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Context

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Membership

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Activities of RILO AP

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Plan for 2022

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**Overview of Operation
Green earth**

1. Membership



33 members

Afghanistan
Australia
Bangladesh
Brunei
Bhutan
Cambodia
China
Fiji
Hong Kong, China
India
Indonesia
Iran
Japan
Korea
Laos
Macao, China
Malaysia
Maldives
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
New Zealand
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Samoa
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Vanuatu
Vietnam

Hosting RILO AP

- **Hong Kong, China (1987~1998)**
- **Japan (1999~2003)**
- **China (2004~2011)**
- **Korea (2012~Present)**

2. Activities of RILO AP

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Intelligence Liaison

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CEN Management

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Capacity Building

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International Cooperation

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Joint Operations

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Intelligence Projects

5. Joint Operations

Main activities in 2021



< Global Joint Operation GOALS >

- (Target) Illicit Synthetic drugs and precursor
- (Duration) '21. 2. 1~2. 19 (3 weeks)
- (Participants) 79 Members, 19 International Organizations, WCO
- (Outcome) 937 seizure cases, 6.7 tons of drugs and precursor



< Regional Joint Operation Mekong Dragon III >

- (Target) Illicit Drugs and precursor & Endangered wildlife trafficking
- (Duration) '21. 4. 15~ 9. 15 (5 months)
- (Participants) 20 Members, RILO AP, UNODC, 3 law enforcement authority
- (Outcome) Drug (756 cases, 21.6tons) / Wildlife (120 cases, 425tons)



< Global Joint Operation Demeter VII >

- (Target) Hazardous waste (incl. plastic & biomedical) and ODS (incl. HFCs)
- (Duration) '21. 10. 1~10. 31 (1 month)
- (Participants) 87 Members, 7 RILOs, 8 International Organizations, WCO
- (Outcome) 121 seizure cases / 4,023,735.25 kg and 6,934 pieces



※ Regional Cooperation: STOP II, Pathfinder, Trigger-Salvo, Thunder 2021

6. Intelligence Projects

Main activities in 2021

Duration: Jan. ~ Dec. 2021



Crocodile

- **Tobacco, 2004~**
- Exchange of Export/Arrival/Seizure Notification
- 189 Notifications
- 20.79 million sticks of cigarettes



Sky-Hole-Patching

- **Hazardous wastes/ODS, 2006~**
- Exchange of Export/Arrival/Seizure Notification
- 54 Notifications
- 993 tons and 215,587 pcs of wastes



DSINS (Air & Sea)

- **Drugs, 2008 / 2012~**
- Exchange of drug seizures via air & sea mode
- Seizure Notifications: 472(Air & Sea)
- 1,030kg (Air) & 1,125.7kg(Sea)

Seizure Cases

Project DSINS SEA



722.31kg of Cocaine
1 April 2020, Japan Customs

SKY-HOLE-PATCHING



Assorted hazardous waste
April and June 2021, Hong Kong Customs,

6. Intelligence Projects

Crocodile

- With participation of 24 Customs administrations of the AP region since 2004, 20.7million sticks of **cigarettes** were detected in 2021.
- Initiated by Hong Kong Customs in 2004.

Sky-Hole Patching

- Around 993 tons and 215,587 pieces of **hazardous waste** were reported in 2021 with active participation of 26 members.
- Initiated by China Customs in 2006.

DSINS (Air) & DSINS (Sea)

- In 2021, 1,030 kg of **drugs** via air channels and 1,125 kg of drugs via sea cargoes were reported.
- Initiated by Hong Kong Customs in 2008, and 2012 respectively.

6. Intelligence Projects

Project Sky-Hole-Patching Case

In 2021, a total of 54 notifications were reported on seizure of hazardous waste with total weight around 993 tons and 215,587 pieces.

Hazardous wastes included printed circuit boards waste, flat panel display waste, battery, metal scrap, notebook computer, and pigment cartridge, etc.



* Assorted seizures of hazardous waste in Hong Kong

3. Plan for 2022

- Participate in Operation **Irene III (SALW)**
Mekong Dragon IV (Drug & wildlife),
Demeter VIII (Waste), etc.
- Promote the **ongoing projects**
(DSINS, Crocodile, Sky-Hole-Patching)





4. Overview of Green earth operation

4-1. Overview of Operation



1 Name

Operation Green Earth

2 Scope

Illicit shipments of hazardous waste through all modes of transportation

3 Participations (17 members, 3 organizations)

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Macau China, Maldives, Malaysia, The Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Basel Convention, UNEP, RILO AP

4 Phases

Pre-operational phase: 11 February ~ 24 March

Operational phase: 25 March to 17 May

Post-operational phase: 18 May to 17 July

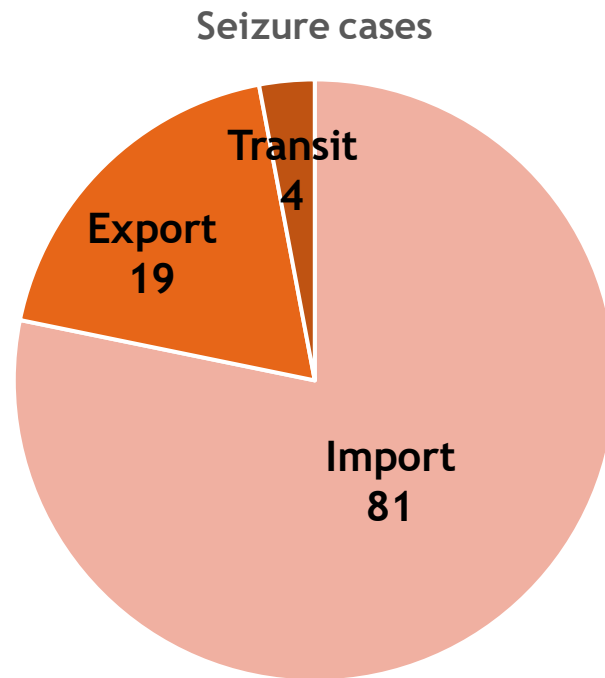
4-2. Seizure Cases Reported

Number of Seizure Cases

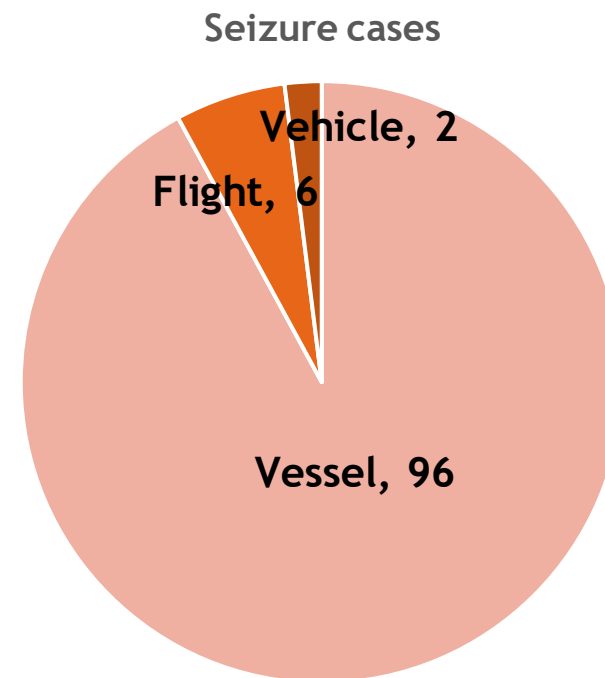
Korea	30	Thailand	10
China	21	Malaysia	5
Hong Kong China	21	Vietnam	4
Sri Lanka	13	Total	104

4-2. Seizure Cases Reported

Directions and Conveyances of Waste Movements



[Directions]



[Conveyance]

4-2. Seizure Cases Reported

Categories of Waste Intercepted

Categories	Number	KG	Pieces(Units)
Plastic waste	45	68,541,192	49
E-waste	26	523,908	58,624
Municipal waste	17	2,678,686	
Slag and metal waste	10	2,455,126	
Paper waste	2	47,898,000	
Rubber waste	2	12,822,702	
Other Waste	2	22,000	1,440
Total	104	134,941,614	60,113

4-3. Conclusions and Way Forward

Reviews and Comments

- Every seizure case from participating member administrations could not be input into CENcomm system.
 - Nevertheless, there were numerous successful seizure cases of illegally shipped waste at entry and exit points, and in transit by Korea, China, Hong Kong China, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.
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- Information conveyances between customs of destination countries and customs of departure countries were not conducted frequently.
 - It would be attributed to the short duration of this periodical joint operation

4-3. Conclusions and Way Forward

Way Forward



- ✓ Amendment of the Basel Convention to include plastic waste
- ✓ Banning the import of waste and promoting the repatriation of waste



“A **routine platform** should be established to facilitate the **information sharing**.”

THANK YOU 

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