

Cooperation of RILO A/P and VROM

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•of Asia and the Pacific
•(RILO A/P)

World Customs
Organization (WCO)

RILO A/P

**Regional Intelligence Liaison Office of
Asia and the Pacific, WCO**

1987---1998 Hong Kong Customs



1999---2003 Japan Customs



2004---2011 China Customs



WCO RILOs





RIL A/P



One of the Six core roles:

information exchange and wider-scale co-operation,
including enforcement cooperation – Joint operations;

WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office
for Asia and the Pacific

Project Sky-Hole-Patching

What is Project Sky-Hole-Patching

- **The main objective of the Project:**
To form an united anti-environmental crime front in the A/P region to combat the illegal trade in ODS and hazardous wastes
- **Implementation by two phases:**
 - **Phase I – Six-month trial period from 1.9.2006 (focus on ODS)**
 - **Phase II – continuation of Phase I w.e.f. 1.3.2007 (hazardous wastes included)**
 - **Routine operation (w.e.f. 1 Nov 2007) – maintain the notification mechanism**

Project SHP - Implementation Status

20 Participating Members → **21 Participating Members**

**Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei;
Cambodia; China; Fiji; Hong Kong China;
India; Japan; Korea; Macao China;
Maldives; Mongolia; New Zealand;
the Philippines; Samoa; Sri Lanka;
Thailand; Vietnam**

Indonesia

Objectives of the Monitoring System

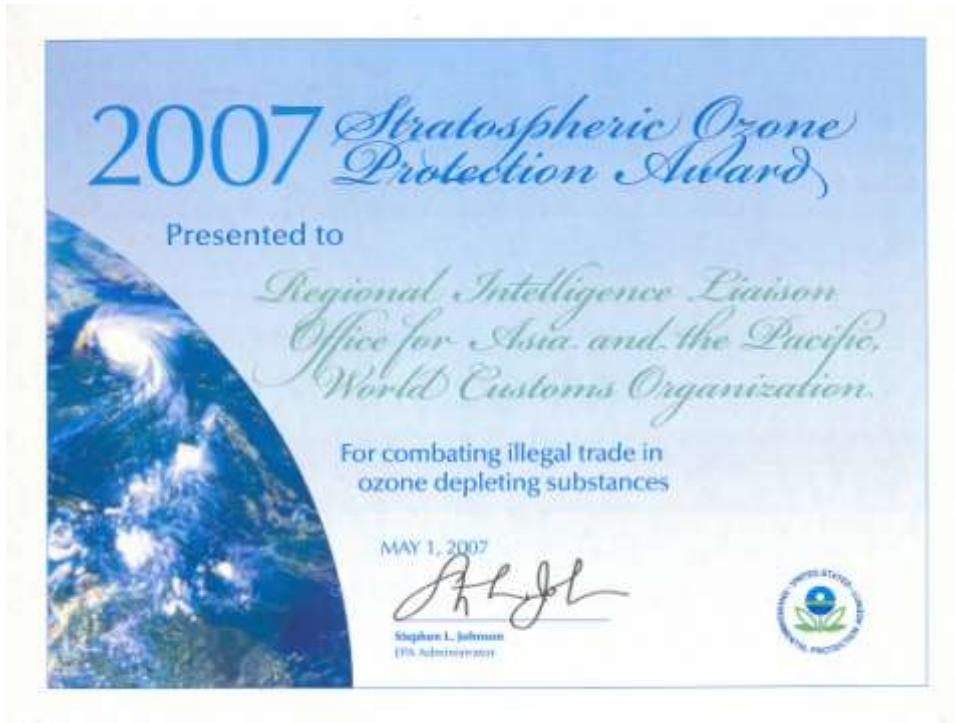
- ***Identifies suspicious export shipments from high risk importers/exporters for monitoring***
- ***Keep track of movements of suspicious shipments***
- ***Ensure suspicious shipments in their proper course***
- ***Take immediate follow-up action if anomaly found***



The image shows the cover of a report titled "Evaluation Report on Project Sky-Hole-Patching". At the top left is a green circular logo with a white symbol. At the top right is a yellow logo featuring a stylized figure. Below these is the text "RIL" in large blue letters, followed by "for Asia & the Pacific" in smaller red text. A blue horizontal bar contains the title "Evaluation Report on Project Sky-Hole-Patching" in white. Below this is a white area with a blue world map. At the bottom, it reads "WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific" and "October 2007".

Aroused public awareness

Enhanced cooperation



Seizures on ODS (1 Sept 2006 – 15 June 2009)

- ***30 seizures (Total 693,519 Kg)***
- ***Nature of Seizures***
 - ***CFC-12, HCFC-123, HCFC-22***

Recent Seizures (ODS)

Indonesia Customs



China Customs



Hazardous waste: Country of loading:

- *USA – 61; Japan – 14; United Arab Emirates – 16; Canada – 19, etc*

Nature of Seizure:

- *Used batteries – 4,089,559 Kg*
- *Used computer monitors/parts – 1,694,659 Kg*
- *Used TV monitors/parts – 114,456 Kg*
- *Used plastic wastes – 4,446,080 Kg*
- *Others – 9,239,705 Kg*

Seizures on Hazardous Waste (1 March 2007 – 15 June 2009)

- ***245 seizures (Total 19,584,459 Kg)***
- ***Seizures included used batteries, used computer monitors, used TV monitors, copper ash, electronic and telephone parts***
- ***Being commonly declared as metal scrap, plastic scrap, computer parts, hardware materials, electric goods, etc***

Significant Seizures (Hazardous waste)

- ***456,000 Kg (in 19 containers) of used vehicle batteries from MX via HK to CN (origin is USA)***
- ***135,440 Kg (in 9 containers) of used computer/TV monitors from JP via HK to VN***
- ***125,000 Kg (in 9 containers) of used monitors from BE via HK to VN***



Significant Seizures (Hazardous waste)

- ***115,000 Kg of used vehicle batteries, 24,200 Kg of used computer monitors, 12,290 Kg of electronic & telephone parts from HK to CN (river trading vessel)***
- ***109,960 Kg (in 5 containers) of used vehicle batteries from Algeria to HK***
- ***77,439 Kg (in 5 containers) of used computer/TV monitors from JP to HK***



Smuggling Situation in A/P Region

- ***Source/departure from developed & developing countries***
- ***China as the major final destination***
- ***Some neighbouring developing countries also take up some wastes***
- ***Hong Kong as the major transit point***



Ports of loading of Hazardous Waste reported


	2007	2008	2009(1-15/6)
US	24.80%	48.10%	50%
JP	16.20%	3.70%	5%
CA	8.50%	9.30%	/
PA	6.80%	/	/
AE	6%	3.70%	30%
AU	/	4.60%	/
SG	/	3.70%	10%
PH	/	/	5%
Total	62.30%	73.10%	100%
Europe	8.50%	3.70%	0%

•Ministry of Housing,
 •Spatial Planning and the Environment
 •(VRROM)





Extension of the Project

Cooperation with VROM



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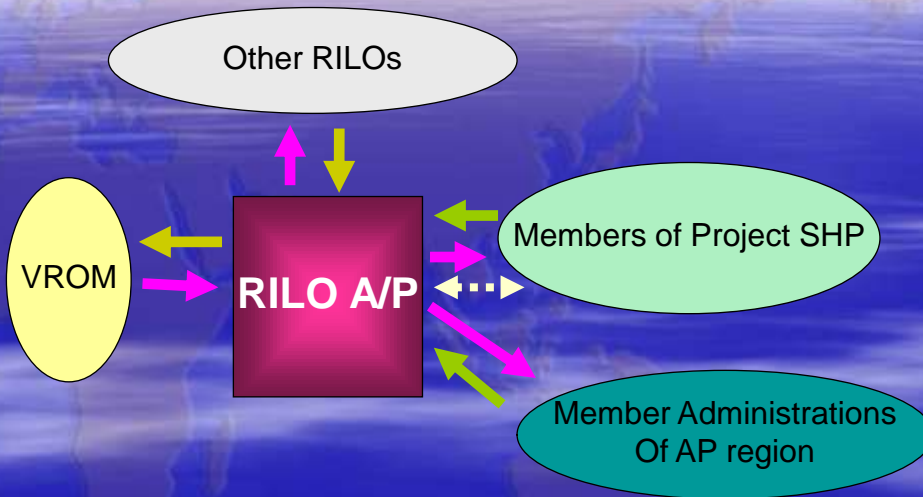




Ministry of Housing, Spatial
Planning and the
Environment

- Discussion started on November 2008
- Activated the monitoring mechanism – January 2009
- 10 notifications: VROM → RILO A/P → concerned Customs
- From European countries → CN, IN, HK, LK, SG

Information Flow



Keep close monitor of suspicious shipments

Routing



Cooperation with VROM

CU residues

Cable scrap



Household waste

Used monitor



Significance of Cooperation

Regional
Cooperation

Global Cooperation

Future

- Strengthen cooperation
- Not only for e-waste
- Promote cooperation so more EU countries use this possibility
- Involvement of other RILO like Africa, Europe and South America?

Foresight

- **Enhance Information Flow**
- **Regional and global cooperation**
- **Promotion**

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• Thank You!