

Improving the national management framework to support the implementation of the Minamata Convention in Cuba focusing on mercury stocks measurements and contaminated sites assessment

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To improve the national management framework to support the implementation of the Minamata Convention, focusing on Article 3 on mercury stocks and Article 12 on contaminated sites

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project builds on the Minamata Initial Assessment, which revealed the need to develop and strengthen national capacity to identify and measure stocks of mercury and mercury compounds and to identify and assess potentially contaminated sites and exposed populations. The project establishes an inter-agency technical unit for analytical coordination to provide support at the national level, builds national capacity to identify and measure mercury stocks in trade and production centers, and develops approaches to monitor and assess sites contaminated with mercury surrounding the Sagua la Grande chlor-alkali plant. The project aims to inform, communicate and raise awareness among the population and decision-makers about mercury threats and the Minamata Convention, as well as to share experiences with other Latin American and Caribbean countries.

BUDGET



USD 249,210

Applicant contribution
CUP 1,367,047

DURATION



17 August 2023 -
16 August 2026
(36 months)

RELEVANT ARTICLES



Article 3 - Mercury Supply Sources and Trade
Article 12 - Contaminated Sites
Article 16 - Health Aspects
Article 17 - Information Exchange
Article 18 - Public Information, Awareness and Education
Article 19 - Research, Development and Monitoring

PARTNERS



National Agency for Nuclear Energy and Advanced Technologies (AENTA); Office for Environmental Regulation and Safety (ORSA); National Institute of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba; Fisheries Research Center of the Ministry of the Food Industry (MINAL); Chemical Engineering and Research Center of the Ministry of Industries (MINDUS)

PROJECT RESULTS



OUTPUT 1

Inter-agency technical unit for analytical coordination to support national authorities in relation to the measurement of mercury stocks and assessment of contaminated sites established



OUTPUT 2

Capabilities to measure mercury stocks in the trade and the production centres, as well as in research institutions enhanced



OUTPUT 3

Training for decision-makers to improve information and communication on mercury risks and management delivered, awareness among stakeholders and the general public raised, and project experiences shared with other Latin American and Caribbean countries

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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RELEVANT SDGs



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