

# InforMEA

The United Nations Portal on  
Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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# A Project by the MEA KM Initiative

The Initiative shares information through inter-operable solutions

- CBD (biodiversity)
- CITES (trade in species)
- CMS (migratory species)
- ITPGR-FA (plants & crops)
- Ramsar (wetlands)
- IPPC (plant protection)
- UNESCO-WHC (heritage)
- UNCCD (soil)
- UNFCCC (climate change)
- Montreal Protocol (ozone)
- Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (chemicals and wastes)
- Minamata (mercury)
- [SAICM]-chemicals management
- UNECE (5 MEAs)
- Regional Sea Conventions
- Further regional Conventions (Carpathian, Caspian Sea)

**Observers:** EMG, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, FAO

**Contractors:** IUCN Law Centre (with FAO) , IUCN Academy, IISD

**UNEP:** Team in Geneva and UNEP Divisions

**Donor:** European Union

# InforMEA offers

- **Treaty profiles** with more than 10 000 governing body decisions, treaty texts analyzed with term concepts, and national focal points
- **Party profiles** with over 5 000 National Reports and 500 National Plans (i.e. NBSAPs), ratification status and contacts
- **Thesaurus (LEO)** with term definitions and related content
- **Document section** with over 10 000 documents
- **E-learning facility** with over 20 free introductory courses in several languages (over 1000 certificates obtained)
- A joint MEA calendar, news updates and videos
- Information for anyone interested in integrating InforMEA content
- From ECOLEX in the context of Party profiles):
  - 130 000 national laws and regulations (FAOLEX)
  - 2 000 court decisions (UNEP)



# Who uses InforMEA?

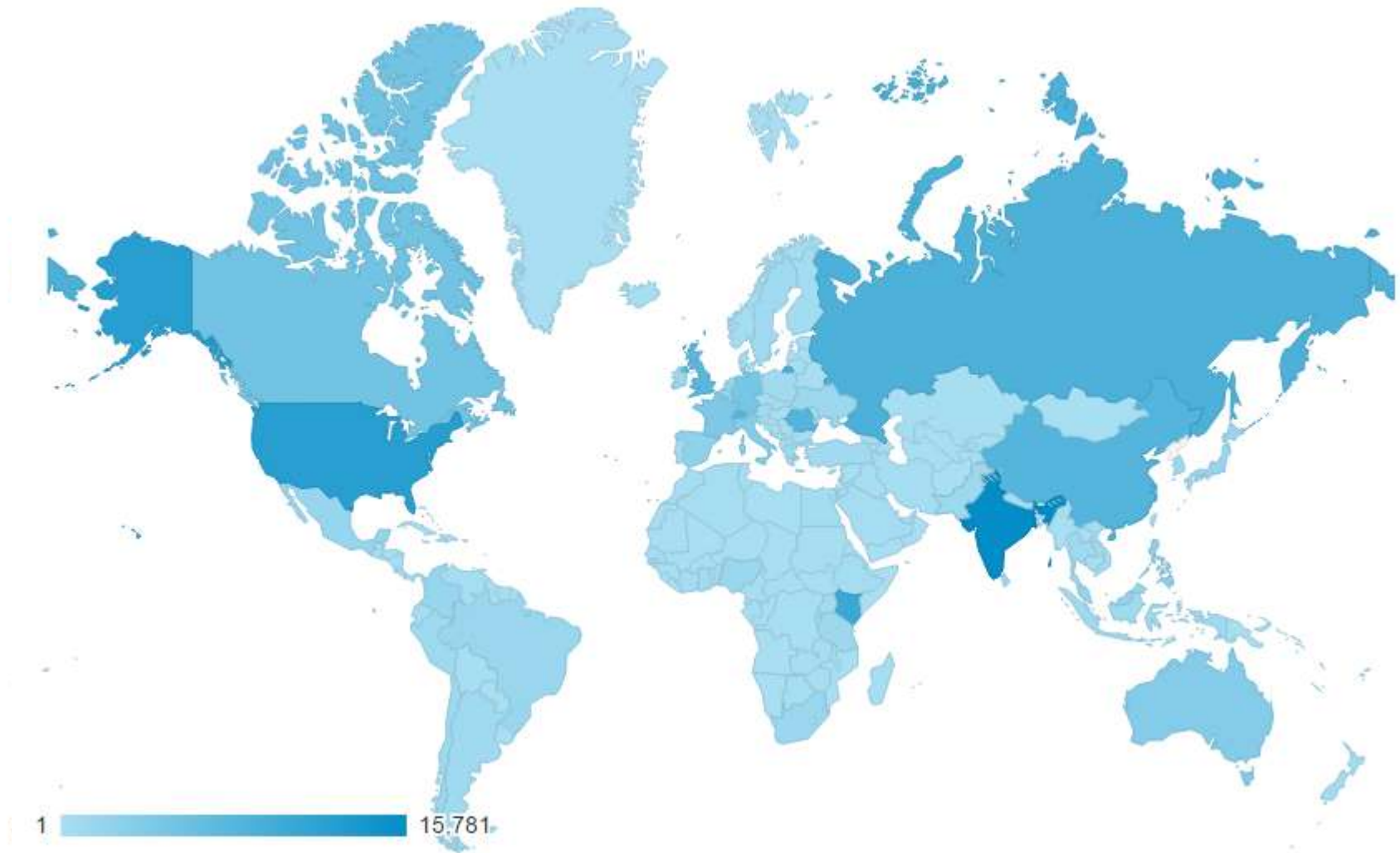


FIGURE 1  
User expertise among IMEAs

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# ..... and why?

Survey participants in 2016

*“I check COP decisions by key word search .”*

*“I use InforMEA resources to insert references in documents and to compare calendars during the planning phases.”*

*“I can use this web site as a main pathway toward the main site of each conventions”*

*“I work as a negotiator for Colombia but I also teach international environmental law, therefore the information in the website and the fact that is available also in Spanish is very valuable to me”*

*“The information received helps me compile summary reports for the implementation of MEAs in my country and for the progress reports to regional bodies”*

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## United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements

InforMEA harvests COP decisions, news, meetings, membership, national focal points and reports from MEAs. Information is organised by terms from MEA COP agendas.

InforMEA is a project of the MEA Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) Initiative with the support from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Union.

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### Glossary



Browse the MEA unified glossary of terms to see tagged information across multiple MEAs.

[Open the glossary](#)

### Treaties

Browse more than 50 global and regional – environmental related treaties. Read texts, decisions, consult the list of parties and focal points. Print nice reports about treaties with geographical coverage maps and figures.

**Regions:** [Global](#) [Africa](#) [Asia and the Pacific](#)  
[Europe](#) [Latin America and the Caribbean](#)  
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### Countries



Visualise MEA related information into geographical context. Countries that are parties to treaties and protocols have focal points, national reports and action plans.

[See all countries](#)

# Where do we go from here...

Thanks to the generous support by the European Union a next project phase has just started. Soon you will find the following enhancements:

- Topical Sections (*biodiversity/negotiations...*) and regional sections of InforMEA with networking possibilities (*communities of practice*)
- Additional E-learning courses – Synergies, Human Rights, Health, Sustainable Development Goals, ...
- Sections on internationally agreed Goals (SDGs, Aichi Targets, GEGs) and how they relate to MEA provisions
- Linking up to national spaces in countries and Parties

***What else would like to see on InforMEA!***