



■ MEA Enforcement – Regional Cooperation and Networking

Asia Pacific Region



Montreal Protocol

Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Outline

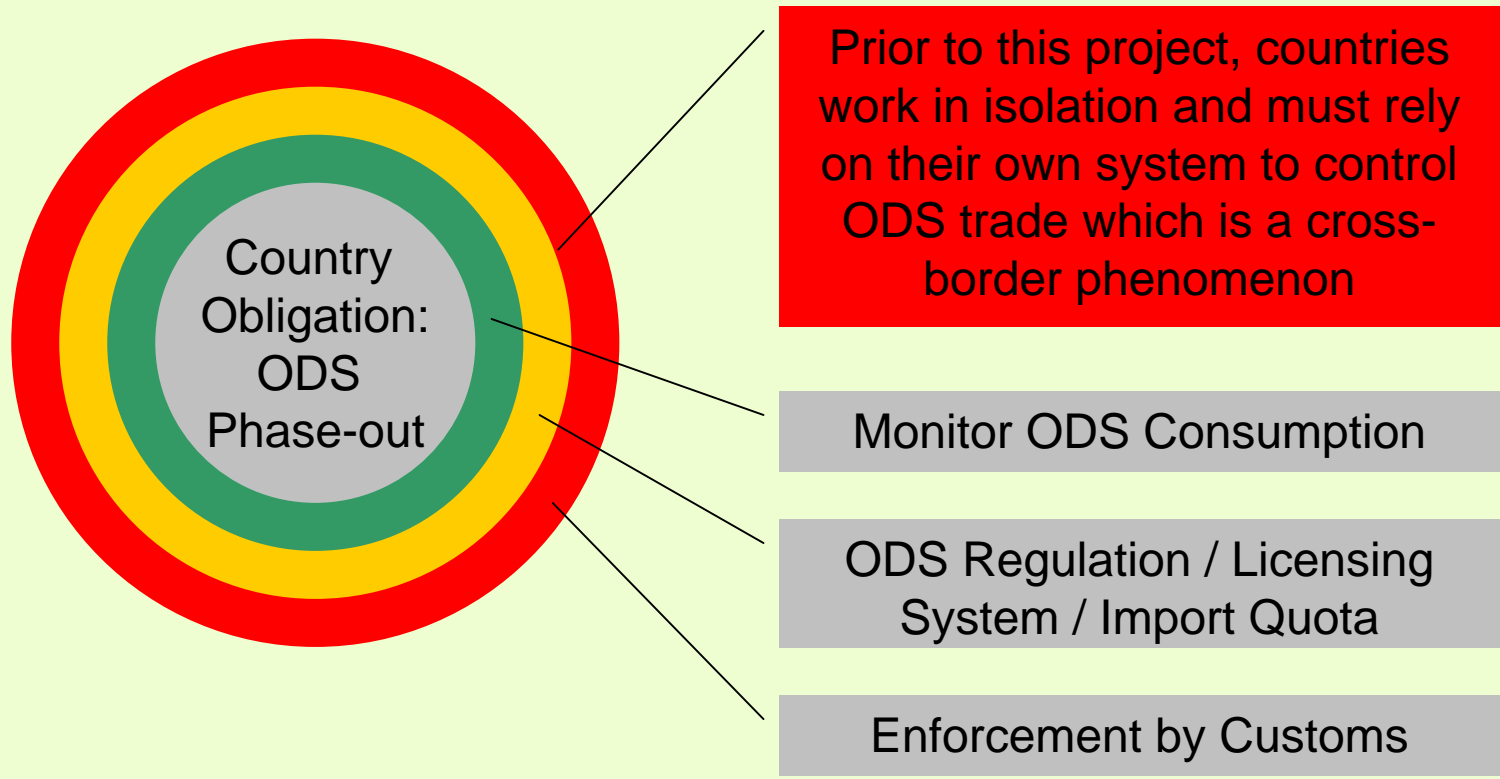
- Ozone Regional Enforcement Network
- MEA Regional Enforcement Network
- Asia Basel network in 1st Workshop
- Some conclusions & recommendations
- Issues for discussion

Ozone Regional Enforcement Network

- Sida funded project: 2002-2006
- Focus: Enforcement Montreal Protocol
- 24 countries in the AP Region
- Ozone and Customs Officers (ODS customs focal point)
 - Yearly coordination / cooperation workshops
 - Facilitate info / intelligence exchange among countries
 - Develop practical ODS enforcement management tools
 - Desk study trans-boundary movements of ODS
 - Liaise with regional / international agencies

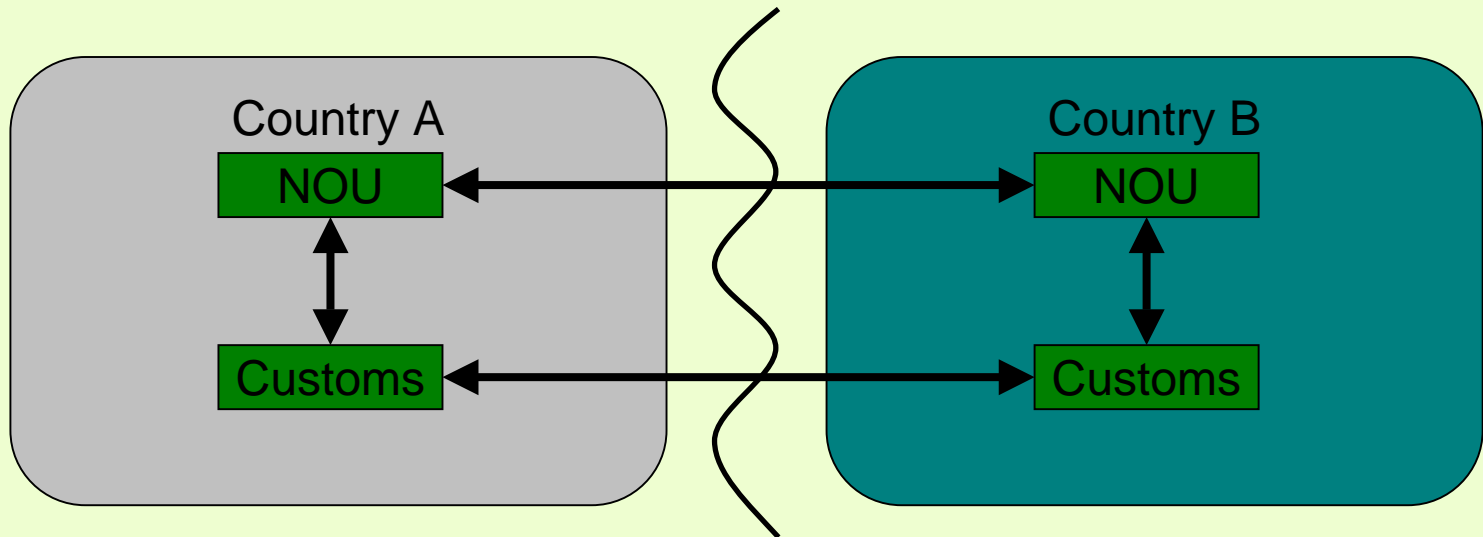


Country Control on ODS Trade



Project Activities

- Cross-border cooperation between NOU and Customs
- Facilitate information/intelligence exchange
- Gather data on trans-boundary movements of ODS
- Develop management tools for efficient border controls
- Establish collaboration with regional enforcement agencies



Cooperation with partners


WCO RILO AP - WCO ROCB – Interpol Environmental Investigation Agency (NGO)

- Participation in coordination workshops / each other's meetings / workshops
- Inclusion ODS issues in own WP
- LoI UNEP ROAP & RILO A/P
 - Sky-Hole-Patching
 - Customs Enforcement Network
 - Training (HS Codes)
 - EcoMessage



MEA Regional Enforcement Networking

Aims at integration of the MEA work with regards to control of transboundary movements of those chemicals

By integrating control strategies 

- Optimising the use of resources within the countries
- Minimising the loss of political attention and capacity built for the MP

■ MEA covered by the project



- **Montreal Protocol**
 - Ozone-depleting substances
- **Basel Convention**
 - Hazardous wastes
- **Stockholm Convention**
 - Persistent Organic Pollutants
- **Rotterdam Convention**
 - Chemicals

Trade and Customs are key tools to implement these treaties

■ Participating countries



South Asia Network Countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China (People's Republic of), India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (Republic of), Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

SEAP Countries:

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

■ MEA REN: Goal

- Extend regional cooperation in Asia on control of trans-boundary ODS movements to include hazardous chemicals and waste covered by RC, BC & SC
- Enable participating countries to:
 - Improve control of illegal trade
 - Gain better control over import & export
- By:
 - Promoting regional co-operation for control of trans-boundary movements
 - Improving statistics on import & export
 - Establishing improved communication channels for informal info exchange
 - Developing common tools for data management & collaboration

MEA REN: Objectives

- Customs focal point for chemicals issues in each participating country (O1)
- National MEA Representatives in countries that have ratified the Rotterdam & Basel Conventions (O2)
- Modalities for regional & national info exchange & informal networking (O3)
- Improved data on trans-boundary movements of ODS and hazardous chemicals and waste (O4)
- Management tools (O5)
- Cross-border customs cooperation (O6)
- Good cooperation with Regional Partners (O7)

1st SEAP-SA Regional Enforcement Network Workshop

Bali, Indonesia, 8-10 November 2007

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Objectives of this workshop

- Clarify/agree the role of all participants
- Clarify/agree the objectives of MEA REN
- Identify issues to work on during / in between workshops
- Agree on modalities to implement C&R
- Identify regional organisations / NGOs to include as partners
- Establish an e-forum for info exchange & discussion
- Agree ways to gain more knowledge on trans-boundary movements & illegal trade



Feedback to domestic policy

- Information sharing on regulation of importing country to Customs and Exporters
- Notice of self-control restriction based on regulation of importing country
- PIC procedure for second hand goods (whether it is waste or non-waste in importing country)
- Close communication among parties
- Consultation service for exporters

Discussion following presentation

- Needs from Customs:
 - Powerful Penalty - Information on suspicious importer/exporter and its trade - Hotline b/w Basel side and Customs
- Clear definition of hazardous waste under the Basel Convention - Ambiguity of Interpretation
- Causes of Illegal Trade
- Need for info sharing to prevent illegal trade
- Web Site:
 - Regulations: Basel Domestic Laws - Second-hand Regulations - Contact Point - Statistics Data

Conclusions & Recommendations

O1: Focal point for hazardous chemicals & waste at customs

- Nomination of a focal point within customs
 - to deal with control related to MEA implementation & environmental crime – most countries nominated CFP
- Strong communication & collaboration link between Customs & EPA has to be established
 - will determine to a large extent success of customs in dealing with environmental crime
- Customs focal point should attend all WS of MEA-REN:
 - allow the network to continue & progress on issues discussed
 - ensure follow-up of agreed activities in-between the workshops

C&R - O7: Good Cooperation with Regional Partners

The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes (Asian BC Network) - cooperation

- UNEP and networking countries should ensure **information exchange between the respective networks** to avoid duplication of activities, and to enable countries in MEA REN to benefit from outcomes of the Asian BC Network

C&R - O5: MEA Management tools for control of trans-boundary movements

- Each country is different in the way it implements the commitments of the MEAs, both in the legislation, institutional set-up and mandate of national agencies and customs.
- Cooperation on enforcement requires a good understanding of the application of MEAs in the respective countries.
- Country Information Sheets would allow countries to identify quickly which agency to contact in specific situations where bilateral information exchange is needed

C&R - O5: MEA Management tools for control of trans-boundary movements

- Participants requested UNEP to develop an inventory in tabular form / **country information sheets** incorporating the following information:
 - Relevant laws, regulations, rules
 - The role of the customs and their mandate for the four MEAs, in consultation with the relevant Secretariats
 - Powers of different enforcement officers, including environment inspectors, customs, police, in investigation and enforcement
 - Institutional structure for enforcement

C&R - O7: Good cooperation with Regional Partners

- Participants suggested that the Website of Asian BC Network:

http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net
“specific information”

would be expanded to include information from countries that are member of MEA REN but not member of the Asian BC Network

- They suggested that this proposal could be discussed in the next meeting of the Asian BC network in January 2008 in Japan



C&R - O7: Good Cooperation with Regional Partners

Basel Conventions Regional Centres (BCRCs)

- BCRC core functions:
 - Training
 - Technology Transfer
 - Consultation
 - Awareness rising
 - Information.
- BCRC will explore the possibility to act as a central point where country officers can address questions for clarification on issues related to BC

Issues for Discussion

- Website of Asian BC Network expanded to include information from countries that are member of MEA REN but not member of the Asian BC Network
- Information exchange between the respective networks
- BCRC to act as a central point where country officers can address questions for clarification on issues related to BC
- Needs from Customs: Powerful Penalty - Info on suspicious importer/exporter and its trade - Hotline b/w Basel side and Customs
- Desk study: Data on trans-boundary movements hazardous chemicals/waste