



What are these?

For several years the volunteer collectors at Ekipa Tasi Mos, Atauro have been collecting small plastic caps from the beach as seen in the Figure 1. They are perforated and come in many colours, and sometimes they are wrapped in plastic shrink wrap. It nearly always prompts the question, “What are these?”

Figure 1



Most of these items have the distinct logo of Pertamina embossed on the top. PT Pertamina is an Indonesian state-owned oil and natural gas corporation.



As well as the letters SPPBE, the SPPBE stands for **Stasiun Pengangkutan dan Pengisian Bulk Elpiji** (or *LPG Bulk Shipment and Filling Station*) as well as either a 2,3 or 4 letter code which is the distinct code for SPPBE sites.

These items are plastic thread protectors/seals from LPG gas bottles. These are of Indonesian origin and are not seen on gas bottles sold or leased in Timor-Leste.

These seals are shown in Figure 2. Note: These do not have the shrink wrap.

Figure 2



Ekipa Tasi Mos recycles these caps using the same process as HDPE bottle tops and bottles.