

DDT and a cocktail of veterinary waste being excavated from unapproved burial site within the compound of the National Veterinary Research laboratory in Mazabuka.



The Veterinary centre after having been cleaned up and the open burial site leveled off.



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Repackaged waste being put in shipping containers: A train loaded with a total of 25 shipping containers each 20-foot snaking out of Zambia and heading to the port in Tanzania for transshipment to a destination overseas for incineration.



A large store where vast quantities of DDT powder has been kept with no security and finally after the mess has been cleaned up.



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A group of local technical staff who participated in the repacking of the waste.



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H. E. Mr. William J. Harrington, the Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources expressing his satisfaction and appreciation for the clean up and freeing Zambia of the threat of obsolete pesticides: Putting his message on record to the Director-General of FAO.



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A consignment of UN approved containers imported with pallets for repacking the waste.

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Government, FAO and representatives of supporting countries visiting the disposal operation site and the repackaged waste.

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Packaged waste in pallet boxes, various drums and bulk pack carton boxes containing crushed drums.

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A clean site at Zambia Cooperative Federation (ZCF) in Lusaka city centre.

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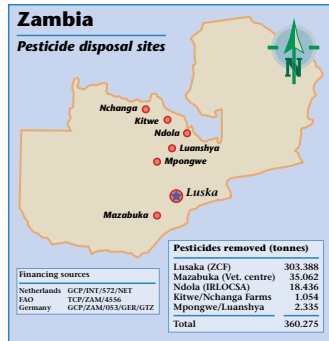


Obsolete pesticides continue to pose major environmental and health problems in developing countries



The country-free approach:

Zambia is now rid of obsolete pesticides and the government has vowed not to accumulate any again. The successful disposal operation was completed in April 1997, with the support of the Governments of the Netherlands and Germany (GTZ), FAO's Technical Cooperative Programme (TCP) and the Government of Zambia.



Pesticides kept in the open within the city centre of Lusaka with little or no security. Subject to wind, rain and erosion, emitting surface run off for several years.



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A close-up of the pesticides and waste as being witnessed by the representative of the Embassy of the Netherlands.



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The operation is recorded for history.

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Disposal operation in progress inside secured fence set up for the task: The Director of GTZ Zambia observing the operation.

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Nearly 1 000 empty contaminated drums lined up to be crushed.

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