

## PROJECT RELATED ACTIVITIES

Topic	Activities	Status update
<b>1. Strategic issues</b>		
a. Strategic framework	Undertake an evaluation of the implementation of the Waigani Convention 2001-2016	Refer to WP 7.1 – Review of the Waigani Convention
b. Development of environmentally sound management	Establishment of an expert working group on environmentally sound management	During the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clean Pacific Round Table (CRPT-2) held in Suva in August 2018, a Hazardous Waste Technical Working Group (HW–TWG) was established with a mandate to provide technical guidance and advise to the Round Table. While this TWG was not established under the auspices of the Waigani Convention, the linkage that currently exist between the Round Table and SPREP as the Secretariat allows for this TWG to also work as the regional TWG for the same purpose. The majority of the composition of the TWG are also members of the Waigani Convention.
c. Establishing a financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	Put in place a financial mechanism for the implementation of the Waigani Convention	No progress has been developed in establishing a financial mechanism.
<b>2. Scientific and technical matters</b>		
a. Pacific-regional specific Technical guidelines	Undertake work towards a review/update of all technical guidelines that have been developed for specific waste streams in the region and also develop new ones to address new and emerging waste streams including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Asbestos</li> <li>ii. E-waste</li> <li>iii. Medical waste</li> <li>iv. Used/waste oil</li> <li>v. Obsolete chemicals and pesticides</li> <li>vi. DDT stockpiles</li> <li>vii. Mercury and mercury-containing waste</li> <li>viii. uLABs</li> </ul>	Since the last COP, no progress has been made in the development of the regional guidelines. There are however existing regional guides on asbestos, E-waste and medical waste management.

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b. National Hazardous Waste Management Plans as part of the National Development Plans	Undertake work to develop National Hazardous Waste Management Plans as part of the obligations of the parties under Article 4(e) of the Convention and to align this plan with the overall National Development Plan	During the reporting period, assistance has been provided to Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu in the preparation of their respective National Waste Management Plans. Within these developments, the Secretariat has provided technical assistance in the hazardous waste management section of the national waste management plans. These hazardous waste management plans will become more critical as countries in the region become parties to the other global conventions such as the BRS Conventions and the Minamata Convention.
c. National Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Undertake work to help PIC parties to generate their annual National Reports as part of their obligations to the Convention as prescribed under Article 7.</li> <li>ii. Undertaking training of Customs officers in PIC parties on the matter of record keeping</li> </ul>	Assistance was provided to Solomon Islands and Tuvalu in the preparation of their national reports. While a preliminary draft for Tuvalu was prepared and submitted, this only sets the baseline from which future report are to be developed – there is still a lot of work to be done to get these reports to show the real situation on the ground.
d. Funding on-ground improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Project: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff and other stakeholders on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</li> <li>ii. Project: Management of mercury and mercury-containing equipment Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</li> <li>iii. Project: Management of e-waste in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</li> </ul>	<p>Training was carried out in Tuvalu and Solomon Islands and some indirect work was done in Vanuatu</p> <p>Seven countries have taken the necessary steps to put in place a plan to management mercury waste through their Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) project. PNG and Samoa are doing their planning through national projects while Cook Islands, Kiribati, Tonga and Vanuatu are doing theirs through a regional project (Palau, a non-Waigani Convention party – is also part of the regional project).</p> <p>Limited progress has been made in the reporting period with the formation of the CROP WG E-Waste and a regional review undertaken by Going Troppo Consultants in early 2018 as part of the finalisation of the GEFPAS</p>

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	<p>iv. Project: Management of medical wastes in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>v. Project: Continued assessment and improved management of asbestos in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>vi. Project: Assessment of chemical management in 4 PICs Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>vii. Project: Improving management of used lubricants and oils Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p> <p>viii. Project: Management of uLABs in the Pacific Countries: Region wide Time frame: 2 years (2018-2019)</p>	<p>uPOPs project. There may be some work going on at the national level but these have not been reported through national reports so cannot be reported here.</p> <p>Similarly, no progress has been made in the reporting period. There is some work going on at the national level but these have not been reported through national reports so cannot be reported or tabled here.</p> <p>No progress made during the reporting period.</p> <p>No progress made during the reporting period</p> <p>Following on from the regional work that was undertaken under the GEFPAS uPOPs project, country assessments were carried out in FSM, Fiji and RMI and Fiji, with additional missions also completed opportunistically to Kiribati, Vanuatu and Niue. The country assessment report recommended priority for used oil export from Pohnpei (FSM), Majuro and Ebeye (RMI). Assistance has been provided to remove used oil from Pohnpei (FSM). Used oil removal from Majuro and Ebeye (RMI) is awaiting funding.</p> <p>No progress has been made in the reporting period but similar to earlier updates, there is some work going on at the national level but these have not been reported through national reports so cannot be reported or tabled here</p>

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<b>3. Legal, governance and enforcement matters</b>		
a. Establishment of Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance	i. Undertake work to establish the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance ii. Explore the manner in which the committee will operate given the very limited sources of resources	No progress has been made and the evaluation of the Convention will provide guidance.
b. Establishing national definitions of hazardous waste	Undertake work to provide guidance to the PIC parties to establish national definitions of hazardous waste in their national legislation	Limited progress in this work – discussions were held with Tuvalu and Solomon Islands on these definitions.
c. Customs offices upskilled in the Waigani Convention procedure and requirements	i. Undertake work to train Custom offices in the Convention area on the Waigani Convention procedure and the role they play in the administration of the mechanism for promoting implementation and compliance	Limited progress in this work – discussions were held with Tuvalu and Solomon Islands on these definitions with some training in Tuvalu but not in Solomon Islands.
<b>4. Regional and International cooperation and coordination</b>		
a. Waigani Convention partnership program	i. Undertake work to review the MOU between the Pacific Regional Centre/SPREP and the BCRC-China/Tsinghua University and update the MOU	The MOUs have been reviewed and are being updated.
	ii. Consider the establishment of a partnership with the Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)	No progress has been made here as there has been a change in management at OCO which has forced the Secretariat to wait until the new management is in place properly.