



OMAN

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OZONE UNIT

Year of establishment: 2000 [year of approval by Executive Committee]

Operating under Phase I.

Located at:

Air and Noise Pollution Section

Department of Environmental Inspection and Control

Directorate of Environmental Affairs

Ministry of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources

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Sectors covered [by UNIDO]:

Country Programme, Institutional Strengthening/Support to Ozone Unit, Refrigerant Management Plan.

UNIDO support: US\$ 79,000 (for 3 years operations)

Participation to and/or organization of events:

Meetings organized by UNEP and the Multilateral Fund (Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, Meeting of Parties, Ozone Officers Networks).

Organization of International Ozone Day (16 September) (organized by the OU for the country).

Legislative measures undertaken by the OU through the IS project:

Ministerial Decision No. 37/2001 Compliance of Regulations for the Control and Management of ODSs in place. Mandatory permit requirements for the companies/organizations regarding import and distribution of ODS have been initiated.

Allocation of ODS quota for each importing company in accordance with freeze levels as stipulated in the Montreal Protocol also initiated.

Establishment of OZONE DATABASE, which includes the registration of importing companies, allocation of quota, entering the import permit data and generating the reports on permits and quantities, imported.

Issuance of permits for import and distribution of ODS in Oman.

Public awareness activities:

Public awareness consists of various activities, such as radio and TV programmes on the subject of Ozone Layer protection, lectures in local schools, publication of a booklet "Saving the Ozone Layer" and country-wide workshops for customs and company officials dealing with ODS, to explain the regulatory procedures and requirements.