

# Stop the endosulfan lobby

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Pesticide companies in India are pulling out all the stops to keep endosulfan on the market. As nations of the world prepare to gather next month to decide on a global ban of this neurotoxic pesticide, endosulfan's makers have launched an aggressive campaign to protect their product.

Our PAN partners in India are fed up, and have asked for our help in countering corporate influence on India's official stance on endosulfan. Please [add your voice to the global effort](#) to press the Indian government to put public health before industry profits.

Indian companies produce more endosulfan than any other country, and they are bombarding the media and sympathetic government officials in India with misinformation. To date, this has been a winning strategy, and the Indian government has worked hard to [protect the interests of its pesticide industry](#) at meetings of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (also known as the global "POPs treaty").

It's a POPs treaty meeting that's coming up in late April in Geneva. Officials from 172 countries will gather to consider a [recommendation from a global panel of experts](#) that endosulfan be phased out once and for all around the world.

From PAN's perspective, it's high time. Endosulfan has already been banned or slated for phaseout in dozens of countries (including the U.S.) that have recognized the [chemical's devastating harms to people and the environment](#). This chemical is linked to seizures and deaths; long-term effects of low-dose exposure can include autism, delayed puberty and birth defects.

Ironically, [on-the-ground evidence of health effects](#) is particularly strong in India, where two states have already banned use of the chemical.

**[Please join this global effort](#)**» Our partners on the ground in India want to collect 500,000 signatures to deliver to Indian officials by the end of this month, urging them to support a global phaseout. Thank you for joining PAN International in this important — and we hope final — push to end endosulfan.

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