

## **Activities held in Honduras on the occasion of the 2006 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**

- Winners of the children's painting contest were awarded in a special ceremony and the paintings were kept in exposition during the weekend of 16 September.
- A press conference was given by the Minister who also handed over refrigerant identification devices to two key institutions (Environment Prosecution Bureau and Customs Police) for the compliance with the national obligations, as part of the support given by SERNA.
- A forum for different university students took place on the general thematic of ozone protection and of the projects addressing the alternatives to methyl bromide in melon growing and the conversion to ozone-friendly technologies by different companies. Granjas Marinas, a company that has converted to friendly technologies also participated.
- During the months of July, August and September, talks were given in several schools in the city of Tegucigalpa on the ozone problematic. The Ozzy Ozone video was shown causing great impact among youngsters and children.
- Together with the cooperation of the Customs Laboratory of the Executive Direction of Income (DEI) and technical personnel from the refrigeration department of the National Institute of Professional Training (INFOP), a training workshop was carried out directed to the staff from the Environment Special Prosecution Agency and from the Direction of Investigation Special Services and Border Police, about ozone layer protection and depletion, the national obligations under the Montreal Protocol and about the related activities carried out in the country.
- A press release was issued in coordination with the communications office of SERNA, which was distributed through the different communication media of the country like radio stations, television and written press. An information supplement about the ozone layer issue and the celebration of the International Ozone Day was published, which also contained the activities that the Secretary has carried out through the Technical Ozone Unit for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol.