

CAPACITY BUILDING TO PREVENT DUMPING OF WASTES IN AFRICA

THE EXAMPLE OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Component A:

**Hazardous waste management plan for the District
of Abidjan**

Component B:

**Infrastructure Capacity building in the Port of
Abidjan**

Component C:

**Enforcement of the Basel Convention and other
MEAs**

Component D:

**Assessment in preparation for development of a
regional early warning system in West Africa**

Component C:

Strengthening Enforcement Capacity for the monitoring and control of transboundary movements of hazardous waste and chemicals in the West African region

1. Development of a country model for Côte d'Ivoire:
 - Promoting the coordinated implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam), the International Health Regulations of WHO and MARPOL 73/78, on monitoring and control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and chemicals.

... Component C:

The Basel Convention Regional Centre based in Senegal will implement this component in cooperation with the WHO and the Basel Convention

This component will be replicated Africa in Morocco, Madagascar, Gabon, Djibouti, Tanzania and Kenya

... Component C:

Phase I: Analysis of national legislation

Phase II: Draft norms and regulations

Phase III: Three national training workshops:

- Testing N&R and training on
- Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions
- International Health Regulations (WHO)
- HW management according to MARPOL73/78

... Component C:

Training for:

- Conventions' focal points, competent authorities, regulators and training institutions;
- Legal officers, judiciary and training institutions;
- Ports, security and enforcement agents;
- Ministry of Environment, Health, Customs, Transport;
- Private sector organizations involved in the Port and NGOs.

... Component C:

Other Objectives:

- Improve coordination and synergies with respect to chemical and hazardous wastes policies and activities at the national level;
- Address the relationship between those MEAs that are concerned with issues of contamination at sea and those concerned with issues of contamination on land, in the context of their enforcement at the national level.

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention in close collaboration with UNEP

is working on a second phase of this
programme developed in the wake of the
Probo Koala incident,

Phase II: 8 African States with port facilities

Thank you for your attention !

The Green Customs Initiative



On behalf of the Partners to the
Green Customs Initiative



The need for action

Customs and border protection officers:

- Front line of every country's defence against trans- boundary illegal trade
- First link in the “compliance and enforcement chain”
- Important role in facilitating *legal trade*
- So building the capacity of these officers is vital
- An effective solution is coordinated training...

Multilateral Environmental Agreements



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STOCKHOLM
CONVENTION

Basel Convention

**Convention on
Biological
Diversity**

CITES

Montreal Protocol

**Rotterdam
Convention**

**Stockholm
Convention**

Partner Organisations



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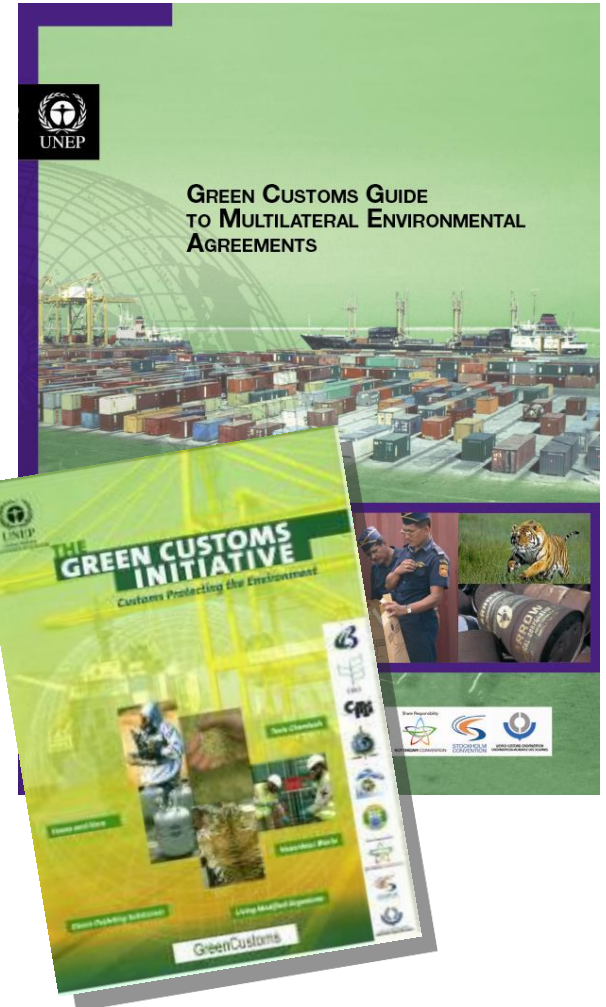
The benefits of Green Customs

- For Customs Officers
- For Countries
- For MEA Secretariats
- For the Global Environment



Green Customs tools

- Green Customs Guide and materials
- Workshops to train customs officers
- Specialised skills training by Green Customs partners
- Green Customs website
www.greencustoms.org



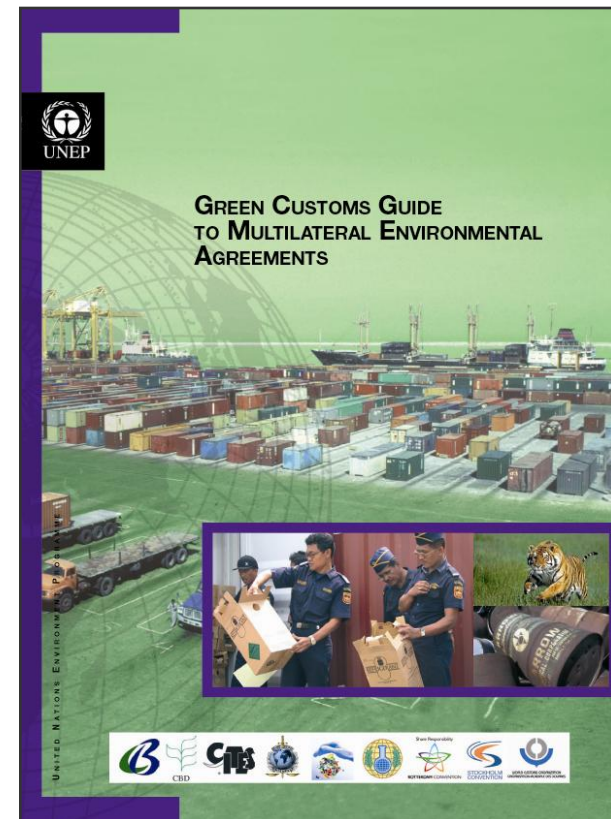
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Topics for each MEA or treaty

- Definitions
- Provisions for regulating trade
- The specific role of Customs in implementing the MEA/treaty
- Official materials to be aware of

Practical considerations

- Health and safety
- Identification
- Seizures and disposal
- Derogations



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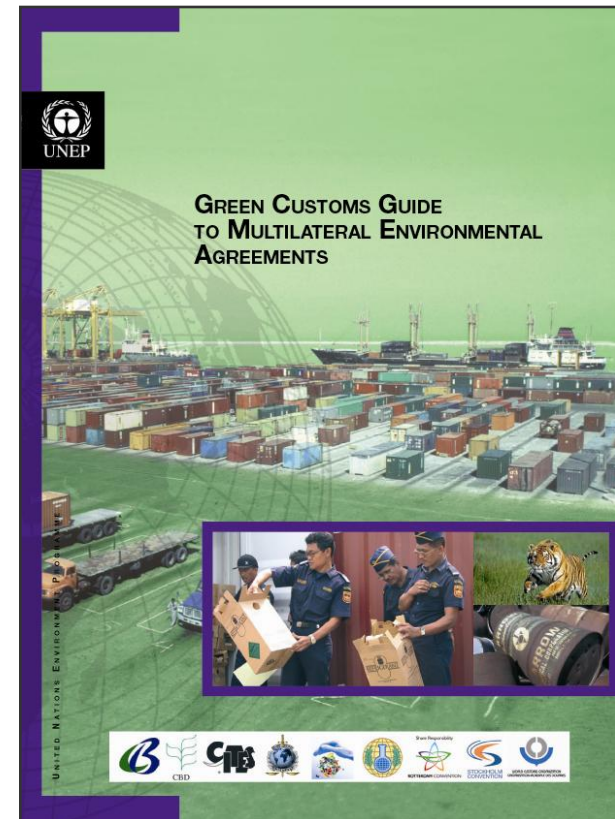
UNEP

UN Office of Drugs and Crime



Green Customs Guide

- **Chapter 1** explains MEAs and the role of Customs in their national implementation
- **Chapter 2** provides an overview of the main international trade-related MEAs and relevant treaties
- **Chapter 3** explores practical aspects of implementing controls for these agreements



Supporting references

Ad hoc Joint Working Group on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination Among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

Recommends close coordination with respect to combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, and it invites development of:

“...programmatic cooperation in the field that would support implementation of the three conventions in areas of common concern such as sustainable development, trade, customs (for example through the Green Customs Initiative)...”



Supporting references

World Customs Organisation Enforcement Committee (March 2008)

- Recommendation ensuring that combating environmental offences be promoted or remain as one of the priorities of Customs administrations,

“ ... making full use of the resources of the Green Customs Initiative (GCI)...”

