

# Payments under Environmental Programmes: Notified data from AG-IMS

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# OUTLINE



- ❖ AG-IMS, the data source
- ❖ Data series on environmental payments:
  - ❖ What does it represent?
- ❖ Monetary amounts may not depict a complete picture on agro-environmental subsidies



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...ts and records relevant under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. For more information on the Agreement, please click [here](#).  
... of (i) notifications and (ii) questions and answers in the context of the Review Process carried out by the Committee on Agriculture.



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(AG-IMS): <https://agims.wto.org/>

Notified Currency

USD Million

Report Types

Green Box

Development Programmes

Blue Box

Members

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Implementation Years

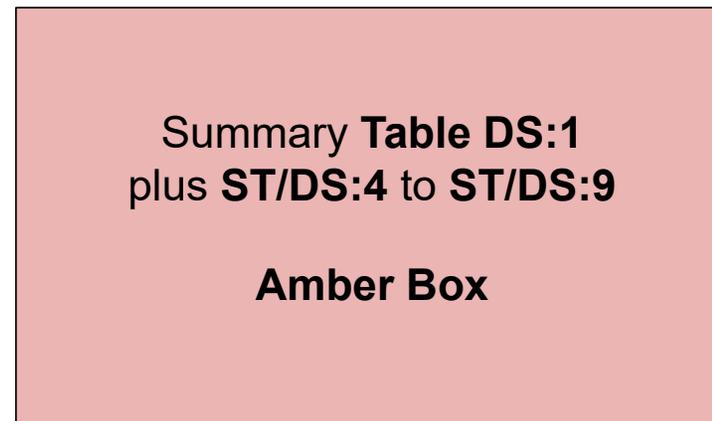
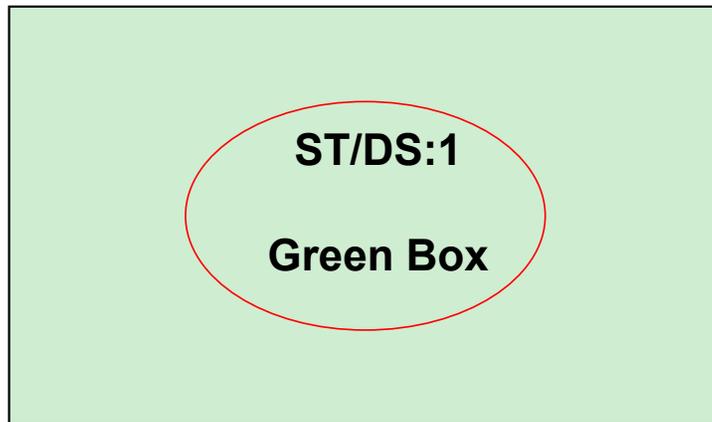
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# Structure of a Domestic Support Notification (Table DS:1)



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Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
(a)	"general services"		
(b)	"public stockholding for food security purposes"		
(c)	"domestic food aid"		
(d)	"decoupled income support"		
(e)	"income insurance and income safety-net programmes"		
(f)	"payments for relief from natural disasters"		
(g)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes"		
(h)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes"		
(i)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids"		
(j)	"environmental programmes"		
(k)	"regional assistance programmes"		
(l)	"other"		

# AoA: Annex 2, Paragraph 12

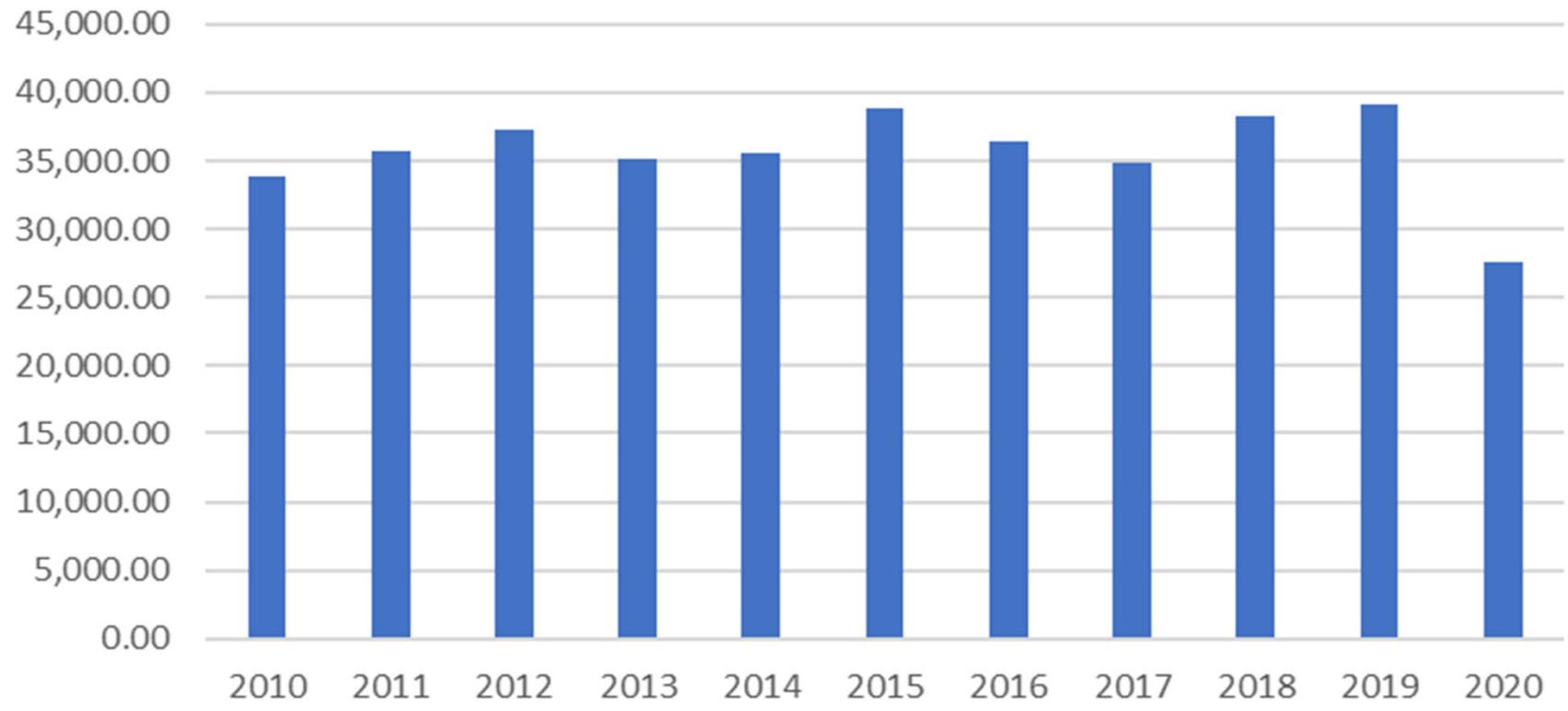


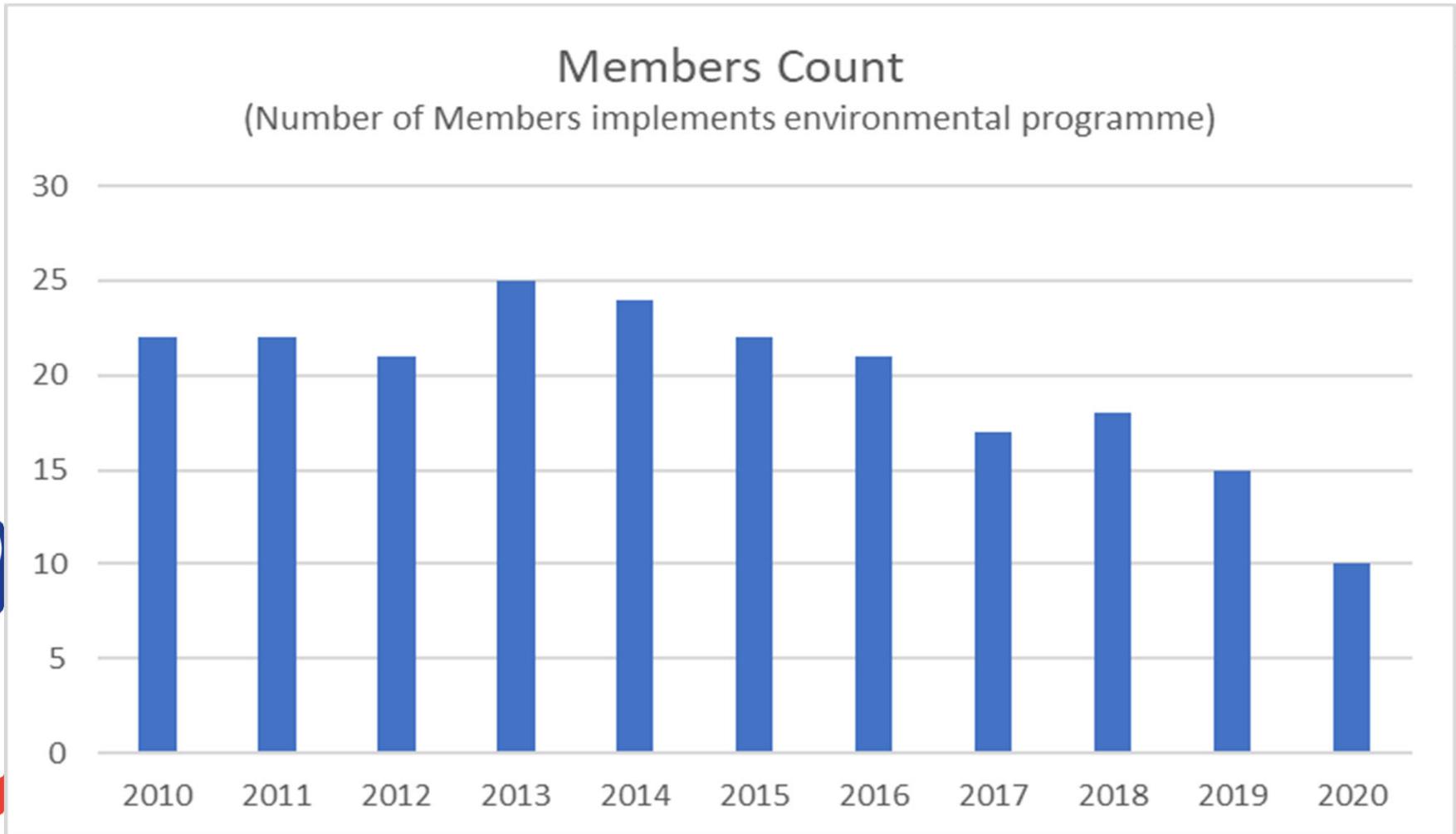
## 12. Payments under environmental programmes

- (a) Eligibility for such payments shall be determined as part of a clearly-defined **government environmental or conservation programme** and be dependent on the fulfilment of specific conditions under the government programme, including conditions related to production methods or inputs.
- (b) The amount of payment shall be limited to the *extra costs or loss of income* involved in complying with the government programme.

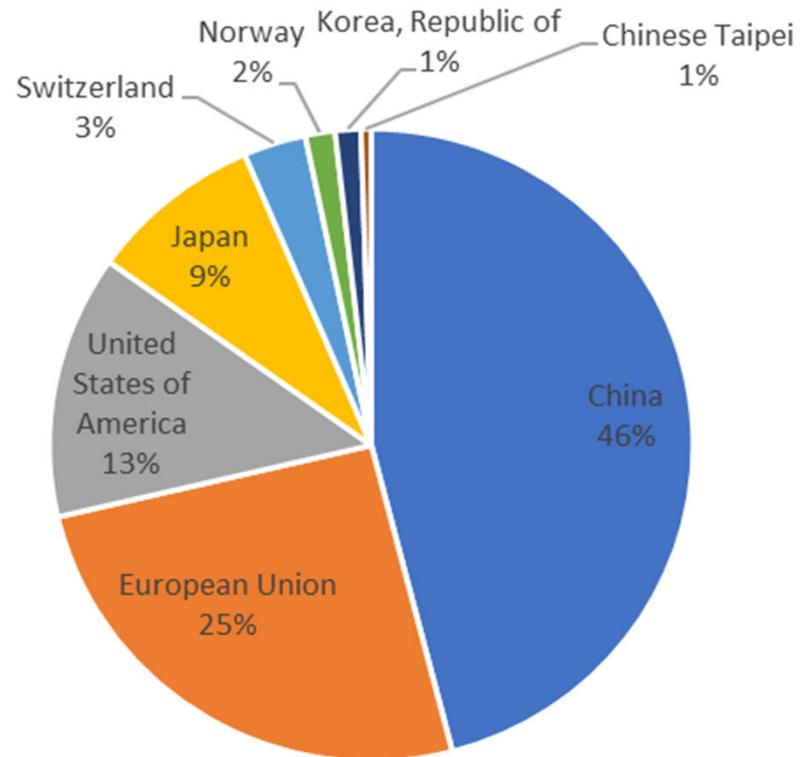


## Environmental programmes (Total global value in USD millions)





## Top users of environmental programme in 2018



These top 8 countries represents **99%** of the total usage of environmental programmes in 2018

# Typology of Environmental Payments: some examples from Members' notifications



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- Expenditure on the **conservation of agricultural resources and forest resources, land management, prevention and control of desertification.**
- **Soil erosion reduction and other environmental benefits** via 10-year rental agreements to establish permanent cover crops on cropland
- technical and financial assistance to address **water and air quality concerns, soil erosion and sedimentation**
- **Protection** of environment and **preservation** of the countryside, aid for **environmentally sensitive areas;**
- Subsidy for **organic production**
- Payments for maintaining paddy fields in **environmentally good condition** through growing any plants other than rice or other appropriate managements
- **Biodiversity payments, landscape quality payments, payments for the reduction of plant protection products** in sugar beet growing, viticulture and fruit-farming

# Agro-Environmental Subsidies: Not all subsumed in Para. 12 of Green Box

- ❖ Environmental payments but not meeting conditions under paragraph:
  - ❖ Say if amount of subsidy exceeds '*extra costs or loss of income*' in complying with the governmental environmental programme
  
- ❖ Environmental Support under other Green Box categories but *disaggregation challenges*:
  - ❖ **General Services** expenditure on environmental grounds (research, infrastructure, etc)
  - ❖ Other possible **direct payments** on environmental grounds (decoupled income support, structural adjustment assistance via resource retirement, relief from natural disasters etc.)

# AoA: Annex 2 paragraph 2 (g)



## 2. General services

Policies in this category involve expenditures (or revenue foregone) in relation to programmes which provide services or benefits to agriculture or the rural community. They shall not involve direct payments to producers or processors. [...]:

- (g) infrastructural services, including: electricity reticulation, roads and other means of transport, market and port facilities, water supply facilities, dams and drainage schemes, and **infrastructural works associated with environmental programmes**. [...].

## AoA: Annex 2 para 10 (b)



### 10. Structural adjustment assistance provided through **resource retirement** programmes

- (a) Eligibility for such payments shall be determined by reference to clearly defined criteria in programmes designed to remove land or other resources, including livestock, from marketable agricultural production.
- (b) Payments shall be conditional upon the **retirement of land** from marketable agricultural production **for a minimum of three years**, and in the case of livestock on its slaughter or definitive permanent disposal.

Thank you.