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Conference of the Parties: financial resources  
and mechanism: Global Environment Facility**

**Executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global  
Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the  
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**Note by the secretariat**

The executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its fourth meeting is set out in the annex to the present note. The annex is reproduced as received, without formal editing. The full report is set out in the annex to document UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/7.

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\* The resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury is to convene in person in Bali, Indonesia, and is tentatively scheduled for the first quarter of 2022.

\*\* UNEP/MC/COP.4/1.

## **Annex**

### **Executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting**



**Report of the Global Environment Facility  
to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the  
Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

July 8, 2021

## Executive Summary

1. Article 13 of the Minamata Convention includes the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in the Financial Mechanism to provide new, predictable, adequate and timely financial resources to meet costs in support of implementation of this Convention as agreed by the Conference of the Parties (COP).
2. This report presents the work of the GEF in fulfilling its mandate under the Minamata Convention between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021 and its response to the guidance received from the COP.
3. In the reporting period, the GEF has approved 11 full-sized projects (FSPs) covering 23 countries, three global medium-sized projects (MSPs), three programs covering 19 countries, and 13 single-country enabling activity (EA) projects. This brings the cumulative GEF-7 total to 14 FSPs covering 38 countries, three global MSPs and one single-country MSP, four programs covering 46 countries, and 17 single-country EA projects.
4. In the reporting period, a total of 58 countries have received support, including 14 least developed countries (LDCs) and seven small island developing States (SIDS). This brings the cumulative total of countries receiving support on mercury in GEF-7 to 104 countries, including 26 LDCs and 34 SIDS.
5. The resources committed in the reporting period for the implementation of the Minamata Convention amounted to \$136.3 million.<sup>1</sup> This brings the cumulative GEF-7 total to \$158.9 million.
6. In the reporting period, GEF resources have supported six Minamata Initial Assessments (MIAs). Cumulatively, GEF resources have supported 117 countries to conduct MIAs.<sup>2</sup> As of June 30, 2021, 59 MIAs have been submitted to the Minamata Convention Secretariat.<sup>3</sup>
7. Eight National Action Plans (NAPs) for Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) have also been supported in the reporting period,<sup>4</sup> bringing the total to 43 countries receiving support. As at June 30, 2021, fourteen NAPs have been submitted to the Minamata Convention Secretariat.<sup>5</sup>
8. The GEF chemicals and waste portfolio, which includes mercury, leveraged \$6 from co-financing for every \$1 invested by the GEF in the reporting period.<sup>6</sup>
9. The GEF-7 results framework includes a core indicator to measure the results in the chemicals and waste focal area.<sup>7</sup> This core indicator has a target of addressing 100,000 metric tons of chemicals and waste, including mercury. There is no stand-alone target for mercury in GEF-7. The GEF expects that 793.1 metric tons of mercury will be addressed by the projects that have been approved in the reporting period. This brings the cumulative GEF-7 total to 1,956.1 metric tons of addressed mercury.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding project preparation grants (PPGs) and Agency fees.

<sup>2</sup> The GEF started supporting MIAs in GEF-5.

<sup>3</sup> List of MIAs submitted to the Minamata Convention Secretariat can be found at: <https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/Parties/MinamataInitialAssessments/tabid/6166/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> Some countries include MIA and NAP under one EA.

<sup>5</sup> List of NAPs submitted to the Minamata Convention Secretariat can be found at: <https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/Parties/NationalActionPlans/tabid/7966/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

<sup>6</sup> Co-financing amount includes programs, FSPs and MSPs. EAs, PPGs and Agency fees are excluded.

<sup>7</sup> GEF, 2018, *GEF-7 Programming Directions*, Council Document GEF/R.7/19

10. In accordance with the guidance received from the Minamata Convention COP and the COP to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), the GEF chemicals and waste focal area Programming Directions were developed along sectoral lines, permitting integrated programming across this and other focal areas. Fifty-four percent of the FSPs and programs funded in the reporting period have tackled matters related to both Conventions, which facilitates synergies between them and allows the achievement of multiple Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs). In addition to mercury reductions, this reporting period included benefits of reducing 1,920.9 metric tons of POPs, disposing of 2,457,316.4 metric tons of POPs and mercury-containing material, reducing 560.5 gTEQ of unintentional POP (UPOP) emissions, improving 300,000 hectares of landscapes, reducing 549,951.9 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> eq and avoiding 4,200 metric tons of marine litter.

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