



Effective Environmental Governance through Enforcement Networks

Meeting of Enforcement Networks on Preventing and
Combating Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes
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Characteristics of INECE

- ▶ **Global network of environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners**

- ▶ 4,000+ from more than 120 countries
- ▶ Government officials, international governmental organizations (World Bank, UNEP, OECD, European Commission) and nongovernmental organizations

- ▶ **Legal basis**

- ▶ Founded in 1989 by the Netherlands and the United States
- ▶ Mandate supported in Agenda 21

- ▶ **Structure**

- ▶ Executive Planning Committee – 25 experts from the global community
 - ▶ Secretariat based in Washington, D.C.
 - ▶ Strategic Implementation Plan
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The Compliance & Enforcement Pyramid



Environmental compliance and enforcement form the foundation for the rule of law, good governance, and sustainable development.



Supporting Implementation of National Environmental Laws

- ▶ INECE strengthens practitioners' environmental compliance and enforcement efforts by enabling:
 - ▶ Sharing of information and experience on effective enforcement and compliance practices.
 - ▶ Mutual assistance in training to build enforcement capacity.
 - ▶ Enforcement cooperation among countries.
- ▶ INECE plays an instrumental role in the compliance and enforcement community by:
 - ▶ Communicating and advancing best practices.
 - ▶ Fostering mutual learning vertically and horizontally across enforcement and compliance assurance organizations.
 - ▶ Facilitating information exchange.



What does INECE do

INECE develops and implements practical activities to strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement at all levels of governance – local, national, regional, and international

- ▶ **Strengthens capacity** among environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners
 - ▶ e.g., Capacity building programs (Principles, Inspectors, MOU Negotiation, Performance Measures)
- ▶ **Raises awareness** of the importance of compliance with and enforcement of environmental laws
 - ▶ e.g., Extensive online resource library, publications, conferences
- ▶ **Facilitates cooperation** to advance shared enforcement objectives, particularly through regional and topical networks



Seaport Environmental Security Network

- ▶ Network of professionals responsible for monitoring transboundary movements of hazardous wastes through seaports.
 - ▶ Launched April 2008 at INECE's 8th Conference
 - ▶ Governed by three chairs, supported by expert advice from Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Close cooperation with national governments and with related initiatives



Seaport Environmental Security Network Activities

- ▶ Host capacity building programs and workshops for network participants.
- ▶ Develop tools and resources and provide online resource center.
- ▶ Convene international inspection projects to foster collaboration and to identify capacity needs.
- ▶ Facilitate international exchange of practitioners



Customs officers discuss methodology with workshop participants in Thailand

Global Network of Environmental Prosecutors

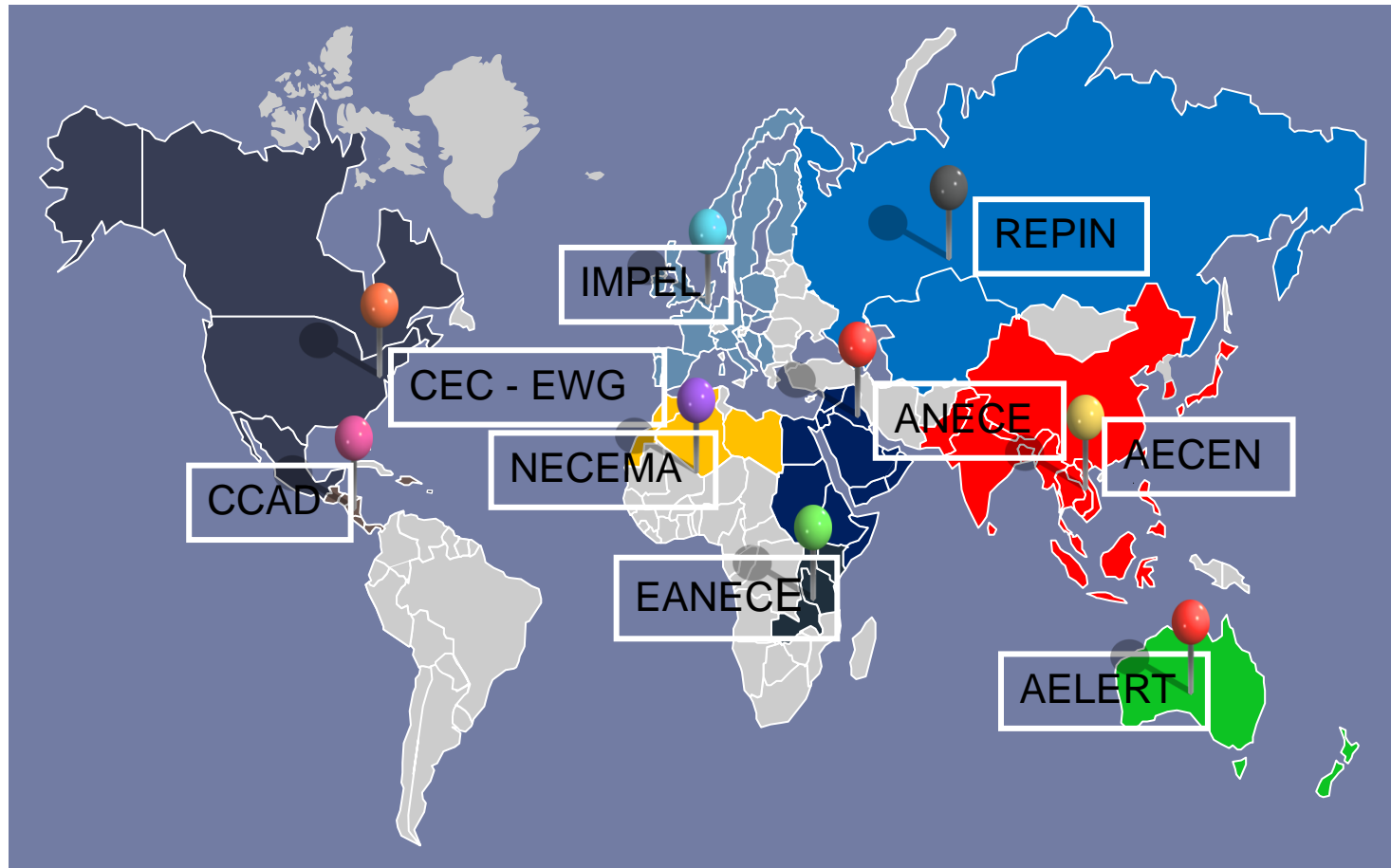
- ▶ Launched in 2011 by INECE, IUCN CEL, and expert committee of prosecutors
- ▶ **Activities:**
 - ▶ Connecting prosecutors.
 - ▶ Sharing information.
 - ▶ Delivering capacity building.
 - ▶ Supporting transnational prosecutorial initiatives.
- ▶ Draft charter agreed upon Spring 2012
- ▶ Partnering with UNEP, OAS, and INECE regional networks



Working session on the launch of the Global Network of Environmental Prosecutors



Enforcement Cooperation Through Regional Networks



East African Network on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement

- ▶ Launched on 7 May 2010 with adoption of Charter.
- ▶ More than fifty government agencies in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zanzibar.
- ▶ Creates value by leveraging donor funding for capacity building and harmonizes regulatory approaches



EANECE Success Stories

▶ CITES:

- ▶ Strengthened partnership between NEMA and KWS resulted in detection, arrest, and prosecution of three suspects found guilty of illegally harvesting aloe for trade

▶ Montreal Protocol:

- ▶ Cooperation in Kenya resulted in seizure of 55 cylinders containing banned ozone depleting substances



Part of the seized ODS consignment in Nairobi



Online Manual on Creating and Sustaining Regional Networks

- ▶ Practical information for organizers and leaders of networks
- ▶ Case examples from regional and topical enforcement networks
- ▶ Extensive bibliography
- ▶ Topics include:
 - ▶ Network Governance
 - ▶ Project Selection and Implementation
 - ▶ Funding and Finances
 - ▶ Assessment of Networks



See <http://inece.org/regions/> to access the Manual.

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