

Lessons for preparedness: Food

Sensitive issue with international dimension

- Be prepared for ‘information crises’ – unavoidable?
- Conflicting interests: Socioeconomic concerns vs.
 - Private/individual/consumer health
 - Culture and traditions
 - Etc.
- Consumer focus on food origin – international trend?
- Would stronger/clearer international guidance on permissible levels be useful?
 - Independent of national political situation. Could improve consumer confidence?

Need to involve stakeholders

- Permissible levels in foods are:
 - trade-offs/compromises
 - part of an overall recovery strategy
 - not «black and white»
- Identify important/vulnerable/sensitive products
- Discuss historical examples/experiences
- Aim for understanding, and don't expect consensus (individuals have different priorities depending on roles)

Huge and long-lasting information needs

- Prepare well-designed monitoring/control programs
 - transparent
 - also take into account spatially variable uptake (e.g., rice) and changes with time
- Be prepared for independent and supplementary measurements (e.g., by NGOs/businesses/coops; WBC, meals, etc.) – will be important for ‘validation’ and trust
- We have all failed if fishery suffers 9 years after?

Other important issues?