



Regional & International Activities for Combating Illegal Trans-boundary Movements of E-waste

Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Sub-regional Training Workshop

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Bridge across borders

Agenda

- Introduction of World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Introduction of Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices - Asia and the Pacific (RILO A/P)
- Regional Joint Operation against E-waste
- Global Joint Operations against E-waste



World Customs Organization

(WCO)

- Aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations across the globe
- Technical officers in WCO are responsible for formulating joint Customs operations on global level
- Established in 1952
- Current global membership: 177



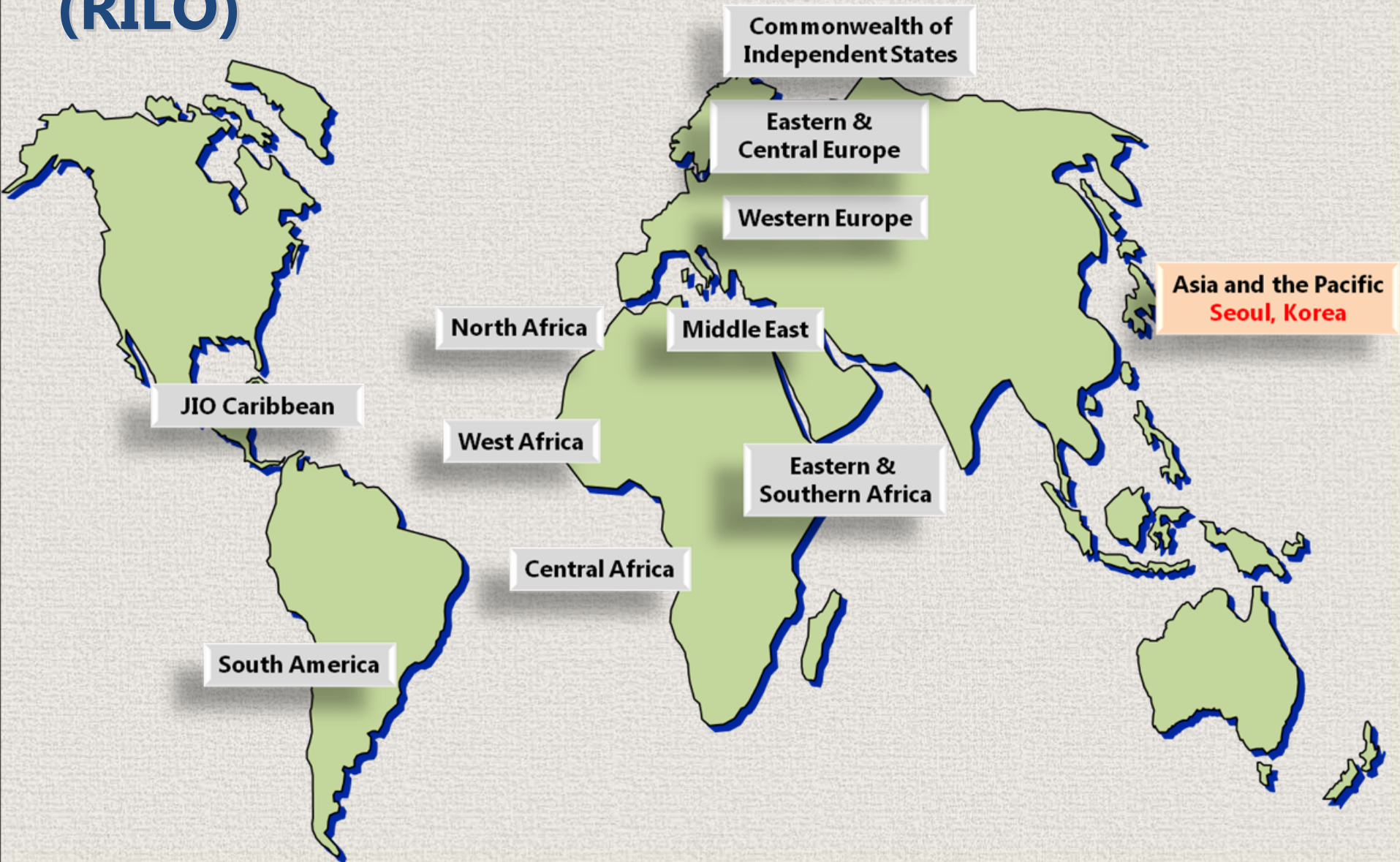
Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices

(RILO)

- WCO has set up 11 RILOs covering 6 regions
- Secondment of Customs officers from Members
- Regional centers for collecting and analyzing data; disseminating information on trends and modus operandi
- Work closely with the National Contact Points of the member Customs administrations

Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices

(RILO)



Members of RILO A/P



- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Brunei
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Japan
- Korea
- Laos
- Macao, China
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam

30 members as of June 2012

Activities of RILO A/P

- Focal point of information and intelligence exchange
- Production of intelligence products
- Technical assistance and capacity building programs to Members
- Coordination of **regional** and **global joint operations**

Regional Joint Operation against E-waste

Project Sky-Hole-Patching



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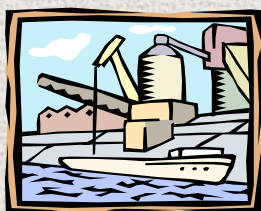
Background of Project Sky-Hole-

Patching

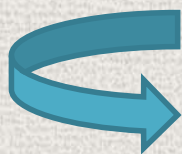
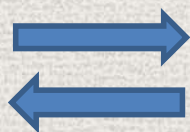
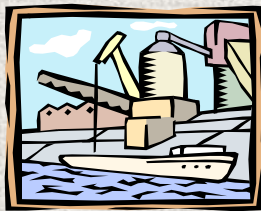
- To set up an united anti-environmental crime front in the Asia-Pacific region to stamp out the illegal trade in Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and hazardous waste
- Proposed by China Customs, jointly conducted by UNEP and RILO A/P
- Phase I: 6 months pilot for ODS (from 1 Sep 2006)
- Phase II: 6 months pilot for hazardous waste (from 1 Mar 2007)
- Routine operation from 1 Nov 2007 onwards

Mechanism of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

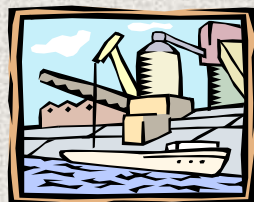
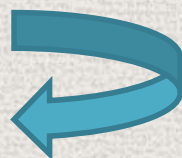
Member A



Member B



RILO A/P



Non-Member through other RILOs

- Export Notifications of suspicious E-waste shipments
- Import Notifications as feedback on monitoring results
- Seizure Notifications

Mechanism of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

Project Sky-Hole-Patching Ref No. _____

To: (1) _____ Department / Organization

Attn: () _____
Email: () _____

(2) (Email: sj-ahp@customs.gov.cn)

Part I - Notification of Suspicious Export ODS/Hazardous waste Shipment

Date of Export : _____ (dd-mm-yyyy)

Vessel : _____ Voyage No.: _____ ETA: _____

Shipping Company : _____

Port of Discharge : _____

Bill of Lading No. : _____

Container No. : _____

Consignee : _____

Notify Party : _____

Route : _____

Description of Goods	Quantities	Weight (kg)

Original Source of the ODS: _____

Reporting Contact Point

Name : _____

Telephone No. : _____

Department / Organization : _____

Our Reference : _____ Date: _____

Part II - Notification of Shipment Arrival

To: (1) _____ Customs Administration Your Ref: _____

(2) RILO AP Our Ref: _____

Notification received on : _____ (dd-mm-yyyy)

Action taken : _____

Remarks : _____

Reporting Contact Point

Project Sky-Hole-Patching Ref No. _____

To: (1) _____ Department / Organization

(2) RILO AP

Part III - Seizure Notification

Date of Seizure : _____ (dd-mm-yyyy)

Port of Seizure : _____

Descriptions of Seized Goods	Quantities

Vessel Name : _____ Others : _____
(With details)

Voyage : _____ Freight No. : _____

Port of Discharge : _____

Port of Loading : _____

Bill of Lading No. : _____

Consignor : _____

Consignee : _____

Notify Party : _____

Method of Detection : _____

Route : _____

Origin : _____

Remarks : _____

Reporting Contact Point

Name : _____

Tel No. : _____

Department / Organization : _____

Our Reference : _____ Date: _____

Members of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

21 participants

- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei
- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Macau
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam



Results of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

(1 Jan 2011 to 31 May 2012)

🌐 Export Notifications: 59 (EU to China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan & Vietnam)

Seizure Notifications: 57 (502 tons)



Used computer monitors



Used batteries

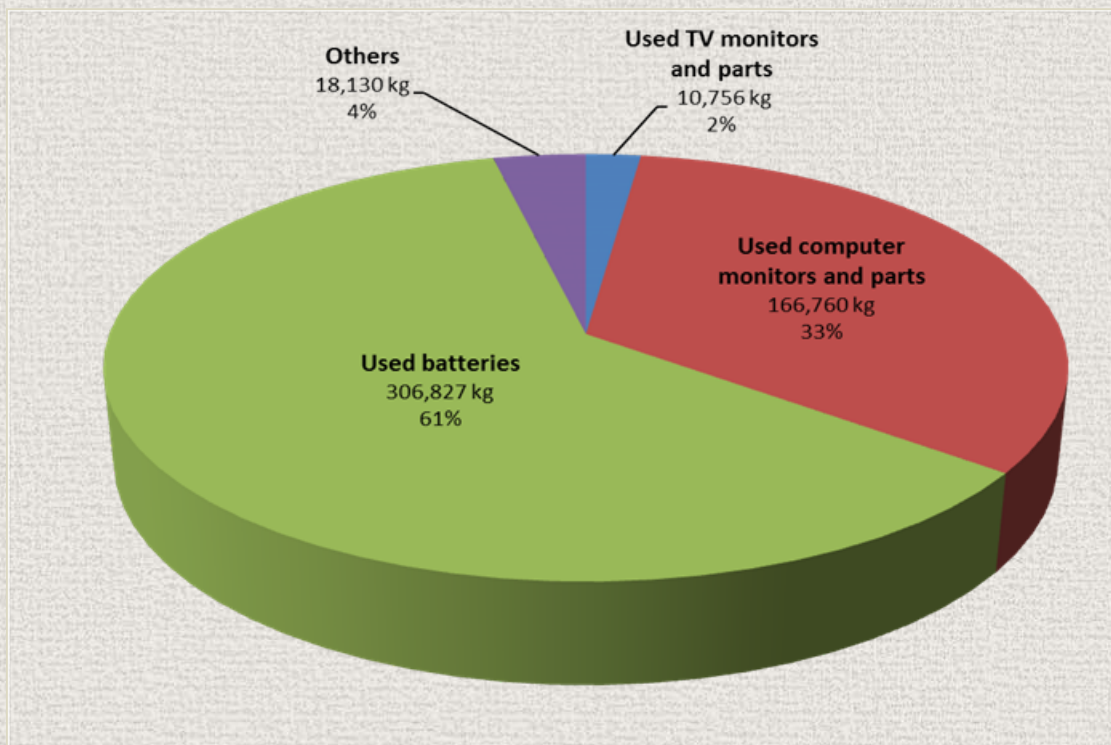


Used LCD monitors

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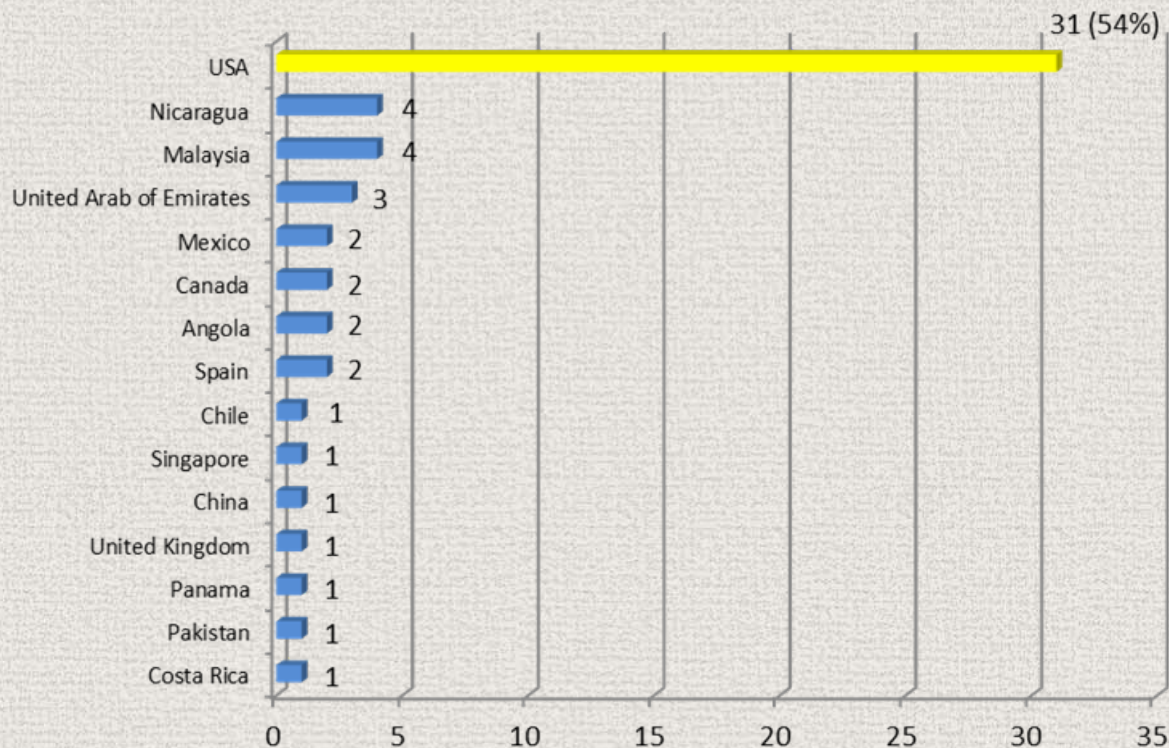
Types of Hazardous Waste



Results of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

(1 Jan 2011 to 31 May 2012)

Loading Countries of Hazardous Waste



Results of Project Sky-Hole-Patching

(1 Jan 2011 to 31 May 2012)

Declaration of Goods on Manifest

Declared Items	No. of Notifications	% of Total No. of Notifications
Metal Scrap	27	47%
Plastic Scrap	17	30%
Computer and Accessories	4	7%
Iron Ware	2	3.75%
Electrical Appliances	1	1.75%
Other Waste and Scrap	1	1.75%
Mixed Metal	1	1.75%
Nylon Scrap	1	1.75%
Stainless Iron	1	1.75%
Used Electronic Parts	1	1.75%
LCD Panels	1	1.75%

Achievements of Project Sky-Hole-

Patching

- Increased Members' awareness of environmental crime
- Enhanced mutual cooperation between Customs and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in combating environment crime
- RILO A/P won "2007 Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award" from US EPA
- Skeleton of **global joint operations** organized by WCO

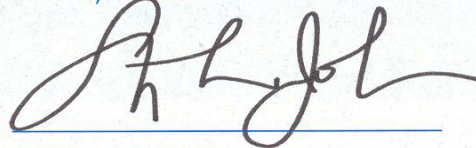
2007 *Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award*

Presented to

*Regional Intelligence Liaison
Office for Asia and the Pacific,
World Customs Organization*

For combating illegal trade in
ozone depleting substances

MAY 1, 2007



Stephen L. Johnson
EPA Administrator



Global Joint Operations against E-waste

Operation Demeter I & II



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



Background of Operation Demeter I

- 50-day global joint operation (Mar 23 to May 11, 2009)
- Target illegal shipments of hazardous and other waste between Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa
- Participants all over the globe:
 - 65 WCO members
 - 7 RILOs
 - National EPAs, the Secretariat of Basel Convention & the IMPEL

Mechanism of Operation Demeter I

- Similar notification system of Project Sky-Hole-Patching
- Intensified risk profiling & physical control to identify high-risk shipments
- Notified each others of suspicious shipments
- Monitored the shipments and follow-up investigation by receiving countries
- **WCO CENCOMM** as secure communication tool



WCO - OMD CENcomm : closed user group "Sky-Hole Patching Project II"



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Email recipients

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- Plain users

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Subject

Message

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Results of Operation Demeter I

- More than 550 messages for intelligence exchange
- 86 seizure reports
- More than 40 countries in Asia-Pacific and Africa (e.g. China, India, Nigeria, Ghana and Pakistan) were notified as the intended destinations
- Majority of seizures were made in Europe before the waste was shipped out

Results of Operation Demeter I



Iron scrap



Electronic waste



End-of-life-vehicles

Background of Operation Demeter II

- Continuity of Operation Demeter I
- 35-day global joint operation (Feb 6 to Mar 11, 2012)
- Deter illicit trade in hazardous and other waste controlled by the Basal Convention
- Participants all over the globe:
 - 75 WCO members
 - 11 RILOs
 - National EPAs, the Secretariat of Basel Convention, IMPEL, INECE and INTERPOL

Results of Operation Demeter II

- 🌐 62 seizure reports
- 🌐 Majority of seizures were made in Europe before the waste was shipped out
- 🌐 Africa and Asia as the main destinations

Results of Operation Demeter II



Used vehicle tires



Printed paper waste



Oily vehicle parts waste

Results of Operation Demeter II



Used vehicle parts



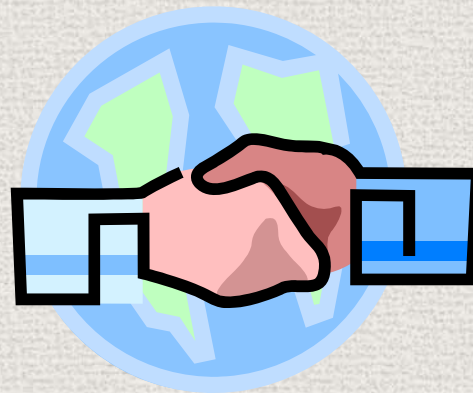
Zinc scrap



Old refrigerators with ODS

Way Forward

- RILO A/P will continue to coordinate both global & regional joint operations with Members
- RILO A/P will maintain close contact with environment related organizations to broaden exchange of information





End of Presentation

Thank You Very Much!



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