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## **International SAICM Implementation Project (ISIP)**

In 2010, in an effort to demonstrate SAICM implementation via IPEN Participating Organizations, IPEN launched an International SAICM Implementation Project, also known as ISIP. ISIP aims to mobilize resources for initial enabling activities pertaining to national priorities, in keeping with the work areas set out in the strategic objectives of section IV of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy.

In particular, the ISIP supports the Governance objective of SAICM's Overarching Policy Strategy paragraph 26, which calls for enhanced "cooperation on the sound management of chemicals between Governments, the private sector and civil society at the national, regional and global levels."

In addition, ISIP builds on the 2008-2009 Global SAICM Outreach Campaign to raise awareness about SAICM and strengthen collaboration among the public interest, health and labor sectors.

### **ISIP Objectives**

ISIP's four objectives include:

- Promoting the need for sound chemicals management
- Advancing National SAICM Implementation
- Promoting global SAICM implementation by global civil society
- Building capacity among NGOs developing countries and countries with economies in transition

**Title of activity:** Very dangerous, obsolete pesticides: Towards the removal of endosulfan and lobbying before the national authorities

**NGO:** Alter Vida Centro de Estudios y Formación para el Ecodesarrollo

**Country:** Paraguay

**Date:** February 2011

### **Elements of SAICM Covered:**

Promote substitution for highly toxic pesticides including effective non-chemical alternatives (27); Provide training in alternative and ecological agricultural practices, including non-chemical alternatives (51); Encourage industry to extend product stewardship and to voluntarily withdraw highly toxic pesticides which are hazardous and cannot be used safely under prevalent conditions (30); Promote integrated pest and integrated vector management (29); Establish programmes for monitoring chemicals and pesticides to assess exposure (66)

### **Description of:**

**The highly hazardous pesticide(s) registered/sold and/or in use in your country:  
Alternatives and/or bio pesticides available, if any:  
Health and environmental effects of the pesticides:  
Information on pesticide levels in the environment, in food, or in people:  
Existing pesticide legislation in your country:  
Use of IPM and ecological agriculture:  
Conditions of work:**

The Spanish report provides a general description and list of the highly hazardous pesticide(s) registered/sold and/or in use in Paraguay and the alternatives and/or bio pesticides available, including the use of IPM and ecological agriculture. It also describes the health and environmental effects of the pesticides, especially linked with the expansion of soya monocrops for export, and some information on pesticide levels in the environment, in food, or in people (some of them measured by Altervida years ago). It also describes and lists the existing pesticide legislation Paraguay.

It also highlighted that, despite the expansion of soya, there is also experience in organic agriculture in 59,600 ha with 12 certified producers, including organic sugar cane, plus agroecology production in 20,944 ha. with 38,490 producers. Also there are schemes of Best Agricultural Practices, including IPM, that reduce the use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides with good success (in cotton, for example).

Altervida is a highly prestigious institution working with the Pesticide Action Network in Latin America (RAPAL) and an IPEN member with a permanent contact with producers' organizations and authorities, offering training and participating in policy discussion.

### **Project Outcomes:**

#### **Description of the activity conducted to reduce the threat posed by highly hazardous pesticides and advance this SAICM aim.**

A seminar about highly hazardous pesticides, obsolete pesticides and the phase out of endosulfan was held in Paraguay in November, 2010.

#### **Deliverables, outputs and/or products:**

The main outcomes of the seminar were:"

- The announcement of the phase out of endosulfan by the authority Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas (SENAVE) to cancel all imports and exports in resolution N° 635/10 noviembre 2, 2010, ban aerial spraying, ban use in vegetables and fruits and have a gradual phase out in big crop extensions until a complete ban in 2012.
- The ban will have a very positive impact in MERCOSUR because with Brazil banning endosulfan it also creates a positive influence on Argentina. This will have a good impact and reference for the rest of Latin America and for the next COP in April 2011 for the Stockholm Convention where a recommendation for a global ban will be discussed.
- The seminar received the support of Comisión Nacional de Defensa de los Recursos Naturales (Conaderna) and was conducted in the National Congress so this helped it to have a bigger impact.
- The seminar had a good outreach and was attended by 250 people; among them representatives of peasants and environmental organizations like CONAMURI –

Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Rurales e Indígenas, technicians and authorities from the health, environment and agriculture ministries.

- IPEN experts, as well as experts from FAO and WHO, highlighted the proposal to progressively eliminate Highly Hazardous Pesticides as a SAICM implementation measure. 11 countries were represented by the speakers from RAP-AL: Paraguay, Argentina, Brasil, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, Panamá, Honduras, México, and República Dominicana.
- The seminar created awareness about the need to promote a policy for the progressive phase out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and made a list of the pesticides using the criteria developed by WHO, FAO and PAN experts.

After the seminar, the IPEN Hub for Latin America, Fernando Bejarano, met with the Environmental Minister of Paraguay, health authorities and SENAVE, about SAICM and Stockholm Convention, the relevancy of the endosulfan ban in this context and other activities from IPEN.

### **Communication Efforts:**

There was very good media coverage after the seminar and the endosulfan ban:

For example, 16 Links about the seminar:

- <http://www.abc.com.py/nota/seminario-plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-obsoletos-y-hacia-la-eliminacion-del-endosulfan/>
- <http://asunciondigital.com/?p=3493>
- <http://www.ppn.com.py/html/noticias/noticia-ver.asp?id=65532&desc=Conaderna-auspicio-Seminario-Internacional-sobre-plaguicidas>
- <http://agroespacio.blogspot.com/2010/11/paraguay-conaderna-auspicio-seminario.html>
- <http://www.abc.com.py/nota/plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-obsoletos-y-hacia-la-eliminacion-del-endosulfan/>
- <http://www.abctv.com.py/rural/seminario-internacional-sobre-plaguicidas-peligrosos-y-obsoletos-15020>
- [http://www.biodiversidadla.org/Principal/Contenido/Noticias/Seminario\\_en\\_Paraguay\\_Plaguicidas\\_muy\\_peligrosos\\_obsoletos\\_y\\_hacia\\_la\\_eliminacion\\_del\\_Endosulfan](http://www.biodiversidadla.org/Principal/Contenido/Noticias/Seminario_en_Paraguay_Plaguicidas_muy_peligrosos_obsoletos_y_hacia_la_eliminacion_del_Endosulfan)
- [http://www.ceiisa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=124:plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-y-hacia-la-prohibicion-del-endosulfan&catid=22:seminario-internacional-plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos&Itemid=25](http://www.ceiisa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=124:plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-y-hacia-la-prohibicion-del-endosulfan&catid=22:seminario-internacional-plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos&Itemid=25)
- [http://ceiisa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=124:plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-y-hacia-la-prohibicion-del-endosulfan&catid=22:noticias&Itemid=25](http://ceiisa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=124:plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-y-hacia-la-prohibicion-del-endosulfan&catid=22:noticias&Itemid=25)
- [http://www.vivaparaguay.com/new/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=36769:conaderna-auspicio-seminario-internacional-sobre-plaguicidas-&catid=4:nacionales&Itemid=7](http://www.vivaparaguay.com/new/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36769:conaderna-auspicio-seminario-internacional-sobre-plaguicidas-&catid=4:nacionales&Itemid=7)
- <http://biointensivistas.ning.com/profiles/blogs/sobre-plaguicidas-y-sus>
- [http://www.masproduccion.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=5003&Itemid=81](http://www.masproduccion.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5003&Itemid=81)
- <http://www.sectorproductivo.com.py/otras-secciones/noticias/ultimo-momento/5541-plaguicidas-muy-peligrosos-obsoletos-y-hacia-la-eliminacion-del-endosulfan>
- [http://www.rap-al.org/index.php?seccion=8&f=news\\_view.php&id=401](http://www.rap-al.org/index.php?seccion=8&f=news_view.php&id=401)

- <http://uy.keegy.com/post/paraguay-prohibio-el-uso-de-endosulfan/>
- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Movimiento-Agroecol%C3%B3gico-de-Am%C3%A9rica-Latina-y-el-Caribe-MAELA/87987489375#!/album.php?aid=25097&id=133185490061653>

#### 9 Links on the endosulfan ban:

- [http://www.portaldelmedioambiente.com/noticias/8844/paraguay\\_prohibio\\_el\\_uso\\_de\\_endosulfan/](http://www.portaldelmedioambiente.com/noticias/8844/paraguay_prohibio_el_uso_de_endosulfan/)
- [http://www.rap-al.org/index.php?seccion=8&f=news\\_list.php&offset=15](http://www.rap-al.org/index.php?seccion=8&f=news_list.php&offset=15)
- <http://www.caata.org/endosulfn.html>
- <http://nogaldevida.blogspot.com/2010/11/senave-prohibio-el-endosulfan-ecos-de.html>
- <http://delagro.blogspot.com/2010/11/el-gobierno-de-paraguay-confirio-la.html>
- <http://www.potatopro.com/Lists/News/DispForm.aspx?ID=4524>
- <http://www.larepublica.pe/impresap/paraguay-prohibe-el-endosulfan-2010-11-05>
- <http://agroespacio.blogspot.com/2010/11/paraguay-prohibe-uso-de-pesticida.html>
- <http://latino.foxnews.mobi/quickPage.html?page=30818&content=44400543>