



JAMAICA AND THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

- ▶ Jamaica became signatory to the Minamata Convention on Mercury in October 2013 at the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries.
- ▶ Jamaica has participated in all the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committees (INC) and serves on the Executive
- ▶ Currently implementing Phase 1 of the Road Map towards ratification of the Minamata Convention.
- ▶ The Government of Jamaica is committed to the ESM of Mercury and Mercury Products

POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

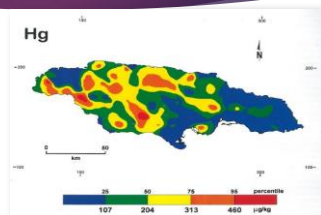
- ▶ There are some policies, programmes and projects which are ongoing in Jamaica aiming to address the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes including mercury.
- ▶ Some of these initiatives include:
 - ▶ Development of a national policy and strategy for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes
 - ▶ Implementation of the SAICM QSPITF Project "Strengthening the National Capacity under the framework of the Integrated National Programme for the sound management of chemicals in support of the implementation of the Strategic Approach in Jamaica Project"
 - ▶ Analysis of Mercury in the Environment
 - ▶ Development of Omni-bus Chemicals Legislation

GEF SUPPORTED PROJECTS

- ▶ UNEP BCRC REGIONAL PROJECT ON MERCURY STORAGE AND DISPOSAL
- ▶ UNEP BCRC REGIONAL PROJECT ON MERCURY INITIAL ASSESSMENT

SOURCES OF MERCURY AND MERCURY PRODUCTS

- ▶ NATURAL OCCURRENCE
- ▶ MINING SECTOR
- ▶ WASTES SECTOR
- ▶ HEALTH SECTOR



THANK YOU

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