



Assessing Current Capacity to Manage Wildlife Diseases by State, Tribal, and Territorial Jurisdictions

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Thank you for taking time to fill out this survey about wildlife disease management. The Department of the Interior's Wildlife Health Partnership is conducting this survey of State, Federally-recognized Tribal, and territorial governments and jurisdictions to aid in the administration of a grant program to help governments such as yours face wildlife disease challenges and to examine changes over time. This survey is intended to provide a high-level overview of wildlife disease management and surveillance programs. Even if your jurisdiction or organization does not currently engage in wildlife disease management or surveillance, we still want to hear from you. Because this survey is about your organization, we ask that you work together to fill out only one survey for your organization.

1) Name of agency/organization for which you are responding:

2) Business email address:

3) Does your organization have a written wildlife health management plan approved by your agency leadership?

Yes No

4) Do you have at least one full-time wildlife health professional within your jurisdiction? A wildlife health professional could include a veterinarian, biologist or ecologist that focuses on wildlife population or a public health specialist who work on wildlife-related issues. Yes No

a. If yes, how many wildlife health professionals work within your jurisdiction?

3) Please rate the level of legislative authority your organization has to manage wildlife diseases in your jurisdiction. By legislative authority we mean a law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution specifically giving your organization authority to manage, control, and respond to wildlife disease.

No Legislative Authority	Some Legislative Authority				Full Legislative Authority		Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

If yes, list any other organizations in your region with the same or similar responsibilities as your government

4) Please rate your jurisdictions access to wildlife disease related diagnostic services such as laboratory support as needed via pathology, microbiology, molecular biology, chemistry or related disciplines, tools, and methods to determine the causality of wildlife diseases.

No Access	Some Access				Full Access		Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

5) Please rate the level of resources your jurisdiction has to investigate wildlife disease outbreaks.

No Resources	Some Resources				Many Resources		Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

6) Please rate the level of resources your jurisdiction has to manage wildlife disease outbreaks. By manage we mean surveillance the wildlife population, collect and test samples, and dispose properly of animal carcasses.

No Resources			Some Resources			Many Resources	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

7) Please rate the level of your established working relationships with core partners in other agencies or organizations related to wildlife diseases. Such relationships could range from informal communications on an as-needed basis to partnerships based on Memoranda of Understanding or other formally recognized partner networks with established and periodic contact related to wildlife disease management.

No Relationships			Informal Relationships			Formal Relationships	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

8) What is your current level of capacity to participate in One Health disease investigations and responses? By One Health we mean joint agriculture, public health and wildlife agency efforts.

No Capacity			Some Capacity			Full Capacity	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

9) Please rate your ability to communicate diagnostic results within of your jurisdiction.

No Ability			Some Ability			Complete Ability	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

10) Please rate your ability to communicate the risks of wildlife disease with stakeholders and partners.

No Ability			Some Ability			Complete Ability	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

11) Please rate your ability to provide training for wildlife health staff in your jurisdiction.

No Ability			Some Ability			Complete Ability	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

12) What is the current level of capacity for wildlife health management in your agency or jurisdiction?

No Capacity			Some Capacity			Full Capacity	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

13) How important is wildlife health capacity to achieving your agency's/entity's mission?

Not at all Important	Low Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

14) Please use the space below to provide us with any additional comments you have.

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