

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

Regional Training Workshop on PCBs & POPs Wastes

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COUNTRY REPORT - ST. LUCIA



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LOCATION MAP



Country Statistics



Population	166,312 (2006)
Area	616 Sq. Km
Climate	Tropical (Rainy/Dry)
Temperature	28 degrees
Rainfall	1700 mm
Terrain	Mountainous, volcanic
Highest point	950m
GDP/capita (2002)	US\$5,400
GDP by Sector	Ser-73%;Ind-20%;Agr-7%
Currency (EC\$)	EC\$2.70 = US\$1.00

Background

- ▣ Party to Convention in 2002
- ▣ Aldrin, Chlordane, DDT, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor, Hexachlorobenzene, Mirex and Toxaphene was banned in Saint Lucia in the 1970's and 1980's
- ▣ PCB -containing equipment particularly transformers are no longer present on the island
- ▣ Approx. 61 kg and 46 litres of POPs pesticides identified for disposal
- ▣ Submitted the NIP to the Stockholm Convention in 2007

Main Challenges to Sound Management of POPs & PCBs

- ❑ Lack of generator responsibility to manage POPs
- ❑ Difficulties in sourcing funding for the management (disposal) of current stockpiles of obsolete pesticides
- ❑ Absence of a national management plan for dealing with POPs resulting in a lack of a coordinated and integrated approach
- ❑ Absence of a coordinating mechanism to ensure that POPs are adequately managed from importation through to disposal

Priority Issues Identified

- ▣ Need to increase capacity of persons who use pesticides to manage them in an ESM
- ▣ Need to strengthen, through new or existing legislation, the responsibility of importers to ensure a cradle-to-grave approach to the management of POPs
- ▣ Review existing NIP with a view to implement aspects which presently can be undertaken
- ▣ Need to address the existing stockpiles of pesticides

Priority Issues Identified

- ▣ Need for institutional strengthening for POPs and chemicals management
- ▣ Need for awareness-raising on chemicals management issues including hazardous & chemical waste
- ▣ Assessment of hazardous risk associated with existing stockpiles
- ▣ Development of specific legislation on sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste

Ongoing Activities & Projects

- ▣ Importation of POPs is strictly controlled by the Pesticides & Toxic Chemicals Control Board
- ▣ Funding proposal submitted to World Bank for the disposal of obsolete pesticides
- ▣ Encapsulation of obsolete pesticides undertaken

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