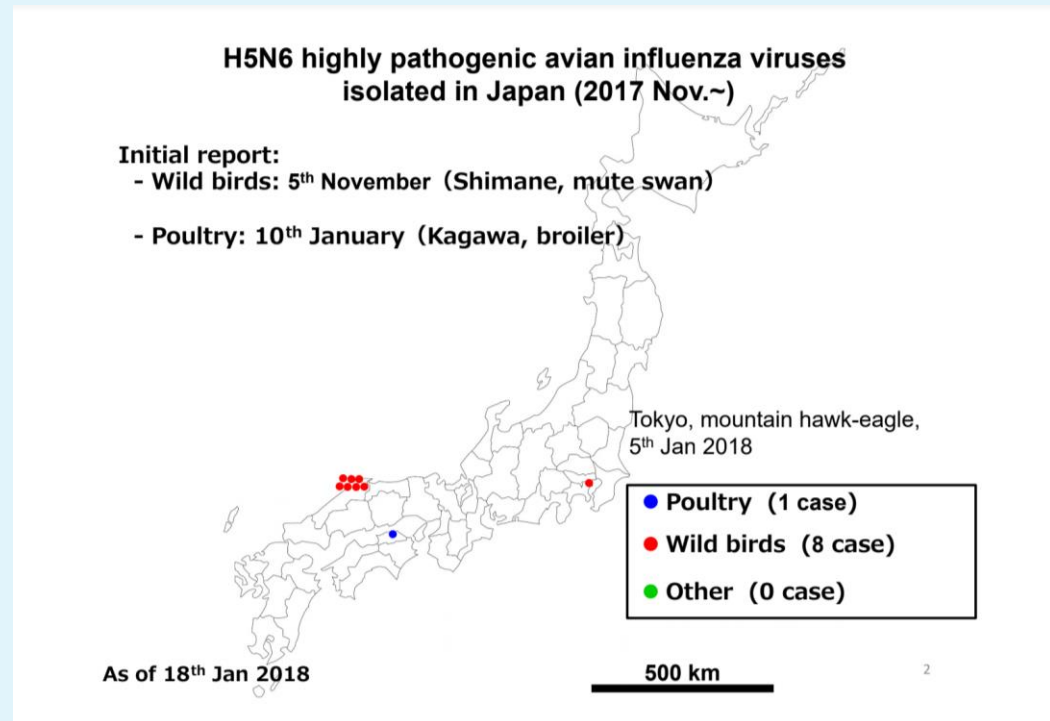
## Wildlife/Wild Bird Technical Activity of OFFLU

Attached is a concept for a global surveillance program for avian influenza viruses that has been a topic of discussion by the Wild Bird Technical Activity of OFFLU.

**Presented to EU Chief Veterinary Officers meeting,  
October, 2017**

# Recent Avian Influenza Activity

- H5N8 poultry outbreak in Iraq
- H5N6 circulation/outbreaks
  - Myanmar
  - Laos
  - Iran
  - Korea
  - Japan





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