

PCBs elimination goals under the scope of the Stockholm Convention and the BRS programme of work - GRULAC -

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Stockholm Convention goals on PCB elimination

- Parties to **ban the production** and new uses of PCB;
- Parties to **make determined efforts** to identify, label and **remove from use** equipment (e.g. transformers, capacitors or other receptacles containing liquid stocks) containing PCB **by 2025**;
- Parties to make determined efforts designed to lead **to environmentally sound waste management** of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB as soon as possible but **no later than 2028**;
- Parties to identify other articles containing PCB (**open applications**) and manage them in an environmentally sound manner; and
- Parties to allow **export or import PCB only for the purpose of environmentally sound waste management**

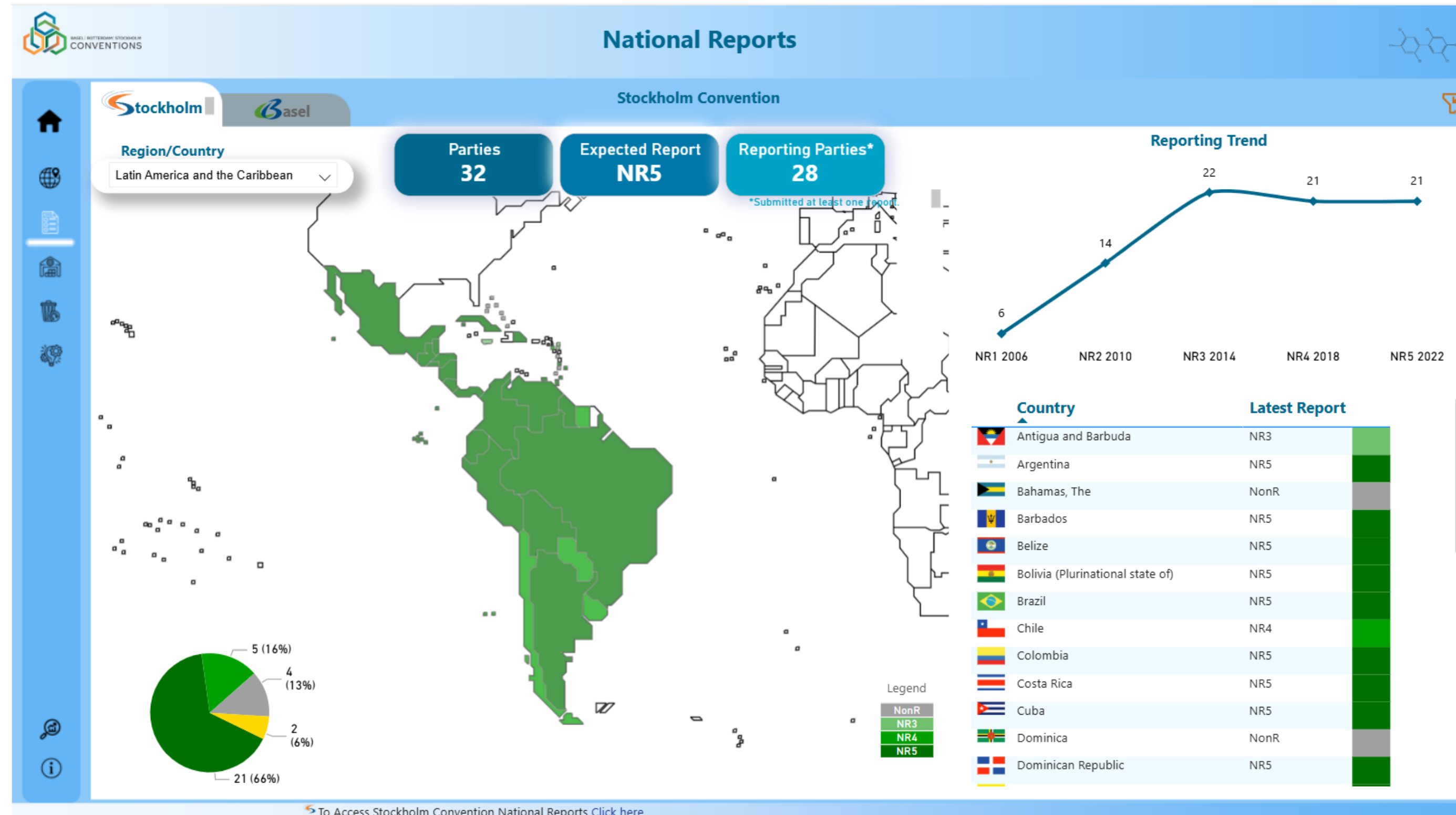


12th Conference of the Parties – outcomes on PCBs: Decision 13-3

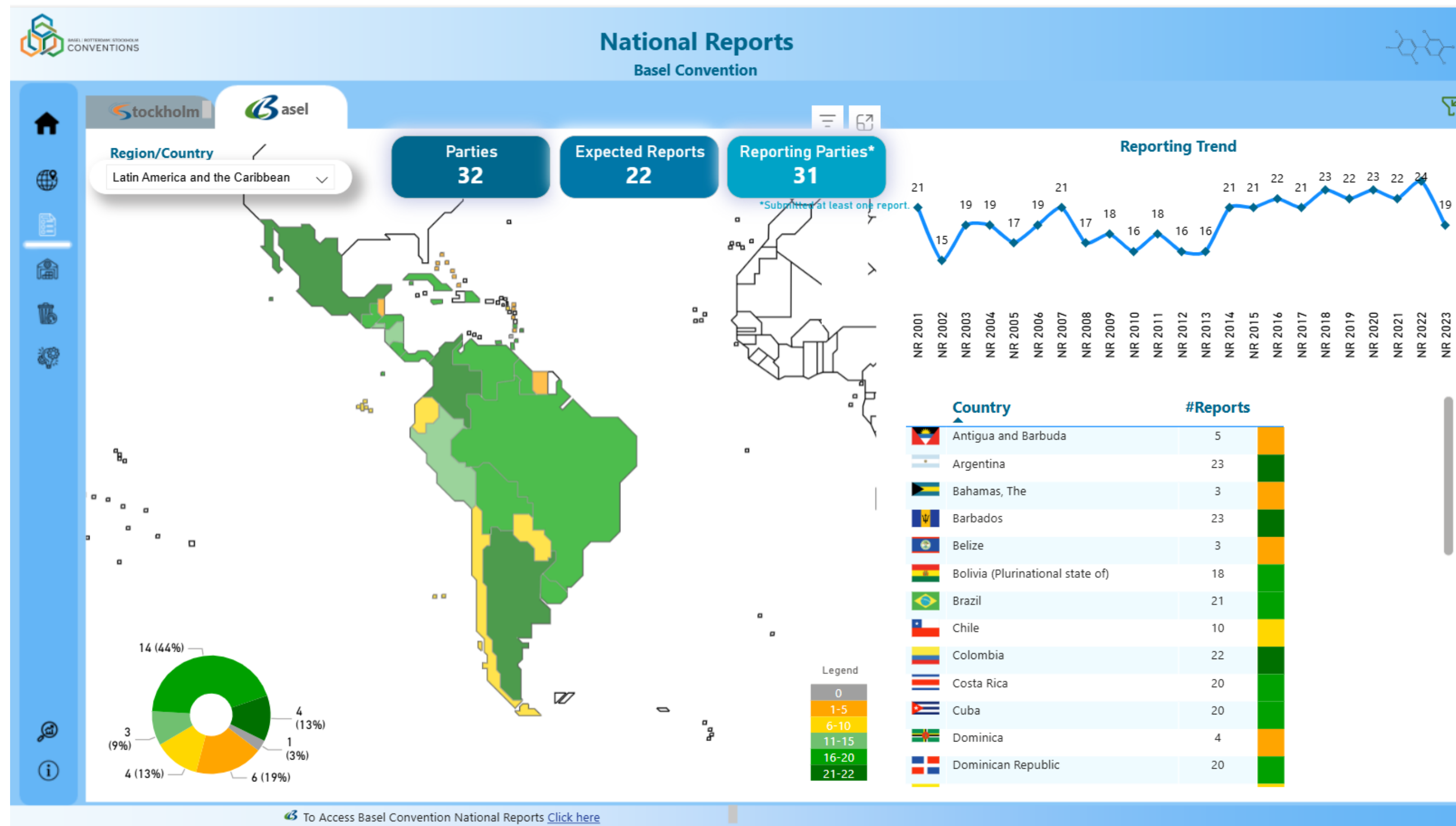


- Welcomes the **updated guidance** for the development of inventories of PCBs and analysis of PCBs (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/10), as well as the strategy to enable Parties to the Stockholm Convention to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals on PCBs elimination of the Convention UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/10.
- Urges Parties:
 - To implement measures to meet their obligations under the Stockholm Convention, in particular with respect to paragraphs (a) and (e) of part II of Annex A to the Convention, taking into account the strategy for PCBs towards meeting the 2025 and 2028 goals, and to **develop, update and maintain national inventories of PCBs**, following the updated guidance.
 - To endeavour to **identify articles containing more than 0.005 per cent (50ppm) PCBs in open applications**, such as cable sheaths, cured caulk and painted objects, and to manage them in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6
 - To **report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures taken** to implement part II of Annex A to the Convention, including quantitative information on PCBs, in their national reports pursuant to Article 15 and encourages them to enhance synergies at the national level with focal points and competent authorities of the Basel Convention in the preparation of their national reports to ensure consistency in the information submitted, as appropriate, and to ensure the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls
- Requests the Secretariat:
 - To continue to **provide technical assistance** to strengthen developing countries national and regional capacities for the elimination and reporting of PCBs
 - To **collaborate with UNEP's Chemicals and Health Branch**
- Recalls Decision 11-3 on the re-establishment of the Small intersessional working group established to assist the Secretariat on the preparation of:
 - Revised guidance on PCB environmentally sound management
 - An **updated report on the progress towards the elimination of PCBs**.

Overview of GRULAC efforts on PCB elimination – National Reports



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Overview of GRULAC efforts on PCB elimination – PCB inventories



Overview of GRULAC efforts on PCB elimination – PCB disposal

Inventory (t)
5.2K

Local Elimin.
(t)
74.4K

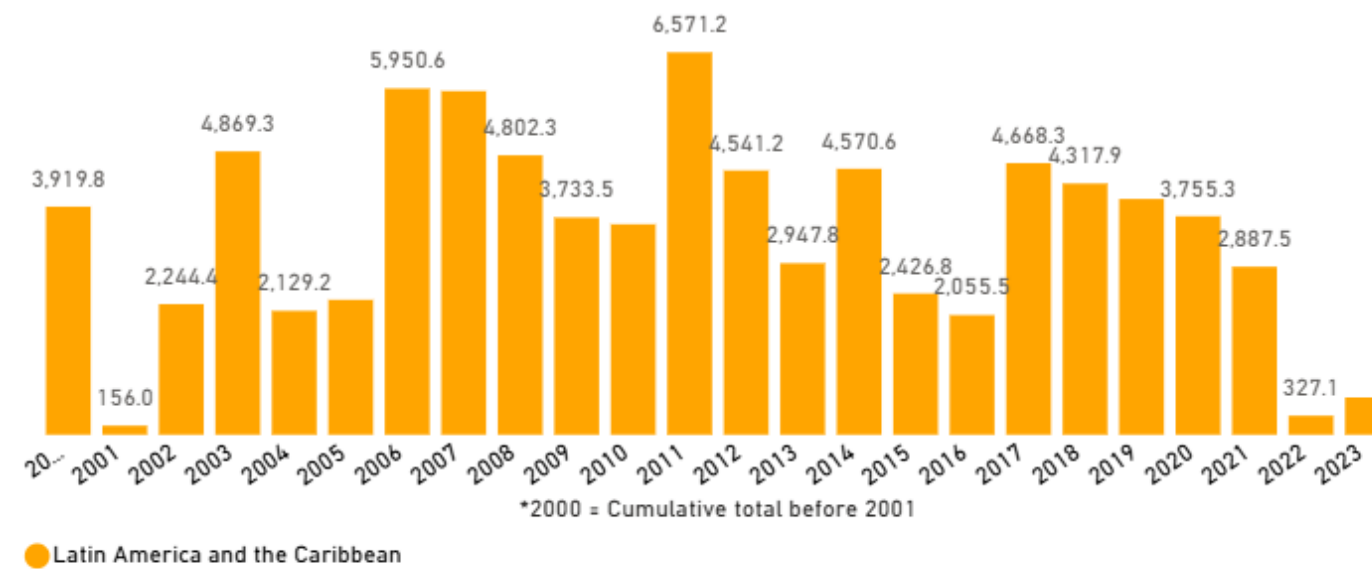
Export (t)
9.0K

Total Elimin.
(t)
83.4K

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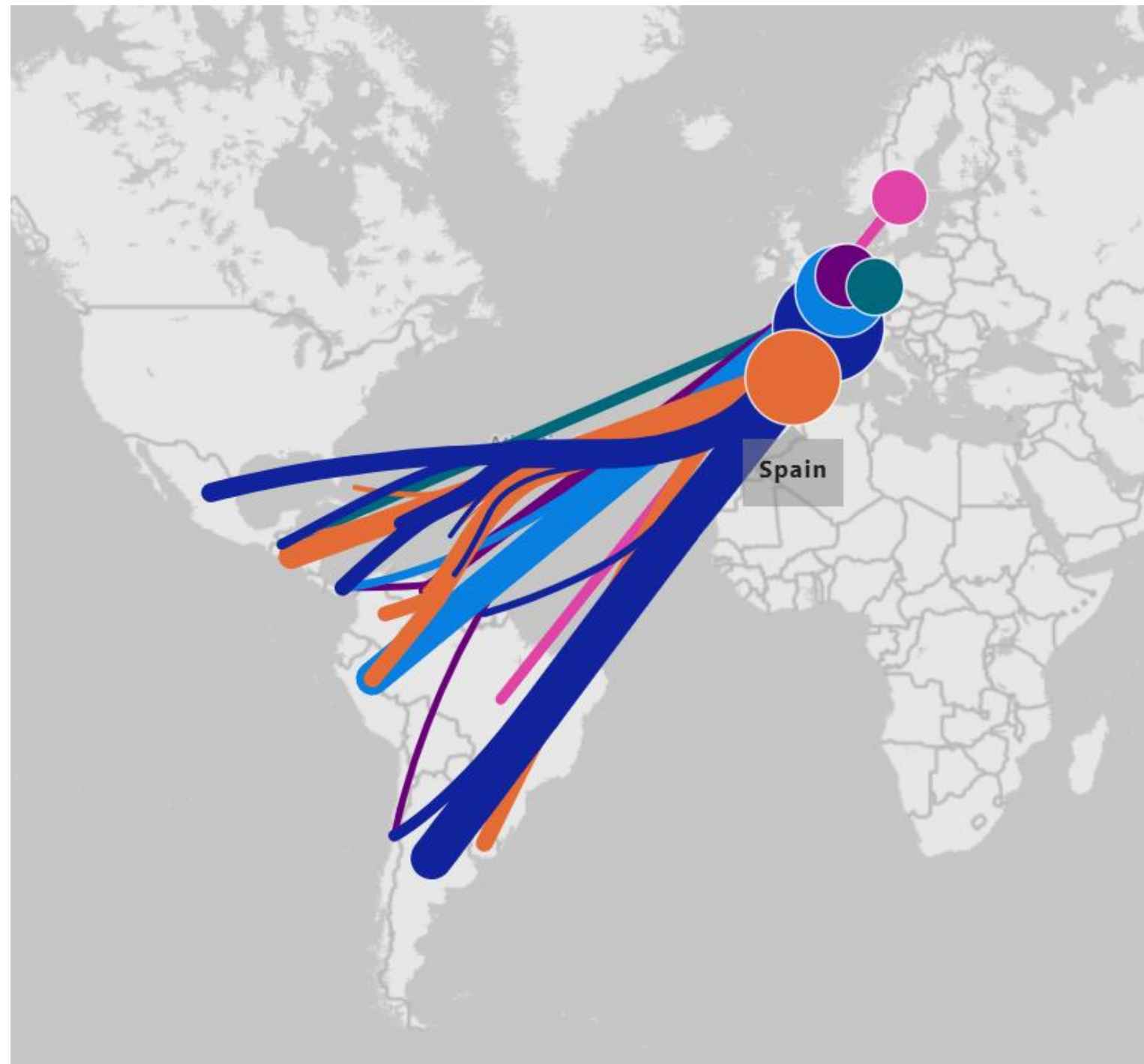
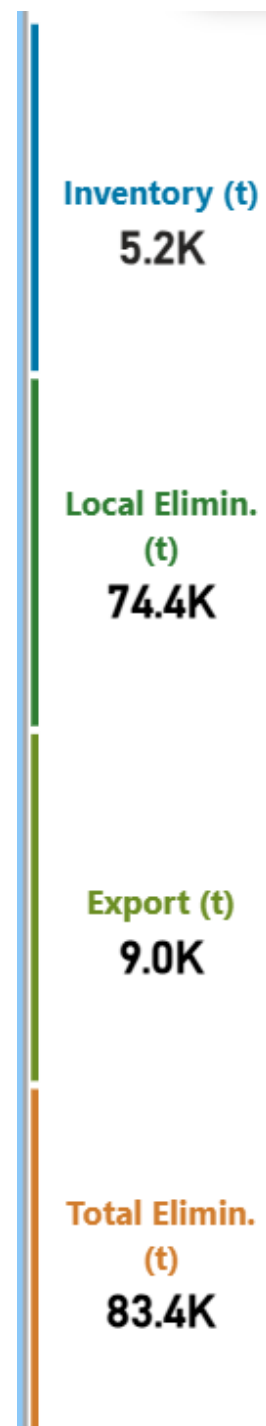
Total Elimination

Total Quantities of PCBs Eliminated (National + Exported) (t)



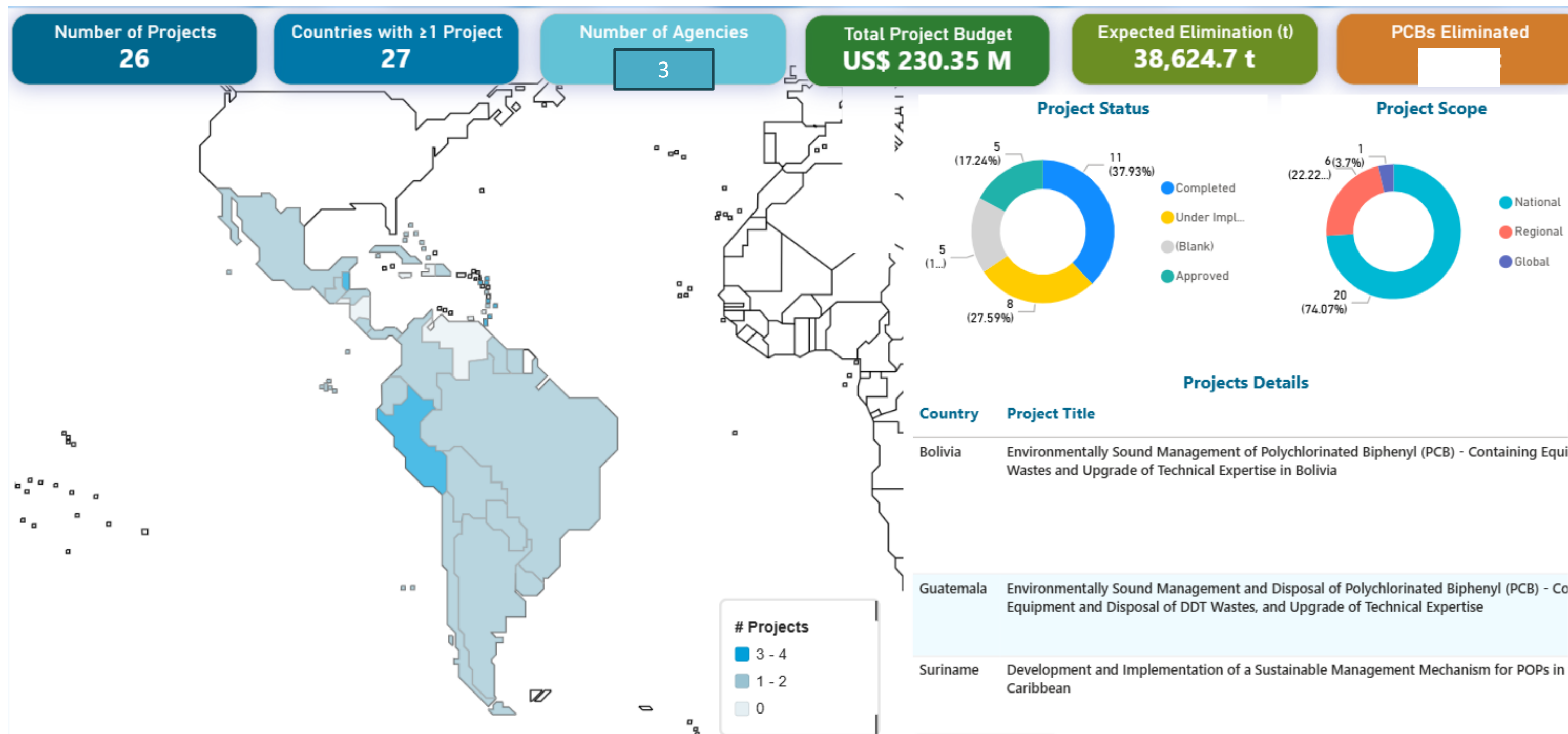
Region	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative Total (t)
Latin America and the Caribbean																							
Antigua and Barbuda																				9.0		0.1	9.1
Argentina	465.2	719.0	1,732.2	2,035.4	5,325.4	4,583.5	3,100.3	1,634.9	2,045.2	1,868.9	3,424.9	2,790.5	2,246.6	2,149.5	1,444.4	4,363.1	3,734.9	3,728.3	3,537.6	2,373.1	121.9	15.8	53,810.0
Bahamas, The													51.1					13.1					64.2
Barbados																				0.4			0.4
Belize																5.6						1.8	7.4
Bolivia (Plurinational state of)													127.5										127.5
Brazil	779.2	1,760.4	397.0	283.4	625.2	1,005.2	1,186.9	1,973.3	1,481.8	4,526.5	465.2	17.0			79.9								19,287.1
Chile														16.3	16.9			88.6					121.8
Colombia						106.1	172.3	112.1	90.5	17.7	92.1				185.1	108.1	106.5	40.9	164.6				1,195.9
Costa Rica										35.2					55.0		132.1	6.2	2.6	0.5			231.6
Dominican Republic													17.0							26.4	71.5		114.9
Ecuador																28.3				109.0			137.3
El Salvador												17.7	28.0									504.4	550.1
Guatemala								13.2							27.5							118.2	158.9
Jamaica		2,390.0															159.9						2,549.9
Mexico						57.2	256.4						1,896.8	32.0	258.5	3.3	344.4	65.8	24.5	40.9	3.5		2,983.4
Panama											44.8			27.5					26.0	40.8	130.1		269.2
Paraguay																		109.5					109.5
Peru						23.3				122.9	514.3		222.3	19.0	43.3					230.1			1,175.0
Suriname																				30.9			30.9
Trinidad and Tobago																				14.5			14.5
Uruguay						46.0	47.6					122.6											216.3
Grand Total (t)	2,244.4	4,869.3	2,129.2	2,318.9	5,950.6	5,906.5	4,802.3	3,733.5	3,617.4	6,571.2	4,541.2	2,947.8	4,570.6	2,426.8	2,055.5	4,668.3	4,317.9	4,052.3	3,755.3	2,887.5	327.1	640.3	83,409.5

Overview of GRULAC efforts on PCB elimination - Exports



Exporter	Importer	Amount (t)
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of		124.1
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Netherlands	108.8
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Spain	12.0
Uruguay	Spain	216.3
Trinidad and Tobago	France	14.5
Suriname	France	30.9
El Salvador	Spain	504.4
Paraguay		109.5
Peru		23.3
Peru	Belgium	921.7
Peru	Spain	230.1
Panama	Belgium	44.8
Panama	France	198.4
Panama	Netherlands	26.0
Mexico		57.2
Mexico	France	283.1
Jamaica		2,549.9
Guatemala	France	67.2
Guatemala	Germany	91.7
Ecuador		28.3
Dominican Republic	France	114.9
Costa Rica		167.3
Colombia		590.7
Colombia	Spain	164.5
Chile	France	98.1
Chile	Netherlands	23.7
Barbados	France	0.4
Brazil		241.9
Brazil	Sweden	79.9
Bolivia		27.5
Belize		5.6
Belize	Spain	1.8
Bahamas		51.1
Bahamas	Spain	13.1
Antigua and Barbuda	France	9.0
Antigua and Barbuda	Spain	0.1
Argentina		296.4
Argentina	France	1,502.5

Overview of GRULAC efforts on PCB elimination - GEF projects



Next steps and actions

- **6th National Reports** - by 31 August 2026
- **Updating on National Implementation Plans** - continuous
- **SC Compliance Committee** to start their work
- **COP 13 (2027)** to review the progress on PCBs elimination – report developed by the SIWG on PCBs (nominations accepted)
- **GEF 9 replenishment**
- **Secretariat technical assistance and capacity building activities:** Webinars, workshops and trainings, pilot projects...



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