



**STOCKHOLM CONVENTION
ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
(POPs)**



QUESTIONNAIRE I

To identify existing monitoring programmes, including other programmes that can contribute to a global monitoring plan (GMP) on POPs for effectiveness evaluation of Stockholm Convention

INTRODUCTION

Article 16 of the Stockholm Convention requires the Conference of the Parties (COP) to periodically review the effectiveness of the Convention, with the first review commencing four years after entry into force. The effectiveness evaluation shall be conducted on the basis of information, including comparable monitoring data on the presence of the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B, and C of the Convention, and on their regional and global transport.

To provide itself with such comparable monitoring data, the COP, in its first meeting, agreed to initiate arrangements and requested the Secretariat to make use of existing human health and environmental monitoring programmes and datasets where possible. In developing a background scoping paper for a global monitoring plan, an initial compilation of existing programmes and datasets was conducted and the results were reported to COP2 in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/10.

COP2, in its decision SC-2/13, requested the Secretariat to identify monitoring programmes that may update the information in this document on existing human health and environment monitoring programmes, including other programmes that can contribute to the global monitoring plan.

With this mandate, the Secretariat has developed the present questionnaire for countries and organizations to report their relevant monitoring programmes, activities and datasets. This survey will extend our knowledge of existing human health and environment monitoring programmes around the world and help to identify programmes that can contribute to global monitoring plan on POPs for effectiveness evaluation of Stockholm Convention.

As part of strategy of the global monitoring plan, a database containing POPs monitoring information is also under development. Information provided in this questionnaire will be entered into the database and made available worldwide through our global monitoring network website.

The present questionnaire invites all countries and organizations to provide a information on activities that may support their existing monitoring programmes including other programmes that can contribute to a global monitoring plan (GMP) on POPs.

We would be grateful if you could fill in the attached questionnaire (one copy for each programme) and send it to the Secretariat by 20 January 2007. We recognize that some countries have already submitted monitoring information in preparation for COP.2. Although they are encouraged to consider these inputs while filling in the survey, we would be grateful to receive from all Parties and other governments the present questionnaire filled in as it contains new

information not available previously.

Please feel free to use the “comments” sections in the questionnaire if you identify information that may be related to the topic but that does not easily correspond with one of the specified questions. It is important that the ad hoc preparatory working is aware of all information that may be relevant.

As some of these activities may be connected with the work of analytical laboratory, you are invited to provide, if applicable, more details on the concerned laboratories by filling in the specific questionnaire dedicated to that under the UNEP/GEF project “Assessment of Existing Capacity and Capacity Building Needs to Analyze POPs in Developing Countries”. The specific questionnaire on analytical laboratory capacity can be found at <http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops/laboratory> if you need it. The current full list of laboratories reported to us can be found and printed from the following WebPage <http://www.chem.unep.ch/databank/Search/Result.aspx>.

SECTION I (to be completed by all countries)

Name and contact information (including e-mail) of the person who has completed the following questionnaire:

1. Please complete the following table to identify the existing national POPs information gathering activities in localities not influenced by local POPs sources that you consider have or may have the potential to contribute to the effectiveness evaluation.

| Chemicals Monitored | Name of Activity | Name of Activity | Name of Activity | Name of Activity |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aldrin | | | | |
| Chlordane | | | | |
| Dieldrin | | | | |
| Endrin | | | | |
| DDT | | | | |
| Heptachlor | | | | |
| Mirex | | | | |
| Toxaphene | | | | |
| HCB | | | | |
| PCB | | | | |
| PCDD/PCDF | | | | |
| Specify any International programmes that receive the data / information | | | | |
| Purpose | | | | |

Notes on the table:

i) Each column represents a specific activity.

ii) “Activity” means the name of any programme or other activity or project that generates data or information on the levels of POPs in the environment or in humans that can contribute to the effectiveness evaluation.

iii) For each of the table boxes appearing below an ‘activity’, please insert one or more of the following to indicate the media which are being addressed by the indicated monitoring activity: M = (Human) mother’s milk; B = Human blood; A = air; BV = bivalves; BE = Birds eggs; P = Fish; MM = Marine mammals; W = water, S = soil; SD = sediments; F = food; and V = vegetation.

iv) To answer the question on “Purpose”, please specify the reason for each “activity” by entering one of the following: food security; geographic patterns; hot spots (i.e., local sources); background (i.e., in localities without local sources); or long term trends (i.e, in areas without local sources).

v) **If necessary, countries are free to duplicate this table in order to add activities.**

SECTION II: FILL IN ONE COPY FOR EACH ACTIVITY

2. For each activity identified in 1 above please specify:

Name of activity: _____

a) the laboratories and institutions involved;

a1. _____

a2. _____

a3. _____

a4. _____

b) the quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) regimes utilized by the participating laboratories;

b1. _____

b2. _____

b3. _____

b4. _____

c) the national and international intercalibration utilized, and the most recent year of participation by the laboratories involved;

c1. _____

c2. _____

c3. _____

c4. _____

d) whether the activity:

i) collected (or will collect) information in the period January 2000 to August 2007;

Yes No:

Exact Period: _____

ii) is expected to continue beyond 2008;

Yes No:

Exact Period: _____

and if so, what is the expected frequency of information collection and reporting;

iii) is expected to provide information for evaluation by August 2007.

Yes No:

Exact Period: _____

e) the national and international procedures used for data archiving and whether the archives are accessible for international assessment and reporting; and,

e1. _____

e2. _____

e3. _____

f) the internationally standardized methodologies being followed for sample collection and analysis.

f1. _____

f2. _____

f3. _____

f4. _____

3. For each activity listed in the table above, please provide:

i) Contact information;

ii) Information on their geographic coverage;

iii) Indicate the extent to which the activity could assist activities in other geographic areas and or countries.

4. Please attach a description of each of the activities that you have identified in the paragraph 1 table

SECTION III: ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

5. For each of the activity listed in the table above, please provide your view on its potential to contribute to a global monitoring plan at:

a) its present level of capacity; or,

b) at an indicated level of capacity enhancement and in order to assist in the development of the plan for step by step capacity enhancement, please provide a profile of the human and financial resources implications;

c) identify if the activities are included in your country NIP;

6. Please list laboratories that are at present not involved in environmental monitoring (such as food security) but that you consider have the capacity to contribute to effectiveness evaluation.

a _____
b _____
c _____
d _____

7. OTHER COMMENTS
