

Convention: BC

Support for implementation of the selected components of the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention and for enhancing national legislation, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: 33

Programme budget for 2012–2013

COP-decisions:

- BC-10/2: Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012-2021
- BC-10/3: Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention
- BC-10/13: National legislation, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic
- BC-10/23: Capacity-building for the implementation of the Basel Convention

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Developing countries and countries with economies in transition continue to face challenges related to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention. In particular, it relates to absence or fragmentation of legislation enacting the implementation of the Basel Convention, lack of legislative and other measures for the prohibition of imports of hazardous waste, and lack of coordinated response to illegal traffic. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP 10) adopted a decision on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (decision BC-10/3). Section A of this decision addresses the entry into force of the Ban Amendment, its section E specifies activities aiming to combat illegal traffic more effectively, while section F requests assisting developing countries which are facing specific challenges with regard to prohibiting the import of hazardous wastes. These as well as sections related to building capacity and further strengthening the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centers will be addressed through the proposed activities.

COP10 also adopted decision 10/13 where the Parties requested the Secretariat, subject to availability of funding, to organize enforcement training activities, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, the secretariats of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other international organizations, agencies or programmes, to assist parties, particularly developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition, to develop national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the Convention and to prevent and punish illegal traffic.

Activity 33 of the work programme serves to fulfill the decision BC-10/13 and contributes to the implementation of other decisions such as BC-10/3 on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention as well as BC-10/2 on the Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021, and others. A programme includes a series of national projects, to be implemented by the Basel Convention Regional Centres. The proposed projects would begin with an analysis of the gaps in national legislation, in the implementation and the enforcement of the Basel Convention; then a national consultation process would be organized to develop draft legislation or recommendations to fulfill the gaps identified. The draft legislation or recommendations would be presented in a training programme for enforcement officers and regulators, focusing on the implementation of the Basel Convention and the prevention of illegal traffic of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes. The training programme would involve institutions having responsibilities in the implementation and enforcement chain, enhancing coordination at the national level.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Development of gap and needs analysis on the implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention;
- Assessing and strengthening legal frameworks for the implementation of the Basel Convention, including through the facilitation of use greater use of the Basel Convention model legislation and revision of national legislative and other measures for the prohibition of import of hazardous waste;
- Developing and disseminating materials through the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres for awareness-raising on national measures for the prohibition of hazardous wastes;
- National consultation processes to discuss enhancement of national legislation, implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention.
- National activities aiming to support Parties to ratify and implement the Ban Amendment, including country-specific national surveys on the implications of ratification and entry into force of the Amendment, in-depth national impact assessments of economic, environmental, and social implications of the ratification of the Ban Amendment, awareness-raising activities and other activities;
- National and regional training activities (face-to-face in combination with online tools) on improving effectiveness in the implementation, enforcement and prevention of illegal traffic forenforcement agencies and environmental authorities;
- Facilitating collection and information exchange on best practices in enforcement;
- Stimulating the formation of new networks with other enforcement organizations or regions where such networks do not exist.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Gaps and needs analyses developed;
- Norms and regulations drafted;
- Training and awareness-raising materials available;
- Increased expertise of enforcement agencies and environmental authorities to combat illegal traffic;
- Increased awareness of the tools and means for effective implementation of the Basel Convention.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2012-2013

<i>BUDGET COMPONENTS</i>	
<i>1. Meetings and training activities</i>	<i>600,000</i>
<i>2. Consultants and experts</i>	<i>300,000</i>
<i>3. Assessments, surveys and studies</i>	<i>800,000</i>
<i>4. Tools and training materials</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<i>5. Coordination and organization</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>6. Secretariat travel</i>	<i>30,000</i>
<i>7. Miscellaneous</i>	<i>70,000</i>
<i>Note: the Basel Convention Regional Centers would be serving as implementing agency for the implementation of the national projects.</i>	
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	2,000,000
APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund)	2,000,000
Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by Switzerland	130,000