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**DRUGS AND TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE CARIBBEAN**



# Drugs and Transnational Organized Crime in the Caribbean

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

BACKGROUND ON CARICOM

REGIONAL SECURITY AGENCIES

TRANSNATIONAL CRIME IN THE REGION

SECURITY THREATS AND TRENDS

CHALLENGES

QUESTIONS

RESTRICTED



## **Two Regional Security Institutions:-**

- **CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)**
- **Regional Security System (RSS)**
- **Individual Country Efforts**

# CARICOM IMPACS





# CARICOM FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CRIME AND SECURITY

**CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT**

**LEAD HEAD OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME AND SECURITY**

**Council of Ministers Responsible for National Security and Law Enforcement**

**Ministerial Sub – Committee On Resource Mobilisation and Implementation**

**Security Policy Advisory Committee (SEPAC)**

**CIMA**

**Implementation Agency for Crime And Security (IMPACS)**

**Standing Committee Commissioners of Police**

**Standing Committee Chiefs of Immigration**

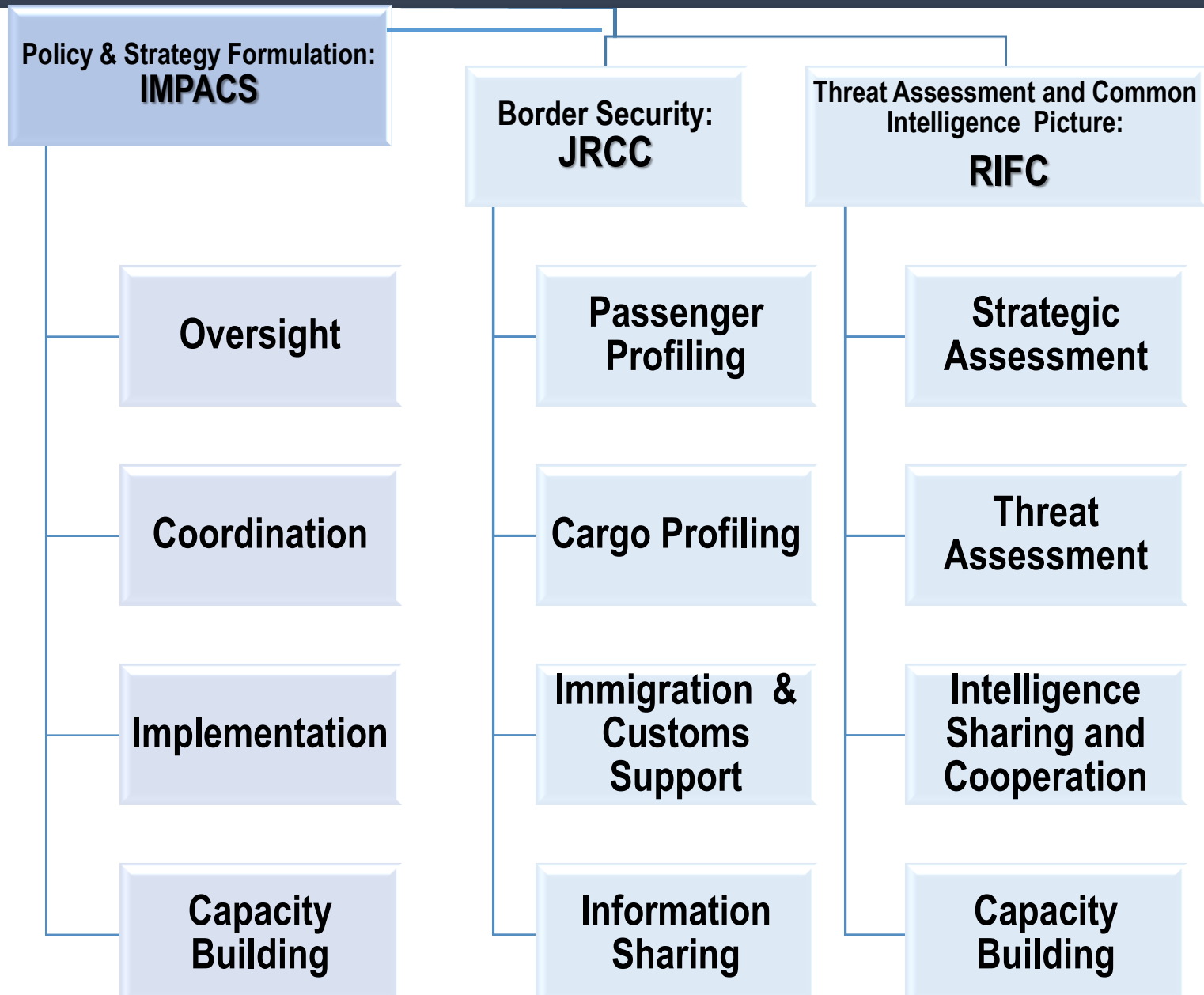
**Standing Committee Military Heads**

**Standing Committee Chiefs of Customs**

**Standing Committee Heads of Intel & Financial Investigations**



# CARICOM FRAMEWORK





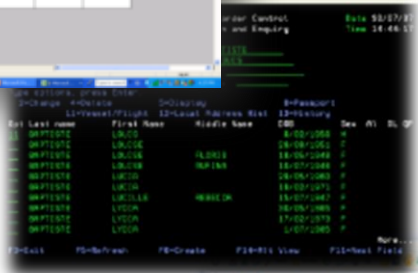
# JOINT REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE (JRCC)



APIS



CAWS



ACIS



E - APIS

WEB SERVICES



# JRCC's KEY FUNCTIONS



Gathers, analyzes and disseminates data from Advance Passenger Information in a timely and consistent manner.



Prescreens travelers to and from any territory within the participating Member States.



Provides reliable and timely information on security breaches (HITS).



Prepares analytical reports on persons of interest.

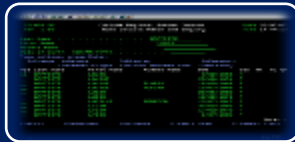
# JRCC's KEY FUNCTIONS CONT'D



Ensures compliance of all aviation and maritime vessels.



Conducts security vetting of visa applicants.



Updates information on CAWS and IRBC.



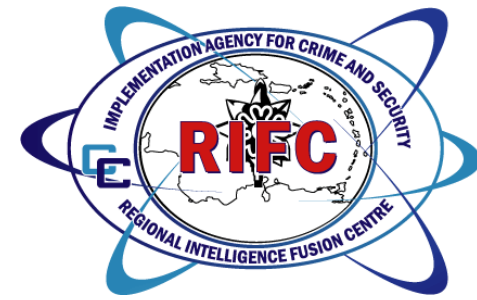
Liaises with Interpol and other international agencies.



Cross checks all API data and visa applications with Regional and Interpol watch list databases.



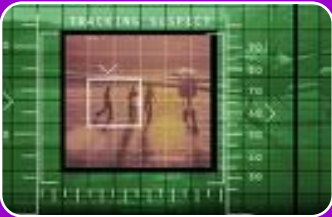
# RIFC's KEY FUNCTIONS



To provide 24/7 support to the JRCC in Border protection



To collect information that reveals the plans, intentions and capabilities of threat entities and provides the basis for decision and action.



To produce timely analyses that provide insight, warning and opportunity to the decision makers charged with protecting and advancing the Region's interests

# STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

- **Regional Institutions**

- RSS
- CDEMA
- CCLEC
- CFATF

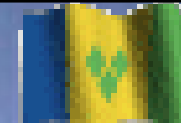
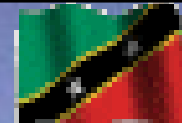
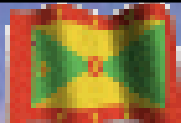
- **International Agencies**

- European Development Fund
- UNODC
- OAS

- **Third States**

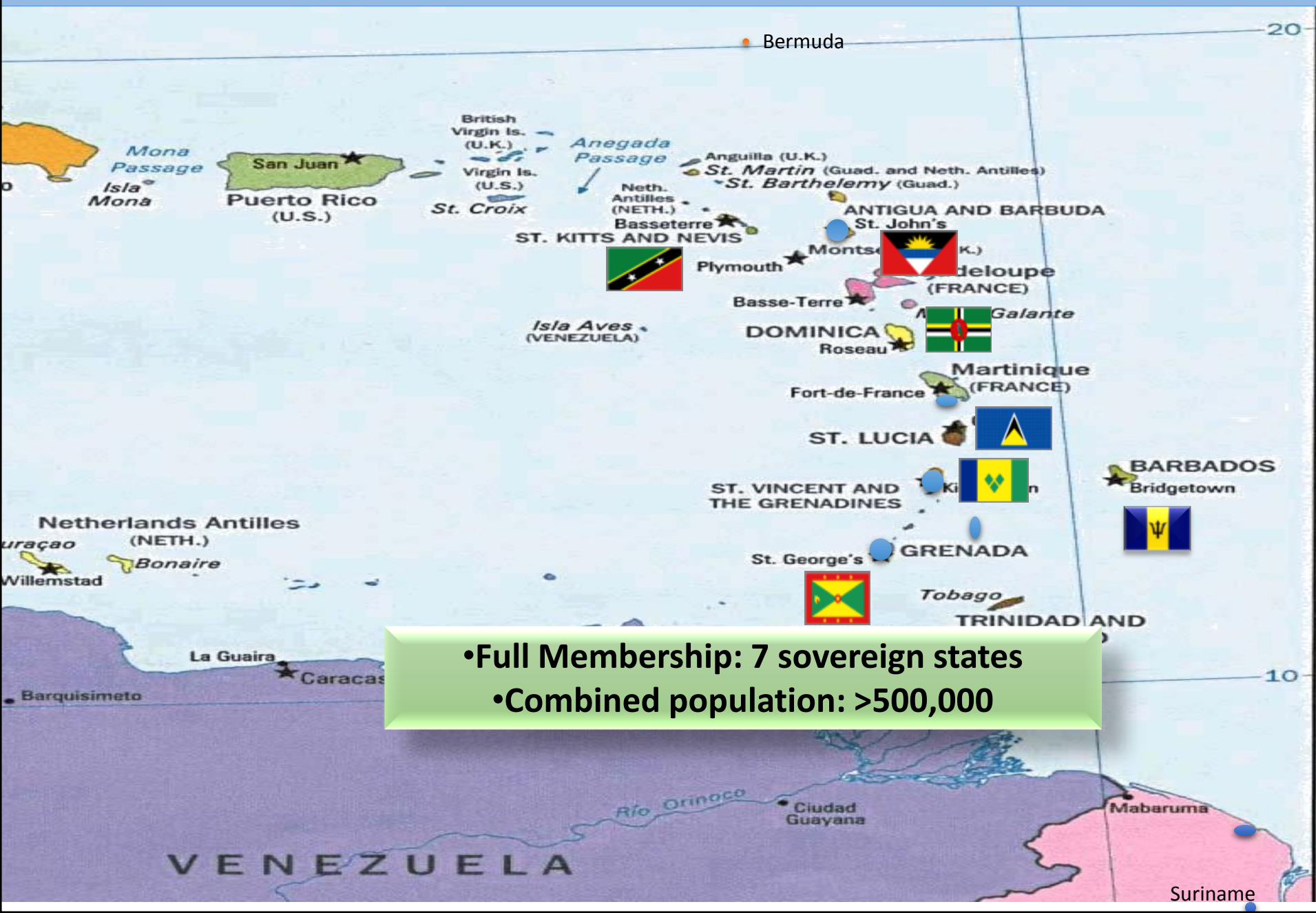
- United Kingdom (pending)







# REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM STATES



- Full Membership: 7 sovereign states
- Combined population: >500,000

# **ORIGIN OF Regional Security System**

- **1970's & 80's** Requirement for a collective response to security threats which were impacting on the stability of the region.
- **1982** – *Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Lucia, & St. Vincent* signed MOU with *Barbados* to provide for “Mutual Assistance on Request.”
- **1983** - **St Kitts & Nevis**
- **1985** – **Grenada**
- **1996** - MOU replaced with the **TREATY** establishing the **Regional Security System**
- **Article 4 of the Treaty-**  
**Sets out the conditions for cooperation among the Member States.**



# PURPOSE & FUNCTION

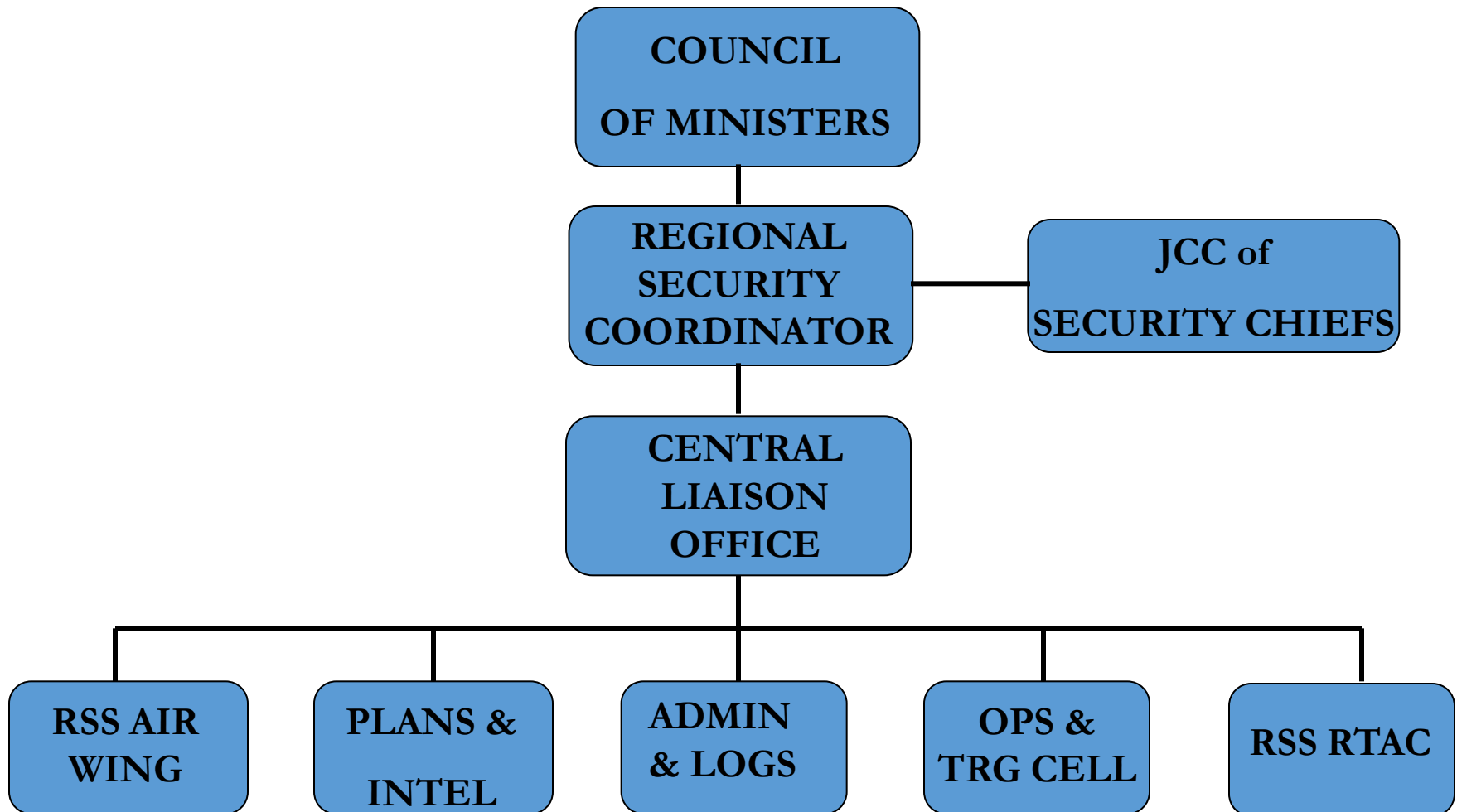
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## *Article 4(1) Of The Treaty*

- **Prevention and Interdiction of trafficking in Illegal Narcotics**
- **Response to National Emergencies / Disasters**
- **Regional Search and Rescue**
- **Immigration control**
- **Fisheries Protection**
- **Customs & Excise Control**
- **Maritime Policing Duties**
- **Natural and Other Disasters**
- **Pollution Control**
- **Combating Threats to National Security**
- **Prevention of Smuggling**
- **Protection of Off-shore Installations and Exclusive Economic Zones**

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## *Article 6 of The Treaty*





# RSS AIR OPERATIONS CENTER



# STRENGTH OF THE RSS

Member State	Strength	Member State	Strength
A	434	E	739
B	560	F	934
C	423	G	1415
D	1059	<b>TOTAL</b> Plus approx 1200 military	5,564

CLO		RSSAW
Civilian 25	Attached 11	17

# **COORDINATED MARITIME PATROLS**

- **EEZ patrolling**
- **Assets contributed by Member States in rotation (in theory)**
- **Patrols have not been viable due to limited blue water resources**



# TRIGGERS FOR RSS MOBILISATION

- **Combating threats to National Security**
- **A breakdown of law and order**
- **Terrorist incidents/activities**
- **Natural/Man-made disasters**
- **Armed insurrection**
- **Drug interdiction, illegal immigration and smuggling**
- **Search & rescue operations**
- **Pollution incidents such as oil spills**
- **Large scale or high security operations**

# TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME CARICOM





# TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME PRESSURES

## TERRORISM TRENDS

**SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (SALW) TRAFFICKING**

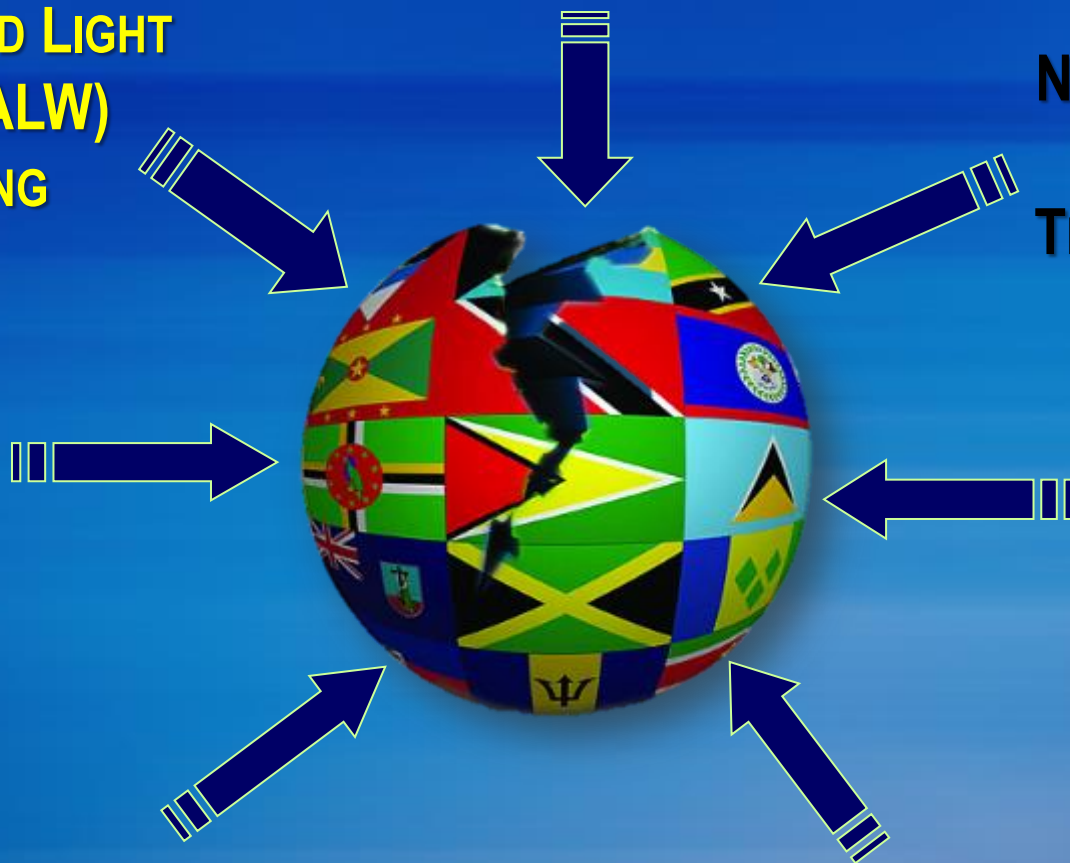
**NATIONALITIES OF INTEREST TRAVERSING CMS**

**Protecting Critical Infrastructure**

**GANGS IN THE REGION**

**NARCOTICS SEIZURE TRENDS**

**MONEY LAUNDERING PATTERNS**

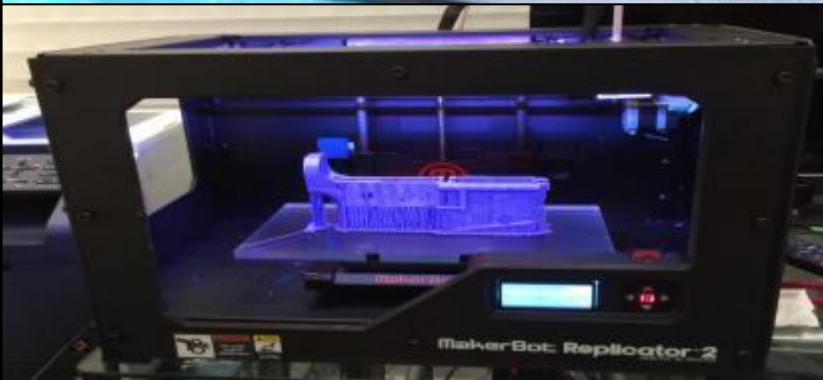


# PROLIFERATION OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS



❖ SALW from North and South America to CARICOM Member States

❖ Increase In High Powered Weapons



❖ Availability Of 3D Printed Weapons

❖ Commodity For Weapons Trade



❖ Total Weapons Seized: 10,220  
(2010 -2014)

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE REGION



**PROSTITUTION**

- ❖ Servitude / Sexual Exploitation
- ❖ Forced / Child Labour
- ❖ Illegal Migration
- ❖ Internal Trafficking

World Day  
Against  
**Child**  
Labour



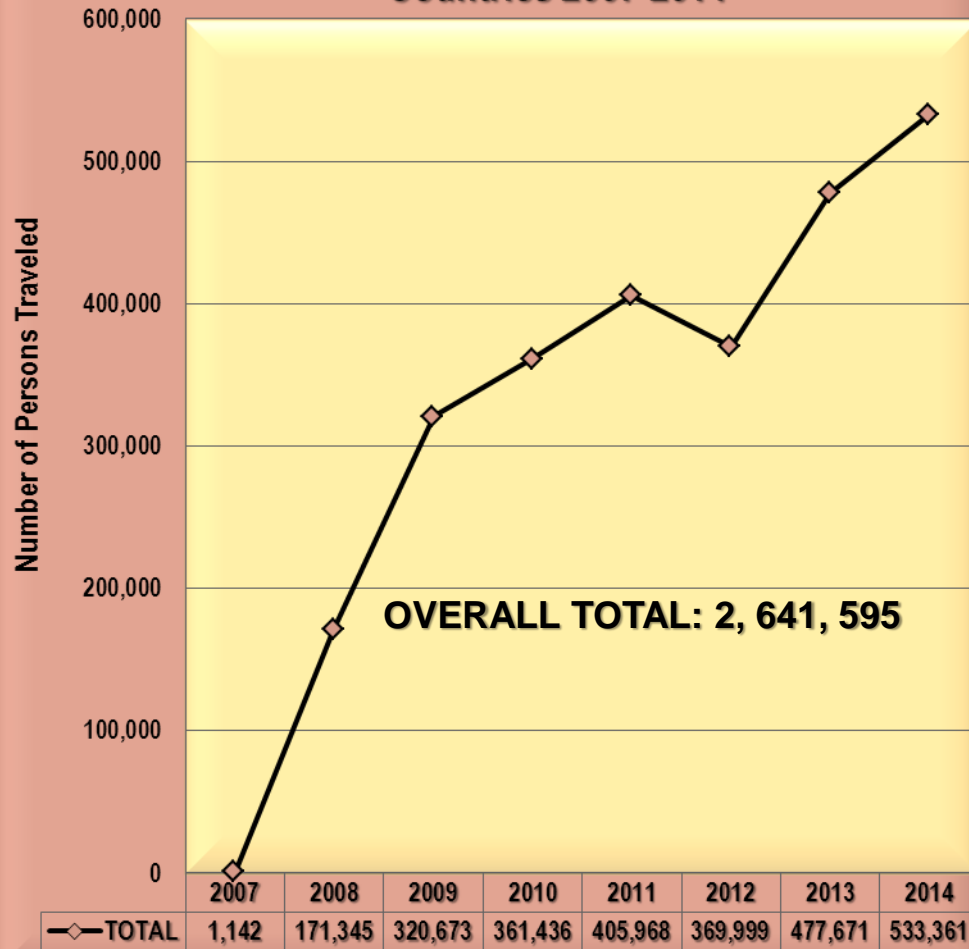
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**  
Modern Day Slavery



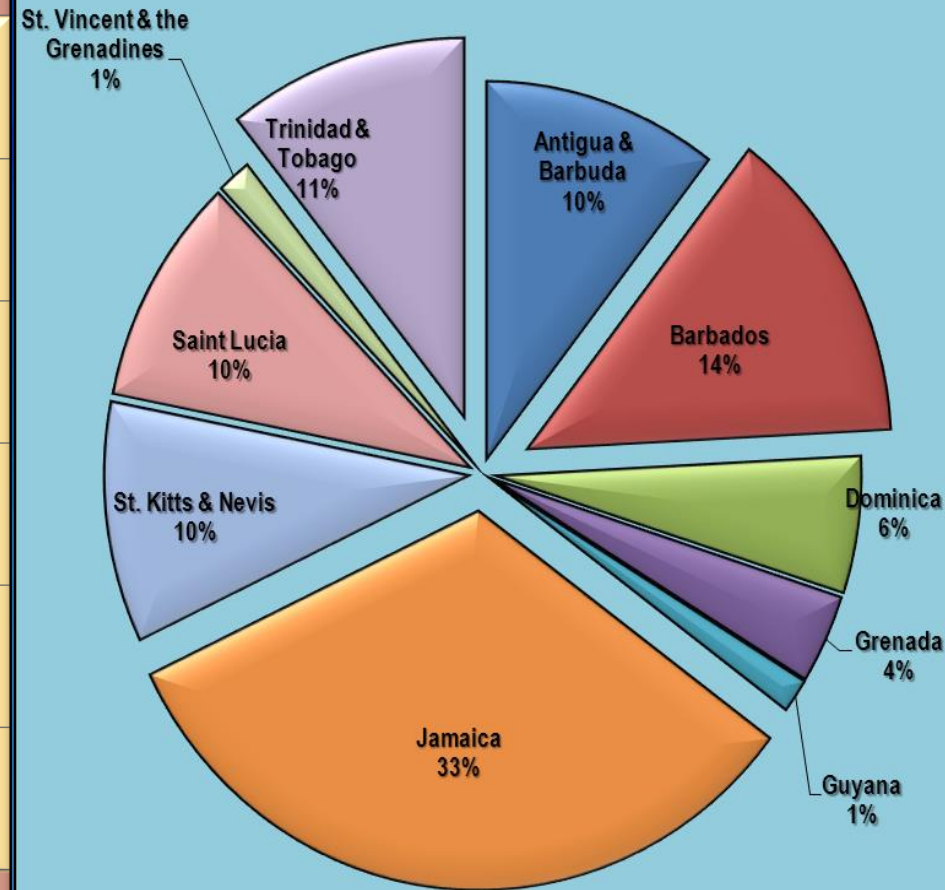


# APIS DATA ON NOI HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNTRIES

## Total NOI from Human Trafficking Linked Countries 2007-2014



## NOI from Human Trafficking Linked Countries 2007-2014



Note: Countries with Nationalities traversing the Region known for human trafficking: Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Lithuania, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, Romania, Russian Federation, Thailand and Venezuela.

# PROLIFERATION OF GANGS IN THE REGION

Country	No of Gangs	No of Persons	Date
Antigua and Barbuda	8	200	As at 2011
The Bahamas	17	200-500	As at 2011
Barbados	7	80-100	As at 2011
Belize	32	860	As at 2011
Dominica	8	NR	As at 2011
Grenada	5	312	As at 2014
Guyana	8 (Groups)	50	As at 2014
Jamaica	279	5,345	As at 2014
St. Kitts and Nevis	8	165 - 180	As at 2013
St. Lucia	17	145	As at 2013
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	5	83	As at 2014
Suriname	NR	NR	As at 2013
Trinidad and Tobago	89	1200-1300	As at 2013

# PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



- ❖ **Observable Trends In Cyber-attacks On Critical Infrastructure**
- ❖ **Terrorism Threat To Critical Infrastructure**
- ❖ **Lack Of Resources To Tackle Cyber-Criminality**
- ❖ **Notable Cyber-attacks In The Region**



# CORRUPTION

(Source: Transparency International)

Country	CPI 2012	CPI 2013	CPI 2014
Bahamas	22	22	24
Barbados	15	15	17
Cuba	48	63	63
Dominica	41	41	39
Dominican Republic	118	123	115
Guyana	133	136	124
Haiti	165	163	161
Jamaica	83	83	85
Panama	83	102	94
Puerto Rico	33	33	31
Saint Lucia	22	22	-
St. Vincent	36	33	29
Suriname	88	94	100
Trinidad	80	83	85
Venezuela	165	160	161

- ❖ Subverts the course of justice
- ❖ Undermines Regional institutions
- ❖ Undermines law enforcement efforts



- ❖ Promotes culture of lawlessness
- ❖ Damages Integrity
- ❖ Obstacle to Regional advancement and development



# TERRORISM



Boko Haram



Al Shabaab



Islamic State



Al Qaeda



# CURRENT TERRORISM THREAT PERSPECTIVE

- ❖ Links Terrorism and TOC
- ❖ Returning Foreign Fighters
- ❖ Spread of Radical Ideology
- ❖ Risk of 'Lone Wolf' Attacks on Western Interests / Tourism
- ❖ Clandestine Sleeper Cells
- ❖ Attack on Critical Infrastructure
- ❖ Jihadists Movement In The Region
- ❖ NOI Migrating from the Middle East
- ❖ ISIS re: Trinidad and Tobago

**ISIS**  
TRAIL OF TERROR



## Moroccanwolf - Islamic State

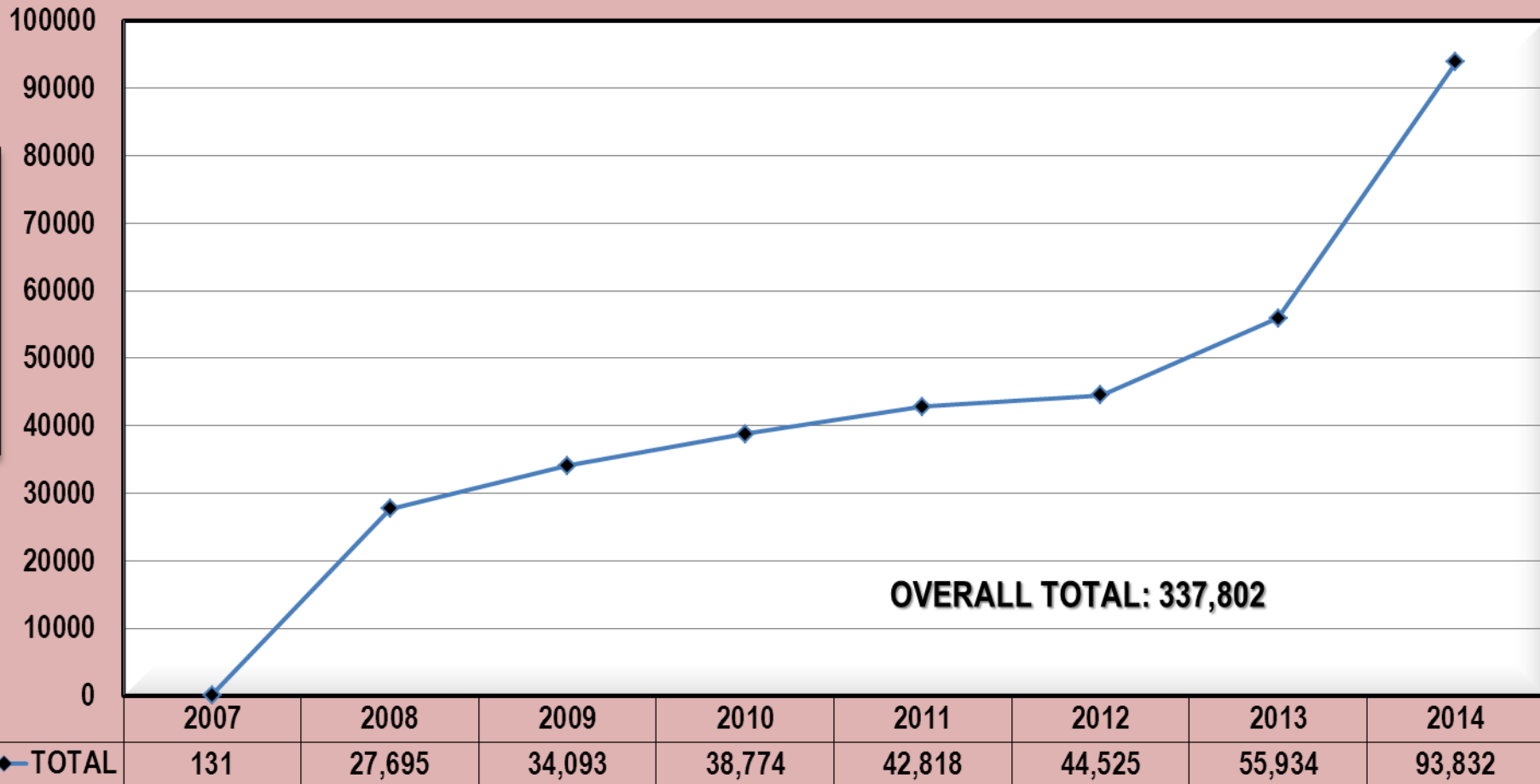
US and NATO Forces are involved in organised butchery of human race since it's inception. They overthrow governments of sovereign nations and they undermine, threaten, refuse to recognise and seek to destroy democratically elected governments like they are in , Syria , Iraq , Gaza, Palestine. They support dictators as long as they are fulfilling US, EU & NATO interest in the region like they did in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.  
You speak of freedom of speech and freedom of expression but you remain silent in the face of a people desire to seek freedom to exist - unless those people are Israeli Zionists!  
Hypocrisy of this magnitude will bring the chickens home to roost and not peace and security as is your mantra!

Islamic State Hackers  
[#] Greco : @Abdullah\_Muhammad / @mohammedm



# APIS DATA ON NATIONALITIES OF INTEREST (NOI)

NOI from Terrorism Linked Countries for the Period 2007-2014



Note: Countries with Nationalities traversing the Region known for supporting terrorism: Afghanistan, Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen.

# TERROR LINKS TO TOC

## REGIONAL TRAFFICKING ROUTES

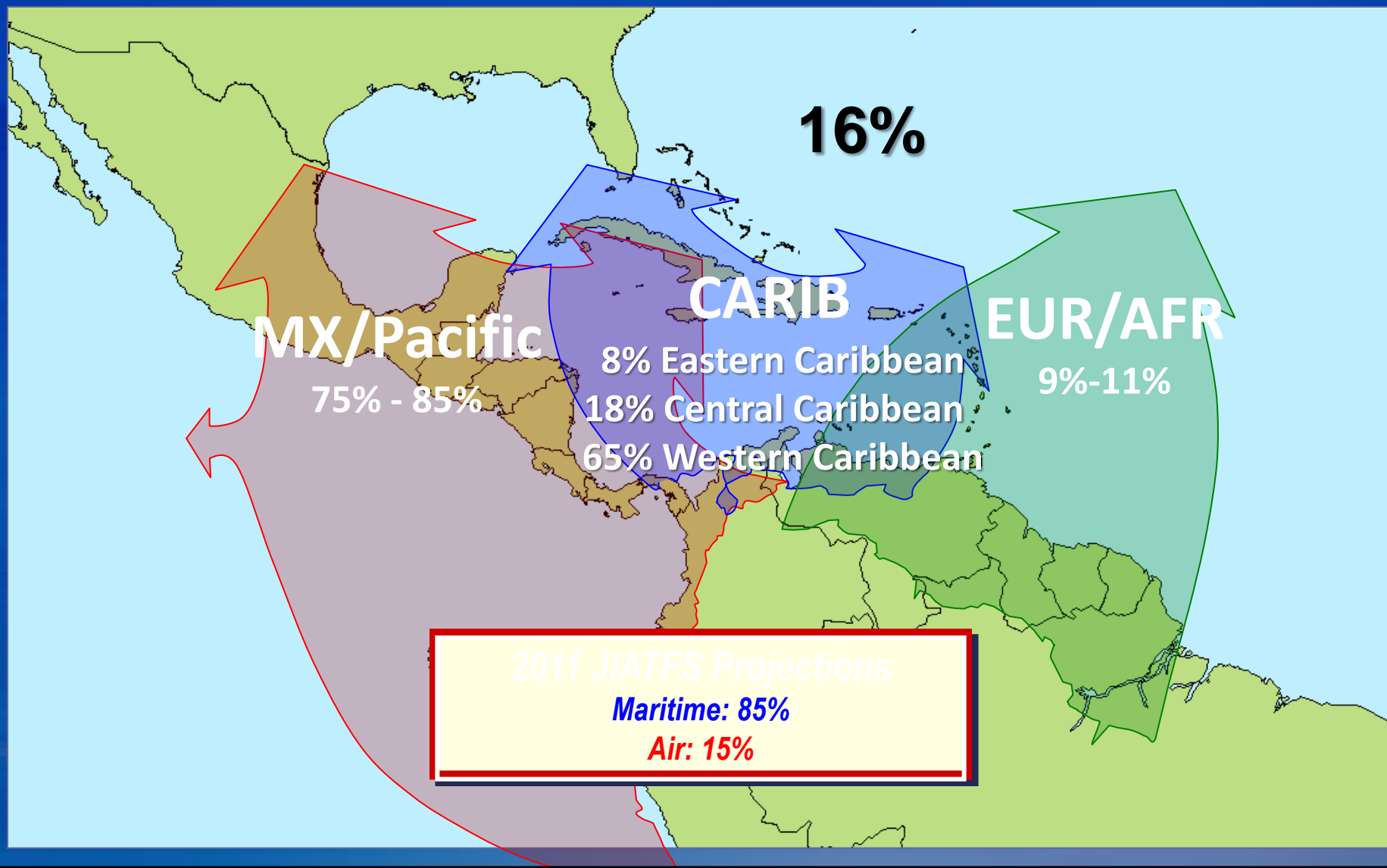


## NARCOTIC SEIZURE TRENDS



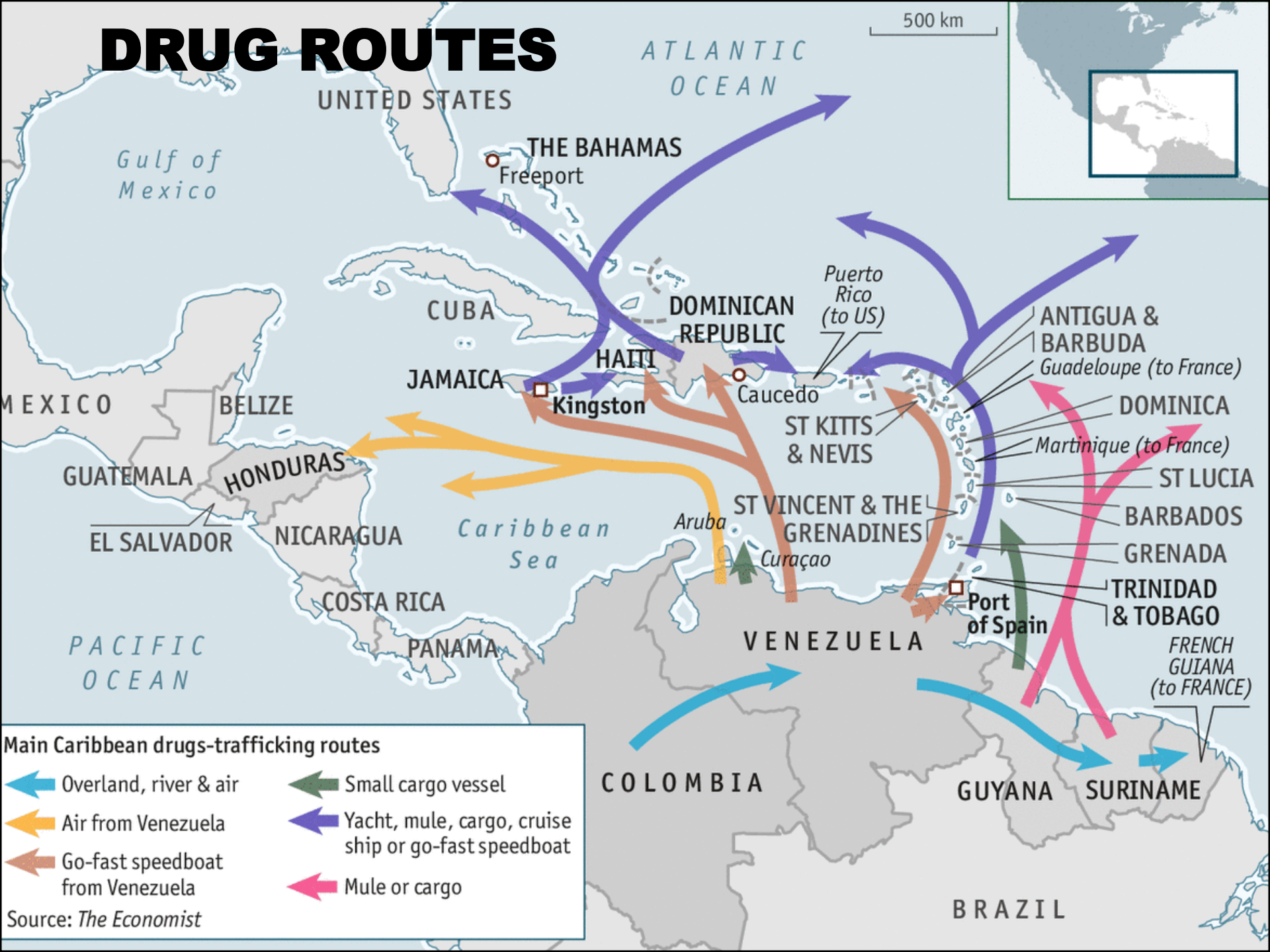
- ❖ Merging And Exploiting Specialized Skills And Assets
- ❖ New Worldwide Allegiances In Diverse Illicit Activities
- ❖ Creating New Channels To Fund Terror Campaigns
- ❖ Increase In Money Laundering And Financial Crimes
- ❖ Inter-relationship Of Terrorists And Gangs Perpetuating Crimes

# Projected Cocaine Movement 2015





# DRUG ROUTES



**Main Caribbean drugs-trafficking routes**

Overland, river & air	Small cargo vessel
Air from Venezuela	Yacht, mule, cargo, cruise ship or go-fast speedboat
Go-fast speedboat from Venezuela	Mule or cargo

Source: *The Economist*

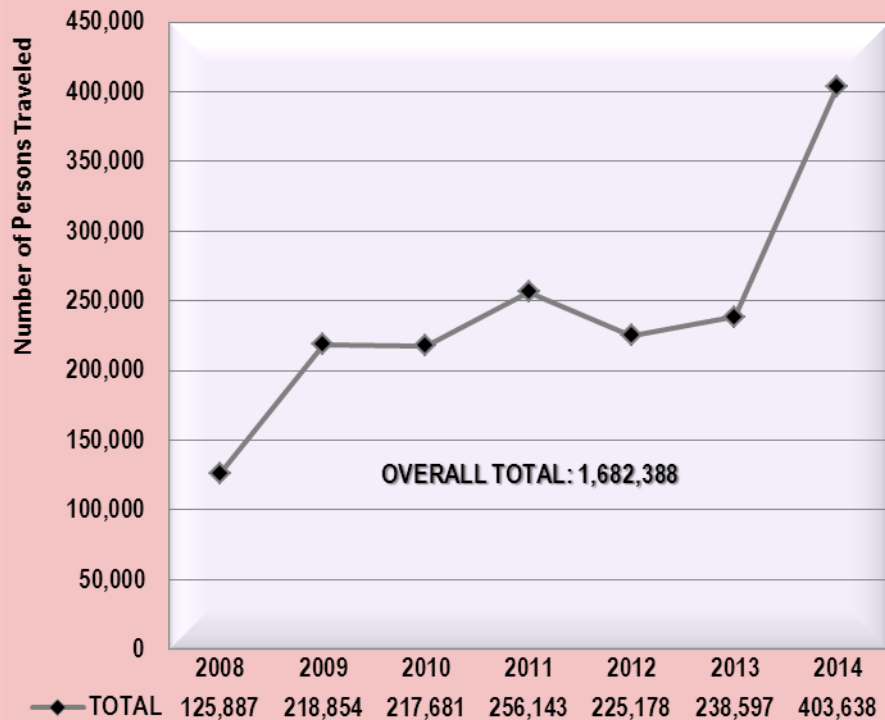


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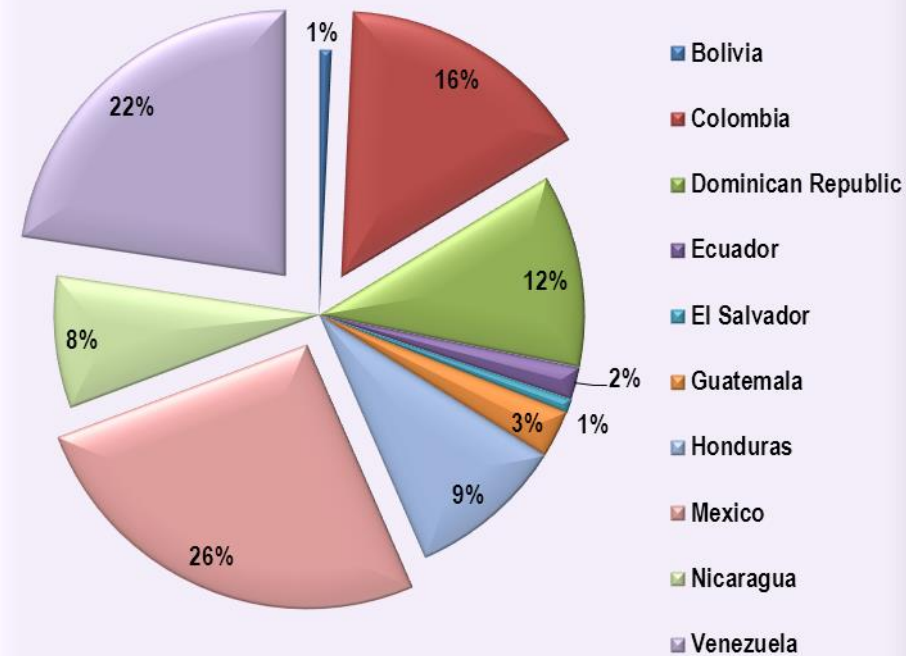


# APIS DATA ON LATIN AMERICAN DRUG PRODUCING COUNTRIES

## Total NOI from Latin American Drug Producing Countries to the Region 2008-2014



## NOI from Latin American Drug Producing Countries 2008-2014



Source JRCC: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



# CORRESPONDING PATTERNS OF MONEY LAUNDERING/DRUGS TRAFFICKING



❖ Several Major Money Laundering Countries And Jurisdictions in CARICOM

❖ Tier 1: An Immediate Significant Threat

❖ Notable Cases In The Region





# OVERALL CRIME FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD 2010-2014

Year	Murder	Illegal Firearms Seized	Marijuana Seized (Kg)	Cocaine Seized (Kg)	Total Narcotics Seized (Kg)
2010	2, 459	2, 114	704,665 .44	8, 236.52	712,901.96
2011	2, 044	2, 140	1, 066, 815.91	2,350 .10	1, 069, 166.01
2012	2, 033	1,644	1, 211, 211.76	2, 641.70	1, 213, 853.46
2013	1, 718	2, 327	623, 940.70	3, 992.82	627, 933.52
2014	1, 862	1, 985	1, 579, 337.09	22, 385.66	1, 601, 722.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>10, 116</b>	<b>10, 210</b>	<b>5, 185, 970.90</b>	<b>39, 606.80</b>	<b>5, 225, 577.70</b>

Note: The information in the table above (2010 – 2014) were obtained from the NPC's in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia , St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

# CHALLENGES

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE CARIBBEAN**

**CLOSE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES TO THE USA**

**BETTER COORDINATION OF THE VARIOUS ANTI-DRUG AGENCIES**

**LIMITED RESOURCES AND FUNDING**

**SOCIAL PROGRAMMES**

# THANK YOU!

## QUESTIONS?

**Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.**

*Og Mandino*



# THANK YOU !!!

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