



LOOK CLOSELY AT THE WFF

POPs monitoring in developing countries. Where did we find them?

THEY ARE AROUND YOU, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE ON EARTH.

IN THE AIR YOU BREATHE:

POPs pesticides listed under the Stockholm Convention were found in air samples from 42 developing countries, including remote areas.

Sparky was detected in many countries at sites far from known sources of contamination.

IN THE WATER YOU USE:

PFASs, Sticky's most everlasting relatives, are detected in all the water samples collected from 22 countries covering Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America.

IN THE FOOD YOU EAT:

19 kinds of food samples were collected from 20 developing countries, including fish, butter, dairy, chicken, and eggs. POPs were detected.

EVEN INSIDE YOU:

A recent UNEP/WHO human milk survey detected high levels of POPs pesticides and industrial POPs, emphasizing the necessity of identifying and eliminating sources and evaluating health risks.



Keeping an eye on WFF, the invisible and dangerous chemicals, to:

- Record and discover the long-term behaviors and trends in the movement of POPs.
- Set the direction for source tracing of emissions, releases, and exposure.
- Reflect on the effectiveness of existing actions and identify gaps.
- Provide scientifically sound facts to stakeholders, including the general public, towards enhanced global support and continuous monitoring.
- Support informed policy and decision-making to prevent adverse impacts of POPs on humans and the environment.