

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objectives of the inventory were to localize, identify and describe the existence of POPs pesticides used for sanitary and domestic purposes.

The inventory was based on the assumption that small quantities of these products would be detected given the length of time they have been banned. All POPs pesticides found were to be turned over to the Health Services. It was also expected that none of these pesticides would be found at companies that apply pesticides, as these were formed after the ban was already in place.

On the ground implementation was carried out through visits to the Health Services, in particular the regional offices of the Environmental Program Department or environmental sub-departments, as appropriate, the National Supply Center, which is the official distributor of these products nationwide, and SESMA, in the case of the Metropolitan Region. The interviews were conducted using a format based on a FAO survey.

Of all those interviewed, only the Health Services in Concepción declared possession of a stockpile of POPs pesticides, in the form of 170 Kg. of DDT. The stockpile, whose elimination was in progress at the time of the field visit, was double-packaged, sheltered from the weather, and in a restricted access area, which were considered to be good storage conditions.

The inventory allowed for gathering comprehensive information that revealed the wide use these products had had throughout the country.

Lastly, this study has made a significant contribution that complements the study on agricultural POPs pesticides, and will strengthen Chile's image as a country that fulfills its commitments under international environmental conventions.