



A GLIMPSE ON THE CURRENT DRUG SITUATION SOUTH AFRICA



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MANDATE / CORE FUNCTIONS

- Theft / robbery – precursors / chemicals associated with illegal drug production & detection / dismantling of all clandestine drug laboratories.
- Controlled deliveries.
- All national and transnational drug trafficking offences.
- Drug trafficking cases by international law enforcement agencies for assistance / investigation / cooperation.
- Investigation - illegal cannabis dispensaries & online drug dealing.
- Financial investigation on the proceeds of crime & money laundering – related to organised drug crimes.



3 PILLARS (SECTIONS) OF NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT



Chemical Monitoring Program

1. Precursor Chemicals
2. Import Export Permits
3. Company Inspections
4. Public private partnerships
5. Reporting to INCB (PENS online, PICS)
6. Clandestine Labs
7. Task team INCB (e.g. Project Prism)



Transnational

1. Foreign Liaison
2. Police to Police Cooperation
3. MLA's
4. UN Drug Conventions

National

1. National Drug Master Plan
2. Data Collection
3. Predictive Function (Drug trends)
4. Reporting to local, regional and international stakeholders
5. Capacity Building / Training
6. Legislative Inputs particularly Cannabis Legislation



Project Coordination

1. Syndicate Links
2. Analysis and Profiling
3. Participation National and Provincial Project Committee(NPC, PPC)
4. Provincial Organised Crime Secretariat (POCS), National Organised Crime Secretariat (NOCS)

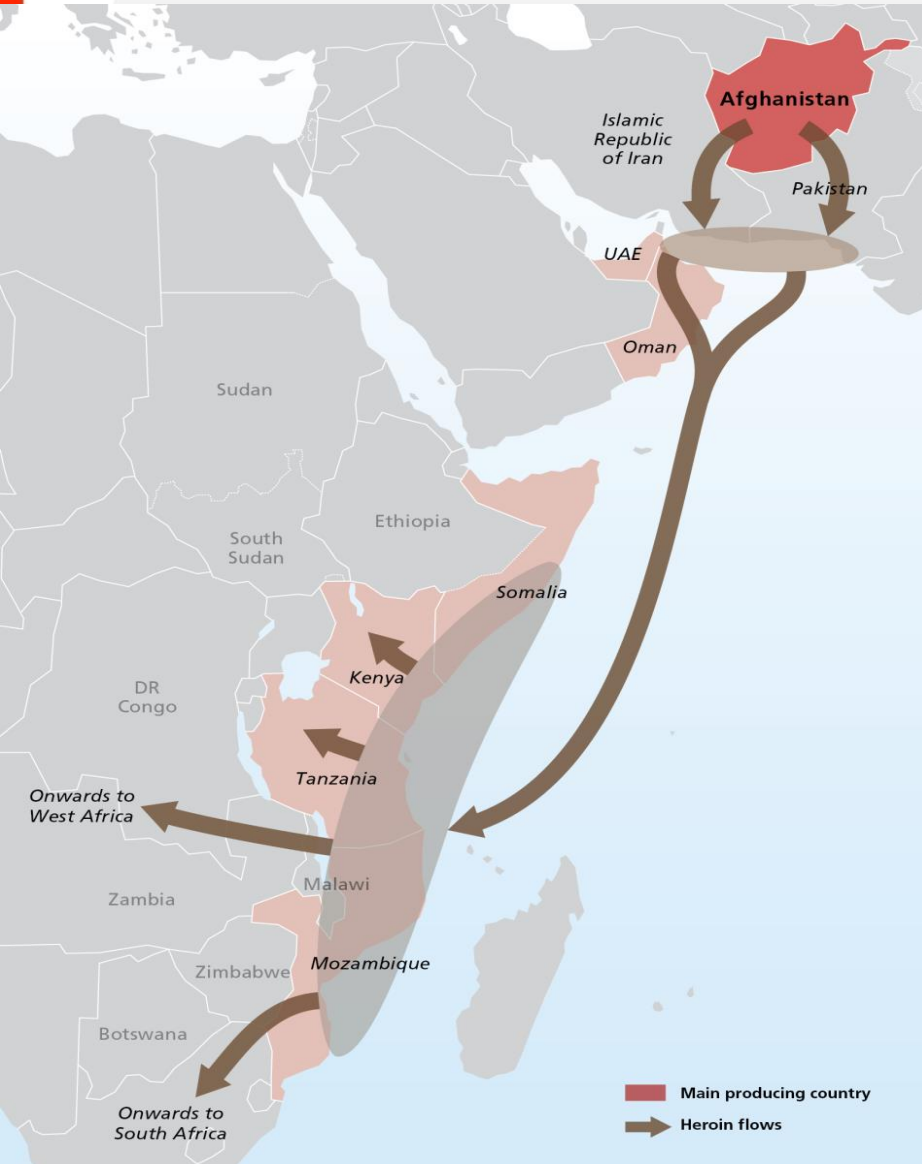


CURRENT THREATS

- Consumption
- Heroin / meth trafficking
- Large amounts of cocaine
- Courier / freight redistribution
- Chemical diversion & substitution
- Latin American cartel involvement - meth production
- Foreign criminal organisations with operational bases in SA
- NPS's: synthetic opioids – cannabinoids - nitazenes
- Advanced technology, encrypted communication



SOUTHERN ROUTE THE TRILATERAL PLANNING CELL





PORT OF SANTOS



PORT OF SANTOS

Sao Paulo / Brazil





GAUTENG "HOTSPOTS"



DRUGS



WESTERN CAPE “HOTSPOTS”





ILLICIT LABS



DRUGS



CLANDESTINE DRUG LABORATORIES

PERIOD

DISMANTLED

ARRESTS

2024

20

51

Methamphetamine - Methaqualone -Cannabis (grow labs)





PROJECT – METHER

- Database of the composition, isotopic ratios and trace molecules / elements of methamphetamine / heroin samples
- South Africa- regional key to determine the ratio of ephedra base vs pure synthetic chemical synthesis
- Assist to provide early warnings of synthetic drug synthesis & chemical diversion





SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Nitazenes

(Stronger Than Fent)



CANNABINOIDS





COOPERATION



NOVEMBER: DURBAN 173 KG COCAINE



NOVEMBER: KWAZULU NATAL MANDRAX LABORATORY





OCTOBER 1120 KG CANNABIS





OCTOBER: CAPE TOWN 1217 KG CANNABIS



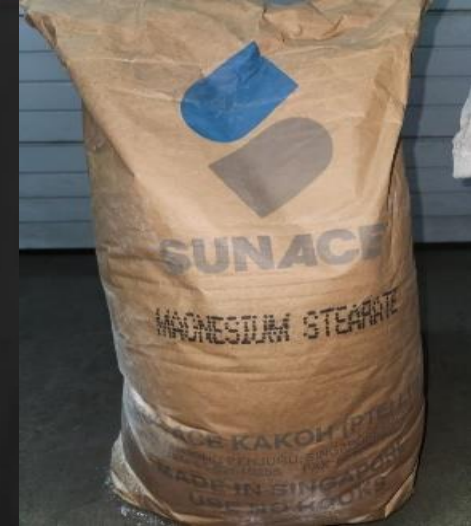


NOVEMBER: DE DEUR MANDRAX LAB





OCTOBER: BEDFORDVIEW MANDRAX MANUFACTURING





NOVEMBER: METH LAB





29/01 143KG METH





30/01 300KG METH





REGIONAL & INTERCONTINENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Trilateral Planning Cell-Tanzania, Mozambique & SA - Southern Route
- IDEC and AMDEC
- BRICS – Anti Drug Forum
- UNODC & various platforms, INCB, CND – regulates drugs internationally through 3 conventions
- SADC - SARPCCO
- Foreign Liaison Officer Forum (FLOF)
- Global Coalition
- Other Bi-laterals and multi-lateral treaties





AWARENESS / TRAINING / SHARING





CLOSER COLLABORATION / COOPERATION

