

## IOMC Activity Profiles

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Development of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) for the Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</b>
Sub-title:	GEF – 12 Countries' NIPs
Implemented by:	UNEP Chemicals
Reporting Agency:	UNEP Chemicals
Primary Area:	Stockholm POPs, Chemicals
Secondary Area(s):	
Partners:	possible partners: UNITAR, FAO, WHO, World Bank, UNIDO, UNDP, etc.
<b>Objectives:</b>	
Overall:	The project comprises targeted activities that will prepare countries and the International community to meet the obligations set under the POPs Convention. The assistance provided to the initial set of twelve pilot countries will prepare the GEF and its agencies for the systematic execution of enabling activities in all GEF eligible countries, much in a way that the UNEP/GEF pilot bio-safety enabling activity project paved the ground for the systematic assistance to all GEF eligible countries.
Specific:	At the national level, the objectives for the participating countries are: i) to establish the capacity to implement the POPs Convention through the development and/or strengthening of a NIP for the management of POPs; and ii) the elaboration of detailed specific action plans that will identify effective national responses, processes and measures that would reduce releases of POPs. These NIPs are expected to meet the initial reporting obligations of the participating countries towards the Stockholm Convention. Countries' capacity for managing the broader group of Persistent Toxic Substances will also be strengthened through the exercise.
<b>Activities:</b>	Activities in each country will include an assessment of POPs relevant chemical management infrastructures, the preparation of preliminary POPs inventories, the preparation or update of National Profiles for the Management of Chemicals and the identification of suitable management options for POPs that are adapted to the prevailing circumstances. The countries will also prepare prioritised, costed and endorsed NIPs with relevant back-up action plans, including costs, for management and remediation actions.

**Past:** Project design and preparation. Implementation at June 2004 is at mid term. The Project received a 14 months extension until June 2005.

**Ongoing:** Most of the countries are setting their national objectives and criteria for prioritisation. Two countries are preparing their preliminary inventories and one country, Lebanon still needs to set up its national coordination mechanisms.

**Outputs:** The major outputs at the global level are general and technical guidelines and a communication strategy, which will assist governments in managing and eliminating POPs. The lessons learned and good practices in the twelve pilot countries will be widely disseminated at the end of the project. At national levels, sub-project work plans and timetables; national preliminary POPs inventories; assessment on human health and environmental concerns related to POPs; assessment report of national POPs management infrastructure; list of prioritisation criteria and objectives with regard to priority POPs management and the prioritised, costed and endorsed NIPs with appropriate back up actions plans will be the major outputs.

**Completed:** Global Guidelines for National Implementation Plans and the Communication Strategy have been finalized, disseminated and put in the web of UNEP Chemicals  
<http://www.pops.int/documents/implementation/nips/cntryproj.htm>.

**Geographic coverage:** Worldwide and the twelve countries: Barbados, Bulgaria, Chile, Ecuador, Guinea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Micronesia, Papua-New-Guinea, Slovenia and Zambia.

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**Reports and Publications:** Project Document, Sub-project Documents, NIP Guidance, Communication Strategy, progress report, List of National Coordinators.

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