

# Regional cooperation against illegal trade of chemical and waste

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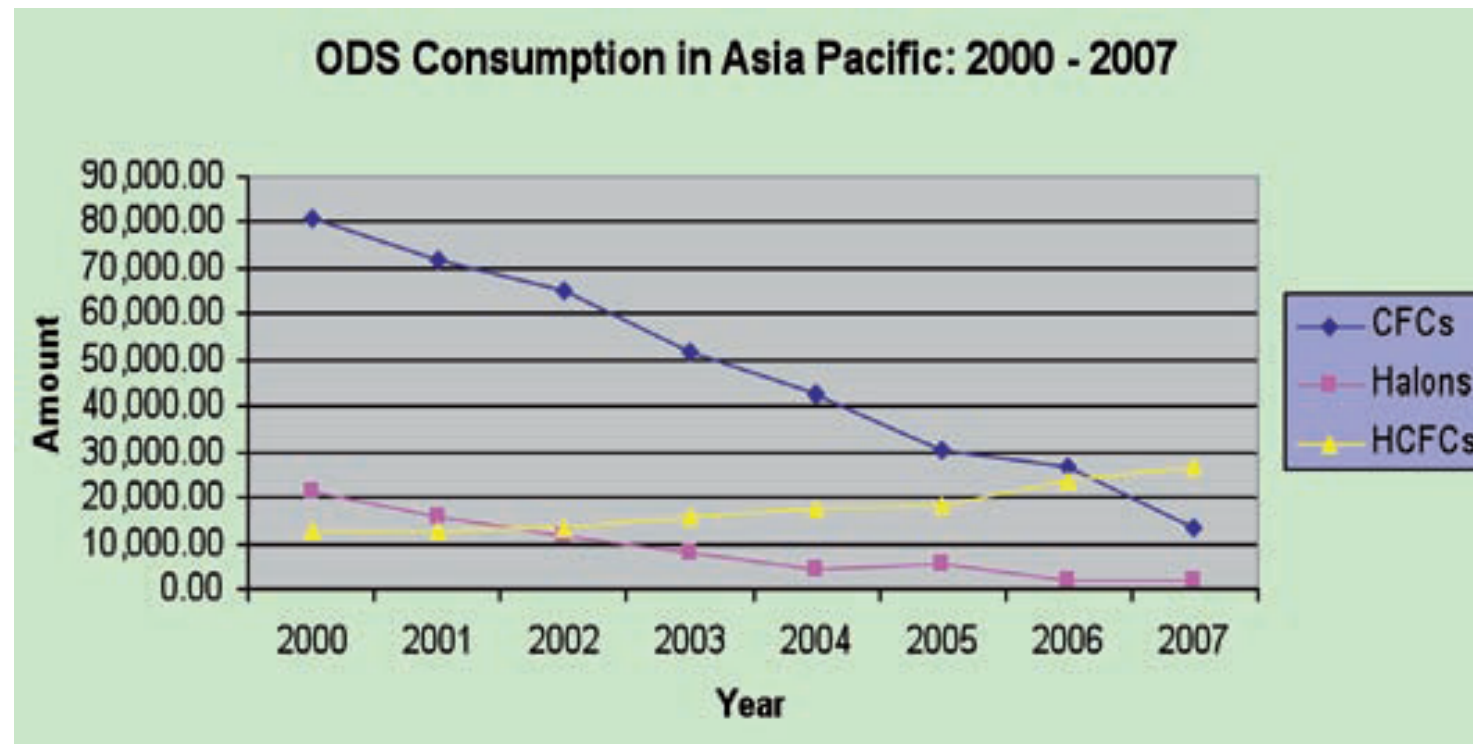
- UNEP OzonAction Programme, Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- Partnership against Transnational-crime through Regional Organized Law-enforcement (PATROL)
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements Regional Enforcement Network (MEA-REN)
- Developing common tools for collaboration: e.g. Border dialogues and the Asia Regional Partners' Forum on Combating Environmental Crime (ARPEC)



# UNEP OzoneAction CAP in Asia and the Pacific

- The UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) helps Article 5 Parties to achieve the Montreal Protocol compliance through:
  - Terminal Phase out Management Plan/ Refrigerant management plan - Capacity-building of National Ozone Officers and refrigerant technicians, often with the horizontal collaboration.
  - **Innovative work: Destruction of seized ODS; Public-private partnerships to address Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI); ODS in military applications, etc.**
  - **Licensing system and Policy setting, including informal Prior Informed Consent (iPIC)**
  - **Regional awareness activities**
  - **Green Customs Initiative/ Customs Training**
    - national and border area trainings

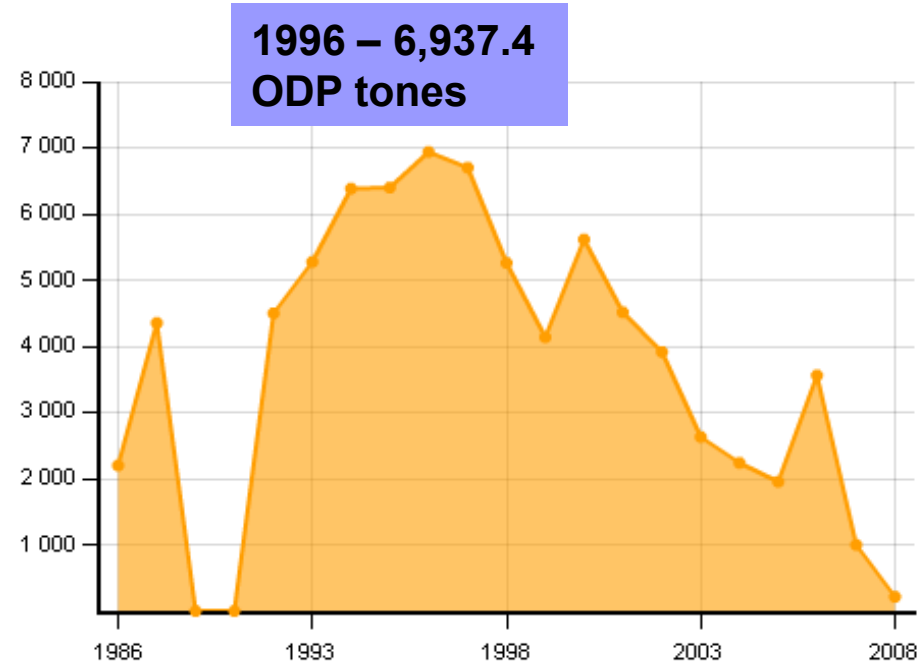
# Montreal Protocol – A Success Story



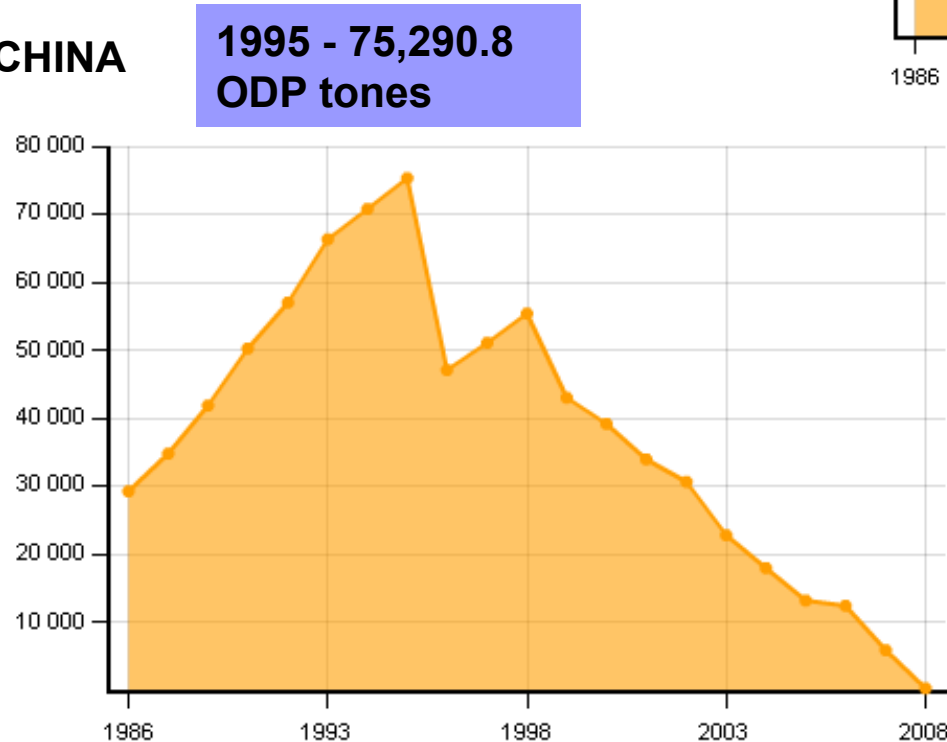
- Universal ratification with 196 countries.
- In Asia and the Pacific region, CFCs and halons consumption have been reduced by 83.6% and 91.8% respectively from 2000 to 2007.

# CFC Consumption

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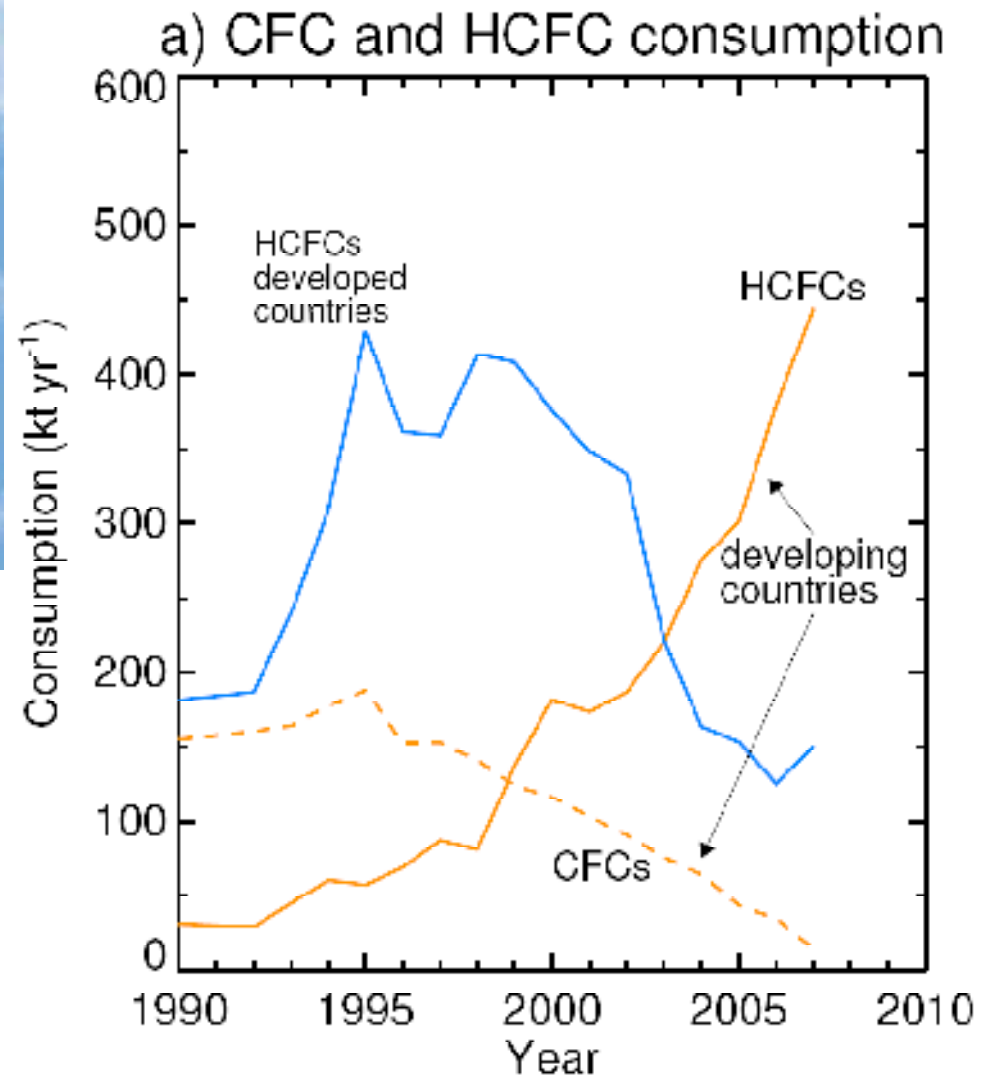
CHINA



2008 – 216.5 ODP tones

Source: Data received from Multilateral Fund Secretariat as of 23/12/09; generated through

2008 - 263 ODP tones



Source: G. Velders, the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, "The success of the Montreal Protocol for Ozone layer and Climate protection", Kathmandu, Sept. 16, 2009

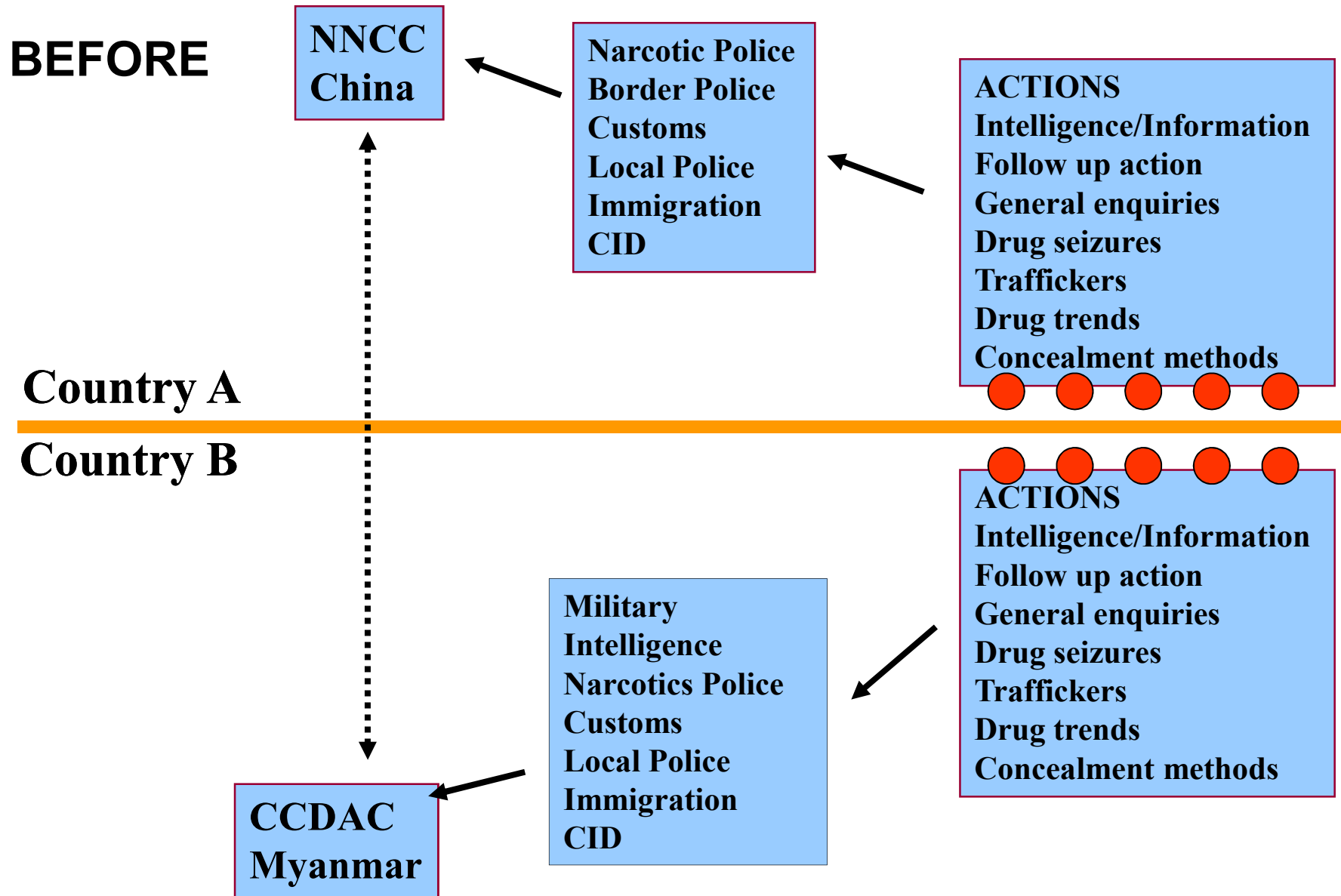


## Partnership against Transnational-crime through Regional Organized Law-enforcement (PATROL)



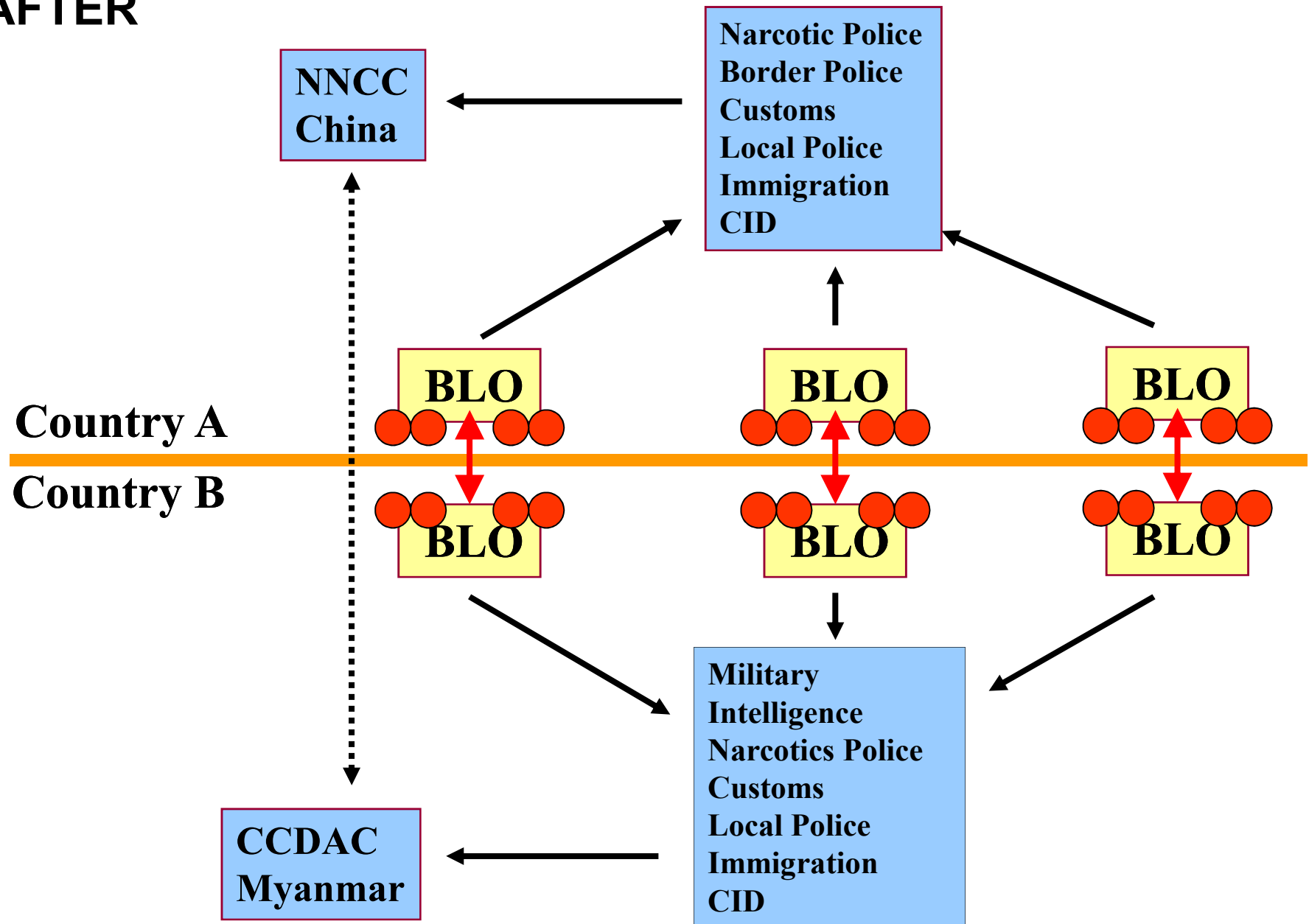
- Use the existing Border Liaison Office (BLO) mechanism to enable countries to counter Transnational Organized Crimes including:
  - Drug trafficking
  - Smuggling of Migrants and Human trafficking
  - Environmental crimes (illegal transboundary movements of ODS and hazardous waste, illegal fishing and trafficking of wildlife and timber).

# How BLOs work



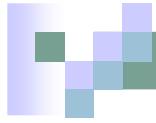


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# Locations of Border Liaison Office





## **PATROL Objectives**

- To reduce illicit trafficking of people, drugs, illicit natural resources and hazardous substances through enhanced cross-border cooperation in the fight against Transnational Organized Crime.



## **Expected Outcomes**

- BLO operations strengthened and expanded
- Legislative and policy frameworks meet international obligations and standards
- Enhanced mechanisms to promote cooperation between criminal justice agencies within and between borders
- Strategic and operational information on illicit trafficking produced, shared and used by stakeholders to inform evidence based responses
- Informed and capable front-line law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges and other specialised officials

# Multilateral Environmental Agreements Regional Enforcement Network (MEA REN)

- Cover four chemical related MEAs
- International and national cooperation between Environment agencies and Customs
- Started in 2007 with the current mechanism; 24 Asian member countries
- Main outputs: 3 network meetings (Nov. 07, Bali; Sep. 08, Bangkok; Oct. 09, Chiang Mai); Country Information Sheets on MEAs; iPIC; Weekly Environmental Crime Media Update; MEA REN Newsflash; Development of website: [www.mea-ren.org](http://www.mea-ren.org); cross-border customs cooperation and dialogues; ARPEC and PATROL.



# Developing tools and mechanisms for collaboration – Example iPIC



## Introduction

The data provided in this Info Sheet is provided and used to assist countries effort to monitor trans-boundary movements of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) covered under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

The data should facilitate the process of reviewing export requests in the originating country, cross-checking them with the data provided by the destination country, and making appropriate decision regarding issuing of a license.

In case that either exporting or importing country needs further information about any particular request for export/ import, persons listed in the section of this sheet, "Information on contact persons", agree to receive queries related to import and export of ODS and to respond in a timely manner, preferably within 10 working days of receiving a request of information.

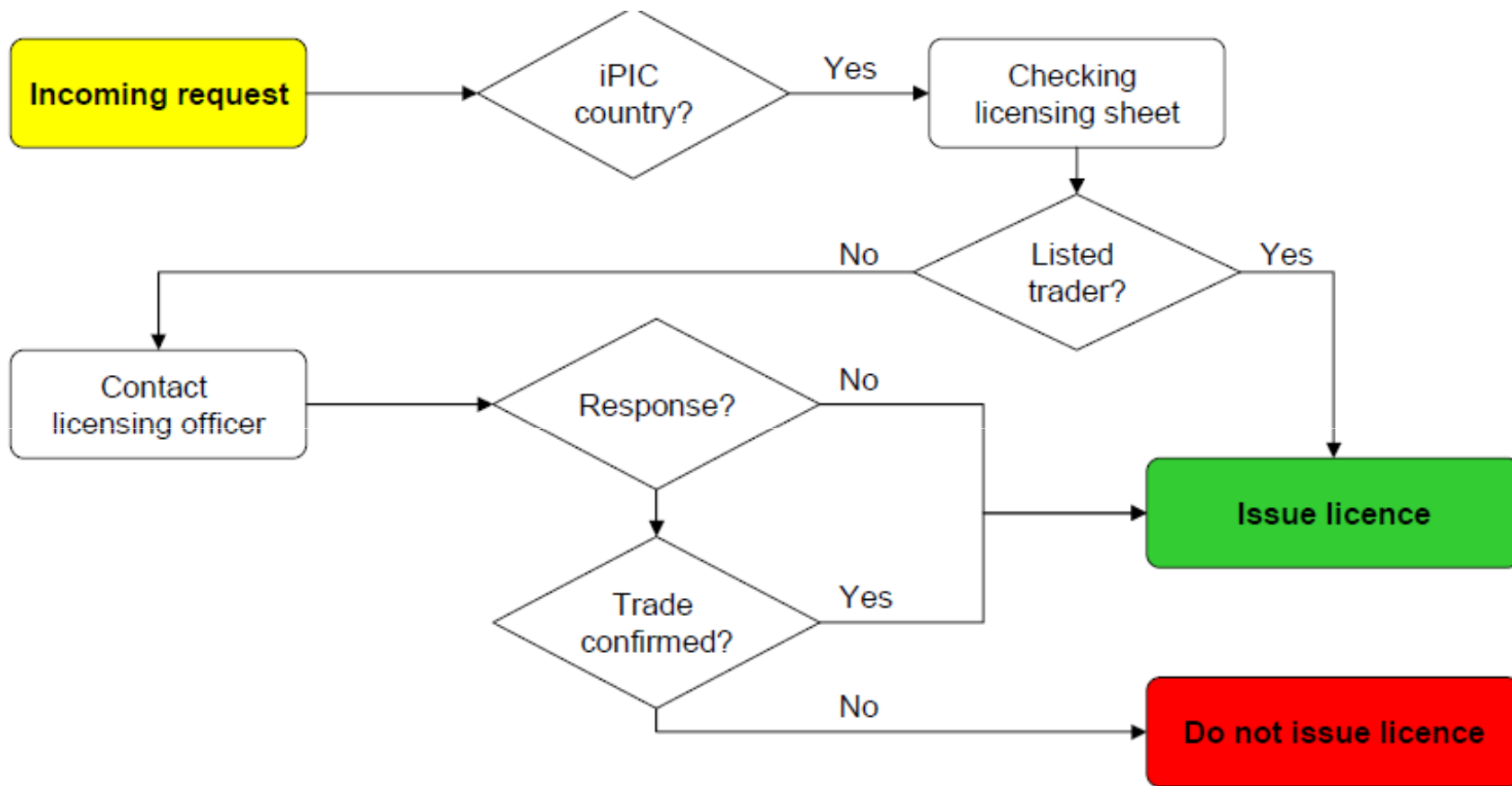
This Info Sheet is updated annually in the beginning of the year and posted at [http://www.mea-ren.org/private/info\\_sheet.php](http://www.mea-ren.org/private/info_sheet.php) (member only site) by UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) in Bangkok, Thailand.

## Registered importers

Add here any note or clarification that is helpful to understand the information included in the table(s) below. If you have registered importer of any other ODS, please create a separate table for the substance and include information on its importer.

CFCs			
for feedstock	for destruction	for laboratory uses	for process agent

Halons			
for feedstock	for destruction	for laboratory uses	for critical uses



# Developing tools and mechanisms for collaboration – Example: Border Dialogues

- ❑ On-going and future dialogues: China-ECA (Europe and Central Asia), India-Nepal, Teheran (Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan); Bangladesh-India, among Southeast Asia.
- ❑ Participants and partners: National competent authority, Customs officers (HQs and district and front-line), other enforcement agencies (central and border), experts from other countries, NGOs, trainers from industry and international and regional organizations, etc.
- ❑ Outcomes: awareness among border enforcement officers; ODS issues mainstreamed in import/export control; a network for concerted enforcement activities







# Developing tools and mechanisms for collaboration – Example: Regional Partner’s Forum on Combating Environmental Crime (ARPEC)





# Networking counts because...

... the following is crucial to our work:

- Cross-sector and cross-border coordination
- Horizontal cooperation in capacity-building; cost effective and timely support to countries.
- Information/intelligence exchange (e.g. combating illegal trades, sharing best practices, developing tools that are really needed)
- Assessment and monitoring of regional and global trends on trans-boundary movements,
- Identification of opportunity for expanding positives and reducing duplication.
- etc.



# Issues in 2010 and areas for collaboration

- Improving output quality of MEA-REN and ARPEC; Starting the implementation of PATROL
- Encouraging more active participation from all members
- Focus on work in border areas
- Promoting active participation of countries in regional and global operations
- Exploring new areas/ themes (e.g. climate change-ozone; safe disposal of seized ODS)
- Continuing effort for securing the sustainability for these networking initiatives
- Monitoring of the development of capacity-building plans for chemical related MEAs – sharing and maintaining networks jointly?

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