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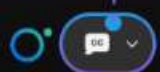
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MEAs cooperation on knowledge management to support parties and others. The InforMEA initiative

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Objectives

- ❑ The power of data and information
- ❑ MEA Knowledge Management context
- ❑ Cooperation between MEA Secretariats and other organizations
- ❑ How InforMEA works? Working principles and examples
- ❑ InforMEA: from sharing information to producing new content
- ❑ Challenges, the future, emerging technologies

The power of data and information

- ❑ In the modern age of information technology, **data and information are considered valuable assets** for organizations, comparable to human, financial and other resources.
- ❑ With the growth of the Internet and online businesses many **organizations have created value by empowering their clients with data, information and knowledge** that facilitate faster turnover and considerable increase in productivity
- ❑ The importance of data and information for decision making is also being recognized by the The UN Secretary-General's "**Data Strategy for Action by Everyone, Everywhere**".

MEA knowledge management context

Usually the MEA Secretariat are the custodians of MEAs' information assets, and they are very similar across MEAs, for example:

- ☐ Official meeting documents and records
- ☐ Legal records such as convention text, rules of procedures, status of ratifications, COPs and other meeting decisions, etc.
- ☐ Country contacts, OCPs, NFPs, CA, DNAs, etc.
- ☐ National reports on implementation and compliance
- ☐ MEA country profiles
- ☐ Project specific data, etc.
- ☐ Materials for technical and capacity assistance, such as video recordings of webinars, proceedings of workshops, countries' needs assessments, etc.
- ☐ e-learning and training courses
- ☐ Science based recommendations and studies from scientific subsidiary bodies

Cooperation between MEA Secretariats and other organizations

- ❑ The InforMEA initiative was launched at the UNEP/MEA KM Meeting in Chexbres, Switzerland, 22-24 September 2009
- ❑ Participants recommended to exchange data among the MEAs secretariats on
1) **Calendars/Events**, 2) **COP decisions**, 3) **National Contacts**, and 4) **Official Documents**.
Established a **Steering Committee** and a **Working Group**.
- ❑ First InforMEA Initiative Steering Committee Meeting, 22-24 June 2010, Glion, Switzerland
 - 13 steering committee meetings and multiple meetings of the working group,
 - discussed and developed **standards for data schemas, APIs** and other **tools**,
 - structured around several workstreams: **Technical, semantic indexing** (glossaries, thesauri, taxonomies), **web archiving, e-Learning, national reporting, outreach** ...
 - developed of a **joint inforMEA portal** and other websites

Cooperation between MEA Secretariats and other organizations

- ❑ The InforMEA initiative currently has **26 MEA secretariats** hosted by **5 UN organisations**
- ❑ With UNEP support, the initiative has acquired **common ICT infrastructure** that is currently **hosted by the BRS Secretariat**
- ❑ <https://www.informea.org/>

How InforMEA works? Working principles and examples

- ❑ Information & data remains with the owners/custodians
- ❑ Start small, expand as resources permit
- ❑ Develop standard formats for automated data exchange (Interoperability)
- ❑ Extensive use of modern Internet technologies
- ❑ Metadata standards & taxonomies
- ❑ Resource, expertise & best practices sharing
- ❑ Resource mobilization efforts
- ❑ Interoperability: <https://www.informea.org/en/about/api>



InforMEA: from sharing information to producing new content

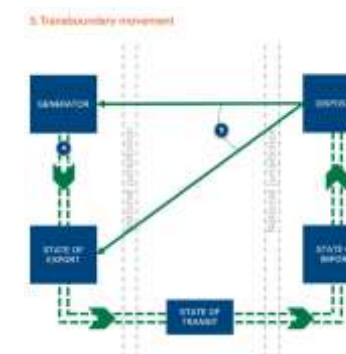
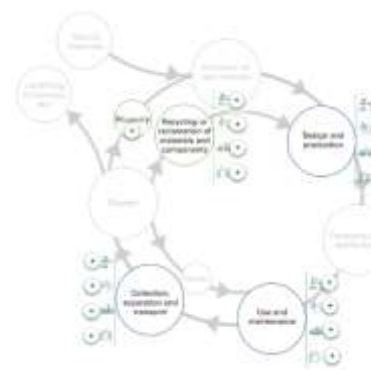
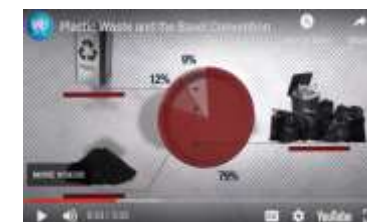
- ❑ A number of MEA secretariats lack resources and expertise in certain areas of Knowledge Management
- ❑ The InforMEA eLearning platform now hosts over 50 training courses in multiple languages.
- ❑ Judicial portal, Negotiator's toolkit, ...
- ❑ <https://elearning.informea.org/>

Interactive online course: Plastic Waste and the Basel Convention



Updated version now available on:

- ✓ UN CC:e-learn (EN, FR, SP)  UN CC:e-Learn
- ✓ InforMEA (EN)  InforMEA learning
 - One-stop-shop on strategies, tools and guidance to tackle plastic waste in line with the Basel Convention
 - 4 modules and 8 lessons with videos, interactive content, quizzes etc.
 - In cooperation with UNITAR
 - Funding: European Union



Challenges, the future, emerging technologies

- ❑ Data quality, data gaps
 - ❑ Legal constrains
 - ❑ Language barriers
 - ❑ Training needed to use IT tools
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- ❑ Satellite imagery can help with environmental data
 - ❑ Sensors and Internet of Things
 - ❑ Cloud computing
 - ❑ Artificial Intelligence

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Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

What is CITES?

- **Biodiversity-related MEA** (Signed 3 March 1973, 183 countries + EU)
- Covers specimens of **<40'000 species of wild fauna and flora** (live, dead, parts or derivatives)
- Aims to ensure that **international trade** does not threaten their survival (import, export, re-export, introduction from the sea)
- A dynamic and adaptive instrument with **three Appendices** that accord different levels of trade measures, to ensure:

Legality

Specimens are legally obtained

Sustainability

Wildlife trade is not detrimental

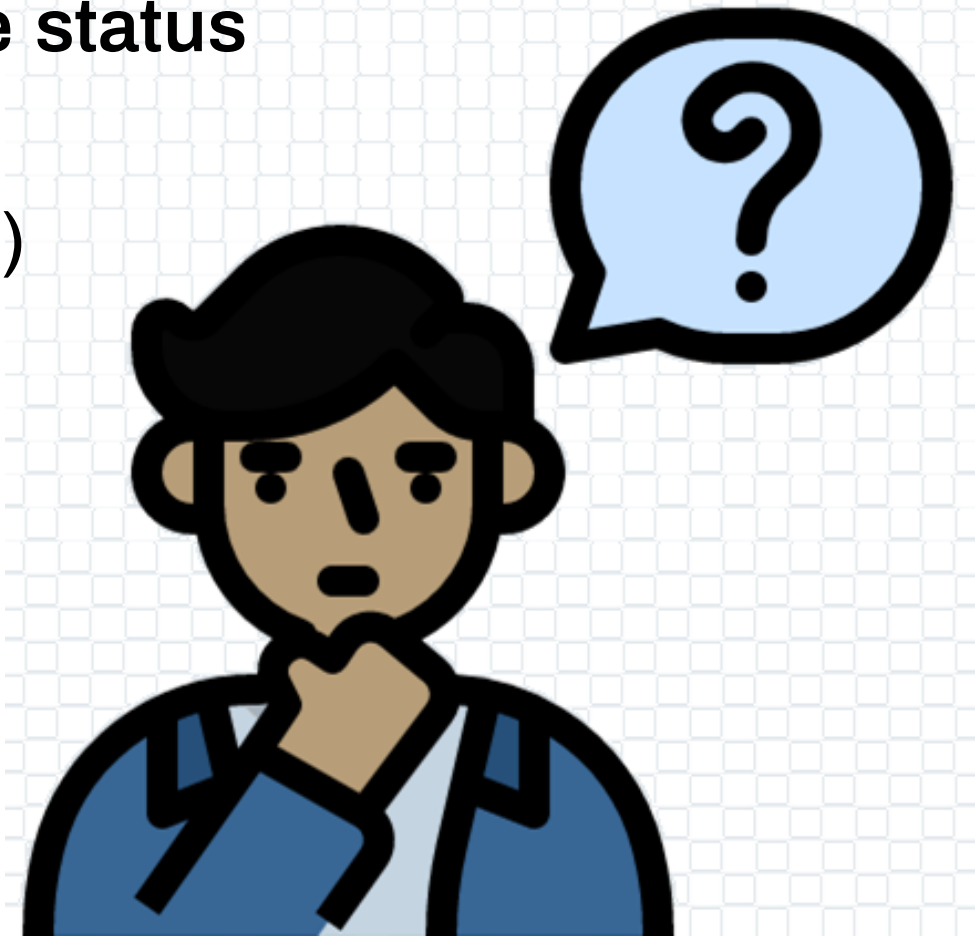
Traceability

Traced from origin to final destination through permits

Challenges in Parties finding their own information...

Complex & lengthy compliance processes make it hard to know the national compliance status

- National legislation
- Annual reports (legal and illegal trade)
- Review of Significant trade (species or taxonomic group-based)
- Article-XIII process
- National Ivory Action Plans

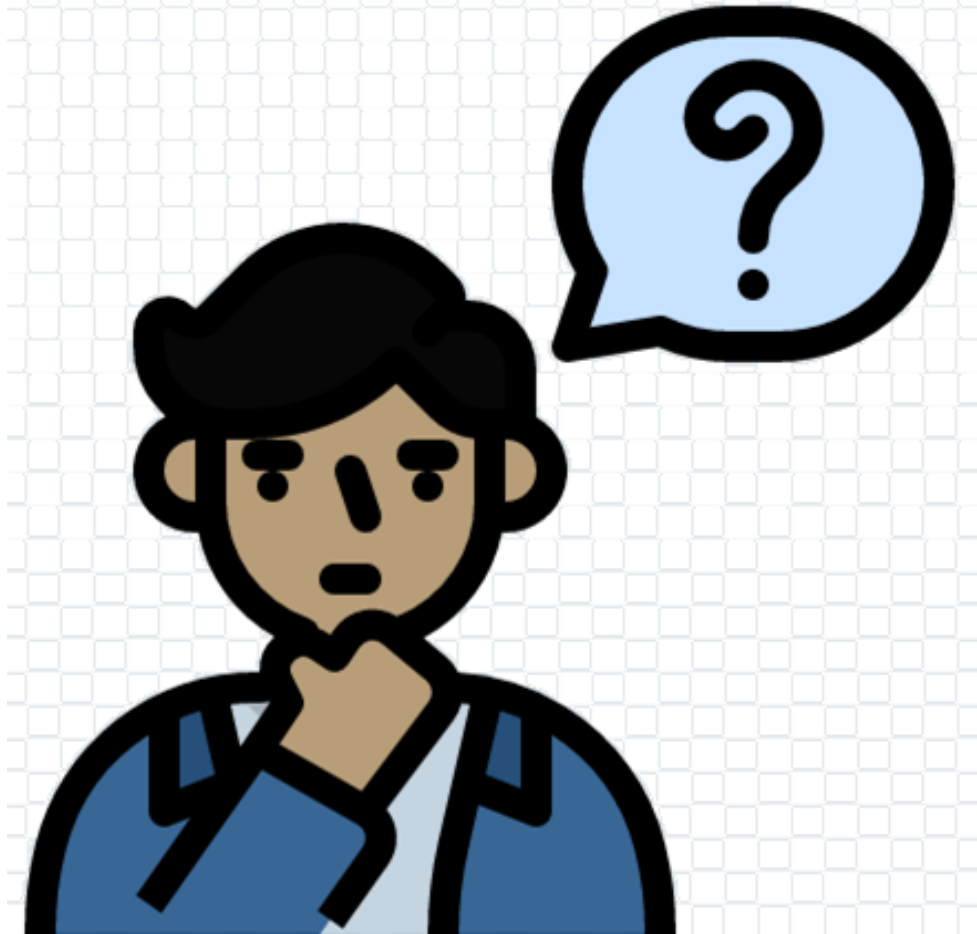


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Information sent by Parties collected & managed separately at the Secretariat

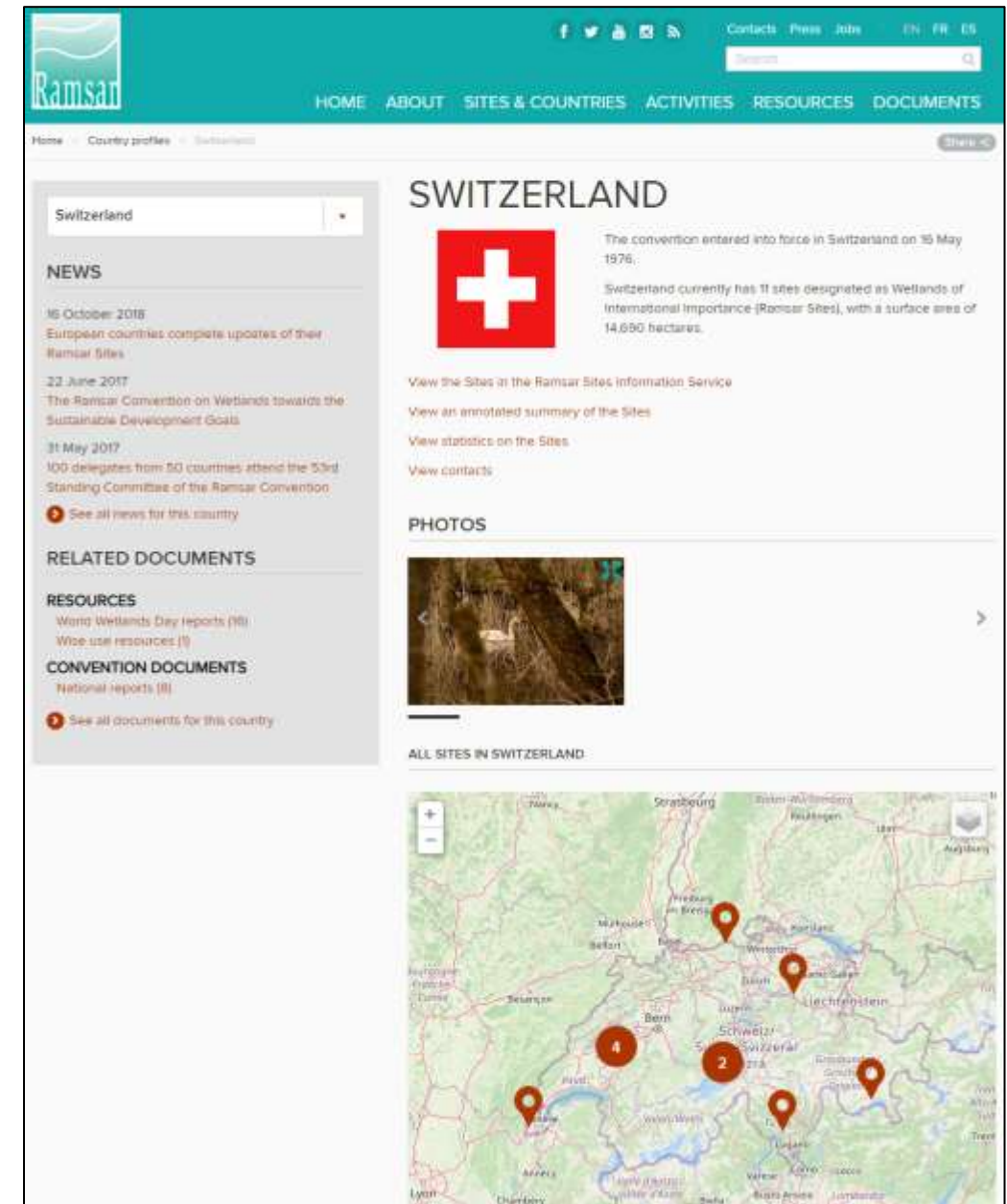
- National reports
- Annual export quotas
- Trade exemptions
- Permit information
- Focal points (MA, SA, Enforcement)

Parties not fully benefiting from knowledge kept by the Secretariat



What we did...

- How do other MEAs organize information?
- What information/data do we collect from Parties?
- How do we keep and update information?
- How can we use it to help determine areas of compliance challenges and capacity support?
- Can we link to other databases (Review of Significant trade, SpeciesPlus, CITES Trade DB)?



Result...

- Country profile page
- Compliance database


Next...

- Parties to self-update info
- Improved cross-searches
- Maps and visualizations
- Other documents
(Notification, etc.)



Switzerland

OVERVIEWREPORTSCOUNTRY-SPECIFIC MEASURESCOMPLIANCE STATUS

Official name	Region	ISO 3166-2 code	Flag
Switzerland	Europe	CH	

Party status

Type	Party status	Date of joining	Entry into force
Party	Ratification	09 July 1974	01 July 1975

Data on species and trade

[CITES Checklist](#)
[CITES Trade Database](#)

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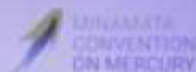
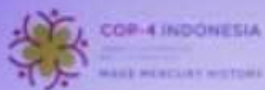
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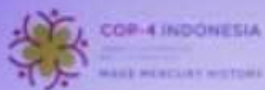


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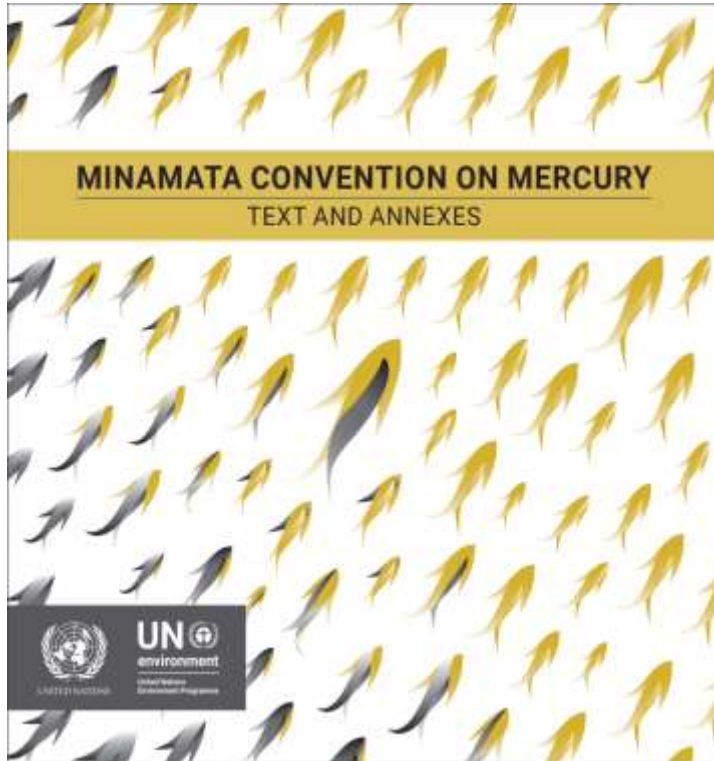
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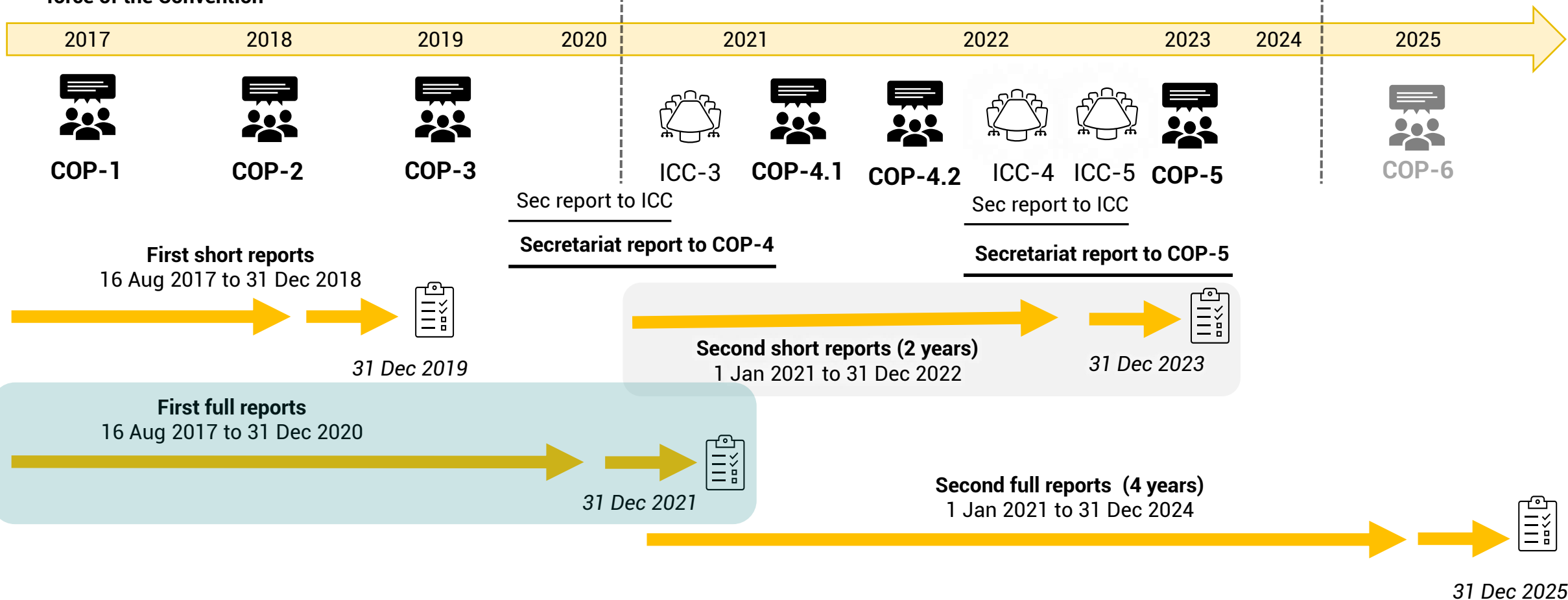


- ▶ Paragraph 1 of article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury provides that **each party** shall **report to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat**, on the **measures** taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on the **effectiveness** of such measures and the possible **challenges** in meeting the objective of the Convention.
- ▶ At its first meeting (2017), the Conference of the Parties:
 - ▶ Agreed on the **full format of reporting** and decided that each Party shall report every **four years** using the full format and report every **two years** on four questions marked by an asterisk in the full format.
 - ▶ Encouraged each Party to provide an **electronic version** of its report.
 - ▶ Requested the Secretariat to make available an electronic version of the party's **previous report** so that it may be updated accordingly.

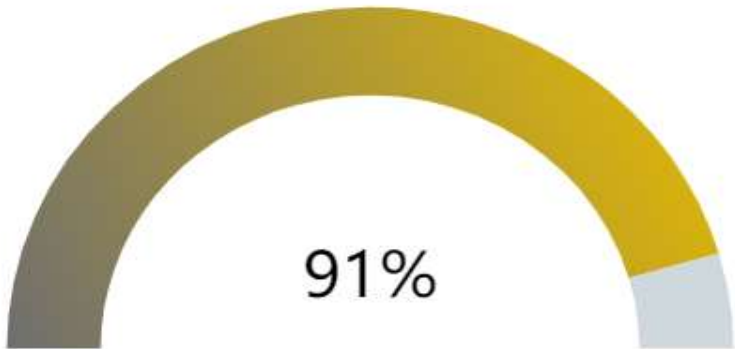
- ▶ The **full format contains 43 questions** to be answered by all parties every four years, while the short report contains four questions (indicated by an asterisk in the full format) to be answered every two years.
- ▶ The national reporting format consists of five parts:
 - ▶ **Part A:** requests **information about the Party** and respondent
 - ▶ **Part B:** contains the **43 questions**
 - ▶ **Part C:** provides an opportunity for Parties to comment on **possible challenges** in meeting the objectives of the Convention
 - ▶ **Part D:** provides an opportunity for Parties to **comment on the reporting format** and possible improvements
 - ▶ **Part E:** provides an opportunity to add **comments on each of the articles in free text** if the Party chooses to do so.

Overview of the Convention's National Reporting Timeline

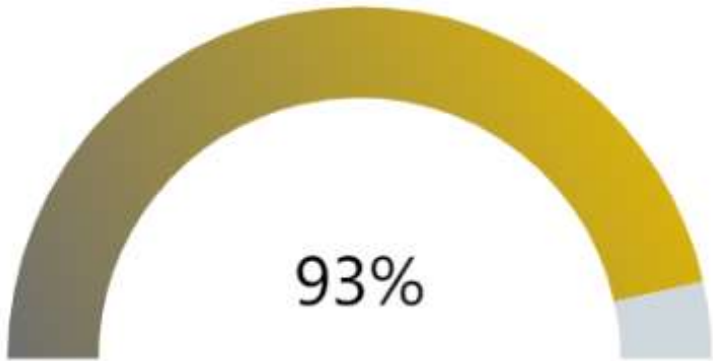
16 August 2017 : Entry into
force of the Convention



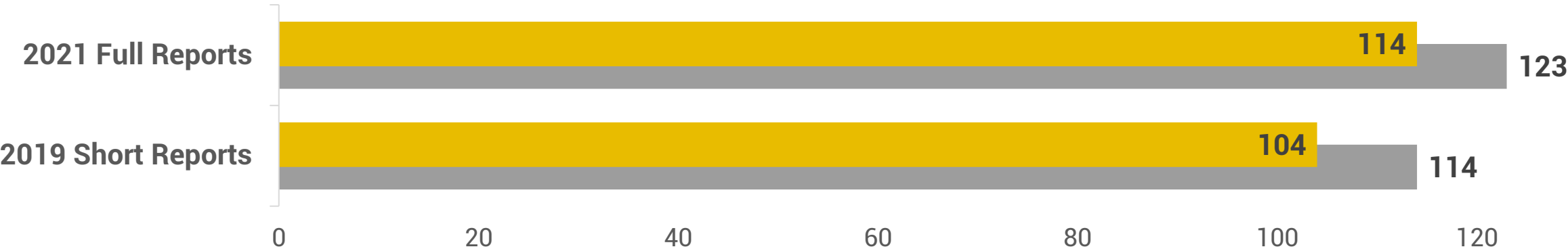
2019 Short Reports compared with 2021 Full Reports by 29 April 2023



**2019 Short Reports –
Reporting Rate (31/12/2022)**



**2021 Full Reports –
Reporting Rate (05/04/2023)**



■ Number of Parties reported by 29 April 2023 ■ Number of Parties required to report

Introduction to the Online Reporting Tool



Getting ready for the Online Reporting Tool



Online Reporting Tool

Welcome to the Minamata Convention Online Reporting Tool

"Reporting on measures to be taken to implement the provisions of the Minamata Convention, the effectiveness of such measures and the challenges encountered."

Article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury requires that each Party to the Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objective of the Convention. To enable Article 21 reporting, the Online Reporting Tool (ORT) has been opened for the next set of reports due by 31 December 2023.

The Parties to the Convention are to submit their second short national report for the reporting period from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022, that are due by 31 December 2023.

Please click on the links in the table below to access the respective reports in the ORT. For your reference, your past reports, if submitted, are also available for the preceding submission years.

Year	Status	Tasks
2023 - Short report	In progress	Deadline
2021 - Full report	In progress	Deadline
2019 - Short report	Not reported	

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An **Offline Paper Version** of the reporting format specified to the short national report has been prepared to facilitate collection and collation of information for the report. The ORT and the Offline Paper Version are based on and consistent with the Annex to Decision MC-1/6. Timing and format of reporting by the Parties where four questions are marked by an asterisk for Parties to respond in the short national reports. Please bear in mind that the Offline Paper Version is only a preparatory tool to assist Parties and is not to replace or be a substitute for reporting through the ORT. As per paragraph 7 of Decision MC-1/6, Parties are encouraged to use the electronic version of the report when submitting the report to the Secretariat.

Overview of the reporting format

The full reporting format consists of five parts: Part A to Part E, where Part B consists of 48 questions.

Part A: General information on the Party for which the report is being submitted.

Part B: Information on measures taken by the reporting Party to implement the relevant provisions and on the effectiveness of such measures in meeting the objective of the Convention (contains 48 questions by article).

Part C: Opportunity to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objective of the Convention.

Part D: Opportunity to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements.

Part E: Opportunity to provide additional comments on each of the articles in free text (if the Party chooses to do so (Note: in the ORT the opportunity to provide additional comments on each of the articles in free text is provided per article throughout the report, as opposed to at the end as a separate section)).

For the short reports, Parties are to respond to the questions marked by an asterisk in the format in Part B.

Note: To complete the national reports:

- Fill ahead in order to secure the information required for all parts of the reporting format, and particularly for the questions in part B, as well as the attachments and links that may be needed, in good time to ensure that reports are submitted in full by the deadline.
- When reporting annual data, specify the year(s). Where the reporting period is not 1 January to 31 December, specify the period.
- When answering open questions, ensure that the responses are succinct while at the same time offering a "meaningful story".
- Check for consistency between the responses to different questions.
- Note the units in which information on amounts are to be provided (e.g. metric tons).

Part A Information on the party

1. Information on the party

Name of party:

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited:

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party:

2. Information on the national focal point

Full name of the institution:

Title of contact officer:

Name of contact officer:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Fax number:

E-mail:

Web page:

Completion status

Part A

Information on the party

Part B

Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade

Art. 11: Mercury wastes

Part C

Comments

Part D

Supplemental - Additional comments

Review

Complete

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Part B Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade

3.1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

(Para. 5.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional information on this question if needed:

If the party answered No above, please explain:

Completion status

Part A

Information on the party

Part B

Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade

Art. 11: Mercury wastes

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3.5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period? @

(Para. 6, Para. 7.)

☐ Yes, exports to pattern

☐ Yes, exports to non-parties

☐ No

☐ No, no export

Online Reporting Tool Demo

Online Reporting Tool - Main features

- ▶ The **fully-fledged online reporting tool** was launched in September 2022 after 5.5 months of conceptualization and development work.
- ▶ It is **integrated** with the new Minamata Convention website, developed in Drupal. All the information is stored sharing the same data architecture. Therefore, the possibilities for visualizing information on the website or integrating it with other UN systems like InforMEA are endless.
- ▶ The ORT can be accessed and filled in in all **6 UN languages**.
- ▶ It allows also Parties to access the **previous reports**.
- ▶ **Navigation** can be forward and backward, and after completing each section it will be shown on the right **sidebar status**.
- ▶ For increasing user experience, each question is linked to each **article and paragraph**, focal points can start with any question, questions can be **saved**, and there **are conditional questions** and automatic **pre-populated fields**.
- ▶ The filled-in report can be **previewed** before submitting it.
- ▶ **Offline paper version** to facilitate collection and collation of information – same look and feel.
- ▶ **Online resources** and training material on the [Convention's website](#).
- ▶ **Secretariat support** – a technical team ready to help.

What happens after submission? Steps taken by the Secretariat

1

Collect reports, acknowledge and **check for completeness and clarity of responses.**

2

Completed report - Secretariat carries out a **check on the data and information**, to the extent possible. If necessary, the Secretariat sends queries for **clarification**.

3

Data and information provided by Parties is used in the preparation of different documents for the **COP**, the **Implementation and Compliance Committee**, and made available on the Minamata Convention **website**.

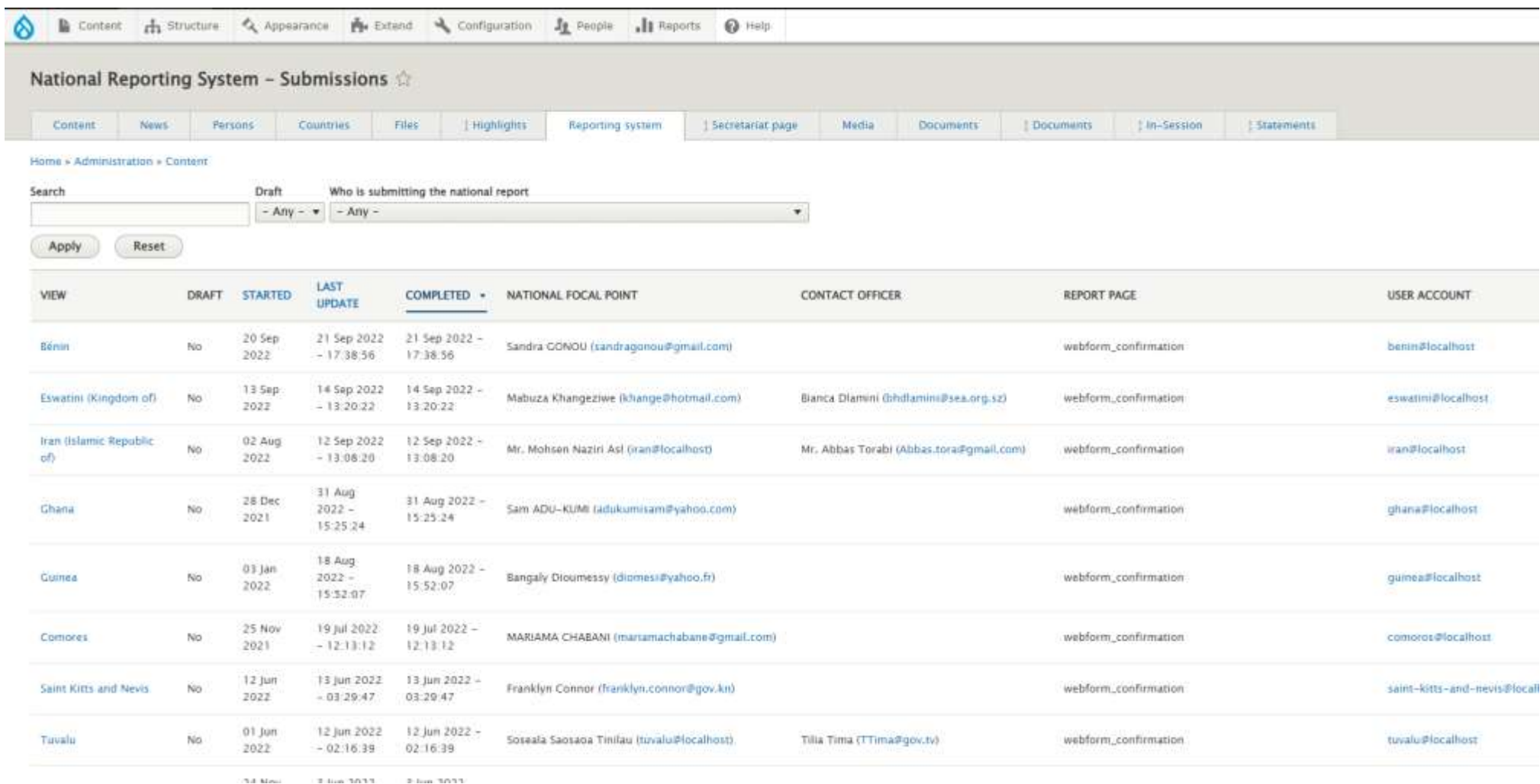
MC-3/9 Annex I, para. 25 (b):
Secretariat report to the ICC
"shall include but not limited to information about ***Parties' reporting performances*** and the identification of particular ***issues that may emerge from the reports*** and may be of interest to the Committee."

Behind the scenes - Data management



Database structure

- Reports are accessible from the same **Drupal website backend**, to view and manage data.



The screenshot shows the Drupal website backend for the National Reporting System - Submissions. The top navigation bar includes links for Content, Structure, Appearance, Extend, Configuration, People, Reports, and Help. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Administration » Content. A search bar is present with a 'Draft' filter and a dropdown for 'Who is submitting the national report'. The main content area displays a table of submissions with columns for View, Draft, Started, Last Update, Completed, National Focal Point, Contact Officer, Report Page, and User Account. The table lists submissions for Benin, Eswatini (Kingdom of), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ghana, Guinea, Comoros, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Tuvalu.

VIEW	DRAFT	STARTED	LAST UPDATE	COMPLETED	NATIONAL FOCAL POINT	CONTACT OFFICER	REPORT PAGE	USER ACCOUNT
Benin	No	20 Sep 2022	21 Sep 2022 - 17:38:56	21 Sep 2022 - 17:38:56	Sandra CONOU (sandragonou@gmail.com)		webform_confirmation	benin@localhost
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	No	13 Sep 2022	14 Sep 2022 - 13:20:22	14 Sep 2022 - 13:20:22	Mabuza Khangeziwe (khange@hotmail.com)	Bianca Dlamini (bhdlamini@sea.org.sz)	webform_confirmation	eswatini@localhost
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	No	02 Aug 2022	12 Sep 2022 - 13:08:20	12 Sep 2022 - 13:08:20	Mr. Mohsen Naziri Asl (iran@localhost)	Mr. Abbas Torabi (Abbas.tora@gmail.com)	webform_confirmation	iran@localhost
Ghana	No	28 Dec 2021	31 Aug 2022 - 15:25:24	31 Aug 2022 - 15:25:24	Sam ADU-KUMI (adukumisam@yahoo.com)		webform_confirmation	ghana@localhost
Guinea	No	03 Jan 2022	18 Aug 2022 - 15:52:07	18 Aug 2022 - 15:52:07	Bangaly Dioumessy (dioumessi@yahoo.fr)		webform_confirmation	guinea@localhost
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Saint Kitts and Nevis	No	12 Jun 2022	13 Jun 2022 - 03:29:47	13 Jun 2022 - 03:29:47	Franklyn Connor (Franklyn.connor@gov.kn)		webform_confirmation	saint-kitts-and-nevis@locall
Tuvalu	No	01 Jun 2022	12 Jun 2022 - 02:16:39	12 Jun 2022 - 02:16:39	Soseala Saosao Tinifau (tuvalu@localhost)	Tilia Tima (TTima@gov.tv)	webform_confirmation	tuvalu@localhost

Database structure

- ▶ The reporting tool is using **Webforms** as a customized Drupal module.
- ▶ Different **export formats**: delimited text, HTML table, JSON,
- ▶ Column options – all the questions
- ▶ **Download** options: order, limit to, submission state
- ▶ **Revisions** - workflow that allows data coming out from the complete reports to the Secretariat and back to the system with any edition made and/or improvement of questions, with traceability.

▼ FORMAT OPTIONS

Export format ?
JSON documents ▼

File name ? *

submission-[webform_submiss

▼ DOWNLOAD OPTIONS


☒ Download export file ?
☐ Download uploaded files ?

Limit to
All ▼

Order ?
Sort ascending ▼

☐ Starred/flagged submissions ?

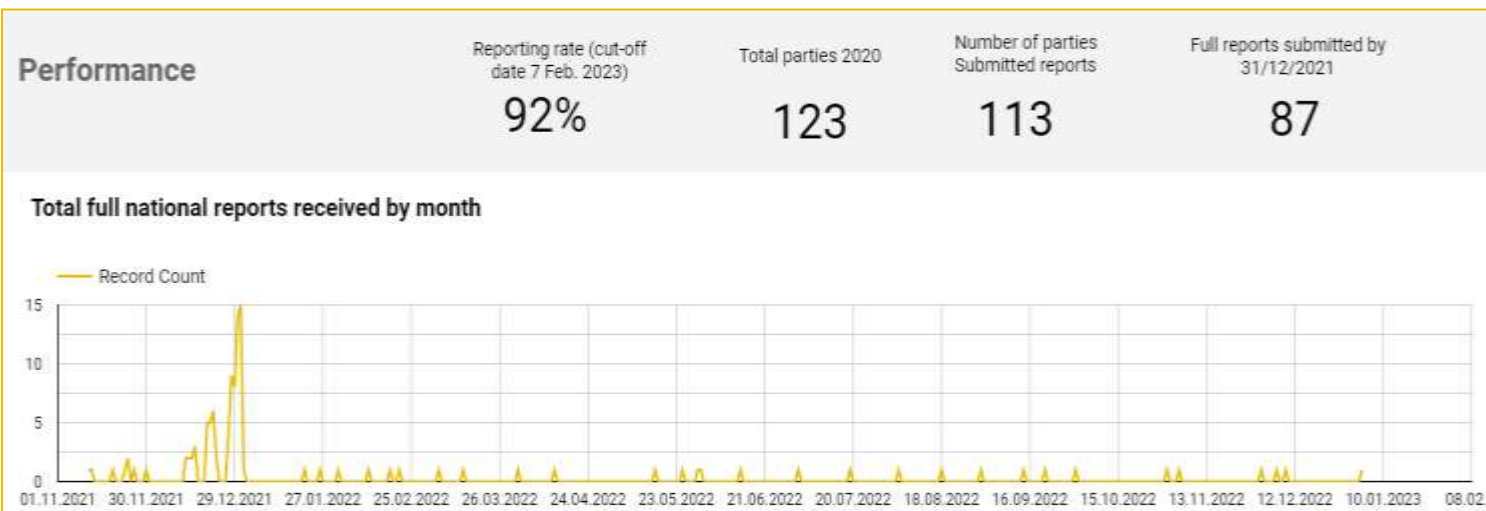
Submission state
☒ Completed and draft submissions
☐ Completed submissions only
☐ Drafts only

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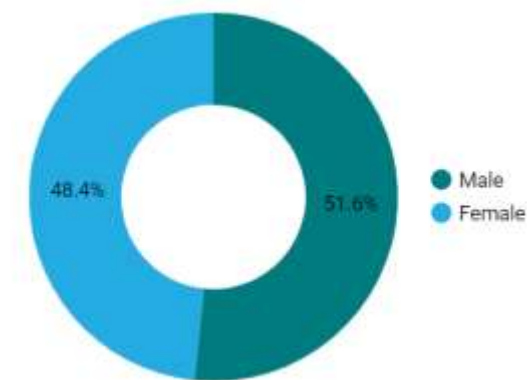
Data visualization - Dashboard



National Reporting Dashboard



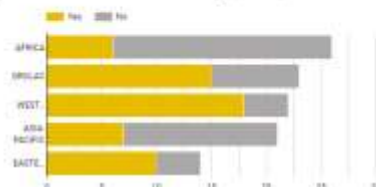
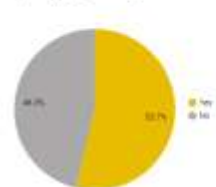
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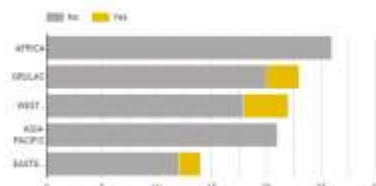
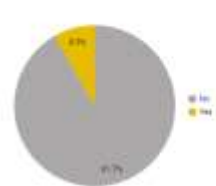
National Reporting quantitative data - 2021

Part B - Art.3: Mercury supply sources and trade

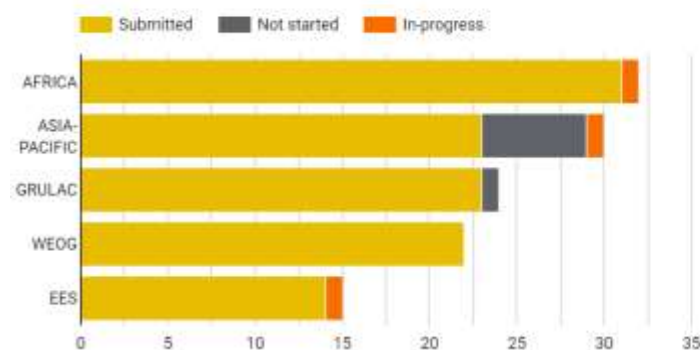
3.3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5)



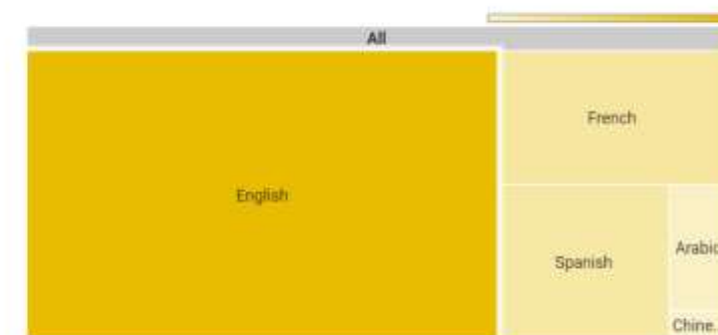
3.4. Does the party have excess mercury available from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities? (Para. 5 (b))



Reports by region



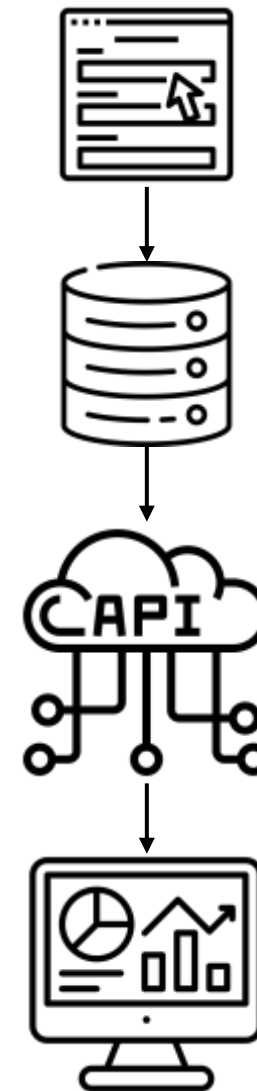
Reporting language



National Reporting Dashboard

- It compiles the **reporting performance** and all the **quantitative responses** with **135 data visualizations**.
- This Dashboard aims to provide users with **complementary insights for analyzing the responses to the full national reports**. Each page contains the aggregated response from Parties with a pie graph with the overall values in percentages and a stacked bar chart illustrating the data broken down by region.
- All the dashboard data comes **automatically and in real-time** from the Parties' responses in the Online Reporting Tool (ORT) database
- As with all data processing, this is the **first iteration of the Dashboard**, which will continue to **evolve** in terms of technology and depth of information management. Future iterations of the Dashboard may explore cross-references and other ways of visualising data.

[ACCESS THE DASHBOARD](#)



Way forward



For the ORT

- ▶ We have just added a **new cycle** – short reports to be submitted before 31 December 2023 (period 1 Jan 21 to 31 Dec 2022) and training sessions and materials to support Parties.
- ▶ **Benchmark analysis** – best practices + check part D of all reports and, when feasible, incorporate feedback.
- ▶ Upscales **dynamic dashboards** for all cycles in terms of technology and user experience.
- ▶ Create specific **visualizations** from the outcomes that are meaningful and provide insights – **cross-reference** data – consistency with **Effectiveness Evaluation** indicators.
- ▶ **Qualitative data** – data mining, machine learning?

Key items for COP-5:

- Consider the 2021 national reports, including ICC outcomes, and make clarifications as required
- Agree on reporting format
- Agree to reporting guidance

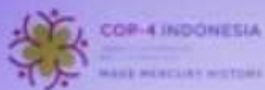


Thank you for your attention

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CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES ON KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

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WHY NATIONAL REPORTING MATTERS

- Reiterates commitment to implementation
- Key source of data for Convention processes and information gathering
 - Implementation and Compliance
 - Effectiveness Evaluation
 - Intersessional work
- Identifies successes, challenges and areas for improvement

BENEFITS BEYOND OBLIGATIONS

- Opportunity to take stock and reflect
 - Where are there successes, weaknesses?
 - What do we know, where are there gaps in information, and how could those gaps be filled?
 - Results are helpful to prioritize work planning and resources
 - Can provide evidence to drive regulatory development

BENEFITS BEYOND OBLIGATIONS

- Opportunity to contextualize data
 - Tell the story of mercury and mercury management
 - Explain data sources, shortcomings, anomalies
 - Expand on challenges faced in collecting, analyzing or reporting on data

BENEFITS BEYOND OBLIGATIONS

- Information sharing
 - What are others doing? Is it successful? Can it be replicated or modified to fit your needs?
 - Are there opportunities to collaborate, scale up, or expand projects and initiatives?
- Raise awareness
 - Within the government
 - Opportunities for public communication

CANADIAN PROCESS

1

Work planning

- Review guidance documents and reporting format
- Identify required vs supplementary information
- Inventory available data/information sources
- Consider timelines to request and receive information

2

Outreach and data collection

- Identify data providers and begin early engagement
- Formally request information according to internal processes
- Tailor questions to be as specific as possible
- Follow up on requests for information and clarify responses as needed

3

Compilation and submission

- Information compiled in the offline version of the reporting format

- Documentation to plan and track progress is used throughout the process
- As part of first reports, Canada developed an internal guidance document to help streamline subsequent reports

DATA SOURCES AND CHALLENGES

Sources of information



Release
inventories



Customs and
trade data



Surveys



Regulatory
reporting



Government
experts

Challenges

- Requests for data can take a long time
- Collecting data from different levels of government
- Data not always available in level of detail required

FINAL THOUGHTS

- High reporting rate is very encouraging
- Openness and transparency in national reporting is key to reaching the objectives of the Minamata Convention
- THANK YOU to the Minamata Secretariat for your efforts to help Parties complete reports



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**10 MAY 2023 | 18:15 - 19:45 CEST
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AGENDA

Opening Remarks

- Carlos MARTIN NOVELLA | Deputy Executive Secretary, BRS Secretariat
- Patricia KAMERI-MBOTE | Director, Law Division, UN Environment Programme
- Monika STANKIEWICZ | Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention Secretariat

Stakeholders' Perspectives

InforMEA Initiative: MEAs Cooperation on Knowledge Management to Support Parties and Others

- Osmany PEREIRA | Chief, Information and Conference Services Branch, BRS Secretariat

CITES: Showcasing Country Profiles and Compliance Database

- Haruko OKUSU | Chief, Outreach and Projects Unit, CITES Secretariat
- Shashika SEDARA HETTIGE | Associate Information Systems Officer, CITES Secretariat

Minamata Convention on Mercury: Behind the Scenes – Celebrating Success and Preparing for the Future of National Reporting

- Anna GARCÍA SANS | Communications and Knowledge Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat
- Jamie KNILL | Physical Science Specialist, Environment and Climate Change Canada

InforMEA Initiative: MEAs Coming Together for Knowledge Management - Services for National Focal Points and Negotiators

- Peter SPEELMAN | Associate Legal Officer, Law Division, UNEP

Panel Discussion

- Moderated by Diana Rizzolio | Coordinator, Geneva Environment Network

Closing



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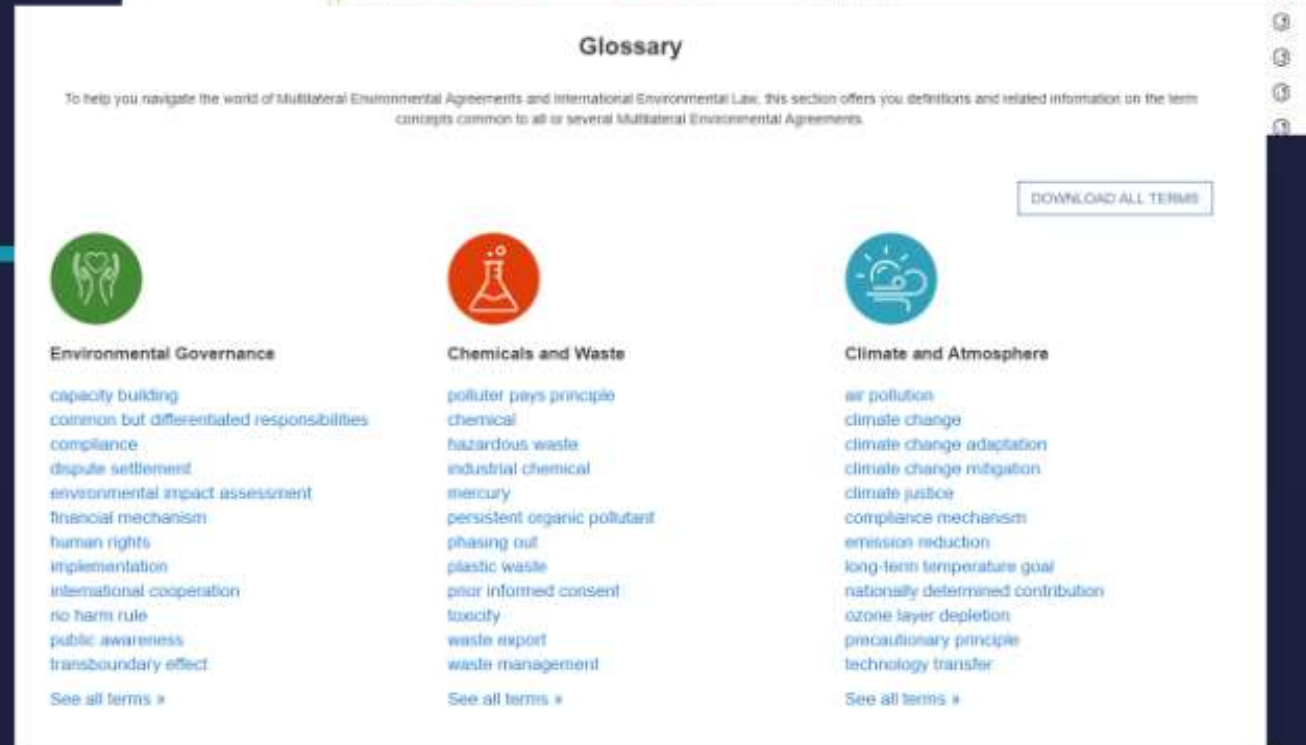
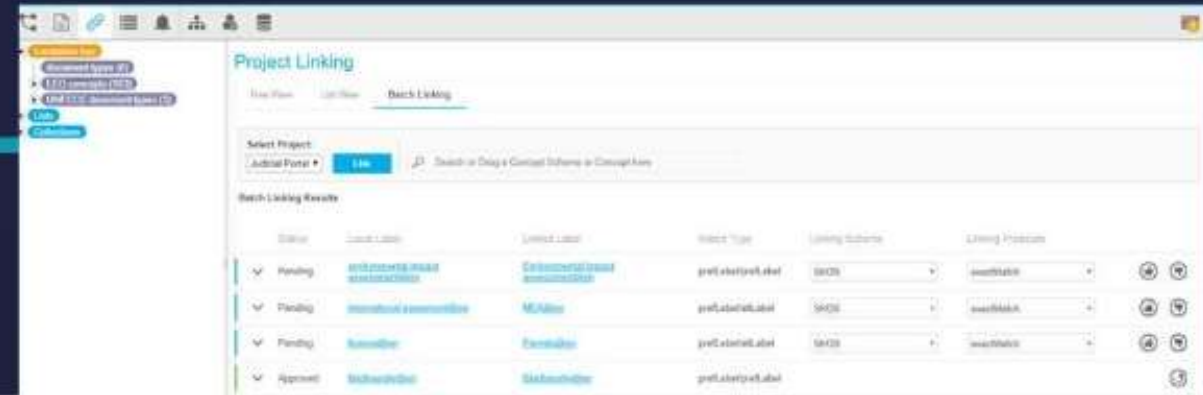
Membership

BIODIVERSITY	LAND	CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERE	CHEMICALS	MARINE AND FRESHWATER
CBD	UNCCD	UNFCCC	Basel C.	DOALOS
CITES	IPPC*	Ozone & Montreal Protocol	Rotterdam C.	MAP & Regional Seas Conventions
CMS/AEWA	ITPGR-FA	LRTAP	Stockholm C.	Ramsar
ITPGR-FA			Minamata C.	
IPCC*			SAICM	
WHC	ENVIRONMENT. GOVERNANCE & CROSS CUTTING	Aarhus C. Escazu C.	UNECE Cs.	International Whaling Commission
IPBES				

Interoperability

InforMEA's approach is rooted in the desire to **build capacity** with the **custodian of the data** and to **negotiate** voluntary **data standards**.

Interoperability entailed negotiations of schema, implementation of harvesting protocol (API) and the agreement on a common set of term concepts.



More recently, InforMEA has identified and acquired a top-of-the-line tagging software, carrying significant potential for future interoperability between MEAs.

InforMEA Portal

85+	Treaty Pages
2,000	Treaties and Protocols
13,000	COP Decisions
12,000	National Plans & Reports
16,000	News and events
190,000	National Laws
3,000	Court Cases
63,000	Documents and Literature
1,000	Goals and Declarations
5,000	Contacts

305,000 Documents

Filterable against:

- Topics
- MEAs
- Countries
- Time frames

Indexed against

500+

Term Concepts
defined in five
UN languages



InforMEA

hazardous waste

Chemicals and Waste

DEFINITION(S)

Any waste or combination of wastes with the potential to damage human health, living organisms or the environment. Hazardous wastes usually require special handling and disposal procedures which are regulated by national and international laws. (Source: GEMET/HMD / DEE / HMD)

HIERARCHY

Alternative labels: toxic waste

Exact matches:














Related concepts: [hazardous substance](#), [biological contamination](#), [medical waste](#)

Concept URI: <https://www.informea.org/en/knowledge/glossary/hazardous-waste>

IN OTHER LANGUAGES

French	déchets dangereux
Russian	опасные отходы
Spanish	residuos peligrosos
Arabic	نفايات خطرة

You can see below a list of multilateral environment agreements. Use the links on the right to view the content tagged with **hazardous waste**. This includes official treaty texts, decisions, recommendations, and other related informational documents such as publications, annuals, meetings, documents or reports.

	Basel Convention	11 articles and paragraphs	8 decisions	672 documents
	Stockholm Convention	5 articles and paragraphs	1 decision	68 documents
	Montreal Protocol		1 decision	
	Kyoto Protocol	2 articles and paragraphs		
	Rotterdam Convention			36 documents
	Barcelona Convention		1 decision	
	Dumping Protocol	2 articles and paragraphs		
	Prevention and Emergency Protocol	1 article or paragraph		
	Offshore Protocol	3 articles and paragraphs		
	Hazardous Wastes Protocol	11 articles and paragraphs	1 decision	
	Noumea Convention	2 articles and paragraphs		
	Bamako Convention		15 decisions	1 document
	Minamata Convention on Mercury	2 articles and paragraphs	1 decision	1 document

EXPLORE CONTENT

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Summary: By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

Keywords: air pollution, chemical, emission reduction, hazardous waste, land-based marine pollution, marine pollution, oil pollution, persistent organic pollutant, Pollution, ship-based marine pollution, soil pollution, sound environmental management, water pollution

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MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENTS TAGGED WITH TARGET 12.4

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Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics

Decision

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Resolution

Glossary term(s): land-based marine pollution, marine debris, marine ecosystem, marine pollution, plastic waste, Pollution, transport

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Basel Convention

28 Jun 1989

27 Jun 1991

Ratification

Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

11 Sep 1980

28 May 1982

Party



Convention on Biological Diversity

12 Jun 1992

22 Nov 1994

Ratification



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

08 Apr 1981

08 Jan 1981

Ratification



Convention on Migratory Species

01 Jan 1992

01 Jan 1992

Ratification



International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

10 Jun 2002

13 May 2016

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Kyoto Protocol

16 Mar 1998

28 Sep 2001

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Minamata Convention on Mercury

10 Oct 2013

25 Sep 2017

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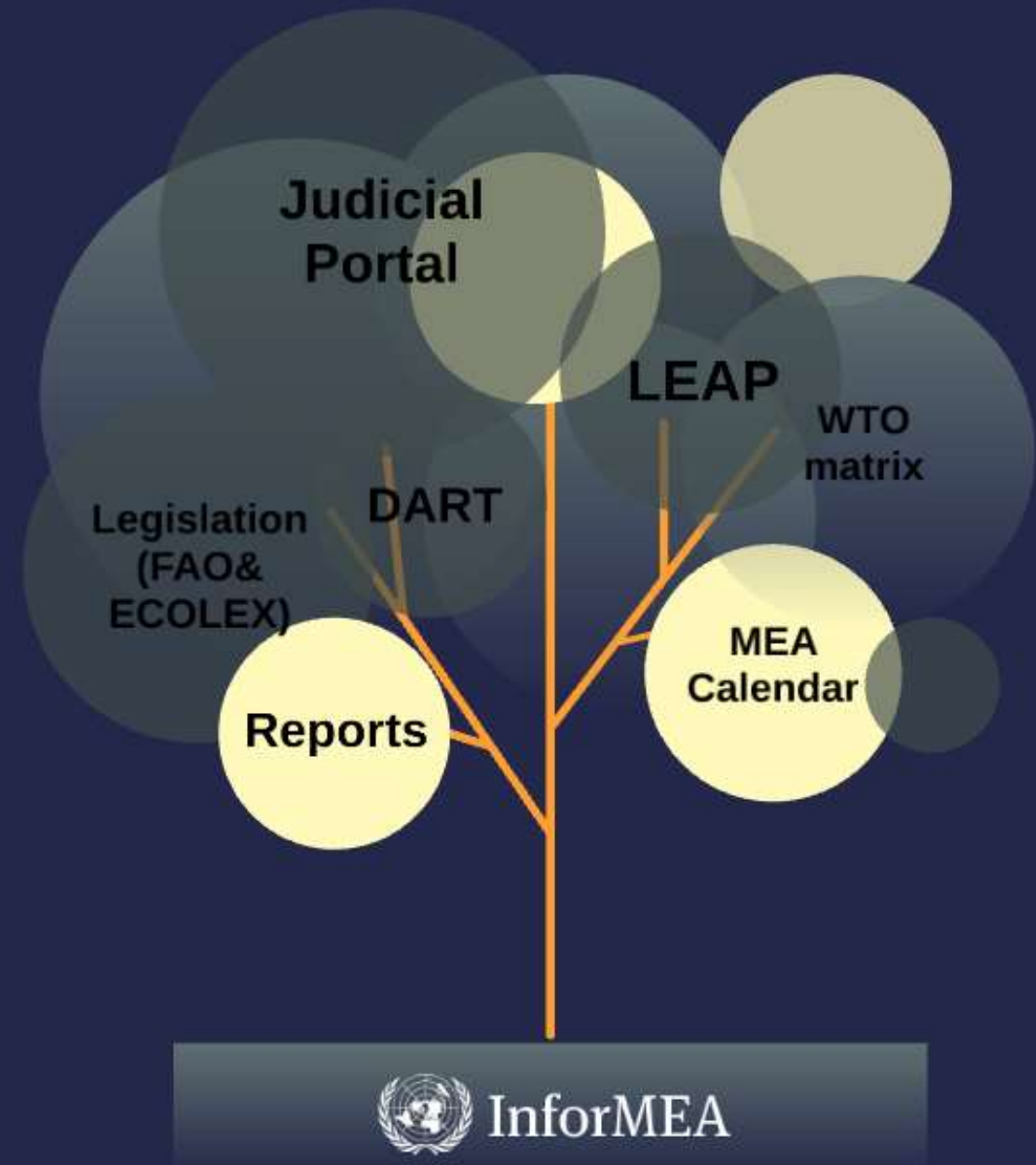
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Inter-operable tools

Over the past years InforMEA supported the development of linked tools for law related stakeholder groups





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Prototype designed with Eau de Web endorsed by 10th InforMEA SC

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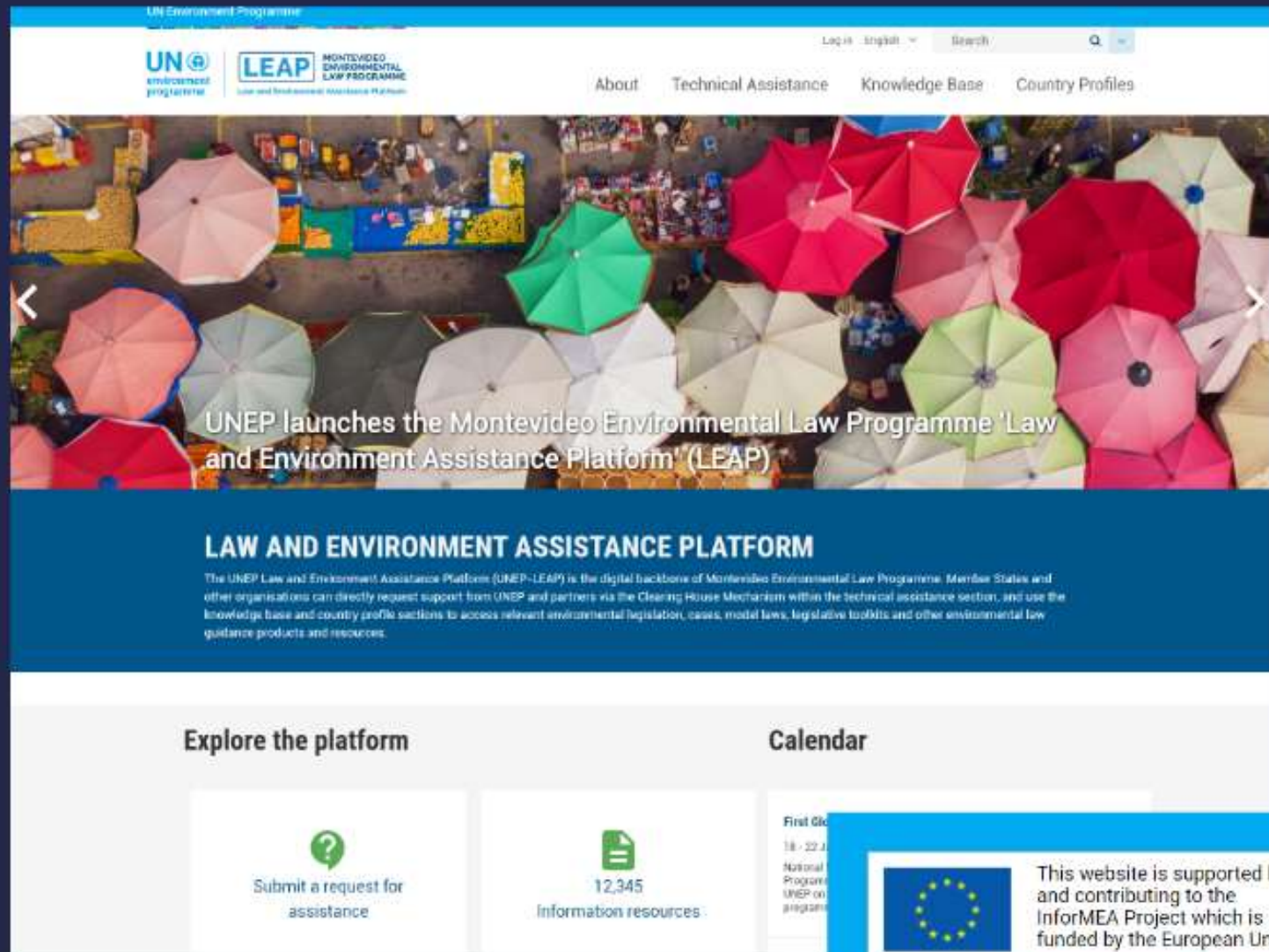
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10th SC Meeting invites deeper connection to MEA legal officers and link to work on EROL in the Law Division. Legal officers from UN and MEAs are invited for input - LEAP is initiated.

Prototype designed and shared in stages with MEAs/InforMEA linking to legislation, MEA data and InforMEA courses.

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L2: What are the Plastic Waste Amendments?

START

This lesson will inform you about the Plastic Waste Amendments, adopted by decision [BC-14/12](#) in 2019. It explains the implications of the Plastic Waste Amendments, in particular regarding the classification of plastic waste and related obligations in terms of the [prior informed consent](#) (PIC) procedure.

Moreover, this lesson provides a brief overview of other relevant actions taken by the COP, notably decision [BC-14/13](#) - also adopted at the 14th meeting in 2019 - following which, amongst others, the [Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership](#) (PWP) was established.

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Re-engaging with MEA Negotiators and National Focal Points

The Negotiators Toolkit

Negotiator's toolkit

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3 Machinery

3.1 Conduct of business in MEA meetings

We will start by examining the rules of procedure, which play a critical role in MEA negotiations. All too often MEA negotiators have only a limited awareness of the rules of procedure. Many are technical specialists or strategic actors focused on their own specific objectives, and prefer to leave rules of procedure to legal experts. Some may not even recognize the influence that the rules of procedure have on the negotiations and substantive outcomes, as open discussion of the rules is often avoided among negotiators for various reasons. Yet even where no explicit reference is made to the rules of procedure, they constantly operate in the background, influencing Parties' conduct and thus exercising a profound influence on the multilateral process and its outcomes. An obvious example is a rule on majority decision-making. Voting is generally avoided in international diplomacy, but whether and how consensus is obtained on a given issue may depend to some degree on the understanding of how Parties would vote. Overall, knowing the rules of procedure is critical to deal with procedural moves by other Parties or a presiding officer, because procedural issues can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of negotiations.

When States first form an a negotiating body or forum to negotiate a new MEA, one of the first items on the agenda is to adopt rules of procedure for the negotiating body. If the negotiations lead to an MEA, the latter typically provides that a Conference of the Parties (COP- see the section on structure) will, at its first meeting, adopt by unanimous vote or by consensus the rules of procedure as well as financial rules. Many of the rules of procedure and financial rules are the same for all MEAs. However, a negotiator should always be familiar with the particular



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12 Essentials of Multilateral Negotiation

1. Representing your country in a multilateral negotiation is a serious undertaking and a major responsibility, not to be entered into lightly. 2. Prepare as much as possible to understand the subject of the negotiations, your country's interests, and the

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CARICOM Key Principles of Negotiation Training Slides

Training presentation on key principles of MEA negotiation provided by CARICOM to prepare regional negotiators for CBD COP 15.

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Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The version linked above was made available at the thirty-second Meeting of States Parties from 13-17 June 2022. MEETING OF STATES PARTIES Thirty-second Meeting (13-17 June 2022)

MEAs: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea



Glossary of Terms for Negotiators of MEAs

This glossary is a modified and edited version of a glossary prepared by the UNEP Law Division on the basis of publicly available information, including the United Nations Treaty Collection Treaty Reference Guide, websites of the global MEAs, the UNITAR Glossary of Terms for UN Delegates, and literature on international negotiations and international Law.



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AAAA

Aarhus Convention

ABS

ACAP

Acceptance

Access And Benefit-sharing

Accession

Acclamation

Accreditation

Acronym

Ad Hoc

Ad Referendum

Adaptation

Adaptation Committee

Adaptation Communication

Adaptation Fund

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Gavel

GBF

GBO

GC

GCOS

GEF

General Assembly (UN GA Or UNGA)

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GHGs

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