

UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development

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Areas of Thematic Focus

- Environmental Goods and Services
- Organic Agricultural Products
- Mutual Supportiveness of Environment and Trade Policies



Environmental Goods and Services



Three Key Activities:

- National and regional capacity-building training workshops
- Technical assistance
- Analytical research



Defining Environmental Goods

Industrial goods used to provide environmental services to address pollution and waste affecting water, soil and air – TYPE A EGs

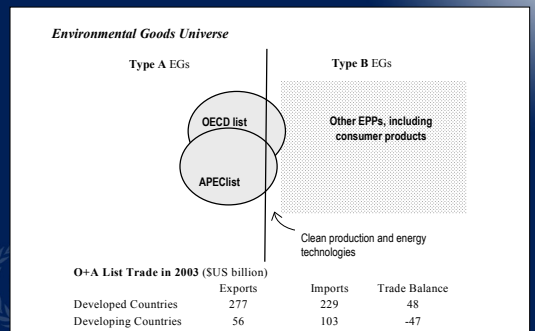
These goods:

1. Generally have multiple end-uses, only one of which is to provide environmental services.
2. Usually do not have inherently environmental characteristics; it is their use to provide environmental services that qualifies them as environmental goods.

Environmentally Preferable Products (EPPs), including both industrial and consumer goods - TYPE B EGs

These goods:

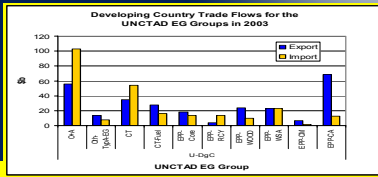
1. Have environmentally preferable characteristics relative to substitute goods, i.e., reduced negative environmental impacts in production, end-use or disposal.
2. Are generally used for purposes other than environmental ones in commercial and household applications.



Developing Country EG Trade

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There is a significant trade surplus for developing countries as a group for the Other-Typ A-EG, CT-Fuel, EPP-Core, EPP-WOOD, EPP-WSA and EPP-CA EG goods, with the latter being the biggest.



Year	2003	Developing Countries (U-DgC)		
Partner	World	Exports	Imports	
Trade Value (\$ '000)		% of Total Exports	% of Total Imports	
Product Group				
O+A	55,771,083	102,891,441	2.8	5.4
Oth-TypA-EG	14,096,133	7,676,188	0.7	0.4
CT	34,676,987	54,256,999	1.8	2.8
CT-Fuel	27,440,243	16,146,841	1.4	0.8
EPP-Core	18,155,670	13,673,190	0.9	0.7
EPP-RCY	4,016,834	13,754,133	0.2	0.7
EPP-WOOD	23,712,004	10,177,020	1.2	0.5
EPP-CM	23,282,797	23,289,243	1.2	1.2
EPP-WSA	6,504,056	1,706,029	0.3	0.1
EPP-CA	86,824,702	12,703,914	3.5	0.7
TOTAL	1,973,406,313	1,906,025,900		

Top EG Exporting Developing Countries (in relative terms)

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Year	2003	Reporter		Partner			
EG Group	Rank	Reporter	Normalized Exports	EG Group	Rank	Reporter	Normalized Exports
O+A	1	China	0.011	EPP-RCY	1	India	0.033
		2 South Africa	0.009			2 Lebanon	0.020
		3 Mexico	0.009			3 Cambodia	0.016
		4 Greece	0.008			4 Panama	0.012
		5 Guyana	0.008			5 Rwanda	0.012
		6 Kazakhstan	0.007			6 Bangladesh	0.008
		7 Barbados	0.005			7 Honduras	0.008
		8 Brazil	0.005			8 Morocco	0.007
		9 Singapore	0.002			9 Taiwan	0.007
Oth-TypA-EG	1	China, Hong Kong SAR	0.021	EPP-WOOD	1	Samoa	0.026
		2 Thailand	0.027			2 Indonesia	0.024
		3 Guatemala	0.022			3 Cuba	0.020
		4 Honduras	0.020			4 Honduras	0.020
		5 Turkey	0.019			5 Guyana	0.019
		6 China	0.014			6 Central African Rep.	0.017
		7 Malaysia	0.013			7 Paraguay	0.016
		8 Thailand	0.013			8 Myanmar	0.016
		9 El Salvador	0.013			9 Brazil	0.012
		10 Guatemala	0.012			10 Madagascar	0.012
CT	1	China	0.046	EPP-WSA	1	China	0.079
		2 Mexico	0.025			2 Bangladesh	0.025
		3 Guyana	0.020			3 Belize	0.020
		4 Mexico	0.020			4 Jordan	0.020
		5 China, Hong Kong SAR	0.023			5 Nepal	0.013
		6 Belize	0.024			6 Mongolia	0.010
		7 China	0.023			7 Myanmar	0.010
		8 Thailand	0.023			8 China, Macao SAR	0.010
		9 Turkey	0.020			9 Taiwan	0.010
		10 Rep. of Korea	0.014	EPP-CM	1	Morocco	0.013
CT-Fuel	1	China	0.027			2 Mexico	0.014
		2 Mexico	0.027			3 Paraguay	0.014
		3 Argentina	0.026			4 Nepal	0.014
		4 Oman	0.010			5 Cambodia	0.015
		5 Indonesia	0.028			6 Nepal	0.014
		6 Mexico	0.023			7 Paraguay	0.015
		7 Argentina	0.025			8 China, Rep. of Tanzania	0.018
		8 Guyana	0.025			9 Sudan	0.013
		9 Nigeria	0.015	EPP-CA	1	China, Macao SAR	0.043
		10 Sudan	0.013			2 Myanmar	0.042
EPP-Core	1	Nepal	0.003			3 Bangladesh	0.005
		2 Uruguay	0.005			4 Myanmar	0.007
		3 Bangladesh	0.003			5 Cambodia	0.005
		4 Thailand	0.007			6 Cambodia	0.005
		5 China, Macao SAR	0.007			7 Cambodia	0.005
		6 Mexico	0.007			8 Cambodia	0.005
		7 Argentina	0.003			9 D.R. Congo	0.003
		8 Madagascar	0.002			10 Madagascar	0.003
		9 India	0.002			11 Madagascar	0.003
		10 Pakistan	0.002			12 Taiwan	0.002

Dynamics of EG Exports of Developing Countries

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Reporter = U-DgC		Partner = World			
Rank	EG Group	Annual growth rate of DgC exports (%)	Share of Total DgC Exports to World (%) 1997	Share of Total DgC Exports to World (%) 2003	Increment (%)
1	CT	12.7	0.015	0.018	16.5
2	O+A	12.3	0.025	0.028	14.4
3	CT-Fuel	11.8	0.012	0.014	11.4
4	Oth-TypA-EGs	11.4	0.007	0.007	9.0
5	EPP-CA	10.3	0.034	0.035	2.5
6	EPP-Core	8.7	0.022	0.020	-6.1
7	EPP-RCY	7.0	0.002	0.002	-14.3
8	EPP-CM	6.9	0.014	0.012	-14.8
9	EPP-WOOD	6.4	0.015	0.012	-17.2
10	EPP-WSA	2.8	0.005	0.003	-32.7
All EG Groups		10.0	0.150	0.152	0.7
Total Goods Exports to World		9.8			
Value of All EG Group Exports to World in 2003 (\$b) =			299		

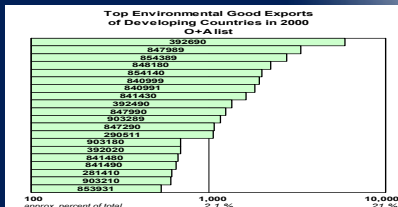
Dynamics of EG Exports of Developing Countries

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Reporter = U-DgC		Partner = U-DdC			
Rank	EG Group	Annual growth rate of DgC exports (%)	Share of Total DgC Exports to U-DdC (%) 1997	Share of Total DgC Exports to U-DdC (%) 2003	Increment (%)
1	O+A	14.9	0.024	0.030	27.9
2	Oth-TypA-EGs	14.7	0.008	0.010	26.9
3	CT	14.2	0.014	0.018	23.4
4	CT-Fuel	12.6	0.015	0.017	13.2
5	EPP-CA	12.3	0.046	0.051	11.7
6	EPP-WOOD	9.7	0.017	0.016	-3.1
7	EPP-Core	9.5	0.025	0.024	-4.2
8	EPP-CM	4.8	0.005	0.004	-26.4
9	EPP-RCY	4.7	0.002	0.001	-26.6
10	EPP-WSA	4.5	0.007	0.005	-27.5
All EG Groups		11.8	0.163	0.177	8.7
Total Goods Exports to U-DdC		10.3			
Value of All EG Group Exports to U-DdC in 2003 (\$b) =			191		

Top EG Exports of Developing Countries

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- 392690 Other articles of plastic
- 847989 Other machines, nec, having individual functions
- 854389 Other electrical machines and apparatus with one function
- 848180 Other saws, coaxes, valves, etc.
- 854140 Photo-sensitive semiconductor devices, incl. solar cells
- 840999 Parts for diesel or semi-diesel engines
- 840951 Parts for internal combustion piston engines
- 841430 Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment
- 392490 Household & toilet articles of plastic
- 847980 Parts of machines (of heading 8479)
- 903289 Other automatic regulation, control instruments
- 847280 Other office machines
- 390811 Methanol
- 803180 Other measuring or checking instruments
- 392020 Polypropylene sheathing
- 841480 Other air or gas compressors or hoists
- 841880 Parts for air or gas compressors, fans or hoists
- 281410 Antihydroxy amine
- 853210 Thermistors
- 853931 Fluorescent lamps

Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products

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Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products

Why organic agriculture?

- Environmental, social and economic benefits for developing countries
- Trading opportunity - major markets for organic products growing at rates of 5-20 % per year, plus price premiums
- Opportunity for sustainable local development



Background: Previous meetings (2002-2004)

- February 2002, Policy dialogue in Brussels on Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products
- May 2003, Workshop on Trade and Environment for Anglophone African Countries. Cape Town, South Africa
- September/October 2004, National multi-stakeholder consultations in Kenya, the Republic of Tanzania and Uganda



Overarching Objective

To contribute to sustainable trade, environmental protection, food security and poverty reduction in three East African countries (Kenya, the Republic of Tanzania and Uganda) by promoting the production and export of organic agricultural products.



Specific objectives include to:

- Facilitate national and regional multi-stakeholder dialogue among all relevant parties
- Review the current practices and situation regarding organic agriculture
- Facilitate the development of policy options for promoting organic agriculture
- Facilitate regional cooperation among the three countries
- Explore the potential development of an East African organic standard



Project Activities

- Part One: Background studies
- Part Two: National integrated assessments of organic agriculture
- Part Three: Regional cooperation



In collaboration with:

- National institutions in the beneficiary countries
- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
- Export Promotion of Organic Products from Africa (EPOPA Project)



Part One: Background studies

1. Overview of the current state of organic agriculture in East Africa and opportunities for regional harmonization
2. What developing country Governments can do to promote production and trade in organic agriculture
3. Organic agriculture and food security in Africa

Other studies envisaged include:

- A study on trading opportunities for organic products from East Africa



Part Two: National integrated assessments of organic agriculture

What is IA?

A **process** for assessing the environmental, social and economic impacts of a specific policy, set of policies, sector or planning process



OA in East Africa (Kenya)

- Lead Govt. Agency
 - National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA)
- Designated Institution
 - Bridge Africa



OA in East Africa (Tanzania)

- Lead Govt. Agency
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- Designated Institution
 - Envirocare



OA in East Africa (Uganda)

- Lead Govt. Agency
 - Uganda Export Promotion Board
- Designated Institution
 - Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)



Expected outcomes:

- Informed policymaking
- Policy packages that help promote OA
- Enhanced transparency and stakeholder participation in policy dialogue and decision-making



Part Three: Regional Cooperation

- Facilitate exchange of national experiences
- Ensure overall project coherency
- Identify areas for regional cooperation
- Explore possible development of an East African Organic Agriculture Standard



Strengthening the Mutual Supportiveness of Environment and Trade Policies



Three key activities:

1. Regional and national capacity-building
2. Enhancing national capacities to assess wildlife trade policies
3. Assessing the development, negotiation and implementation of MEAs and trade rules



Enhancing National Capacities to Assess Wildlife Trade Policies (October 2005 – October 2007)

Objective:

To promote sustainable development by enhancing the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to assess, design and implement sustainable national wildlife trade policies

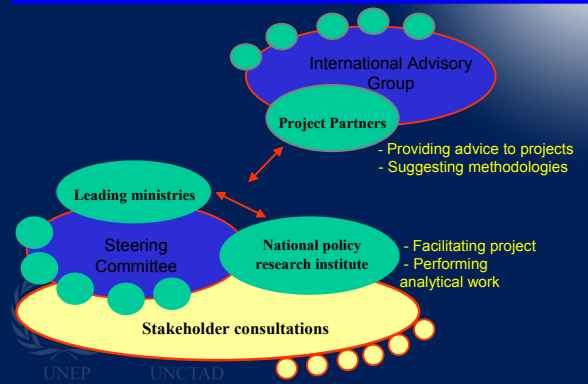
Response to CITES COP Decision 13.74:

“... conduct, in cooperation with the Parties, a review of their national policies regarding the use and trade in specimens of CITES-listed species . . .”



Project Activities

- **Phase 1:** Development of a toolkit for wildlife trade policy assessment methodologies
- **Phase 2:** National assessment of environmental, economic and social impacts of wildlife trade policies
- **Phase 3:** Development and implementation of integrated national policy action plan



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