

Dominando el análisis de las parafinas cloradas:  
Desde el muestreo hasta los procedimientos de  
análisis estándar

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# De la ciencia a la regulación: Gestión de las parafinas cloradas de cadena corta y mediana bajo el Convenio de Estocolmo y avance en la evaluación de nuevos contaminantes persistentes orgánicos

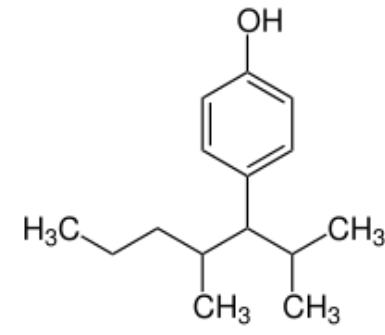
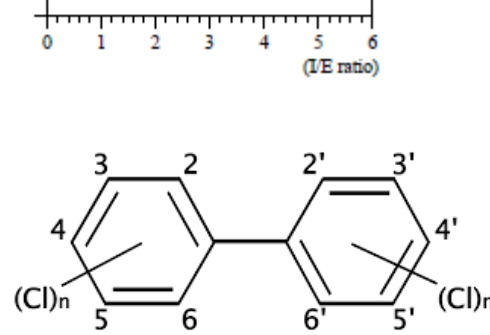
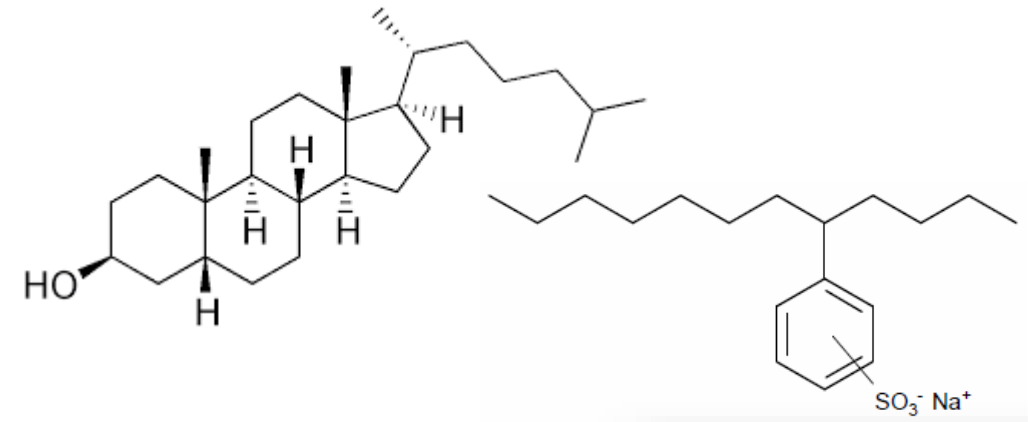
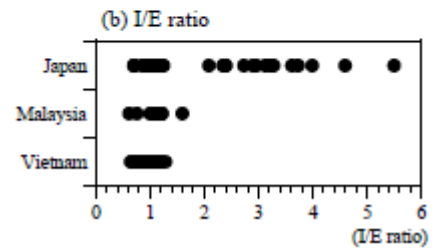
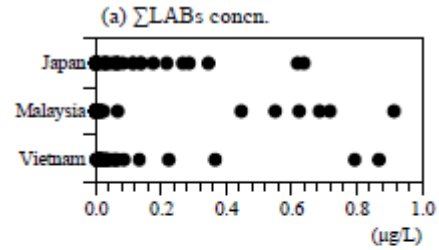
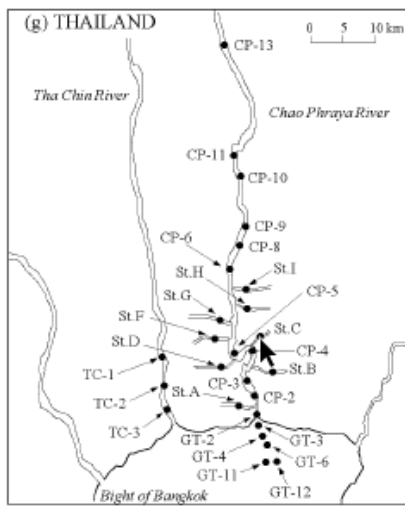
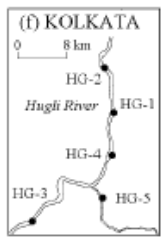
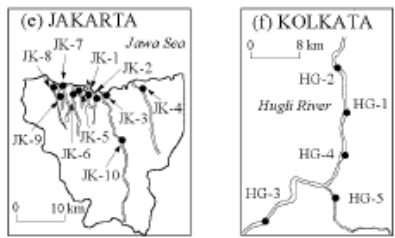
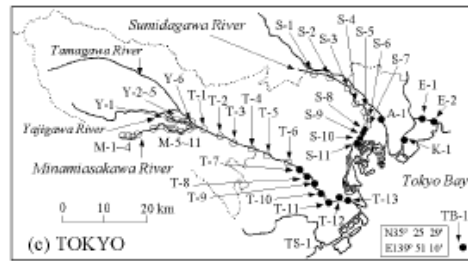
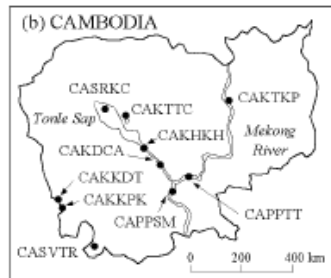
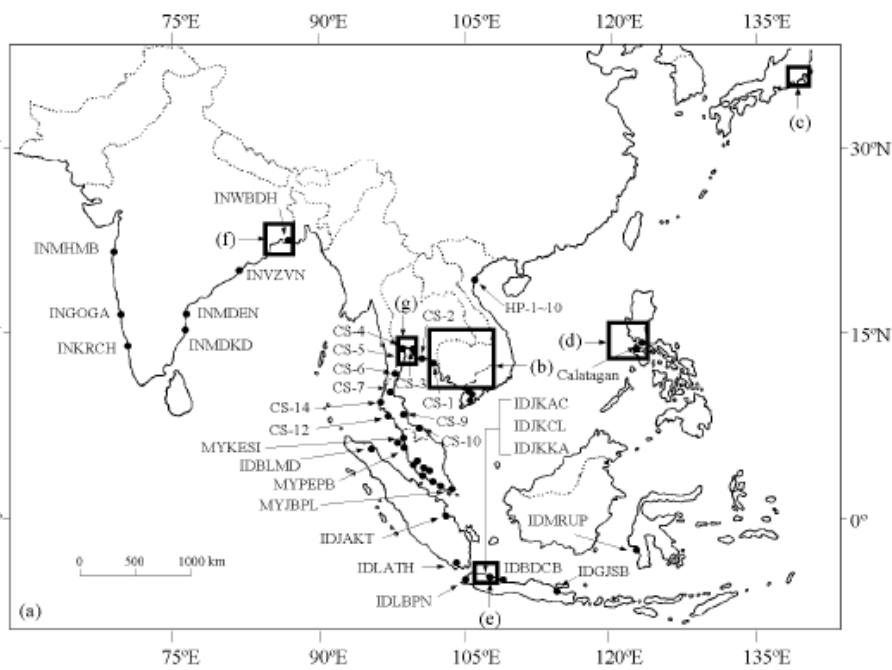
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# Monitoring Through Sampling and Analysis







# From science to regulation - De la ciencia a la regulación

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## Quantitative Application of Fecal Sterols Using Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry To Investigate Fecal Pollution in Tropical Waters: Western Malaysia and Mekong Delta, Vietnam

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These coprostanol concentrations proposed as criteria in tropical waters. On the basis of the relationship between coprostanol and *E. coli* in sediments suggests that in most of the urbanized urban and rural sites in

### Introduction

Fecal pollution has become a problem as its population grows and wastewater management of waterborne diseases are among them, as many regions (1). Understanding through precise monitoring in this region. The ultimate goal is to reduce pollution in the whole area. Indicators have been used as indicators for decades (2, 3). Water quality indicators have been established although the definitions vary in different countries. However, indicators are not suitable throughout tropical Asia.

TABLE 3. Concentrations of Sterols Determined Using Different Extraction Methods<sup>a</sup>

sterol	concentration (ng/g-dry)				
	ultrasonication				Soxhlet
	100% MeOH	DCM/MeOH	100% DCM	three solvents <sup>b</sup>	DCM/MeOH
coprostanone	407	332	421	380	464
coprostanol	934	724	703	897	637
epicoprostanol	77	210	121	134	62
cholesterol	1502	1823	1480	1497	871
cholestanol	784	647	649	786	446
campesterol	483	457	343	465	383
stigmasterol	676	626	449	640	481
$\beta$ -sitosterol	1564	1523	1186	1440	903
fucoesterol	51	123	63	134	199
stigmasterol	362	283	252	417	126
estrone	na <sup>c</sup>	0.27	0.15	2.06	na
estradiol	na	0.42	0.51	7.48	na

<sup>a</sup> The sediment sample was taken in Malaysia (no. 13, Figure 1) in 1999. <sup>b</sup> 100% MeOH, DCM/MeOH, and 100% DCM. <sup>c</sup> Not analyzed.

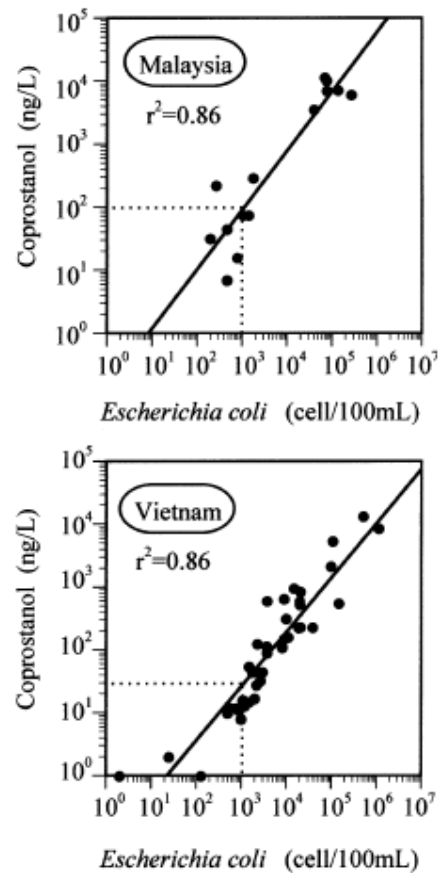


FIGURE 7. Relationship between coprostanol and *E. coli* in river waters in Malaysia (top) and Vietnam (bottom). Log(*E. coli*) and log(coprostanol concentration) are linearly regressed (solid lines). Coprostanol concentrations corresponding to 1000 cells of *E. coli* per 100 mL are indicated by dotted lines.

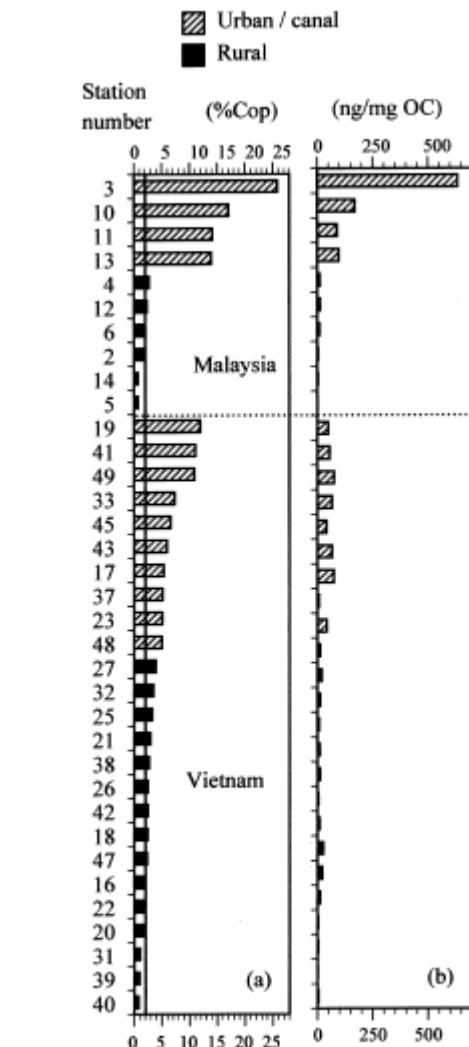
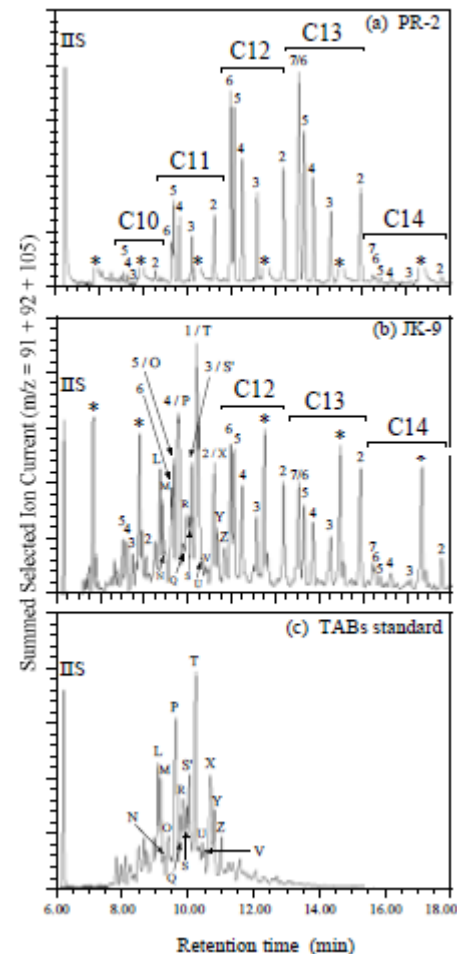
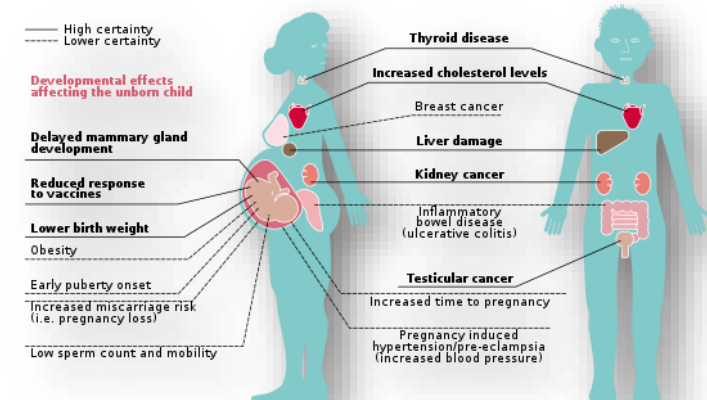
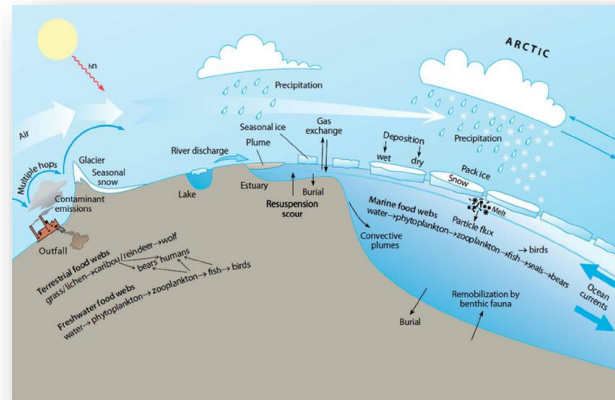
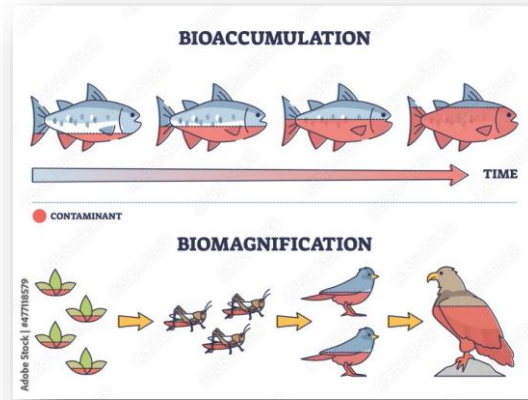


FIGURE 8. (a) %Coprostanol and (b) organic-carbon-normalized coprostanol concentration in sediment. Shaded bars and solid bars indicate urban/canal stations and rural stations, respectively. Numbers on the y-axis indicate station number corresponding to those shown in Figure 1.

# Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants



A group of organic compounds that possess characteristics of:

- Persistence
- Bio-accumulation
- Adverse effects
- Potential for long-range environmental transport

## Elimination

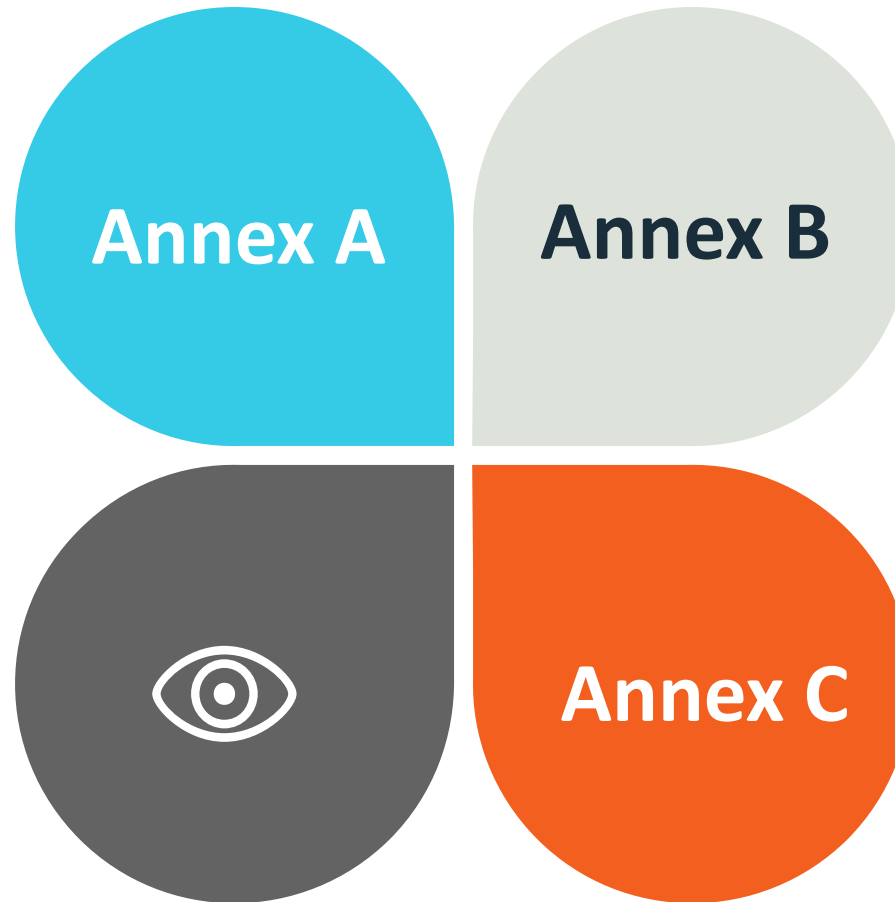
### 16 Pesticides:

Aldrin; Chlordane; Chlordecone;  
Dicofol; Dieldrin; Endosulfan; Endrin;  
Heptachlor; AlphaHCH; BetaHCH;  
 Lindane (gamma HCH); Mirex; PCP;  
Toxaphene; Methoxychlor; **Chlorpyrifos**

### 17 Industrial POPs:

DecaBDE; Hexa- and heptaBDE; Tetra-  
 and pentaBDE; HBB; HBCD; HCB; HCBD;  
PCBs; PCNs; PFOA, its salts and PFOA-  
 related compounds; PFH<sub>x</sub>S, its  
 salts and PFH<sub>x</sub>S-related  
 compounds; **SCCPs**;  
 pentachlorobenzene; Dechlorane Plus;  
 UV-328; **MCCPs**; **Long-chain PFCAs**

Total 37 listings



## Restriction

### 1 Pesticide: DDT

**1 Industrial POP:** PFOS, its salts and  
 PFOSF

\*Annex B chemicals have “Acceptable  
 purposes” for which Parties can  
 continue production/use if registered.

## Unintentional releases

### 7 U-POPs:

HCB, HCBD, pentachlorobenzene  
PCBs, PCDDs, PCDFs,  
 polychlorinated naphthalenes

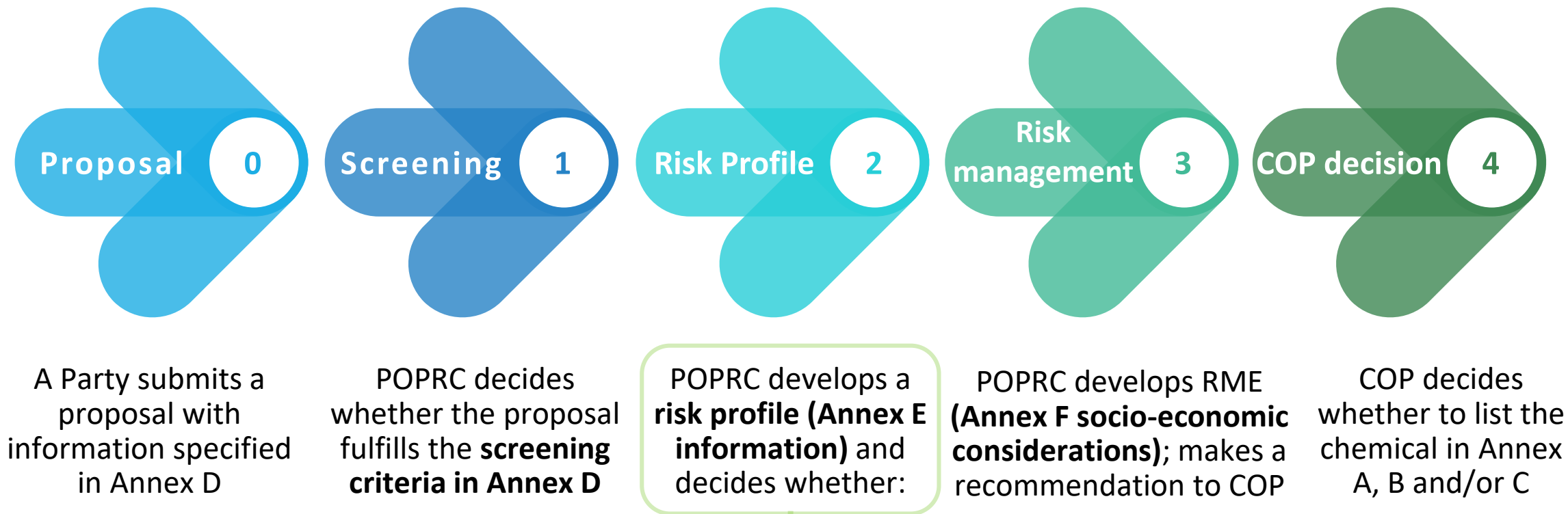
## Under review

Article 8, Annex D, E, F,  
 POPs Review Committee (POPRC)

PBDD/Fs and PBCDD/Fs



# Process for listing a new chemical under the Stockholm Convention – Article 8



The chemical is likely as a result of its long-range environmental transport to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted.

# Annex D screening criteria

## (b) Persistence

- i. Half-life of the chemical in water is >2 months, in soil is >6 months, in sediment is >6 months
- ii. **Chemical is otherwise sufficiently persistent to justify its consideration** within the scope of the Convention

## (c) Bioaccumulation

- i. BCF or BAF in aquatic species for the chemical is >5,000, or logKow is >5
- ii. A chemical presents other reasons for concern, such as high bio-accumulation in other species, high toxicity or ecotoxicity
- iii. Monitoring data in biota indicating that the bio-accumulation potential of the chemical is **sufficient to justify its consideration** within the scope of the Convention



## (d) Potential for long-range environmental transport

- i. **Measured** levels of the chemical in locations distant from the sources of its release
- ii. Monitoring data showing that LRTP of the chemical, with the **potential for transfer to a receiving environment**, may have occurred via air, water or migratory species
- iii. Environmental fate properties and/or **model results** that demonstrate that the chemical has a LRTP through air, water or migratory species, with the **potential for transfer to a receiving environment** in locations distant from the sources of its release. For a chemical that migrates significantly through the air, its half-life in air should be >2 days.

## (e) Adverse effects

- i. Evidence of adverse effects to human health or to the environment that justifies consideration of the chemical within the scope of this Convention.
- ii. Toxicity or ecotoxicity data that indicate **the potential for damage** to human health or to the environment.

# Annex E risk profile

To evaluate, whether the chemical is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted.



- a) **Sources** (Production, use, releases)
- b) **Hazard assessment for the endpoint**
- c) **Environmental fate** (including properties linked to environmental transport)
- d) **Monitoring data**
- e) **Exposure in local areas**, in particular as a result of long-range environmental transport, including information regarding bio-availability
- f) **National and international risk evaluations**, assessments or profiles and labelling information and hazard classifications
- g) **Status** of the chemical under international conventions

## ANNEX F

### INFORMATION ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

An evaluation should be undertaken regarding possible control measures for chemicals under consideration for inclusion in this Convention, encompassing the full range of options, including management and elimination. For this purpose, relevant information should be provided relating to socio-economic considerations associated with possible control measures to enable a decision to be taken by the Conference of the Parties. Such information should reflect due regard for the differing capabilities and conditions among the Parties and should include consideration of the following indicative list of items:

- (a) Efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures in meeting risk reduction goals:
  - (i) Technical feasibility; and
  - (ii) Costs, including environmental and health costs;
- (b) Alternatives (products and processes):
  - (i) Technical feasibility;
  - (ii) Costs, including environmental and health costs;
  - (iii) Efficacy;
  - (iv) Risk;
  - (v) Availability; and
  - (vi) Accessibility;
- (c) Positive and/or negative impacts on society of implementing possible control measures:
  - (i) Health, including public, environmental and occupational health;
  - (ii) Agriculture, including aquaculture and forestry;
  - (iii) Biota (biodiversity);

## Annex F risk management evaluation stage

The Committee shall, based on the risk profile and the risk management evaluation, recommend whether the chemical should be considered by the Conference of the Parties for listing in Annexes A, B and/or C.

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## Listing stage – COP

The Conference of the Parties, taking due account of the recommendations of the Committee, including any scientific uncertainty, shall decide, in a precautionary manner, whether to list the chemical, and specify its related control measures, in Annexes A, B and/or C.



# SCCPs, listed in Annex A in 2017

Entered into force: 18 Dec 2018

Specific exemptions: expired 18 Dec 2023

- Additives in the production of transmission belts in the natural and synthetic **rubber industry**
- Spare parts for **rubber conveyor belts** in the mining and forestry industries
- **Leather industry**, in particular fatliquoring in leather
- **Lubricant additives**, in particular for automobile engines, electric generators, wind power facilities, drilling in oil and gas exploration and petroleum refining to produce diesel oil
- **Tubes** for outdoor decoration bulbs
- Waterproofing and fire-retardant **paints**
- **Adhesives**
- **Metal processing**
- Secondary plasticizers in flexible polyvinyl chloride, except in toys and children's products



## POPs Chemicals & PIC Industrial Chemicals

### Short-chain chlorinated paraffins

CAS No. 85535-84-8;  
CAS No. 68920-70-7;  
CAS No. 71011-12-6;  
CAS No. 85536-22-7;  
CAS No. 85681-73-8;  
CAS No. 108171-26-2  
HS Code: 3824.90

Full Name: Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) with a chlorination degree of more than 48% by weight.

#### Trade Name:

A 70 (wax); Chloroflo; Adekacizer E; Chlorparaffin; Arubren; Chlorowax; Cereclor; Cloparin; Chlorcosane; Cloparol; Chlorax; Clorafin; Chlorofin; CW; Derminolfett; Derminolol; EDC-tar; Electrofine; Enpara; Hordafam; Horda-flex; Hordalub; Hulz; Khp; Meflex; Monocizer; Paroil; Poliks; Tenekil; Toyoparax; Unichlor

#### Synonyms:

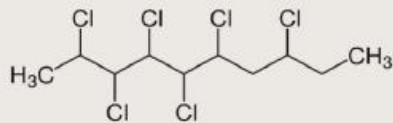
Alkanes, C<sub>10-13</sub>, chloro; Chlorinated paraffins with a chlorination degree of more than 48% by weight.

#### Uses:

Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) have been used as softeners in plastics, paints, coatings and sealants, as flame retardants in rubber, plastics and textiles as well as an extreme pressure lubricant in metal working fluids.

#### Hazards and Risks to human health and the environment:

SCCPs strongly bonds to soil and sediments, where it can remain during a considerable time and be detected in a wide range of biosphere including freshwater, foods, aquatic and terrestrial mammals. Particularly, they can cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. SCCPs may cause skin and eye irritation upon repeated application, but do not appear to induce skin sensitization.



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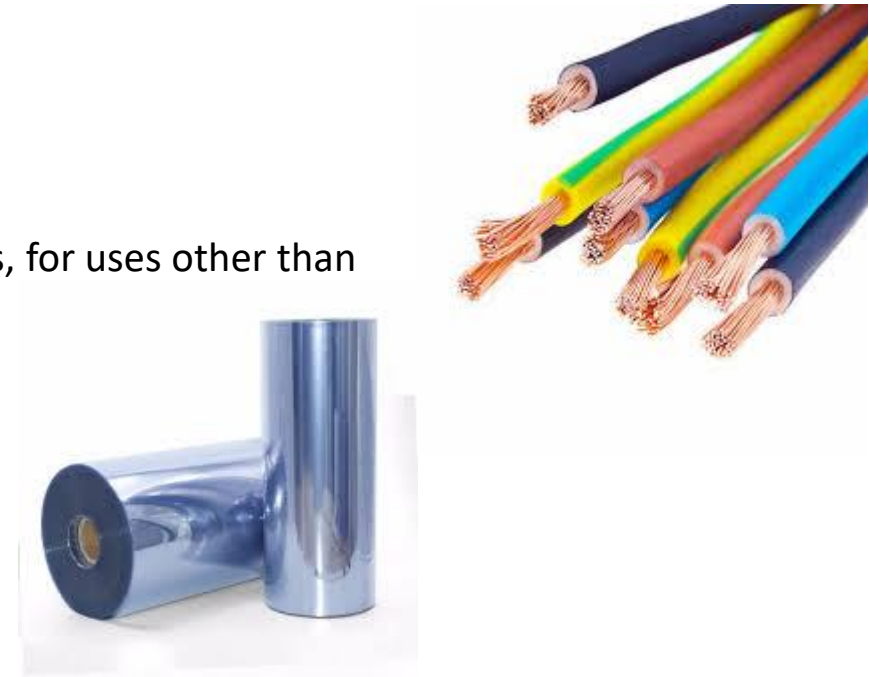


# MCCPs, listed in Annex A in 2025

Enters into force one year after the communication by the depositary,  
most likely in late 2026

- For five years from the date of entry into force of the amendment:

- Flexible polyvinyl chloride (**PVC**), limited to the 4 uses:
  - Construction sector, including maintenance of buildings and other structures, for uses other than flooring in indoor spaces that are not used for commercial purposes
  - Wires and cables in the construction sector
  - Wires and cables in medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic devices
  - Calendered films in the packaging field, excluding food packaging
- Solid woven **conveyor belts** used in underground coal mines
- Flexible **elastomeric foam** for thermal insulation
- **Adhesives and sealants**, limited to the 3 uses:
  - Polysulfide sealant and one-component polyurethane foam used in sealing for doors and windows
  - Waterproof coatings and anticorrosion coatings
  - Aerospace and defence applications
- **Tape** used for non-structural bonding in aerospace and defence products
- Fatliquoring component in **leather**, except in children's products
- Emergency response **pyrotechnic devices**
- **Paints and coatings** for ammunition and ammunition markings



# MCCPs, listed in Annex A in 2025

Enters into force one year after the communication by the depositary, most likely in late 2026

- **Until 2036:**
  - Metalworking fluids, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6:
    - Examples of applicable applications and sectors provided in paragraph 5 of part XIII
    - Professional or industrial settings, “heavy-duty” processes only
    - Protection of workers
  - **Until the end of service life of the articles or 2041, whichever comes earlier:**
    - Polymers and rubbers (including PVC, ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) rubber, chloroprene (CR), nitrile butadiene rubber (NBR) and chlorinated polyethylene (CPE)), used in replacement parts for, and repair of, articles, limited to the three applications provided in paragraph 7 of part XIII
  - **Until the end of service life of the articles or 2041, whichever comes earlier, subject to review at COP-15 in 2033:**
    - Ammunition pyrotechnic defence devices to achieve specific effects (e.g. sound, smoke, light)
    - Intumescent coating and paint for space and defence equipment and its packaging to protect against extreme temperature
  - **Until the end of service life of the equipment, subject to review by the COP no later than 2041:**
    - Coating and paint for the repair of, and use in replacement parts for, space and defence equipment
    - Protection of workers



# Stockholm Convention key provisions

## Intentional releases

- Prohibit use and production, except for exempted applications
- Prohibit import and export, except for exempted applications and for environmentally sound waste management

### Article 3

## Specific exemptions

- Parties may register for specific exemptions, which generally expire after five years unless otherwise specified.
- Once no Parties are registered for an exemption, new registrations are no longer permitted, though a review process exists for five-year extension requests.

### Article 4

## Unintentional releases

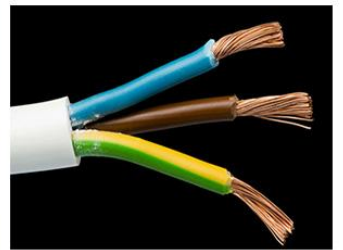
- Develop and implement national action plans, promote the use of BAT/BEP
- Report on progress in reducing unintentional POPs releases

### Article 5

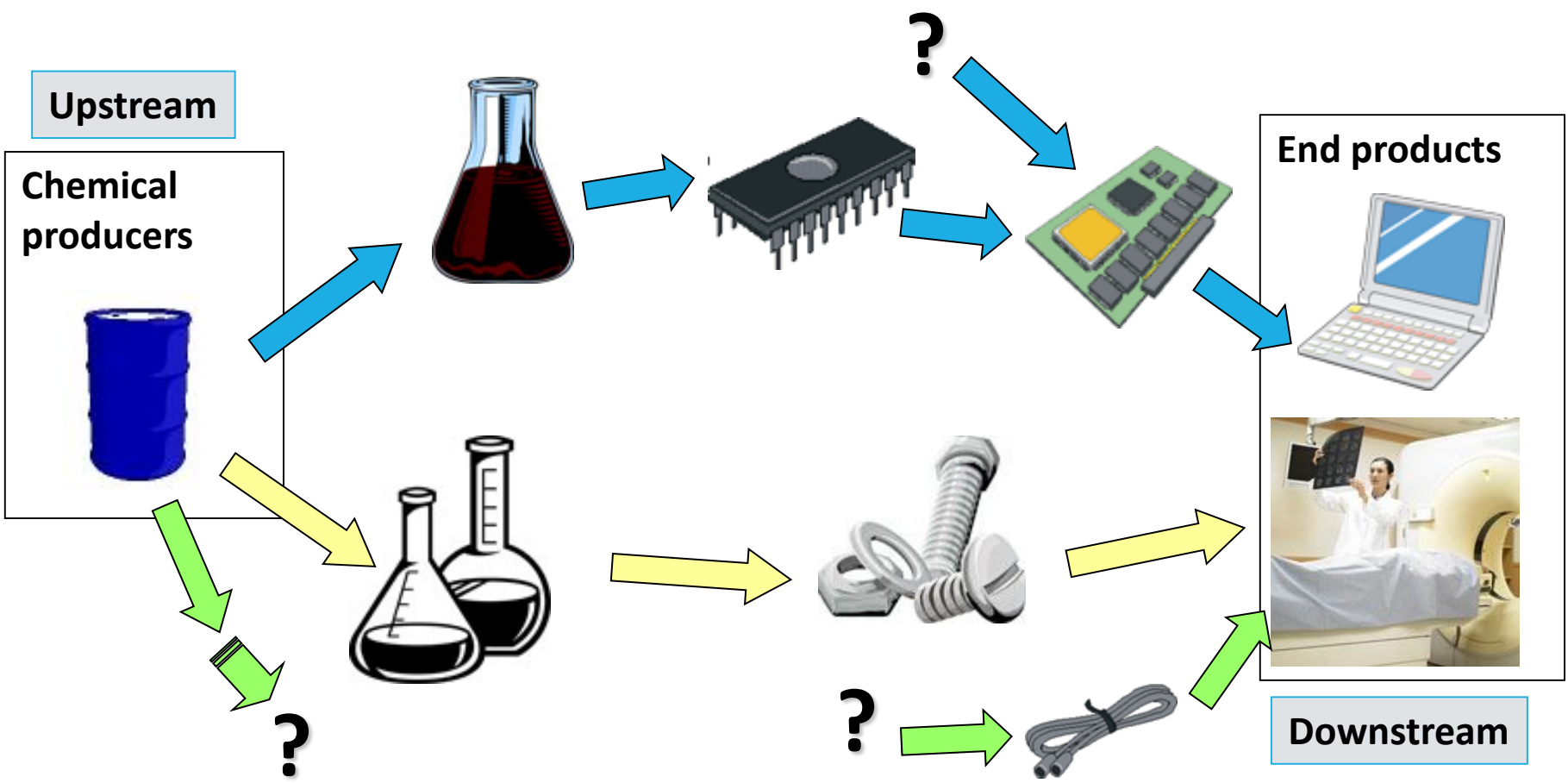
## POPs stockpiles and waste

- Identify stockpiles and wastes containing POPs
- Ensure that POPs wastes are managed and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner (Basel technical guidelines)

### Article 6



# Special care is needed for industrial chemicals because they are used in numerous processes and parts:



# How to identify hazardous chemicals in products / wastes?



POPs Review Committee (POPRC-21) intersessional working group on POPs in products and articles, established in Oct 2025

## STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS IN STOCKPILES, PRODUCTS, AND ARTICLES IN USE, AS WELL AS IN WASTES

POPs in products and articles report



## Challenges:

- **Capacity and cost barriers:** Limited resources, high costs, and technical constraints hinder chemical identification.
- **Labeling challenges:** Physical labels may degrade, be impractical for small components, or be ineffective when applied retrospectively.
- **Regulatory inconsistencies:** Varying global regulations complicate compliance and chemical tracking.
- **Data gaps and traceability issues:** Limited testing and missing information hinder monitoring across supply chains and waste management.
- **Complex value chains:** Multiple stakeholders, diverse materials, and technical constraints make identification difficult.

# Stockholm Convention

## Article 16

- **Periodic evaluation:** Starting 4 years after the Convention's entry into force, the COP periodically evaluates the Convention's effectiveness
  - ✓ Every 6 years
- **Monitoring arrangements:** COP-1 initiates arrangements to provide comparable monitoring data on chemicals in Annexes A, B, and C and their regional/global transport.
- **Basis of the Effectiveness Evaluation:**
  - ✓ Monitoring reports and data collected under GMP.
  - ✓ National reports under Article 15.
  - ✓ Information on non-compliance under Article 17.

# Article 16

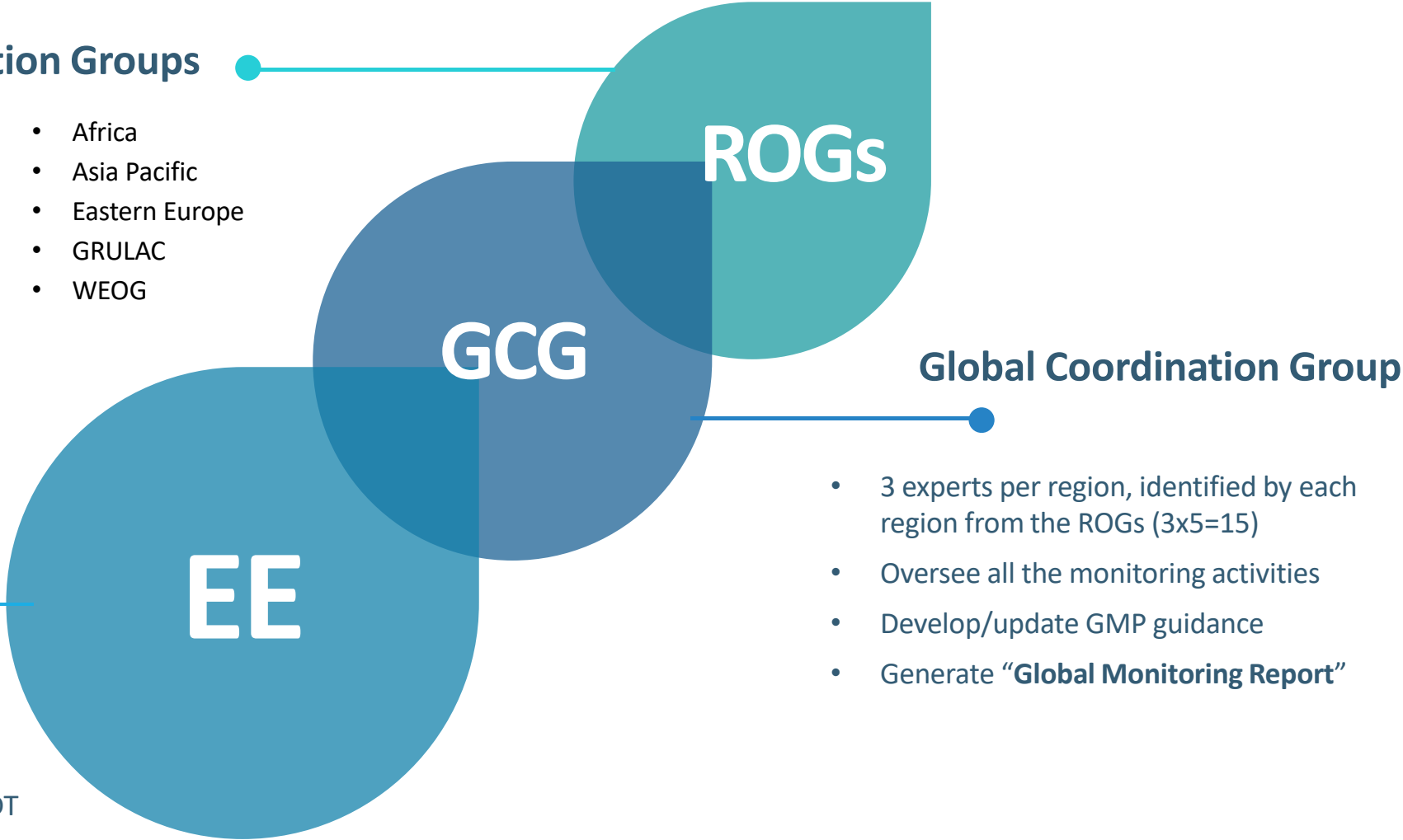
## Effectiveness evaluation and Global Monitoring Plan

### Regional Organization Groups

- 6 experts per region, identified by each region through the Stockholm Convention COP Bureau (6x5=30)
  - Coordinate regional monitoring activities
  - Generate “**Regional Monitoring Reports**”
- Africa
  - Asia Pacific
  - Eastern Europe
  - GRULAC
  - WEOG

### Effectiveness Evaluation committee

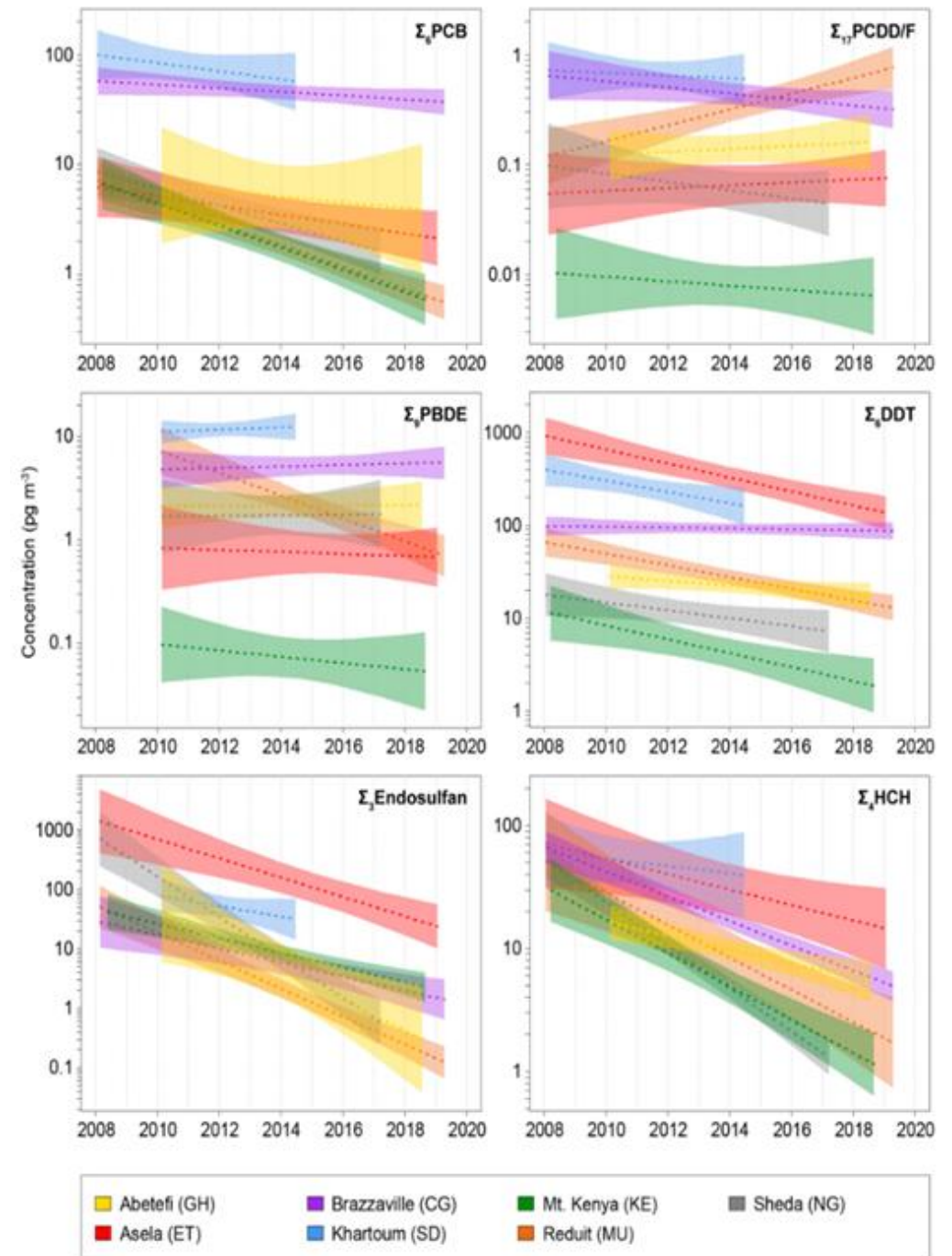
- 2 experts per region elected at the Stockholm COP (2x5=10), 1 expert from GMP GCG, 1 expert from Compliance, 2 experts identified by the Secretariat
- Generate “**Effectiveness Evaluation Report**”, using information from: National reports, PCB report, DDT report, BAT/BEP experts’ U-POPs release report, BDE report, PFOS report, **GMP report**, etc.



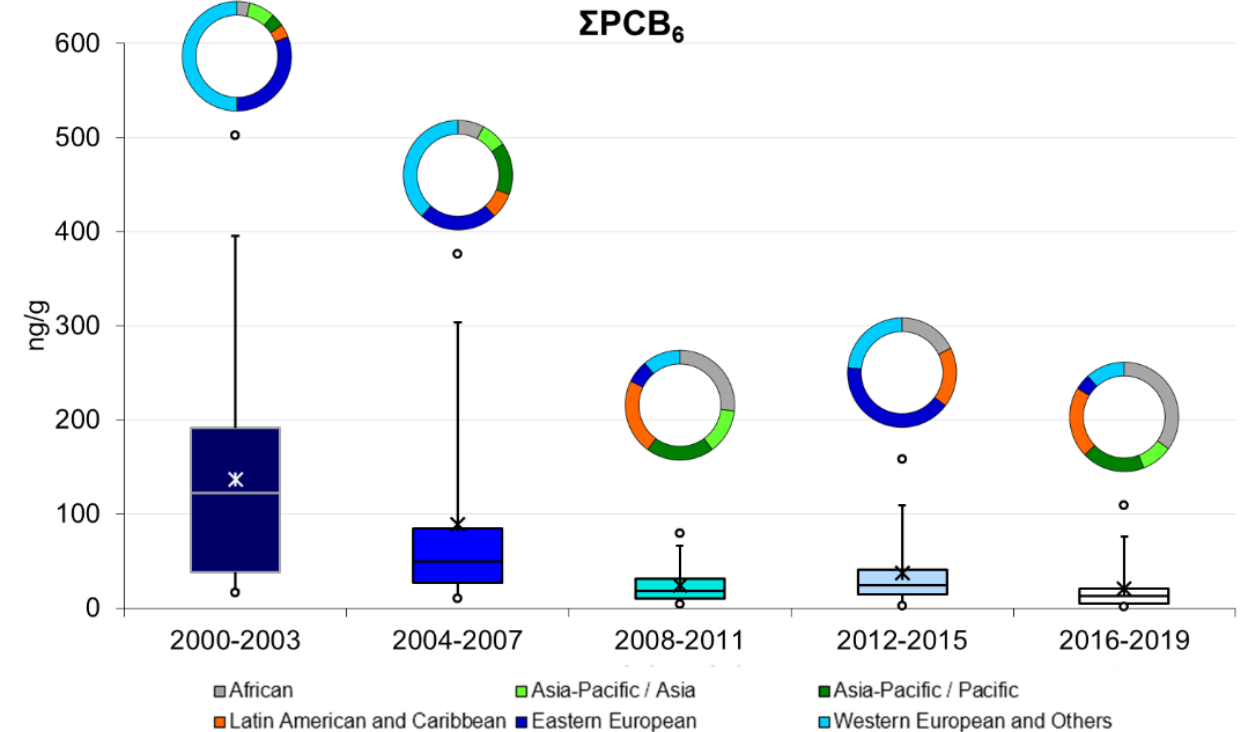
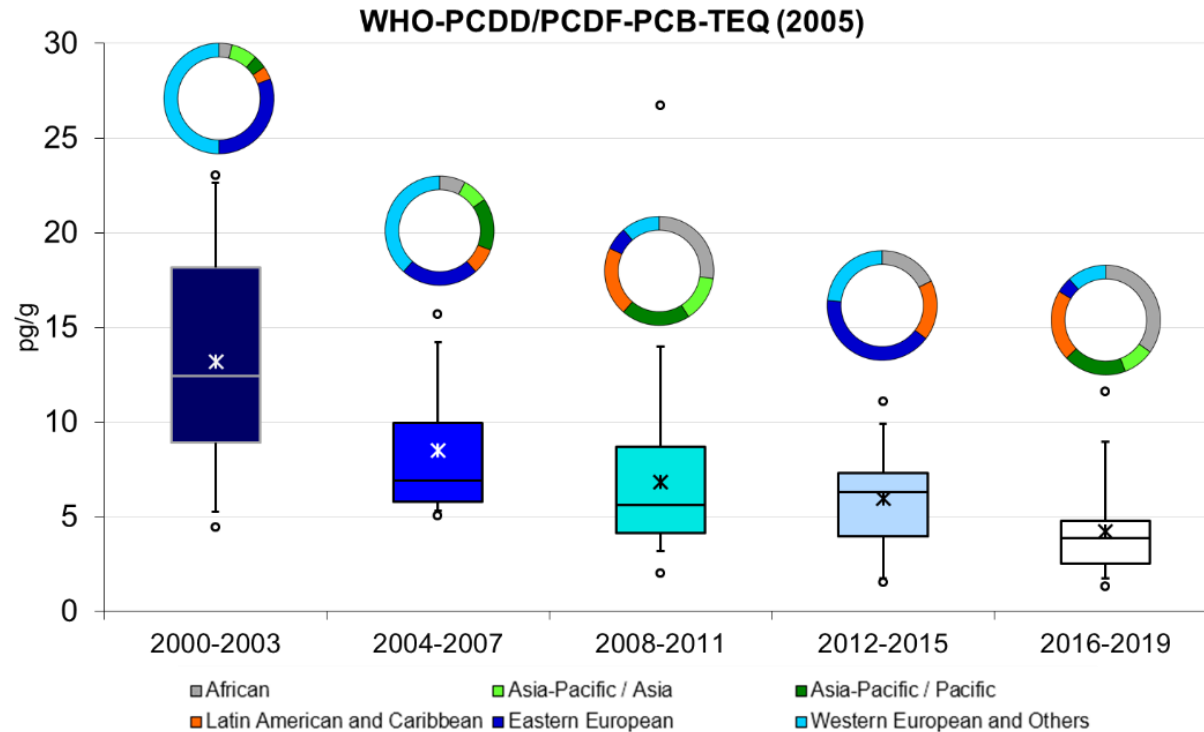
# Air

## Temporal trends of air concentrations of POPs in the African region (2008–2020)

The figures indicate decreasing trend of air concentrations of PCB; dioxins and furans (PCDD/PCDF); polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE); DDT; endosulfan; hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH).



# Human tissues



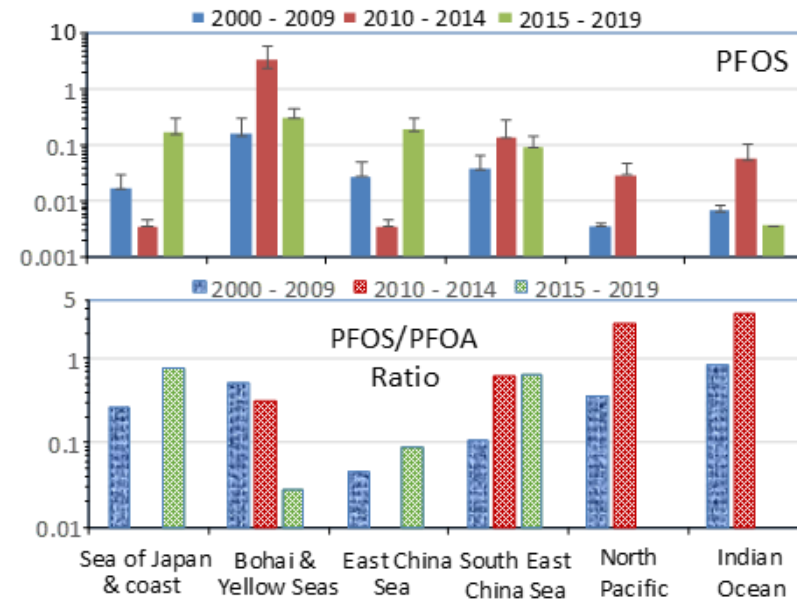
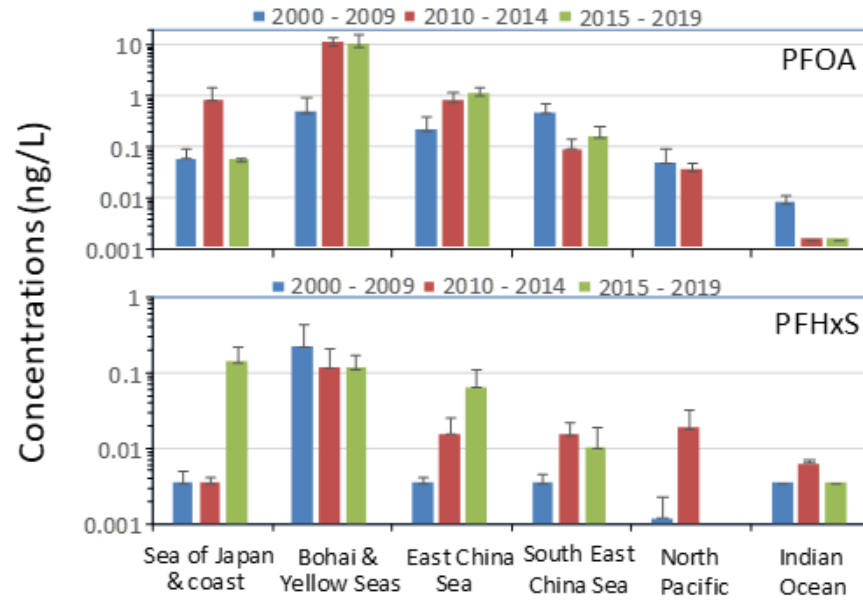
Median and range of WHO-PCDD/PCDF-TEQ concentrations (pg/g lipid) and indicator PCB ( $\Sigma\text{PCB}_6$ ) concentrations (ng/g lipid) in human milk (2000–2019)

(Country results with aggregated data. Box plot: Minimum and maximum as circles; Whiskers: 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile; Lower (25–50%) and upper (50–75%) quartiles separated by the line for the median as box and mean as asterisk.)



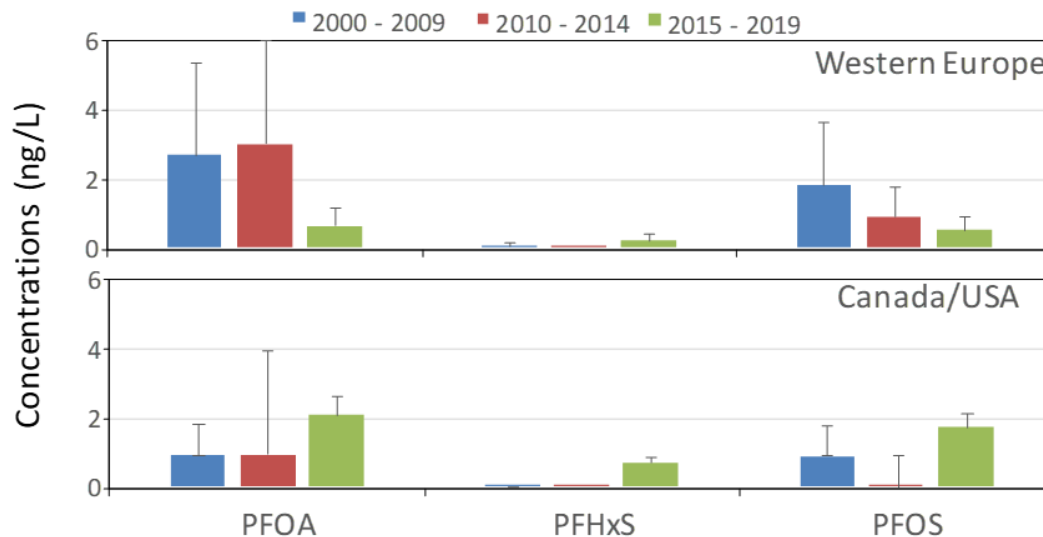
# Water

## Coastal Seas and Ocean



- River data is promising for trends assessment
- Need to improve detection limits especially for ocean data

## Rivers/Lakes



**Temporal trends (2000–2009, 2010–2014, 2015–2019) of PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS median concentrations (ng/L) and PFOS/PFOA ratios in coastal seas and ocean waters**





# GMP and EE timeline

Every 6 years

Final GMP-4 report  
Submit to COP-14; 3<sup>rd</sup> Effectiveness evaluation

2029

**Draft Global monitoring report GMP-4**

Submit to EE committee in Jan 2028

2028

**Finalize 4<sup>th</sup> regional monitoring reports**

Submit to COP-13

2027

Begin preparation of 4th Global monitoring report (GMP-4)

**Draft GMP-3 report**

Submitted to EE committee in Jan 2022

2025

**4<sup>th</sup> regional monitoring reports in preparation**

2022

**Finalized 3<sup>rd</sup> regional monitoring reports**

Submitted to COP-10

2021

2023

**Final GMP-3 report**

Submit to COP-11; 2<sup>nd</sup> full Effectiveness evaluation

# Thank you!

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