



Effective Environmental Governance through Enforcement Networks

Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal
Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes
Workshop 2012

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Characteristics of INECE

- ▶ **Global network of environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners**

- ▶ 4,000+ from more than 120 countries
- ▶ Government officials, international governmental organizations (World Bank, UNEP, OECD, European Commission) and nongovernmental organizations
- ▶ Founded in 1989 by the Netherlands and the United States



What does INECE do

INECE develops and implements practical activities to strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement at all levels of governance – local, national, regional, and international

- ▶ **Strengthens capacity** among environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners
 - ▶ e.g., Capacity building programs (Principles, Inspectors, MOU Negotiation, Seaport Security, Performance Measures)
- ▶ **Raises awareness** of the importance of compliance with and enforcement of environmental laws
 - ▶ e.g., Extensive online resource library, publications, conferences
- ▶ **Facilitates cooperation** to advance shared enforcement objectives, particularly through regional and topical networks

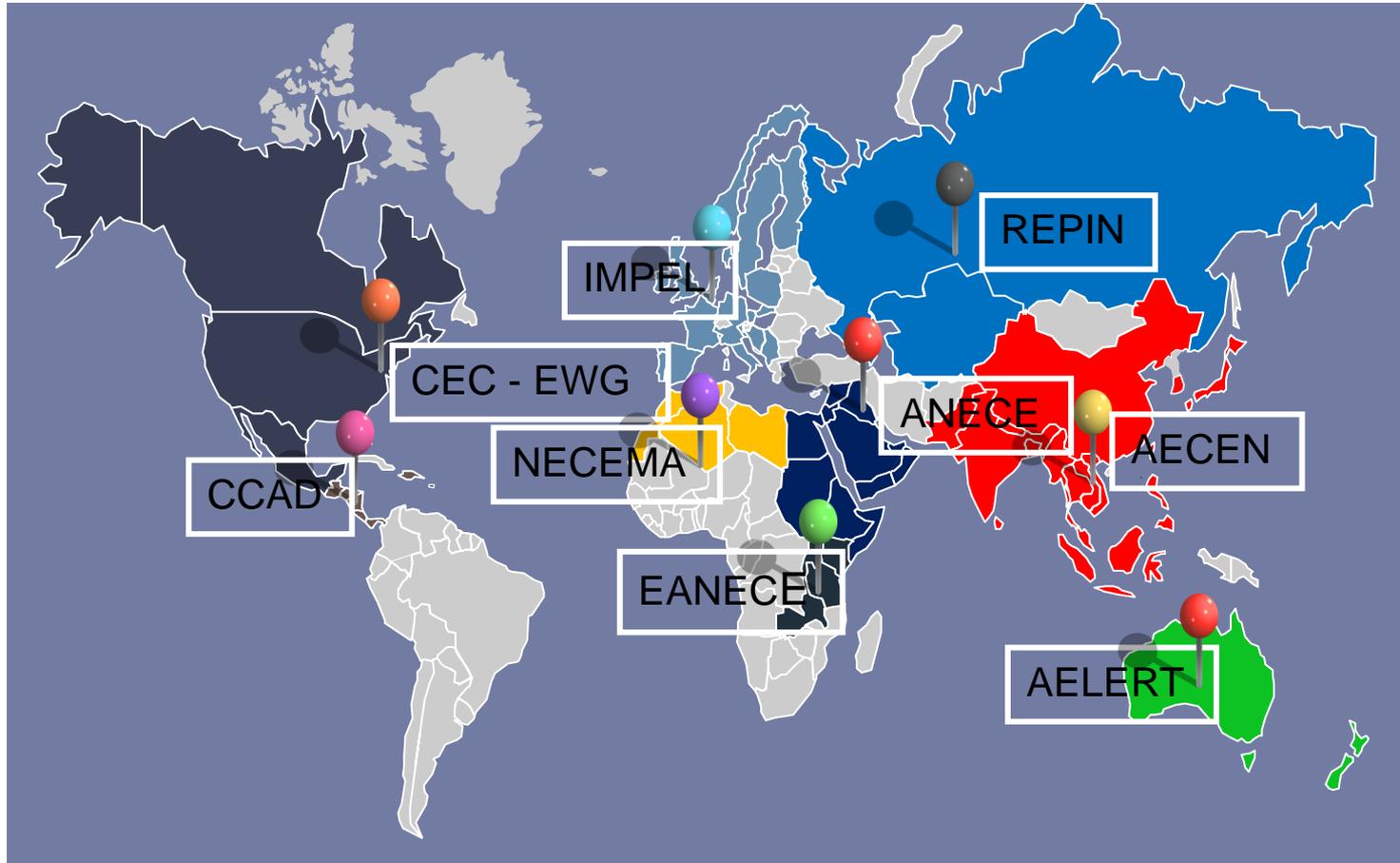


Supporting Implementation of National Environmental Laws

- ▶ INECE strengthens practitioners' environmental compliance and enforcement efforts by enabling:
 - ▶ Sharing of information and experience on effective enforcement and compliance practices.
 - ▶ Mutual assistance in training to build enforcement capacity.
 - ▶ Enforcement cooperation among countries.
- ▶ INECE plays an instrumental role in the compliance and enforcement community by:
 - ▶ Communicating and advancing best practices.
 - ▶ Fostering mutual learning vertically and horizontally across enforcement and compliance assurance organizations.
 - ▶ Facilitating information exchange.



Enforcement Cooperation Through Regional Networks



As a “network of networks,” INECE collaborates with regional environmental compliance and enforcement networks as well as with topic-specific networks.

Online Manual on Creating and Sustaining Regional Networks

- ▶ Practical information for organizers and leaders of networks
- ▶ Case examples from regional and topical enforcement networks
- ▶ Extensive bibliography
- ▶ Topics include:
 - ▶ Network Governance
 - ▶ Project Selection and Implementation
 - ▶ Funding and Finances
 - ▶ Assessment of Networks



See <http://inece.org/regions/> to access the Manual.

Seaport Environmental Security Network

- ▶ Network of professionals responsible for monitoring transboundary movements of hazardous wastes through seaports.
 - ▶ Launched April 2008 at INECE's 8th Conference
 - ▶ Governed by three chairs, supported by expert advice from Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Close cooperation with national governments and with related initiatives



Seaport Environmental Security Network Activities

- ▶ Host capacity building programs and workshops for network participants.
- ▶ Develop tools and resources and provide online resource center.
- ▶ Convene international inspection projects to foster collaboration and to identify capacity needs.
- ▶ Facilitate international exchange of practitioners



Customs officers discuss methodology with workshop participants in Thailand



2012 Seaport Network Inspection Event

▶ Global initiative to:

- ▶ Promote inter-agency collaboration
- ▶ Promote international good practice during environmental inspections at seaports
- ▶ Advance understanding of gaps in capacity, legislative frameworks

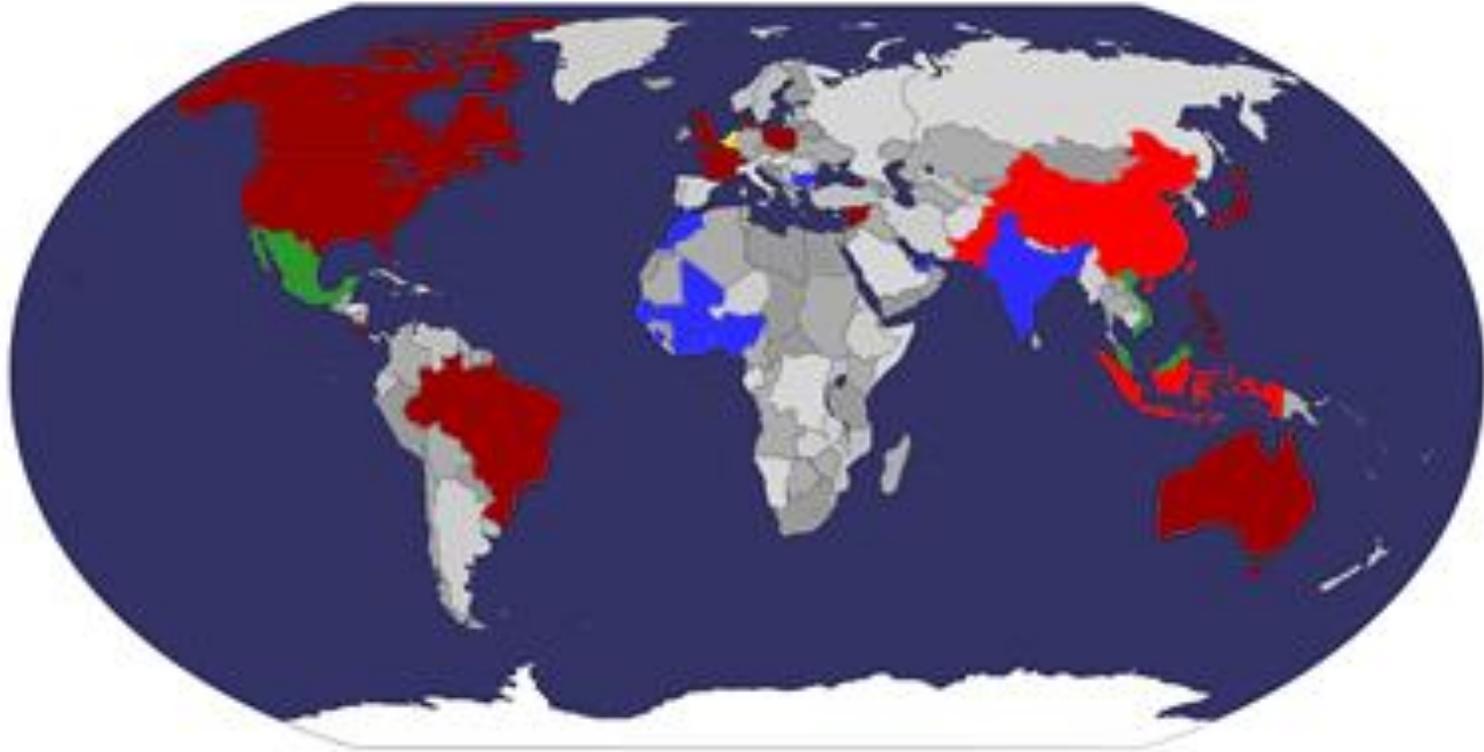
▶ Preparatory Activities

- ▶ Cambodia workshop: 2010, in partnership with the Asian Network
 - ▶ Thailand workshop: 2012, co-sponsored with UNEP-ROAP.
 - ▶ Environment and customs officials from 14 countries in the Asian region participated in the two workshops
 - ▶ Updated operational guidance manuals
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Participation by Exporting and Importing Countries

- ▶ 462 inspections at 16 ports in 10 countries



■ Export/Import ■ Export/Transit ■ Import/Transit ■ Import
■ Export



Areas for Future Collaboration

- ▶ Build on the basics: Continue capacity development on the basic principles of environmental inspection methodologies
- ▶ Incorporate knowledge on conducting environmental inspections into existing national academies to ensure sustainability
- ▶ Develop / compile good practices for implementing national and international cooperation during environmental inspections



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United States Mercury Export Ban

- ▶ It will be illegal to export elemental mercury from the U.S. to any country



- ▶ **US Mercury Export Ban Act**

- ▶ Exports banned beginning January 1, 2013
- ▶ Text is simple: “The export of elemental mercury from the United States is prohibited.”
- ▶ The ban applies only to elemental mercury, not to waste, products, or compounds
- ▶ There is no minimum amount allowed to be exported



- ▶ **EU ban took effect March 2011**



For Further Information:

Questions and answers at:

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/exportban-ques.htm>

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