



# Grenada's Experience: Collection of Information on Drug Supply

Cartagena, Colombia, June 25-27, 2019

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#### **Demographics of Grenada**

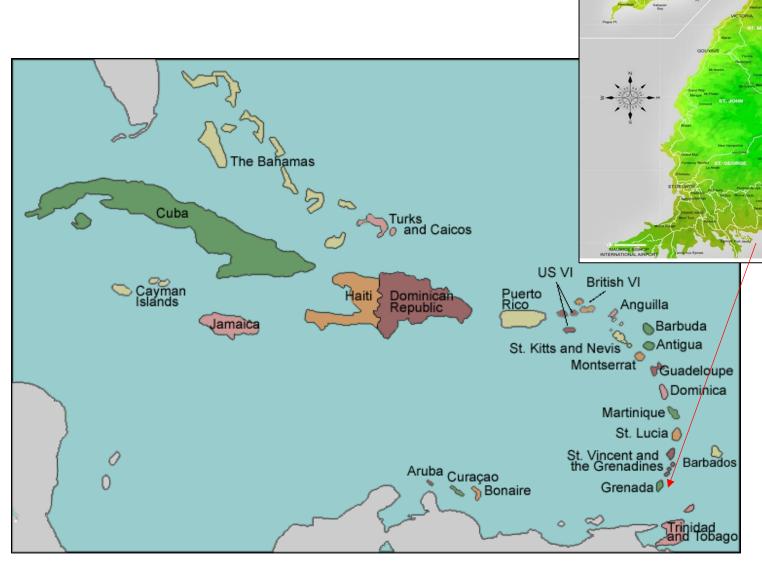
Grenada consists of three main islands: Grenada,
 Carriacou and Petit Martinique)

A unitary State that applies a common law legal system.

• Size: 348.5 square kilometres (134.6 square miles)

• Population: 107,317 persons

### Maps of Grenada & the Caribbean



MAP OF GRENADA, CARRIACOU & PETITE MARTINIQUE

CARRIACOU

#### **Drug Situation in Grenada**

- Main drugs: cannabis, crack-cocaine.
- 'No' opioids, ecstasy.
- Possession of drugs (cannabis) is main offence.
- Linkage between drugs, drug trafficking and firearms.

# Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN)

- Collects, analyzes, and disseminates statistical data on drugs.
- Monitors trends, develops policies, and program responses.
- Serves as an Early Warning System (EWS).

#### **GRENDEN Data Sources: Drug Supply**

#### **Customs and Excise Department**

Enforcement Unit

#### **Royal Grenada Police Force**

- Criminal Records Office
- ☐ Immigration Department
- Drug Squad
- Criminal Investigation Department
- Community Relations Department

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Indicator: Seizures, Origin, Destination

2019: to commence reporting on seizures of pharmaceuticals, medications.

Details of drug seizure, Customs Dept, January to June 2017.pdf

#### **Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF)**

#### 1. Indicators:

- Drug Seizures, Illicit Production and Drug Prices
- Arrests and Prosecution for Drug Offences
- Criminal Deportees and Aliens Sent from Grenada
- ☐ Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials

- 2. Daily Crime Reports on all arrests, drugs seized by Police crimes, reported to RGPF.
- 3. Reports on major drug operations conducted by the Drug Squad (dates, quantities, types, photos: drugs, persons and vehicles etc.).
- 4. Statistics via excel spreadsheet.

#### **Sample Crime Report:**

#### February 26, 2019:

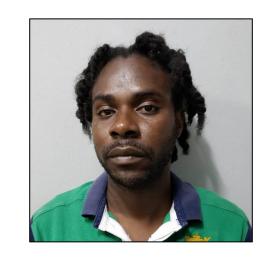
 Toyota Corolla car registration number 507 driven by Gregory Joseph, 47 yrs. old Mason residing at La Mode, St. George, was stopped and searched; 298 kilos of cannabis were found.

#### **Sample Crime Report:**

#### June 3, 2019:

- 18 years old female student hospitalized, after being given a Coca-Cola to drink by a male, which tasted funny, however she drank it and stared feeling sick.
- She stated that after she had the drink the accused attempted to have sex with her; however, she refused and left returning to her home, where she was taken to the hospital.
- Tests showed that the drink contained ecstasy.

#### Sample Drug Squad Report





#### **November 6, 2018:**

As a result of information received, officers attached to the Drug Squad, went to the St Georges Port, at the CARICOM jetty and spoke to the captain of vessel that ply the Trinidad/Grenada route weekly, **US\$13,900.00** seized.

Keston Adams is assisting Drug Squad and FIU in their investigations.

#### **April 26, 2019:**

• Officers attached to the Carriacou Police Station, went to the home of Frank. During the search of the surroundings, officers observed a foot path leading from Frank's home to a grave yard. Officers noticed that a tomb had been tampered with. On checking the tomb, officers found 6 kilos of cannabis hidden inside.





**Sample: Excel Spreadsheet** 

## PERSONS CHARGED FOR DRUGS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE, 2018.xlsx

#### **Summary: Sources of Drug Supply Data**

**Indicators**: statistics

Crime Reports: some details re: names, types and quantities of drugs; seizures by any Police Officer

Drug Squad Reports: details re: name, age, operation, photographs; seizures by Drug Squad

#### **Use of Data**

- Inform the public on nature and extent of drug situation, trends, criminal activities, trafficking routes, methods emerging issues
- Inform policy and program formulation
- Research by academia, etc
- Disseminated (print and electronic)
- Fulfill reporting obligations, requests

#### **Publications**

• **GRENDEN Fact Sheet**: summary of key data; quarterly production, commenced in 2009

GRENDIN FACT SHEET, VOL. 1, NO. 1, 2009.pdf

**GRENDEN Fact Sheet, No. 2, June 2019.pdf** 

• GRENDEN Annual Statistical Report, 2018 GRENDEN Statistical Report on Drugs, Jan to Dec 2018.pdf

• GRENDEN Annual Report, 2018 GRENDEN Report, 2018.pdf

#### Thank you

