



Convenio de Minamata sobre Mercurio



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Dear Mr. Duer:

Since 2008 we had been partners of the waste management area of the GMP. We had implemented several public awareness and collection campaigns of batteries and lighting waste, including fluorescent lamps, electric ballast, LED, halogen and incandescent lightbulbs, electric and electronic waste.

Since 2010 we had collected and environment safe managed 47 tons of dry batteries and 156,000 fluorescent lamps equivalent to 24 tons of mercury containing waste and 1,981 tons of equivalent CO₂. Additionally, we had collected and storage 11.47 kgs of elemental mercury and 38.40 Kgs of mercury compounds.

In 2017 we were invited to be part of the GMP's PAG 7 meeting in Dead Sea, Jordan. In 2014 and 2018 we were invited to the UNIDO's mercury meetings at the UN Headquarter in Vienna and since 2019 we had been part of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area's Catalogue of Technologies and Services on Mercury Waste Management.

In 2018 we were invited to the ICCA/UNEP Sustainable Chemical's meeting in Shanghai, China, and became member to the Chemicals in Products (CiP) programme.

Now we're ready to keep up our work, including ESM of mercury containing waste following Minamata Convention's provisions and implementing the circular economy concept to the electric, electronic waste and marine litter.

Looking forward to continuing to be an active and positive energy inside the GMP's waste management and supply and storage areas.

Kind Regards,

Jorge G. Conte B.
Alianza Contaminación Cero



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Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 190 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

Government	Industry
Intergovernmental Organization	Academia
Non-governmental Organization	Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

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Panama, Republic of Panama, July 08, 2008

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Dear fellows:

As part of the Global Compact since September 2005, the Parques Nacionales de Panama Group is committed to participate, promote, integrate and develop RSC programs and projects oriented to corporations, civil society, schools and universities, NGO's, public sector and government agencies in order to achieve the Agenda 21 environmental goals.

Since May 26, 2008 we had been promoting the Pollution Zero Alliance among all the actors in Panama, especially among corporations, to implement projects orient it to reduce, reuse, and recycle or elimination of at least 10 dangerous pollutants from our environment. As the first pollutant we considered the voluntary reduction of grocery bags or non reusable plastic bags, as is happening around the world. We set a goal to reach in six months 20 thousand reusable bags and to be distributed among customers and employees of large supermarkets chains as stepping stones for bigger programs inside supermarkets and grocery stores, among others, in the republic of Panama. We had already achieved 30% of our goal in just the first month. (Attached, you will find a photo from one of our ally's reusable bags program).

The next important pollutant is dry batteries. And we like to create awareness on the right disposition of them and the use of more rechargeable batteries and AC to avoid mercury and other toxic pollutants to reach land and rivers and waterbeds.

We will like to reach at least 2,000 locations in Panama to collect 40 thousand used batteries in 6 months and export them to Colombia were they can be recycle properly. We will start the promotion of the new program in November 2008 right before Christmas, when batteries reach it maximum annual sales and discharge.

We will be hosting the 2nd environmental RSC Forum next August 19-20 and we will like to partnership with the Mercury Program and UNEP Chemical, in other to gain knowledge and credibility for our future programs. Also collaborate in reaching the Mercury Program Goals.

I look forward to be a positive partner of the Mercury Program as well as in other present and future programs regarding reduction of toxic pollutants in our country.

Green Regards,

Jorge G Conte B
Director-Founder
Ecologic / Pollution Zero Alliance / Parques Nacionales Panama Group

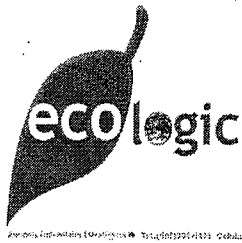
UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Form *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products<input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining<input type="checkbox"/> mercury emissions from coal combustion<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management<input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production<input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <p>Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.</p>
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Panamá, January 22, 2010

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Dear Mr. Bakken:

Since 2008 we had been partners of the Global Mercury Partnership in the mercury waste management area. Since June 5, 2009 we started a program named Zero Mercury Mission, and since September 22, we begin our first project named "Ponte las pilas con las pilas" or "Get on with the batteries" to inform about the mercury and other metals inside batteries and the impact of mercury on human health and the environment. We had informed more than 1,000 persons so far and we look forward to reach 20 times that number in the next 3 years. We are also looking forward to collect 3 tones of mercury containing products (batteries, fluorescent lamps, CFL's bulbs and mercury thermometers) to be temporary storage and encapsulate in cement for further use.

That is why we want to be part of the supply and storage area, to learn, propose and share thoughts and ideas on mercury containing product's temporary storage and final disposition.

We look forward for you positive response and help us to find a proper area to canalize our doubts and initiatives for local as well as global solutions for this new paradox.

Please have a mercury free day.

Jorge G. Conte Burrell
Founder-Director-Member

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

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