Seventh Green Customs Partners Meeting: Recommendations and Report

8th-9th, February 2011
Lyon, France
Summary

INTERPOL hosted the seventh annual meeting of the UNEP-coordinated Green Customs Initiative, bringing together the enforcement community, international organisations and Secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) to facilitate their cooperation to prevent illegal trade in environmentally sensitive commodities. The meeting was held at INTERPOL’s General Secretariat in Lyon, France.

The participants at the meeting represented the Secretariats of the following MEAs with trade related provisions:
- Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal,
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Convention on Biological Diversity),
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES),
- Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer,
- Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and pesticides in International Trade
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

The participants from international organisations were from:
- INTERPOL
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, Chemicals Branch
- World Customs Organization

The meeting was opened by Mr. David Higgins, Programme Manager Wildlife Crime INTERPOL.

This two day meeting on 8th and 9th February enabled the GCI Partners to provide an update on activities from 2010 and to agree on common activities for the coming year including the production of ground breaking e-learning modules to reach out to customs and border enforcement officers in the far corners of the world. In addition the Partners agreed to an ambitious series of integrated customs training workshops for developing countries and countries with economies in transition and production of practical assistance tools.

This was once again a successful and positive meeting with open discussions and the Partners demonstrated their continued commitment and support for the Initiative. An ambitious plan of activities for the coming year was agreed upon (depending on resource availability) and a workplan for GCI training/awareness raising workshops was provisionally agreed (contingent on funding). Various other relevant issues were discussed, including the pressing need for funds, particularly to support a GCI
coordinator position, potential side events and outreach opportunities, improving and updating the materials used in workshops and identifying ways to effectively cooperate with other organisations. A number of action points were agreed for the forthcoming year.

1. Meeting recommendations and Action Points

The following summarises the recommendations and action points of the meeting. The full text of the discussions and background to the recommendations is provided in Annex IV – meeting minutes)

GCI materials

- Partners were requested to review the presentations and materials included in the GCI Suitcase (on the GCI partner Intranet) and USB sticks to be circulated to meeting participants to ensure these were suitably-customs focused, up to date and appropriate

- GCI Secretariat in consultation with Partners to further expand the GCI multiple choice quiz to cover all GCI Partners and ensure that this is used, wherever possible at GCI training events.

- DELC and Secretariat to work together to ensure good links between GCI and DELC websites for easy access to relevant materials

- Partners were requested to create short practical exercises for customs officers that could be incorporated into GCI workshops

- The issue of an update of the “Green Customs Guide to Environmental Agreements” is to be considered at the next Partners meeting

GCI workshops

- GCI Secretariat was requested to provide more notice for GCI training workshops to Partners to better facilitate participation. It was suggested that approximately two months notice was needed. The request should be accompanied by a draft agenda and concept note.

- WCO recommended Partners/Secretariat to encourage countries to request training from WCO, so that this can be included in WCO activity planning

Funding and Co-financing

- Partners were requested to provide estimates for their GCI activities contributing to GCI which could be included as co-financing in proposals, etc

- Partners agreed to continue to try to mobilise incremental or even symbolic contributions for GCI workplan activities and/or to identify potential funding sources which the GCI Secretariat could pursue on behalf of the Partnership.

- The final agreed plan of workshops for 2011 will be circulated to Partners following the meeting (see Annex V)

Activities and events

- Partners were requested to provide details of events for 2011-12 that may be of interest/relevance for the GCI Secretariat to include on the GCI web-based calendar

- UNEP will host a round table ‘brainstorming’ meeting on capacity building/awareness raising for prosecutors and judges principally on the issue of ozone depleting substances. All GCI Partners will be invited to attend the roundtable.
GCI Website
- GCI Secretariat to improve calendar on website and make front page of GCI site more ‘dynamic’.

WCO e-learning modules
- Partners were encouraged to comment on existing E-learning module (CITES, Montreal, Green Customs) and consider if they have tools and materials that could be included to complement the modules
- Partners involved in the e-learning project with the WCO were encouraged to expedite processes to provide the required information to WCO to include in the modules
- GCI Secretariat to send formal letters to the heads of all organisations participating in the e-learning
- GCI Secretariat to work with WCO and Partners to finalise contract with WCO and coordination with Partners
- Secretariat to convene teleconference with Partners once UNEP-WCO contract is finalised
- Secretariat to consult with INTERPOL on e-learning - for review of modules and if possible consideration of a module on INTERPOL environmental crime

Chemicals database
- GCI Secretariat to follow up with OPCW Secretariat, Ozone and chemical convention Secretariats on possible creation of a integrated chemicals database for customs and enforcement officers encompassing all chemicals covered by these organisations

Survey of customs training facilities and integration of GCI
- GCI Secretariat to draft TOR and concept note for survey of incorporating GCI in countries national curricula and customs training facilities (national and regional) available around the world
- Survey of emerging needs and extent to which GCI has penetrated countries will be conducted – Secretariat to draft TOR
- Partners to suggest potential consultants to carry out survey

GCI Case studies
- GCI Secretariat to create a template for Partners to provide cases studies on GCI

Cooperation
- Partners were encourage to more fully engage with INTERPOL on an operational level and to consider joint activities

MOUs
- GCI Secretariat to investigate possibility of placing relevant MOUs between GCI partner organisations on the GCI Intranet

GCI Award/Certificate of recognition
• GCI Secretariat to work with Partners to decide on award or other means to acknowledge those customs administrations that deserve recognition for their efforts under Green Customs. Secretariat to develop concept/TOR.

2. Next GCI Partners meeting
It was suggested that the 8th GCI Partners meeting would be held in November/December 2011 to allow better preparation for 2012.

OPCW has kindly offered to host the meeting in the Hague, NL.

The Ozone Secretariat offered to host the 9th Partners meeting in Nairobi.

3. Partner Activities
Each Partner made a brief presentation on their 2010 and planned 2011 activities related to the Green Customs Initiative including ongoing activities with customs and enforcement personnel and regional activities on enforcement. Brief written summaries of these presentations are provided in ANNEX I

4. Report on Green Customs Secretariat Activities in 2010
The information below is intended to give an outline of the activities of the Secretariat of the Green Customs Initiative since the 6th Partners meeting in January 2010.

GCI Workshops in 2010
Beirut, Lebanon
13 - 15 April 2010
WCO Train-the-trainers Green Customs Workshop
Participating countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Male, Maldives
11-15 July 2010
National Training Workshop
Participating countries: Maldives (76 Participants)

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
12-16 July 2010
WCO Green Customs Train-the-Trainer Regional Workshop
Participating countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay
**Hanoi, Vietnam**  
23 - 25 Aug 2010  
National Green Customs Train-the-trainer  
*Participating countries:* Vietnam

**Panama City, Panama**  
4-6th October 2010  
UNODC/ GCI Joint practical training course focused on risk profiling and inspection techniques, with a focus on commodities controlled under CITES and ODS.  
*Participating countries:* The participants comprised front line customs officers of the Port Units based in Balboa Port and Manzanillo Port in Panama. Police and key officers at Customs HQ in Panama also participated.

**Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**  
11-15 October 2010  
Regional Green Customs Workshop for countries of Europe and Central Asia (ECA) - held back to back with the ECA Enforcement Network Meeting  
*Participating countries:* Albania, Armenia, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Belarus, China, Russia

**Lilongwe, Malawi**  
12- 14 October 2010  
Sub-regional workshop:  SADC (Southern Africa Development Community) Green Customs Initiative workshop, organised in cooperation with SADC Secretariat  
*Participating countries:* Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Zambia.

**Niamey, Niger**  
27 - 29 October 2010  
Sub-regional workshop: UEMOA Countries (*Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine*) Green Customs Initiative workshop  
*Participating countries:* Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote de Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

**Outreach activities and other meetings in 2010**  
**29th Session of the WCO Enforcement Committee,**  
**WCO Headquarters Brussels, Belgium,**  
**2-4 March 2010**  
The meeting included participation from Customs administrations from all WCO member countries and is the most important forum to discuss policy issues regarding Customs enforcement worldwide. The forthcoming customs cooperation operation on ozone depleting substances was co-presented with the WCO Secretariat. This took place in a closed session only open to Customs administrations from all WCO member countries, International Enforcement agencies and International organisations. Progress on the GCI was also presented in the context of customs enforcement through implementation of MEAs.

**Joint WCO/ UNEP Ozone Depleting Substances operation**  
A joint global Customs enforcement operation initiated by the World Customs Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and code-named "Sky-hole Patching II" led to the confiscation of more than 7,500 cylinders of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), HCFCs (hydrochlorofluorocarbons) and other ozone depleting substances. Totalling over 108 tonnes of ozone
depleting substances (ODS) and 668 pieces of equipment containing ODS, each of these man-made chemicals is linked to the rapid depletion of the ozone layer and all have been either banned or subject to strict controls under the terms of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

(see press release: http://www.wcoomd.org/press/?v=1&lid=1&cid=7&id=239)

First joint consultation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions with the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Centres and FAO and UNEP Regional Offices. (29/9/10 to: 1/10/10, Barcelona, Spain)
Following the recommendations from the decisions of the respective COPs and EXCOPs, the Basel and Stockholm Regional Centres and the FAO and UNEP Regional Offices have commenced to carry joint activities, promoting all Conventions together within the spirit of cooperation and coordination among them, having a programmatic approach that starts by including all these recommendations in business and work plans. The Green Customs Initiative is one to the mechanisms which has been identified to facilitate such cooperation. During this meeting a training session for the Centres on ways to improve the delivery and sustainability of Green Customs Initiative workshops took place. GCI Secretariat participated in the sessions on capacity building and training on specific issues: Trade related issues of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions; and on Trainers training on customs on their role in implementing and enforcing the three Conventions. A presentation introducing the Green Customs Initiative was made which was followed by a session presenting the experiences of regional centres in previous Green Customs Initiative workshops. GCI also took part in working group discussing the potential role and needs requirements for the regional centres to coordinate training on the three conventions through the GCI. Two other GCI partners, WCO and the CITES Secretariat, made contributions to the meeting. There was a clear interest that the regional centres would play a major role in participating in GCI events. It was expressed that some additional capacity building of the regional centres was required to effectively achieve this – virtual training and regional workshops were proposed to be supported by the respective Secretariats.

Other updates
Outreach of GCI Guide into UN languages
Spanish and Russian Translations are complete and available on the website.
The French and Arabic are complete and reviewed awaiting layout and printing.
Funds are now available to create a Chinese translation – a suitable translator is being identified.

Green Customs Introductory video
The Green Customs Introductory video was completed. This is available in all UN languages

5. Acknowledgments
The Green Customs Initiative is currently supported by funding from the United Nations Development Account.

The GCI Partners are very grateful to INTERPOL for hosting this meeting and for providing excellent facilities and support.

We would like to thank Ioana Botezatu and Cilia María Ruiz-Paz for taking minutes of the meeting.

A special thank you to Nina for preparing the meeting folders.
## ANNEX I Partner Activities

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In 2010, the SBC, jointly with SSC and SRC, was represented during national/regional GCI workshops that took place in Lilongwe, Niger, Turkmenistan, Maldives, Vietnam, Dominican Republic and Lebanon.

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In October 2010, the SBC, jointly with SRC and SSC, also organized, during the Annual meeting of the BCRC and SCRC Directors, a GCI training session for the BC and SC regional centres to better enable them to deliver GCI trainings.

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In line with the synergies process, the SBC/SRC/SSC updated their presentations to be delivered during GCI workshops. There are now three joint PPT presentations: Overview, Export, Transit and Import Controls, and Practical Aspects of Enforcement.

In addition, the three Secretariats have developed a questionnaire aimed at collecting, for information purposes, elements relating to the way customs services operate at the national level in implementing and enforcing the three hazardous chemicals and waste Conventions. The collection of this information aims, on one hand, at assisting customs services in identifying the framework in which they operate and will highlight any improvements that could be made. The information will also assist the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to better tailor capacity building activities during training sessions of customs services.

Finally, the secretariats contributed to the multiple choice questionnaire developed for the Ashgabat ECA/GCI training and to be used in future trainings.

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**Estimated in-kind contributions from the three secretariats**: USD 50’000.-

The three Secretariats have provided staff time to update the GCI PPT materials, to attend GCI workshops or identify representatives to represent them during the workshops, to prepare for and attend the 6th Partners’ meeting as well as the extraordinary meeting of the Partners, to develop a questionnaire for customs as well as a multiple choice questionnaire to be used during the trainings, to organize and deliver the Barcelona GCI training session, to coordinate their positions internally, and to fundraise.

**Fundraising:**

In May 2010, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention sought a USD 15’000.- allocation in its 2011 budget to cover costs of traveling to GCI workshops. The seventh session of the Open ended Working Group (OEWG) agreed to this proposal. The OEWG also agreed to allocate funding for the development, in 2011, of the WCO joint e-learning tool.

### Other

Please indicate any other 2010 relevant activities not covered by the above

**Basel Convention**

**E-Waste, West Africa project**

Inspection and enforcement training (E-waste Africa project), the Netherlands and Belgium, 13-24 September, 2010

The training was organized by the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL), which hosted a train-the-trainer workshop on e-waste inspection and enforcement. The workshop took place from 13 to 24 September 2010 in the Netherlands and Belgium. In total 19 officers from competent authorities in Ghana, Benin, Egypt and Nigeria as well as the Basel Convention Regional Centres in the region were trained. The programme consisted of a combination of theoretical sessions on such issues as port procedures, legislation, inspection methods, collaboration, practical exercises and field trips to the ports of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp, and e-waste collection and treatment sites.

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### Secretariat/Organisation:

**Name:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity – Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Kathryn Garforth

### Workshops and Events

**GCI customs training workshops**

Nominated representatives to participate in:

- 12-16 July 2010: WCO Green Customs Regional Workshop, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 23-25 August 2010: National Green Customs Train-the-trainer, Vietnam
Side events and other meetings
- Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held in Nagoya, Japan from 11 to 15 October 2010. A number of references to GCI were made in documents prepared for the meeting, see attached.

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Secretariat/Organisation: CITES Secretariat
Name: Stephen Nash

Workshops and Events
GCI customs training workshops
- Lebanon (April 2010)
- Dominican Republic (July 2010)
- Turkmenistan (October 2010)

Other customs training
Note: All CITES training workshops contain elements for Customs officers.
- Uganda regional workshop (January 2010)
- Albania national workshop UNEP-ROE (June 2010)
- Philippines regional workshop (June 2010)
- South Africa national workshop (October 2010)
- Cameroon regional workshop (November)
Mombasa (WCO) (December 2010)
Colombia regional workshop (December 2010)

Side events and other meetings
CoP15, Doha, Qatar, March 2010

Materials

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Green Customs presentations - (2009-2011)

1. Introduction to CITES
2. Using the Appendices
3. Invalid documents
4. Caviar labelling
5. Differentiating real and fake fur
6. Internet trade
7. Safe handling of CITES specimens
8. Differentiating wild collected and artificially propagated plants
9. Identification of precious corals
10. Identification of tortoiseshell
11. Identification of snake skins
12. Identification of ivory
13. Personal and household effects
15. Exempted species
16. Introduction to the identification of chameleons
17. Using the CITES Identification Guide for Crocodilians
18. Controlled deliveries
19. Treatment of orchid hybrids
20. Identification of giant clams
21. Nomenclature and taxonomy
22. The most frequently encountered CITES species
23. Using the trade data Dashboards
24. Bushmeat trade
25. Identification of bushmeat
26. Identification of the top animal species in trade (in preparation)
27. Identification of the top plant species in trade (in preparation)
28. Identification of marine turtles (in preparation)
29. Identification of spiny-tailed lizards (in preparation)
30. Presentation skills training

Please give details of any other relevant recent publications, videos awareness materials etc. produced by your organisation

• CoP15 Doc. 16.1, Report of the Secretariat on capacity-building
• CoP15 Doc. 30.1, Electronic Permitting Toolkit
• Activity report of the CITES Secretariat – 2008-2009
• Progress report for the Project "Strengthening the CITES implementation capacity of developing countries to ensure sustainable wildlife management and non-detrimental trade" [this report contains the result of a needs assessment conducted for 91 Parties]
- Presentation skills training for CITES trainers (not updated but still relevant)

**Resource mobilisation**

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- The CITES Trust Fund budget was used to support SVN’s participation at the Lebanon workshop.
- In-kind contribution of SVN’s time spent on GCI activities
  - Update and reprinting of the CITES e-course for Customs officers in 2011

**Other**

*Please indicate any other 2010 relevant activities not covered by the above*

**Planning for 2011**

**2011 Meetings**

*Please indicate the date of any relevant or significant meetings to be held by your organisation in 2011 (e.g COPs, MOPs, Customs training activities, etc)*

- Saudi Arabia (regional workshop) in March 2011
- Nigeria, Guinea (enforcement-related missions), March 2011

**Materials**

*Please provide details of any tools or information materials that your organisation is planning to develop in 2011.*

The following PowerPoint presentations will be completed in early 2011:

- Identification of the top animal species in trade (in preparation)
- Identification of the top plant species in trade (in preparation)
- Identification of marine turtles (in preparation)
- Identification of spiny-tailed lizards (in preparation)

Existing GCI presentations (all 30) will be translated into French.

Update and reprinting of the CITES e-course for Customs officers.

Launch of the CITES Virtual College where CITES courses will be available on-line, including the CITES Customs course.

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**Secretariat/Organisation:**

**Name:**

Ozone Secretariat/Montreal Protocol

Gilbert M. Bankobeza

**Workshops and Events**

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Regional Workshop on Green Customs Initiative for SADC, Lilongwe, Malawi, 12-14 October 2010

### Other customs training

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### Side events and other meetings

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Participated in the UNEP/WCO side event at the 22nd Meeting of the Parties, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2010

### Materials

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A 4-slide presentation was prepared by the Secretariat on causes of illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances, routes and methods used in illegal trade and action taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to prevent illegal trade.

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### Resource mobilisation

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Power point presentation on effects of illegal trade in ODS due to lack of effective licensing systems under Article 4B of the Montreal Protocol were made by the Secretariat at various regional network meetings under UNEP's CAP

### Other

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The Secretariat promoted the ratification of the Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and establishment of licensing systems to non-parties to the Amendment by emphasizing the advantages of doing so in prevention of potential illegal trade in ODS and smooth phase out of ozone-depleting substances and smooth phase out of ODS. The issue was also brought up in the secretariat presentations during regional network meetings under UNEP CAP in Beirut, Lebanon, Lilongwe, Malawi, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire and Fiji.

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- Sub-regional training course for customs officials from East and Southern Africa, Kampala, Uganda, 13-15 April 2010
- Training course for Customs, licensing and border authorities, Prague, Czech Republic, 27-29 April 2010
- Sub-regional training course for customs officials from the Pacific Island States, Nadi, Fiji, 30 June-2 July 2010
- Sub-regional training course for customs officials from south and southeast Asia, Malacca, Malaysia, 27 September-1 October 2010
- Regional training course for customs authorities, Salvador, Brazil, 26-28 October 2010
- National training course for customs officials, Kelana Jaya, Malaysia, 4 October 2010
- Sub-regional training course for customs authorities in the GCC, Doha, Qatar, 5-6 December 2010

**Side events and other meetings**

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**Secretariat/Organisation:** Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), UNEP.

**Name:** Mr. Muhammed Omotola

**Workshops and Events**

*GCI customs training workshops*

*Please provide details of the 2010 GCI workshops that your organisation participated in or for which you nominated a resource person.*

*Did not participate in any of the workshops, we did however attend the 6th Green Customs Initiative Partners meeting held in Geneva in 8 to 9 February 2010.*

*Other customs training*
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- As part of the SAICM secretariat briefing on its report on Illegal Traffic in Toxic and Dangerous Products to participant at the 3rd African regional meeting on SAICM, held in Abidjan Cote D’Ivoire in January 2010, the secretariat informed the meeting of its liaison with GCI in preparing the report.

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|                   | - Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM): First meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, Belgrade, Serbia, 29 August to 2 September 2011 |

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### Workshops and Events

**GCI customs training workshops**

1. The WCO Train-the-Trainers Regional Green Customs workshop for the MENA region took place at the WCO RTC Beirut, Lebanon. Twenty Customs officers from 15 out of 18 invited countries participated in the workshop.

2. WCO Regional train-the-trainers Green Customs workshop on environmental border protection for the Americas on 12-16 July 2010 in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

The WCO was represented at the following workshops either directly or via its RILO network:

1. GCI workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam, 23-25 August 2010
2. Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. 11-15 Oct. 2010
3. Lilongwe, Malawi, 12-14, Oct. 2010

Other activities:

The WCO was represented at the 22nd Ministerial Meeting of MP in Bangkok in Nov. 2010 to announce the results of SHPII and the release of Customs and ODS e-learning programme, a joint product of the WCO and UNEP.

### Newly developed training material for GCI workshops:

1. *wildlife smuggling concealment;*
2. *A selection of good practices for MEAs enforcement;*
3. *Experiences and lessons learned from joint operations;*
4. *Customs and ODS – case studies;*
5. *wildlife smuggling case studies;*
6. *Hazardous waste case studies;*
7. *WCO Harmonized System and MEA enforcement;*
8. *WCO e-learning modules*

### ENVIRONET

The Secretariat launched ENVIRONET on 5 June 2009. This new secure communication tool for use in the fight against environmental crime at the border uses the CENcomm platform. The tool enables Customs officials, environmental authorities, law enforcement agencies, and international organizations, as well as their regional networks, to cooperate with one another and share real-time information in the course of their daily environment enforcement activities. All commodities covered by trade-related multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) are available for discussion via the tool. More than 1,100 users from over 120 countries/international organizations have registered. Its library provides free downloads of more than 200 different training material, identification guides, background information and manuals.
### Sky-Hole Patching Project II

Following a proposal from the WCO and UNEP, Customs administrative from over 80 countries launched a global Sky-Hole Patching Project II at 275 seaports and land borders in May 2010 for a period of six months. The project followed up on the first project that was implemented in the Asia/Pacific region in 2006. It aimed to monitor the trade in Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and fight against their illegal trafficking. The Project was supported by the OzoneAction Unit with the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), UNEP, its regional networks, RILO network, and National Ozone Units (NOUs). RILO Asia/Pacific has acted as the Virtual-Operation Coordination Unit (V-OCU).

The Project resulted in confiscations of over 7,500 cylinders (108 tonnes) of CFCs, HCFCs and other ODS in 29 reported seizures. The majority of seizures took place in Asian countries, such as China, Hong Kong, China, India and Thailand. The Royal Customs demonstrated their excellence by netting a total of 26 tons of ODS in 4 seizures. Interceptions were also reported by Swedish and Croatian Customs in Europe, and Customs from several African and Central Asian countries. The good cooperation between China and Russian Federation also helped prevent illegal trade between the two countries of at least 39 tons of “recycled” CFCs.

In supplementary to numerous national workshops hosted by the NOUs, 8 regional Green Customs workshops were also hosted to arm Customs officers with awareness and practical skills by the Green Customs Initiative (GCI).

### Project GAPIN

GAPIN Project GAPIN is sponsored by the Swedish government and implemented by the Secretariat for building up enforcement and integrity capacity of 15 selected Customs administrations from Africa in their implementation of CITES, in particular the fight against illicit trade in great apes, ivory and rhinoceros horns. Major activities include workshops, joint operations, publication of threat analysis and press coverage, etc. The Project GAPIN was implemented between Oct. 2010 and March 2011, in collaboration a number of WCO partners.

Operation GAPIN was launched between 24 Jan. and 6 Feb. 2011 by 14 African countries. They were supported by Customs administrations from 25 European and Asian countries by taking simultaneous actions, CITES Secretariat, LATF, ASEAN-WEN, national CITES management authorities, and police in some countries. The Operation resulted in seizures of at least 22 tons and 13000 specimens of 31 protected species in over 100 incidents. This unprecedented successful joint operation was also reflected by the greater awareness and enthusiasm generated among Customs officers.

### Biannual Customs and Environment Report

The Secretariat is considering the publication of a biannual Customs and Environment Report to facilitate awareness-raising and highlight the important roles played by Customs and the WCO in the area of environmental protection. The first edition is expected in 2011.
Additional Information provided by CDB

Documents from the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety that contain references to the Green Customs Initiative

Nagoya, Japan, 11-15 October 2010

The full text of all the documents can be found here: http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MOP-05.

A. Annotated agenda

The annotated agenda for the meeting (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/1/Add.1), in introducing the agenda item on cooperation (see item D, below) makes reference to the Green Customs Initiative in paragraph 33: “Under this item, the Executive Secretary will provide an update (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/6) on cooperative activities between the Secretariat and other organizations, conventions and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Protocol including the Green Customs Initiative, the International Plant Protection Convention and the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.”

B. Agenda item 5 – Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House


Annex 2 of the document summarizes the targeted semi-structured interviews with users and potential users of the Biosafety Clearing-House that were conducted as part of the study. One of the interview respondents – described as a member of a relevant UN agency – referred to the Green Customs Initiative:

“Green Customs initiative is one of ways to bring information about BCH to stakeholders and that kind of activities should be a priority.” (p. 67)

C. Agenda item 6 – Status of capacity-building activities and the use of the roster of biosafety experts

Document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/4 – Status of Capacity-Building Activities

para. 11. “The European Union and its member States cooperated in the development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety in developing country Parties as well as in Parties with economies in transition. During the reporting period, the European Union supported the following activities: (i) the regional training of trainers’ workshop on identification and documentation of LMOs in Africa, which was organized by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Green Customs Initiative from 14-18 September 2009 in Bamako, Mali as part of the wider implementation of documentation requirements agreed under the Protocol; ...”

para. 43. “Furthermore, the Secretariat continued to collaborate with the Green Customs Initiative to strengthen the capacities of customs offices to detect and control the illegal trade of living modified organisms and to contribute to the enforcement of the requirements for documentation and identification of living modified organisms under Article 18 of the Protocol. During the reporting period, it mobilised resource persons to make presentations on the Protocol at the Green Customs workshops held in: Ulaan Bator, Mongolia (28-29 April 2009); New Delhi, India (25-29 May 2009); Mombasa, Kenya (7-10 July 2009); Lagos, Nigeria (29-31 July 2009); Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (24-27 November 2009) and Beirut, Lebanon (13-15 April 2010).”
D. Agenda item 8 – Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives

Document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/6 – Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

The document includes an extensive summary of the CBD Secretariat’s involvement in the Green Customs Initiative:

II. OVERVIEW OF ONGOING COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Green Customs Initiative

4. At their second and third meetings, the Parties to the Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to follow developments in competent regional and international organizations with a view to exchanging experience and building capacity, and to establish cooperation with relevant customs and transport organizations. To this end, the Secretariat became a partner in the Green Customs Initiative (GCI) in 2006. In their decision BS-IV/6, the Parties to the Protocol welcomed the participation of the Secretariat in GCI and encouraged the Secretariat to contribute to the organization of partnership meetings within available resources.

5. The GCI brings together the United Nations Environment Programme, the Secretariats of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention), the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer as well as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the World Customs Organization and Interpol. The objective of the Green Customs Initiative is to enhance the capacity of customs and other relevant enforcement personnel to monitor and facilitate the legal trade and to detect and prevent illegal trade in those environmentally-sensitive goods or substances covered by the relevant treaties. This is intended to be achieved through awareness-raising of all the relevant international agreements as well as the provision of capacity-building tools to the enforcement community. GCI is designed to complement and enhance existing customs training efforts under the respective agreements.

6. The information and training that the Green Customs Initiative provides integrates the trade-related aspects of the various conventions and processes into one comprehensive package. This has proved more cost effective, efficient and far-reaching than separate training activities on each individual agreement. The Initiative also provides an opportunity for collaboration and exchange of information among the partners. The involvement of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Initiative focuses specifically on the Biosafety Protocol.

7. The Secretariat’s main GCI-related work during the inter-sessional period was the organization of two regional training of trainers workshops on the documentation and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs) – one for Africa and one for Latin American and Caribbean countries. See document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/8 for a more detailed description of these activities. Representatives from some of the GCI partners gave presentations during these workshops and copies of the Green Customs Guide to Multilateral Environmental Agreements were distributed.

8. During the inter-sessional period, the Green Customs Initiative and the World Customs Organization organized a number of national, sub-regional and regional Green Customs workshops in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The CBD Secretariat nominated resource persons to give presentations on the Protocol during these workshops.
The Executive Secretary participated in a GCI event held during the 25th Session of the UNEP Governing Council in February 2009. The Secretariat also attended the fifth meeting of the partners in the Initiative which was held from 26 to 27 January 2009 in Brussels. During the meeting, the partners reviewed activities from 2008 under the Initiative and identified priorities for 2010. The CBD Secretariat provided a written report to the sixth meeting of the partners and participated via teleconference in an extraordinary meeting of the partners held in June 2010.

The Secretariat’s continued participation in the Initiative, however, will depend on availability of resources since each partner organization needs to bring on board its own resources. The Parties to the Protocol may wish to consider allocating some resources in the budget of the upcoming biennium to sustain the work of this Initiative.

**E. Agenda item 9 – Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol and on budgetary matters**


**“Socio-economic and trade issues”**

24. This core operational unit facilitates cooperation of research and information exchange on any socio-economic impacts. The unit also contributes to biosafety capacity-building initiatives in relation to Article 18 of the Protocol. The programme of the unit primarily involved responding to the requests of the Parties by preparing documents related to socio-economic impacts of LMOs and servicing the coordination mechanism of Governments and organizations implementing and/or funding capacity-building activities as it considered capacity-building and socio-economic considerations.

25. The two main thrusts on trade issues being:

(a) Cooperation with other organizations that are active in areas related to trade, environment and LMOs. This includes participating in the Green Customs Initiative – a partnership of international organizations cooperating to prevent the illegal trade in environmentally-sensitive commodities and facilitate the legal trade in these;

(b) Capacity-building activities on the handling, transport, packaging and identification of LMOs (Article 18 of the Protocol). This includes organizing regional training-of-trainers workshops for customs officers from Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa on the identification and documentation of LMOs.”

**F. Agenda item 10.1 – Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms: Article 18, paragraph 2(a)**

Document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/8 – Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms - Synthesis of information on experience gained with the implementation of requirements related to paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18

“40. The European Union listed nine capacity-building activities related to the implementation of the requirements of paragraph 4 of decision BS-III/10 in which its member States or the European Commission were involved:

... (d) Since the adoption of decision BS-III/10, the European Commission has financially supported the Convention Secretariat in liaising with the Green Customs Initiative in support of a wider implementation of the documentation requirements agreed to under the Protocol;”
42. The Biosafety Unit of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity also undertook a number of relevant capacity-building activities in the inter-sessional period. These were intended to contribute to not only the capacity-building elements of decision BS-III/10 but also to paragraph 3 of decision BS-IV/9, which calls for cooperation in efforts to build capacity in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the area of sampling and detection of living modified organisms.

43. The Secretariat organized the Africa Regional Training of Trainers’ Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with funding from the European Commission and the West African Economic and Monetary Union. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Mali at the University of Bamako from 14 to 18 September 2009. The workshop was attended by more than 36 participants, including representatives of 22 countries and six organizations involved in the identification and documentation of living modified organisms. The workshop was aimed at introducing customs officers to: (i) the requirements of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding the identification and documentation of LMOs; and (ii) techniques and methodologies that may be used for the implementation of these requirements. To this end, participants discussed the role of customs officials in implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, documentation accompanying shipments of living modified organisms, sampling and detection of living modified organisms and experiences of the Green Customs Initiative partners. One of the major outputs of the workshop was the development of action plans for the implementation of the identification and documentation requirements for LMOs by country participants. The workshop also had an experimental session on LMO detection and identification at the Laboratoire de Biologie Moléculaire Appliquée of the University of Bamako. The report of the workshop is available as document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/INF/19.

44. The Secretariat next organized a similar workshop for the GRULAC region. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Mexico through the National Autonomous University of Mexico, in collaboration with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture. Financial support for participants was provided by the Government of Spain. Thirty-four participants from 19 countries and five organizations attended. Participants in the workshop included customs officers and related border-protection personnel. The workshop had the same objectives as the one for the Africa region and touched on similar themes. One of the major outputs of the workshop was the development of action plans for the implementation of the identification and documentation requirements of LMOs by country participants. The workshop also included a practical laboratory session on detection and identification of LMOs. The laboratory sessions were held at the Faculty of Chemistry at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. The report of the workshop is available as document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/INF/20.”

The full text of the submission from the EU with the reference to the Green Customs Initiative can be found in document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/INF/5.

The reports of the African and GRULAC Regional Training of Trainers Workshops on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms were also made available to COP-MOP 5 as documents UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/INF/19 and UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/INF/20, respectively. Both also refer to the Green Customs Initiative.

G. Report of the meeting and decisions adopted

Document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/17 – Report of the meeting

“96. Agenda item 8 was taken up at the opening plenary session of the meeting, on 11 October 2010. In considering the item, the meeting had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on cooperative activities between the Secretariat and other organizations, conventions and initiatives relevant to the implementation of the Protocol including the Green Customs Initiative, the International Plant Protection

Decision BS-V/6. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

... Welcoming also the cooperation by the Executive Secretary with the Green Customs Initiative, the World Trade Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the International Plant Protection Convention and the Aarhus Convention among others,
## Seventh Green Customs Partners’ Meeting - **Agenda**

**Lyon, France**  
*8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, February 2011*

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

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*INTERPOL Secretariat – (tbc)* |
|            | **INTRODUCTION**  
*Rajendra Shende Head, OzonAction, UNEP DTIE* |
|            | **EXPECTED OUTCOME OF MEETING AND ORGANISATION OF WORK**  
*GCI Secretariat* |
| 10:00 -10:45 | **2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
*a) SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES**  
*GCI Secretariat*  
- Presentation of secretariat activities and GCI workshops in 2010  
- Questions/ discussion |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | **Coffee break** |
| 11:00– 13:00 | **b) PARTNER ACTIVITIES**  
- Brief presentation by Partners (max 10 minutes each) on 2010 activities  
- Basel  
- CBD  
- CITES  
- INTERPOL  
- OPCW  
- Ozone Secretariat  
- Stockholm  
- Rotterdam  
- UNEP DTIE (OzonAction)  
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| 18:00 – 19:45 Informal Cocktail (INTERPOL Bar) |

| Wednesday 9th February |

| Session 6 9:00 – 9:30 | SPECIAL SESSION - INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme  
Emile Lindemulder, INTERPOL |
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|                        | • Current activities and Partnerships  
|                        | • Vision for the future |

| Session 7 9:30 – 10:15 | RESOURCE MOBILISATION  
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|                        | • Overview of UNDA project funding  
|                        | • Secretariat’s initiatives and progress  
|                        | • Partner’s initiatives and progress  
|                        | Partners report on consultations regarding possible direct and indirect contribution and identification of funding opportunities and estimates of contributions to GCI (staff time, materials etc).  
|                        | • Future plans for resource mobilisation  
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| Session 8 10:15 -10:45 | REVISED 2010 WORKPLAN  
GCI Secretariat |
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|                        | • Summary of decisions made in previous sessions  
|                        | • Production of Revised 2011 workplan based on the UNDA funds and revised priorities  
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(a) Each Partner is requested to make a 10 minute (maximum) presentation on their 2010 and planned 2011 activities related to the Green Customs Initiative including ongoing activities with customs and enforcement personnel and regional activities on enforcement. Partners are also requested to provide a brief written summary of their presentations for inclusion in the meeting report. A template is provided for guidance (document B5) For those Partners unable to attend, the Secretariat will present any material provided on their behalf, if requested.