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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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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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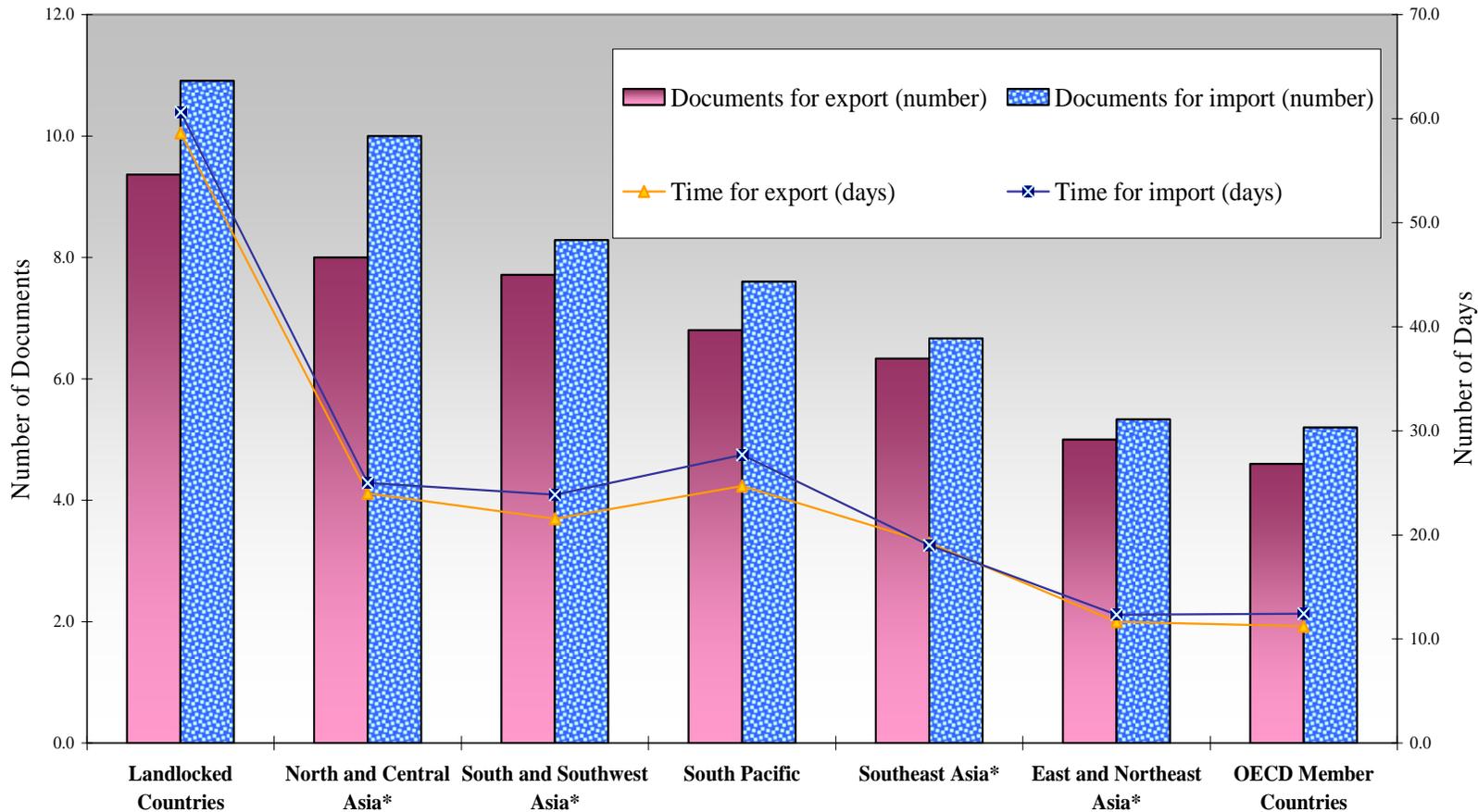
Progress has been made...

- **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

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