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# Trade Facilitation in the Asia-Pacific: State of Play

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### ***Some Background***

- **Trade has been a main engine of growth in Asia-Pacific**
- **Countries of the region have become highly trade dependent**
- **During the crisis, export performance faltered in many countries of the region, although it is now recovering**

**How can trade facilitation help?**



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### ***How can trade facilitation help?***

**Trade facilitation is about cutting red tape and improving time, cost and predictability of international transactions**

- → Improved trade competitiveness**
- → Increased foreign direct investment**
- → Increased participation of SMEs in international trade**
- → Improved economic growth prospects**



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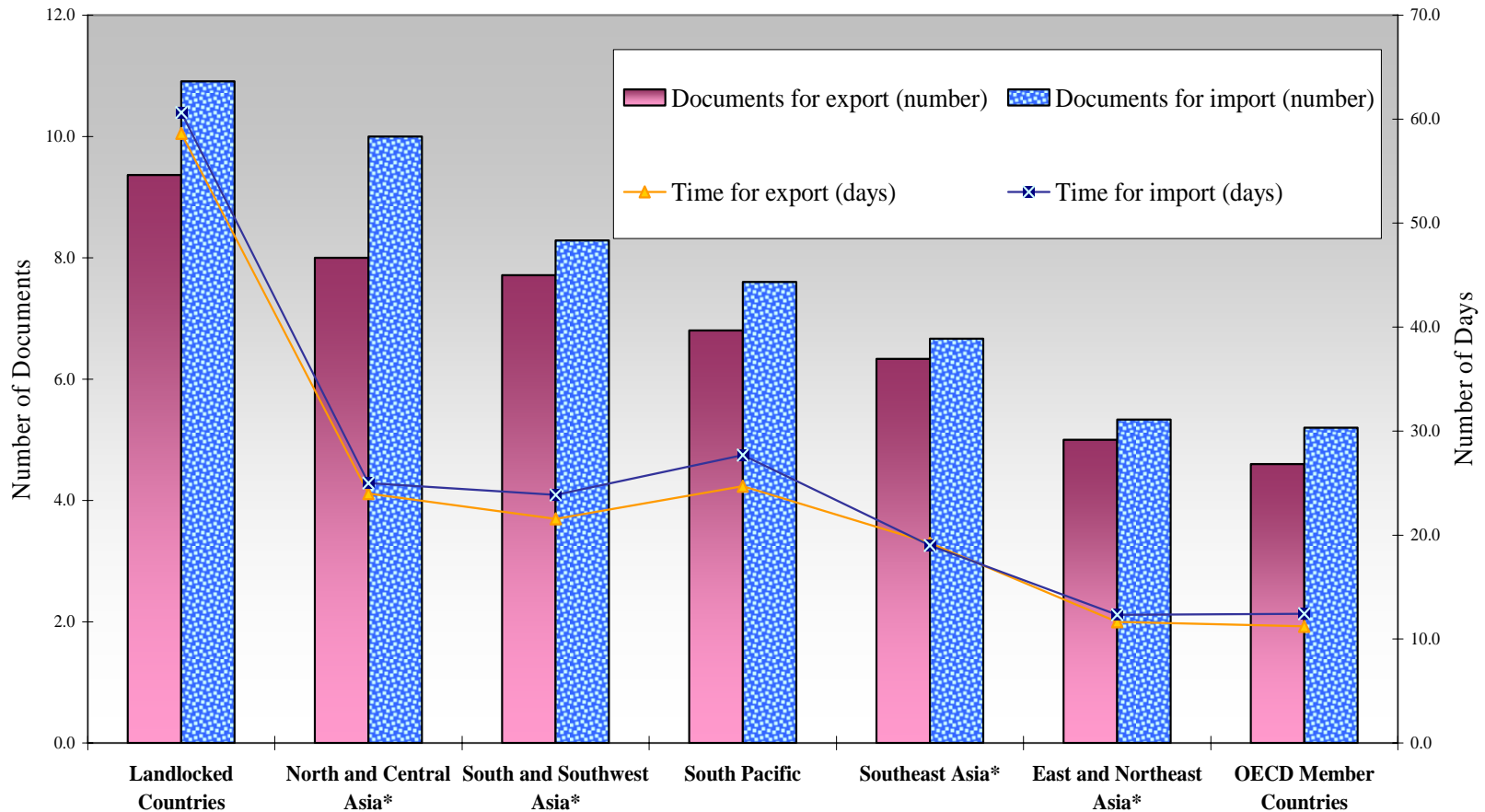
### ***Progress has been made...***

- Trade facilitation performance in the region has improved
  - ✓ *Progress has been made in reducing at-and-behind the border time and cost of trade procedures*
  - ✓ *Progress has also been made in reducing international shipping costs*

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*...But Asia-Pacific regional performance still lagging*





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### Some issues

- Inefficient and time-consuming trade procedures
- National trade facilitation not effective
- Poor inter-agency coordination and public/private consultations
- Lack of attention to behind the border business
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