

Possible regional structure of the POPs Global monitoring Plan

A number of options have been considered by the GMP Guidance Document Expert Meeting, which took place 4-8 December 2006 in Geneva, to provide the basic regional structure for the programme. It was suggested that in setting up the regions, care should be taken that they provide an adequate basis for generating, collecting, reporting and presenting the data. It would seem that the best way to achieve this is to form the regions as geographical entities. This would also facilitate evaluation of regional and global environmental transport of POPs. To keep the number of regions to a manageable figure, while maintaining the geographical basis, it has been proposed to use for the purpose of the first monitoring report only the following regional distribution: North and Central America including the Caribbean; Western, Central and Eastern Europe (including the whole UN-CEE region); West, South and South-eastern Asia; South America; Africa; and the region of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Information from the Arctic will be incorporated in the appropriate regions (North and Central America including the Caribbean as well as Western and Central Europe and Eurasia. The South America region and the region of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands will approach the relevant Antarctic institutions for information from the Antarctic. In setting up this structure the Secretariat would need to work in consultation with the members of the TWG to ensure coordination and avoidance of overlaps between regions.

Within each region, all activities would be under the direction of a Regional Organization Group (ROG). Some details about the roles and responsibilities of this group are given below. Sub regional arrangements that take into account linguistic, political and geophysical considerations could be introduced to further support the organization of the work.

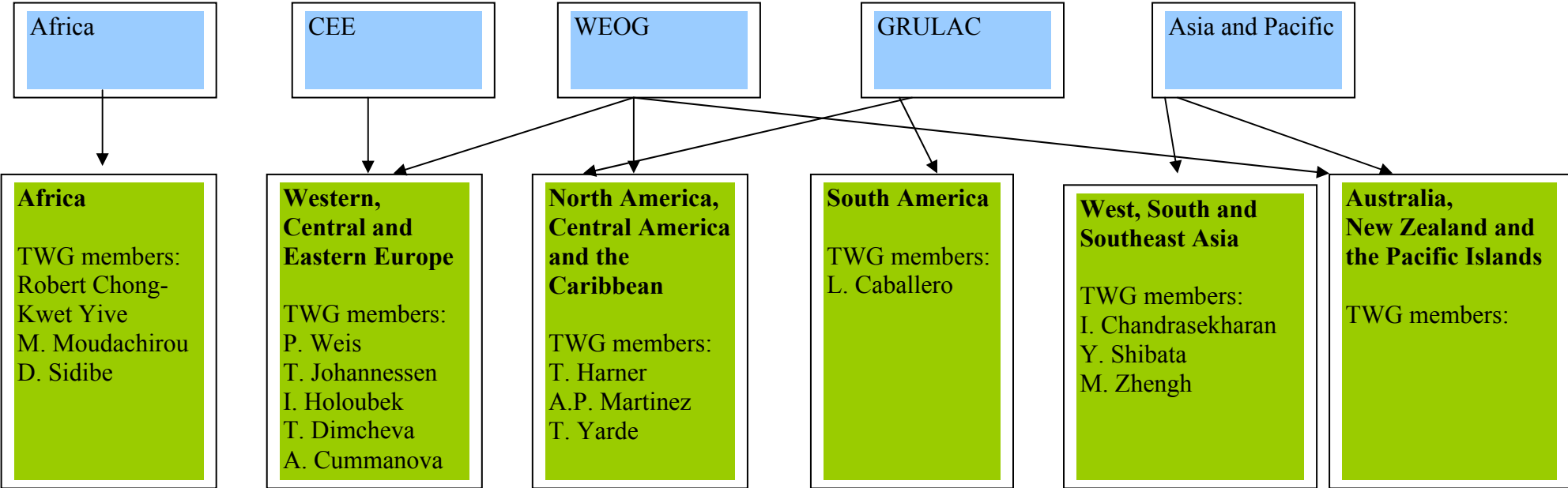
Twinning and partnerships between regions would be encouraged whenever possible.

Fig 1 below depicts the possible split of the fifteen members of the preliminary ad hoc Technical Working Group on POPs Monitoring (TWG), nominated by the 5 UN regions, into the proposed GMP regional structure. It is evident that four of the six proposed GMP regions are relatively well covered by TWG members (Africa; Western, Central and Eastern Europe; North, Central America and the Caribbean; West, South and Southeast Asia) one region has only one member (South America) and one region (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands) is not covered at all.

Countries representing the particular regions are outlined in Table 1 and the global map split into the six GMP regions is attached in a separate file.

Fig 1

The five UN regions



Six regions for the purpose of the POPs Global Monitoring Plan

Table 1

	AFRICA	West, South and Southeast Asia	Western, Central and Eastern Europe	North and Central America & the Caribbean	South America	Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands
1.	Algeria	Afghanistan	Albania	Antigua and Barbuda	Argentina	Australia
2.	Angola	Bahrain	Andorra	Bahamas	Bolivia	Cook Islands
3.	Benin	Bangladesh	Armenia	Barbados	Brazil	Fiji
4.	Botswana	Bhutan	Austria	Belize	Colombia	Kiribati
5.	Burkina Faso	Brunei Darussalam	Azerbaijan	Canada	Ecuador	Marshall Islands
6.	Burundi	Cambodia	Belarus	Costa Rica	Guyana	Micronesia (Federated States of)
7.	Cameroon	DPR Korea	Belgium	Cuba	Chile	Nauru
8.	Cape Verde	Fiji	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dominica	Paraguay	New Zealand
9.	Central African Republic	China	Bulgaria	Dominican Republic	Peru	Niue
10.	Chad	India	Croatia	El Salvador	Surinam	Palau
11.	Comoros	Indonesia	Czech Republic	Grenada	Uruguay	Papua New Guinea
12.	Congo	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Denmark	Guatemala	Venezuela	Samoa
13.	Côte d'Ivoire	Iraq	Estonia	Haiti		Solomon Islands
14.	Democratic Republic of Congo	Israel	Finland	Honduras		Tonga
15.	Djibuti	Jordan	France	Jamaica		Tuvalu
16.	Egypt	Korea (Republic of)	Georgia	Mexico		Vanuatu
17.	Equatorial Guinea	Kuwait	Germany	Nicaragua		
18.	Eritrea	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Greece	Panama		
19.	Ethiopia	Lebanon	Hungary	Saint Kitts and Nevis		
20.	Gabon	Lybian Arab Jamayhiriya	Iceland	Saint Lucia		
21.	Gambia	Malaysia	Ireland	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
22.	Ghana	Maldives	Italy	Trinidad and Tobago		
23.	Guinea	Mongolia	Kazakhstan	United States		
24.	Guinea Bissau	Myanmar	Kyrgyzstan			
25.	Kenya	Nepal	Latvia			
26.	Lesotho	Oman	Lichtenstein			

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27.	Liberia	Pakistan	Lithuania			
28.	Madagascar	Philippines	Luxembourg			
29.	Malawi	Qatar	Malta			
30.	Mali	Saudi Arabia	Monaco			
31.	Mauritania	Singapore	Montenegro			
32.	Mauritius	Sri Lanka	Netherlands			
33.	Morocco	Syrian Arab Republic	Norway			
34.	Mozambique	Thailand	Poland			
35.	Namibia	Timor-Leste	Portugal			
36.	Niger	United Arab Emirates	Republic of Moldova			
37.	Nigeria	Vietnam	Romania			
38.	Rwanda	Yemen	Russian Federation			
39.	Senegal		San Marino			
40.	Seychelles		Serbia			
41.	Sierra Leone		Slovakia			
42.	Somalia		Slovenia			
43.	South Africa		Spain			
44.	Sudan		Sweden			
45.	Swaziland		Switzerland			
46.	Togo		Tajikistan			
47.	Tunisia		TFYR of Macedonia			
48.	Uganda		Turkmenistan			
49.	United republic of Tanzania		Ukraine			
50.	Zambia		United Kingdom			
51.	Zimbabwe		Uzbekistan			

