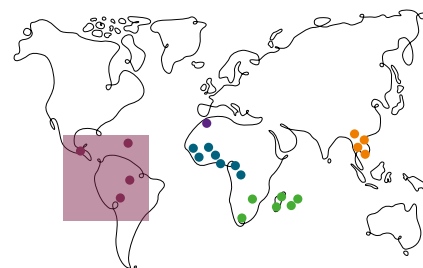


# CARIBVET

## Caribbean Animal Health Network



- The CaribVET platform in partnership (PP) aims to improve animal health and veterinary public health in 34 countries and territories of the Caribbean region by providing scientific and technical support.
- CaribVET is a collaborative network involving veterinary services, laboratories, research institutes and regional and international organisations.

*A platform in partnership for research and training (dP in French) is a long-term strategic alliance that brings together partners and researchers around a shared program and portfolio of projects. Managed collectively, the Platform is open to members of the civil society, and interacts with policy-makers to generate changes and transformations.*



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CaribVET works in close collaboration with national surveillance networks and international organisations to reduce the impact of animal diseases, including zoonotic and food-borne diseases, and to contribute to reducing the vulnerability and increasing the resilience of Caribbean countries and territories. CaribVET is committed to:

- Support the development of a regional animal health strategy that contributes to improving the competitiveness of the livestock value chain in the Caribbean region
- Strengthen national capacities to improve and harmonise emergency preparedness, surveillance and control of specific (prioritised) animal and zoonotic diseases
- Assist in the implementation of early warning, early detection and rapid response mechanisms for these prioritised diseases
- Transfer and expand the knowledge base on animal diseases, including zoonotic diseases, and their epidemiology and distribution in the Caribbean
- Create and support the development of technical tools needed to improve the technical and diagnostic capacity of the CaribVET region

## MEMBERS

The members of CaribVET PP are entities operating in the Caribbean, the veterinary services of the countries and territories involved, national, regional and international organisations, universities and research centres. Private regional bodies, NGOs, experts, etc. also participate in the network's activities.

### Research Centres

- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Cirad (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development)
- Centro Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (CENSA)

### Public bodies

- The ministries and veterinary services of 34 Caribbean countries and territories:

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, French Guyana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Nevis, Puerto Rico, Saint-Kitts, Saint-Lucia, Saint-Martin/Saint-Barthelemy, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint-Eustatius, Saint Maarten, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, US Virgin Islands

- United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - International Services (USDA-APHIS-IS)

### Universities

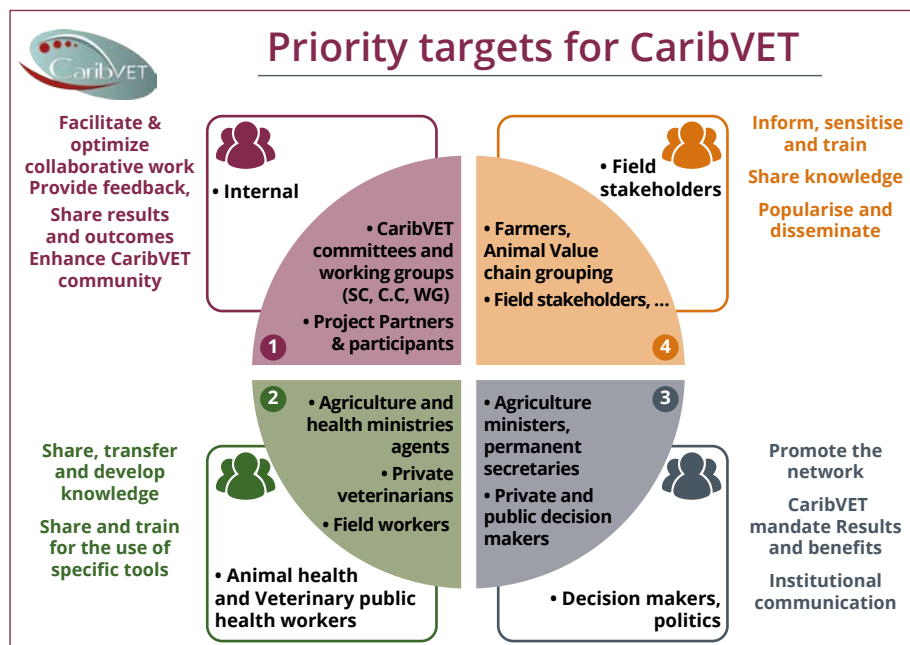
- University of the West Indies
- University of Guyana
- St Georges University (Grenada)
- Ross University (St Kitts)

### Regional and international organisations

- Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFA)
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- InterAmerican Institute for cooperation on agriculture (IICA)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- Pan American Health Organisation (WHO/PAHO)

## CARIBVET IN A NUTSHELL

- Formally established in 2006
- Association (1901 French law) since 2020
- 1 steering committee, 1 coordination committee and 9 working groups
- 34 countries and territories in the Caribbean and Latin America
- 48 members





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## EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Epidemiological surveillance, risk analysis, promotion of the «One Health» approach, disaster risk reduction and management, evaluation of epidemicsurveillance networks, development of decision support tools.
- WOA reference laboratory for cowdriosis (CIRAD France) and avian mycoplasmosis (CENSA Cuba); OIE Collaborating Centre for the diagnosis, epidemiology and control of animal diseases in tropical regions (CIRAD France); OIE Collaborating Centre for the disaster risk reduction relative to animal health (CENSA, Cuba).
- Regional health priorities: high pathogenicity avian influenza, Newcastle disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever, swine epidemic diarrhoea, ticks and tick-borne diseases, antimicrobial resistance, veterinary public health (food-borne diseases, rabies, salmonellosis and leptospirosis), foot and mouth disease and emerging diseases.

## SOME PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

### PREZODE Initiative - PREventing ZOonotic Disease Emergence - European and Foreign Affairs Department (France)

The PREZODE initiative is an innovative international initiative aiming to understand the risks of emerging zoonotic infectious diseases. It aims at developing and implementing innovative methods to improve prevention, early detection, and resilience to ensure a rapid response to the risks of emerging infectious diseases of animal origin. Initiated in 2021 and structured by CIRAD, INRAE and IRD, PREZODE brings together more than 160 international partners, including 11 government institutions. This community of countries, research organisations, non-governmental organisations and other initiatives around the world is working together through joint research programmes or operational activities to promote the creation of synergies.

*Within the framework of the PREZODE Initiative, the VectoCaribe project, carried out in Cuba from 2021 to 2023, aims at improving the integrated surveillance and management of vector-borne diseases on a regional Caribbean scale with a «one health» perspective*

### CaribGREEN - 2022 - 2023 - Funding: French Development Agency

This regional project aims to strengthen the skills of Caribbean agricultural stakeholders to offer a diversified and sustainable agriculture for the Caribbean through the structuring of a collaborative platform of cooperation in health and agro-environment.

### RACE - Risk of Arthropod-borne diseases in the Caribbean - 2021 - 2024 - Funding: USDA-ARS

The objective of this project is to better understand the epidemiology of Cowdriosis/heartwater and to assess the risk of expansion of this disease and its vector in the Caribbean region and beyond.

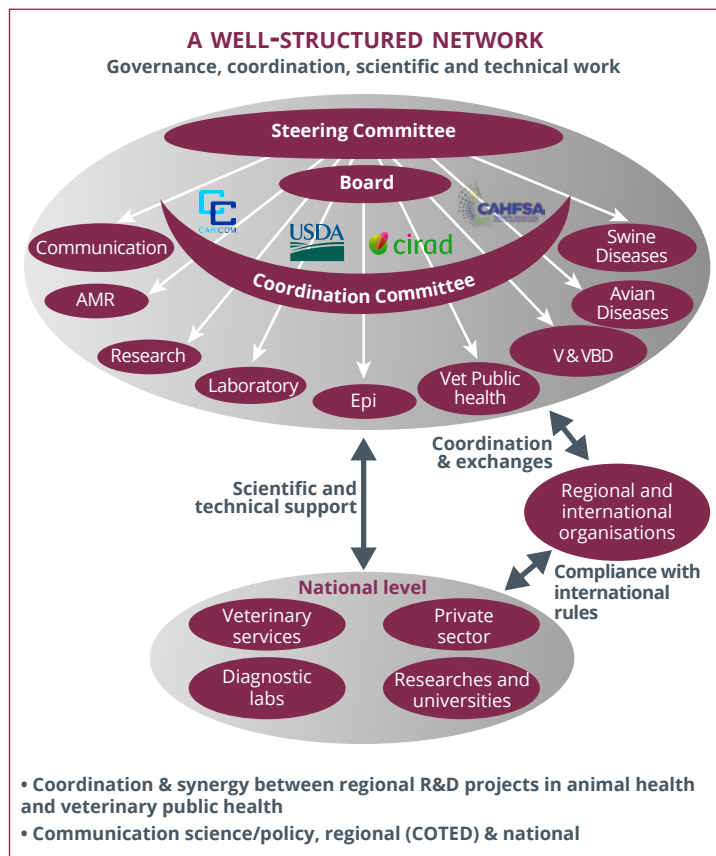
**Biodiv2D - Biodiversity, diseases emergence, disaster risk reduction and management - 2022-23 - Funding: European Union (INTERREG)**  
CaribVET and the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum (CPHD) are involved in this project to increase the resilience of the livestock and agriculture sector to natural disasters and contribute to sustainable development and food security in the Caribbean region by developing cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration.

### AUSCAR → OHSCAR - One Health approach to reduce Sanitary risks in the CARibbean - 2023-2024 - Funding: European Union (INTERREG)

The main objective of the project is to reduce and manage health risks at national and regional levels in the Caribbean through comprehensive and collaborative approaches to common health issues, particularly in animal and plant health using the One Health approach.



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