

**PROGRESS REGARDING ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNDER THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CENTRE  
BUSINESS PLAN 2010-2012**

Sub-Activities	Action taken to date
<b>Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries</b>	
Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific	<p><i>E-waste day implemented in Cook Islands in 2011.</i></p> <p><i>A draft Regional E-waste Strategy and Action Plan 2012-2015 (Pacific E-waste: A Regional Strategy and Action Plan, 2012) has been completed and is to be presented at the 2012 SM for endorsement.</i></p> <p><i>Regional E-waste funding secured by SPREP for Cook Islands, Kiribati and Samoa 2012-2013.</i></p>
Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific	<i>No progress on this. No funding available. ULABS fact sheet prepared and distributed via SPREP web-site.</i>
Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific	<i>The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) 4-year project commenced in October 2011. It includes a component to develop a waste oil collection system and export from 2 Pacific island countries to Fiji. The development of a used oil product stewardship scheme and management guidelines are also included within this project.</i>
Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific	<p><i>Technical advice was provided to Cook Islands, Niue and Kiribati. Technical guidance provided to Niue for asbestos disposal. The assistance consisted of a preliminary comparison of the options for asbestos disposal and other important considerations.</i></p> <p><i>A Regional Asbestos Strategy and Action Plan (An Asbestos Free Pacific: A Regional Strategy and Action Plan, 2011) was completed and endorsed by the 2011 SPREP Meeting.</i></p>
Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)	<p><i>A GEFPAS Project has been developed for implementation in 2012. This project includes better management of school based chemicals and health care wastes.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretariat is a partner for a sub-regional project led by WHO Western Pacific Regional Office which aims to establish a Poison Information Network in 5 participating PICs (Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tonga).</i></p>
<b>Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan</b>	
Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection	<p><i>No training work commenced.</i></p> <p><i>Contaminated site assessments in Fiji, Niue, Samoa and Tonga completed in 2011.</i></p>
Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions	<i>The secretariat carried out a 'Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Joint Implementation of the Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention' in collaboration with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Secretariats in 2011. At the workshop country participants were trained in how to meet National obligations under the Basel and Waigani Convention.</i>
Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)	<i>The Secretariat provided technical and legal guidance to Palau in their ratification of the Basel Convention.</i>

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<b>Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams</b>	
National hazardous waste management plans development	No requests for assistance received.
<b>Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes</b>	
Establishment of association with Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) and develop training programme	<i>The Secretariat invited OCO to be part of the 'Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Joint Implementation of the Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention' that was held in 2011. As an outcome the training recognised the need for legislation development that addresses hazardous chemicals and waste. This will ensure adequate border control through the customs authority and port state control mechanisms.</i>
Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)	<i>The Secretariat invited OCO to be part of the 'Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Joint Implementation of the Waigani, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention' that was held in 2011 in collaboration with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Secretariats.</i>