



2022-2027 AQUAPLAN

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PURPOSE

Australia's fourth national strategic plan for aquatic animal health, AQUAPLAN 2022-2027, was jointly developed by industry and governments. It outlines priorities and activities to improve aquatic animal health management in Australia. Implementation of AQUAPLAN is a joint industry and government responsibility. This document outlines how AQUAPLAN will be implemented and has been endorsed by industry and governments.

SCOPE INCLUSIONS

The objectives and activities of AQUAPLAN 2022-2027 address issues associated with infectious diseases of aquatic animals, including finfish, molluscs and crustaceans. The plan addresses aquatic animal health issues that may affect aquaculture, commercial fisheries, recreational fisheries, the ornamental fish industry, the environment.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF AQUAPLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Pillar

Purpose and Aim



Pillar 1: Shared Ownership and Collaboration

AQUAPLAN represents shared priorities among investors in aquatic animal health to achieve a common vision. This pillar aims to cultivate shared ownership of the plan to achieve its vision and outcomes.



Pillar 2: Sustainable resourcing

AQUAPLAN is designed to attract funding for specific activities and in some cases in-kind resources from the aquatic animal health community. This pillar aims to secure resources over the life of the plan and match available resources to priorities.



Pillar 3: Strong and efficient coordination

AQUAPLAN 2022-2027 has seven objectives, each with supporting activities that will be progressed over five years. This pillar aims to support strong and efficient coordination to monitor and evaluate each activity and overall progress towards achieving AQUAPLAN's vision.



Pillar 4 Demonstrating and realising benefit

To create lasting change and improvements in the aquatic animal health system outputs of AQUAPLAN need to be extended and adopted by their end-users. Demonstrating return on investment and sound evaluation of outcomes will be essential to secure ongoing investment. This pillar aims to realise and demonstrate benefit.

Key performance indicators

- AQUAPLAN webinar series
- Annual AQUAPLAN workshop
- Activities jointly led by industry and governments, in collaboration with experts.
- Direct funding is secured
- In-kind resources are secured and applied in a sustainable manner.
- Biannual activity reporting
- Project plans for each activity that include monitoring, evaluation, and communication.
- Activities are not considered complete until they have been evaluated and efforts have been made to extend and encourage adoption by end-users.
- Mid-term and end of plan reviews.



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All activities in AQUAPLAN will be collaborative, cultivate ownership and will aim to realise benefit for the aquatic animal health community. Aquatic animal businesses and farms, universities and research institutes, laboratories and scientific organisations, aquatic veterinarians and aquatic health consultants, state and territory and commonwealth governments all have a role to play in achieving AQUAPLAN's vision.

Industry

Governments

Responsibilities: Progress, monitor, discuss, prioritise and implement AQUAPLAN, and in doing so:

- Guide implementation and represent industry and governments shared interests.
- Oversee and attend annual AQUAPLAN workshops
- Contribute biennially to prioritisation and monitoring of activities
- Champion AQUAPLAN and communicate relevant outcomes within organisations, members and networks.

AQUAPLAN Activity leads

Responsibilities: Lead and drive activities of AQUAPLAN, and in doing so:

- Consult relevant collaborators to develop a project plan that includes communication, monitoring and evaluation plans and seek collaborator support before progressing
- Source activity funding (if applicable) or other necessary resources to support activity delivery
- Report biannually on activity progress to the AQUAPLAN executive office and other interested groups as appropriate
- Communicate, evaluate, and extend activity outcomes as identified in the project plan

AQUAPLAN Executive Office

Responsibilities: Central coordination of AQUAPLAN implementation, and in doing so:

- Coordinate AQUAPLAN implementation in consultation with industry, governments, activity leads and collaborators and other aquatic animal stakeholders
- Report on progress biannually to all stakeholders
- Assist activity leads (e.g. to source funding or write project plans)
- Lead mid-term and end of plan reviews in consultation with stakeholders

Researchers and Collaborators

Responsibilities: Active role in supporting delivery of AQUAPLAN activities, and in doing so:

- Engage in activities and AQUAPLAN implementation as appropriate (e.g. providing expertise)
- Understand the needs of end-users to deliver activities