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SESSION 3: SECURING COMPLIANCE AND MANAGING RISKS IN THE GLOBAL POSTAL SUPPLY CHAIN

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NEW TRAFFICKING MODALITIES: FOCUS ON 4'M' AREAS



- Substances of abuse, frequently non-scheduled ones, are manufactured to order or marketed online, delivered through postal/courier services, and paid online.
- This new trafficking modalities was further spread and well rooted during the pandemic.
- As risks of being misused for illicit purposes increases with all the 4 'M' areas of industry, so are threats to postal security conspicuously heightened due to increased attempts to illicitly ship synthetic opioids and other potent substances.




GRIDS

Global Rapid Interdiction of Dangerous Substances



ION PROJECT

Project ION (2013): operational initiative supporting national authorities' efforts in preventing trafficking of new psychoactive substances (NPS).



IONICS

IONICS (2014): INCB platform dedicated to secure real-time communication of incidents involving trafficking in NPS.



OPIOIDS

OPIOIDS Project (2017): operational partnerships supporting national authorities and international organizations' efforts to counter trafficking in nonmedical synthetic opioids.

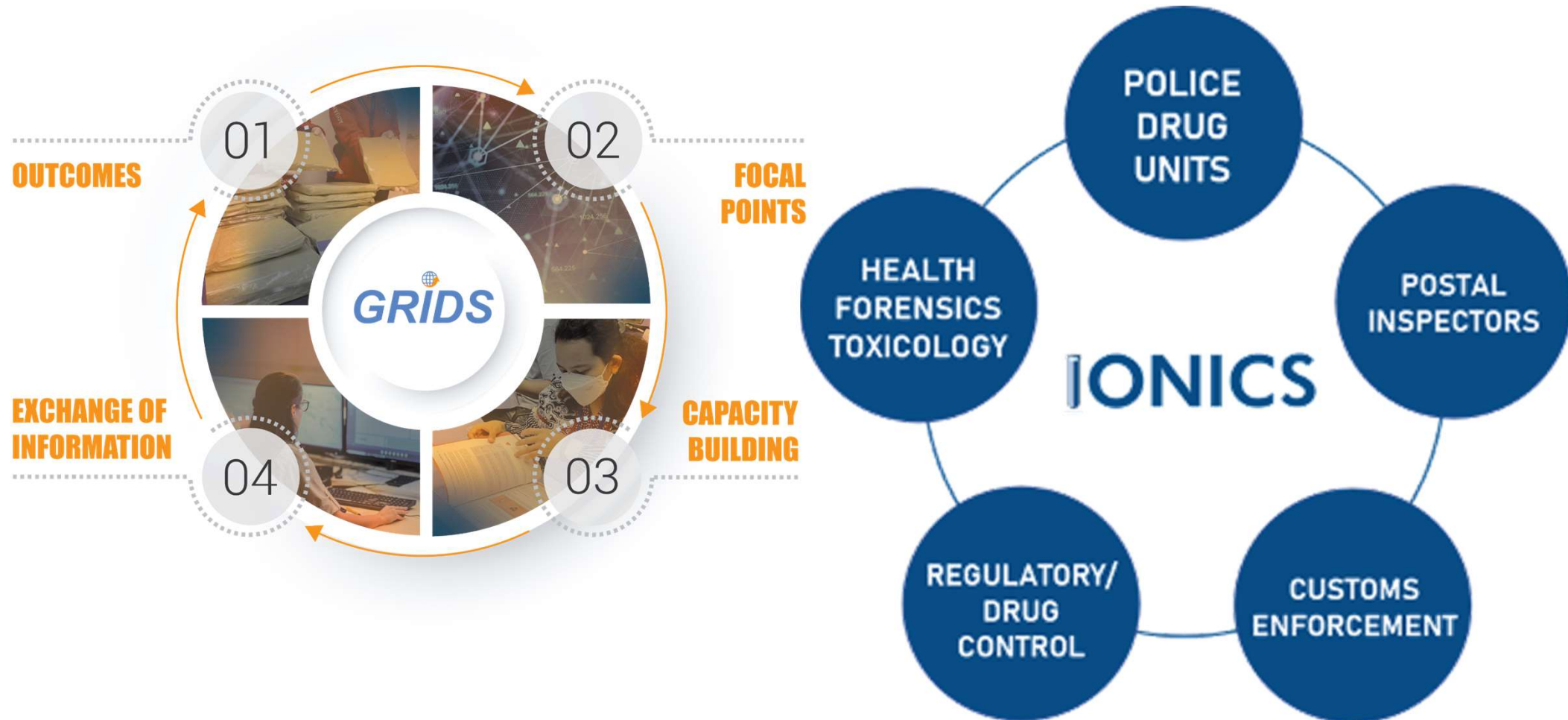


PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

PPP (2018): expanding the role of voluntary cooperation with "4M" industries as an effective strategy to address trafficking in dangerous substances.



GRIDS PROGRAMME'S APPROACH: OPERATIONAL, MULTI-AGENCY





INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPED

IONICS PROJECT ION INCIDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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1 of 8740 10201 - Hong Kong SAR of China on 09/10/2019

Published on 22/11/2019 Origin China
Transit Hong Kong SAR of China Destination Australia

Products/Substances

#	Product/Substance	Quantity
1.	Unknown product	529 gr
	Methylone	724

Substance: Plant-based substances (2138), Synthetic

2 of 8740 10200 - Hong Kong SAR of China on 10/09/2019

Published on 22/11/2019 Origin China
Transit Hong Kong SAR of China Destination Aus

Products/Substances

IONICS logo and description: Project ION (International Operations on NPS) is INCB's international operational initiative to support Government law enforcement and regulatory agencies in preventing dangerous NPS from reaching consumer markets, in line with CND recommendations 55/1, 56/4 and 57/9. Click here for more information on Project ION.

The Project ION Incident Communication System (IONICS) is a secure on-line platform for enhanced communication of information and intelligence.

ACTIONABLE INTEL →



IONICS

GRIDS Operational Intelligence

Clear Filters | Date Range: 12/1/2019 - 9/2/2021 | 5077 Incidents

NPS Category: Bar chart showing quantities for various substances like Plant-based substances, Cocaine, Other, etc.

Timeline: Line graph showing trends from 2018 to 2021.

Routing: World map showing red lines connecting various global locations.

Details: Table for specific incidents.

Profile	Origin	N	Avg	Med	Total	Unit
1-Khat, (Catha edulis)		1283	34.417	6.550	43,434,393	gr
2-MMC, (3-methylmethcathinone)		244	12	0	2,830	gr

Destination: Table showing data for various countries like United Kingdom, Switzerland, etc.

Location of Incident: Pie chart showing distribution by facility type (Airport, Customs, Police, etc.).

Effecting Agency: Donut chart showing distribution by agency.

Means of Transportation: Stacked bar chart showing distribution by mode (Air, Land, Sea).

Product Name: Heatmap showing distribution by substance and origin.

Declaration (or Hiding): Heatmap showing distribution by substance and origin.

GRIDS Intelligence Tool

IONICS (2014): INCB platform dedicated to secure real-time communication of incidents involving trafficking in NPS and dangerous non-scheduled substances.

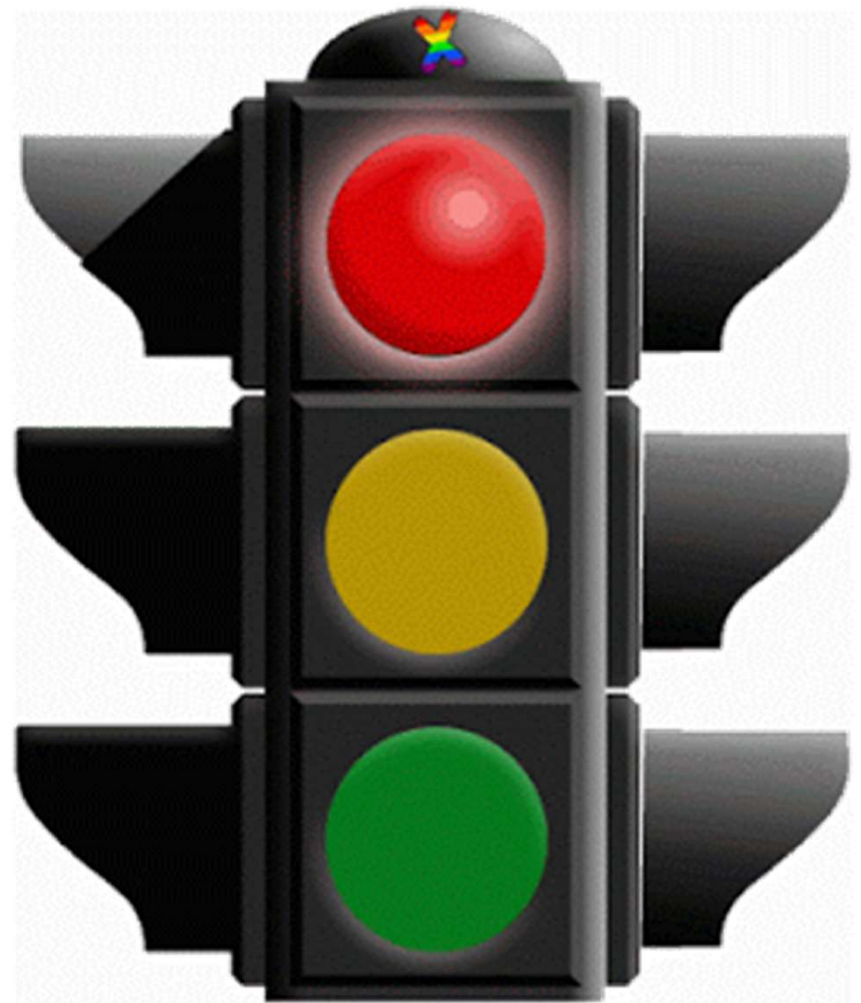
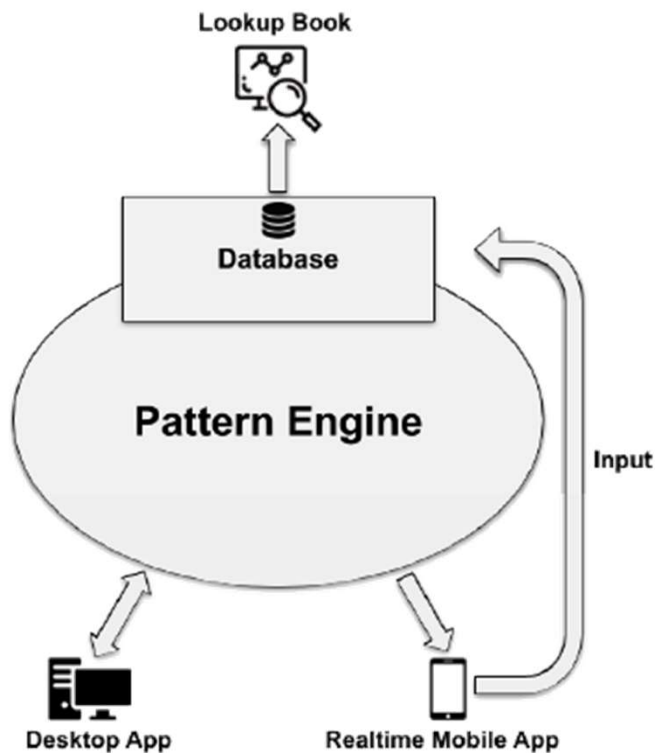
GRIDS Intelligence (2020): INCB tool for development of strategic and operational intelligence profiles of NPS trafficking communicated via IONICS.



SINCB – UPU ALERT SYSTEM: SUPPORT TO POSTAL SECURITY ACTIONS



In Development Pipeline





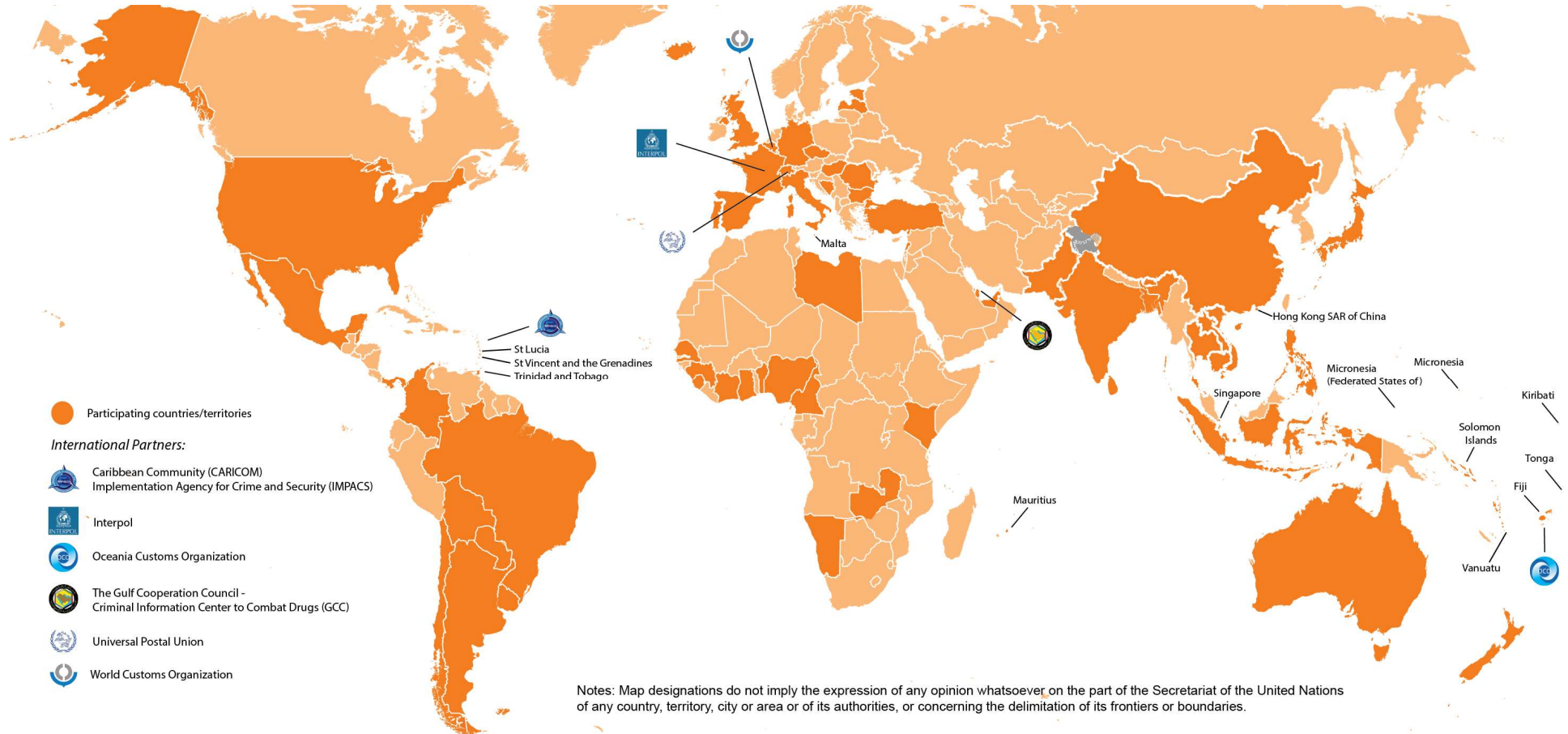
I. BACKGROUND

INCB Global Rapid Interdiction of Dangerous Substances (GRIDS) Programme Project ION and OPIOIDS Project in conjunction with Project PRISM held Operation Knockout from 20 November - 18 December 2022

- Identify key sources and (re)distribution points involving the trafficking of 5 NPS used in Drug Facilitated Sexual Assaults (DFSA):
 - 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)
 - carisoprodol
 - flubromazepam
 - *gamma*-butyrolactone (GBL)
 - ketamine
- Express consignments modality primarily focused (postal, express mail and courier services)
- NPS not under international control but many are controlled domestically as NPS/ drug and/or precursor



OP. KNOCKOUT | PARTICIPATION

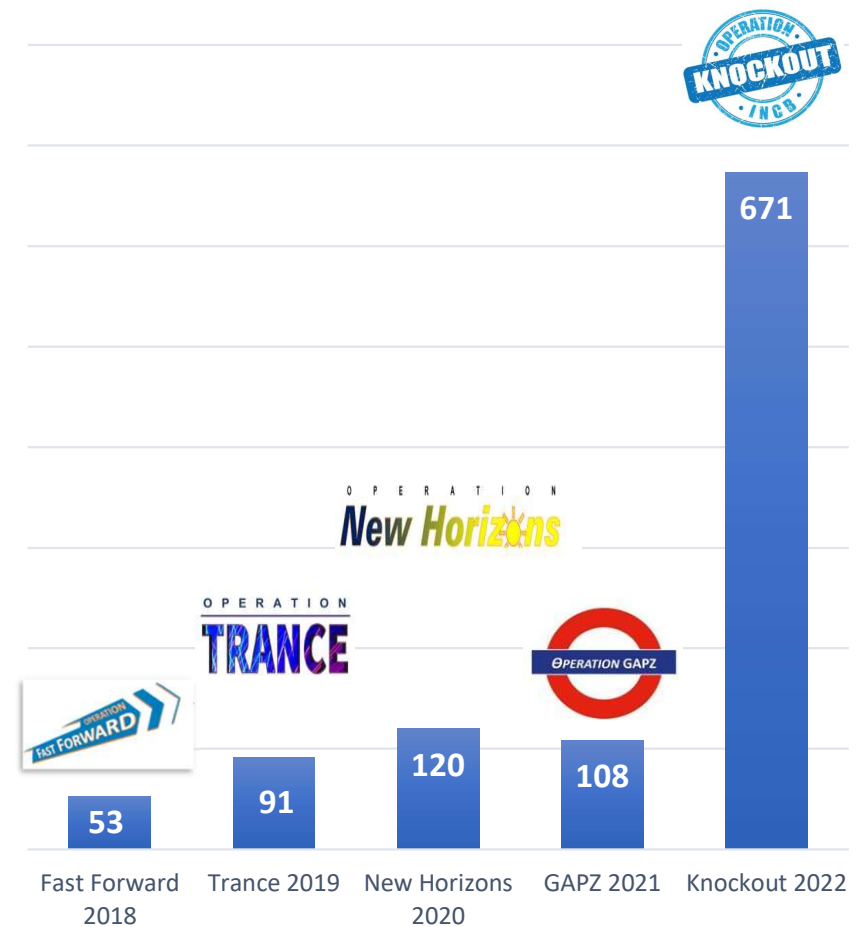


- 160 officers from 75 governments and six international partners participated from 100 different agencies, including customs, police, postal security, & regulatory control.
- **671 seizure incidents communicated via IONICS**



OP. KNOCKOUT | COMMUNICATIONS - COMPARISON SUMMARY OVERVIEW

NPS (rank ordered)	Number of incidents	Total amounts
carisoprodol	282	141 kg and 100 units
ketamine	224	516 kg and 7 L
1,4-BD	101	46 kg and 200 L
GBL	61	82 kg and 18 L
flubromazepam	3	51 gr and 10 units
Total	671	785 kg, 225 L and 110 units



- 2670 incidents were communicated via IONICs as part of the pre-operational intelligence exchange– the most ever



GRIDS Intelligence HD

Operational Interface

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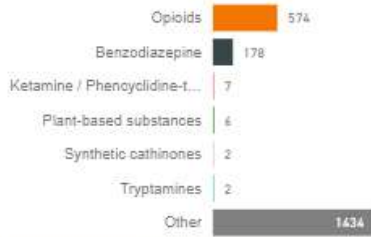
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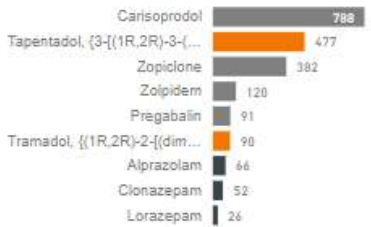
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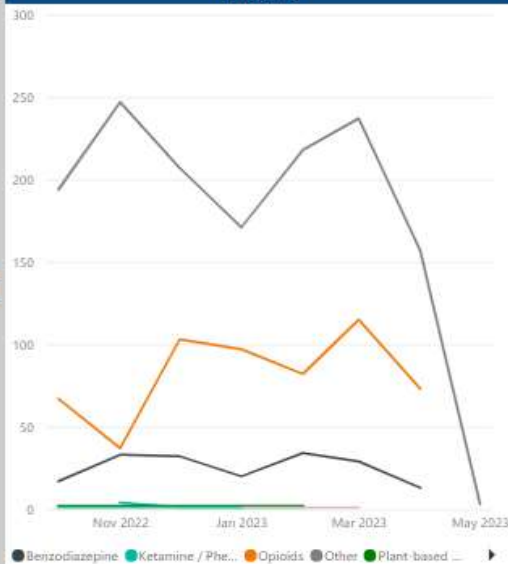
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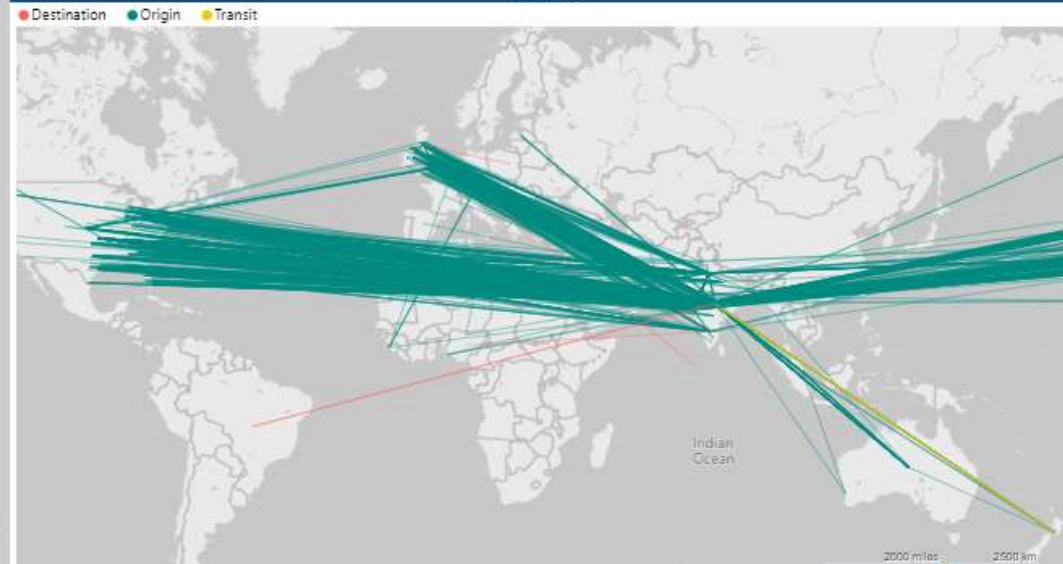
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Timeline



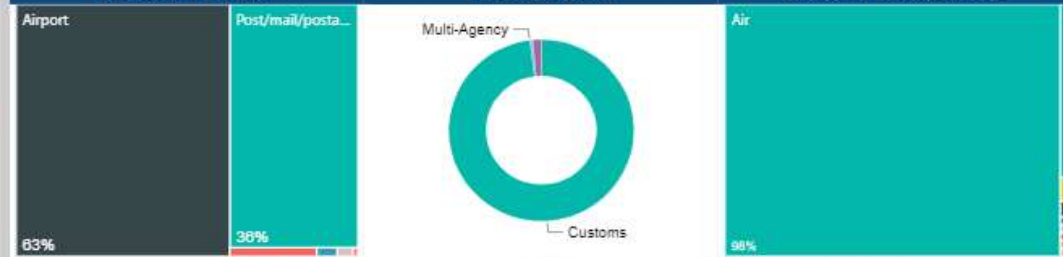
Routing



Details

	N	Avg	Med	Total	Unit	Histogram
Carisoprodol	788	968	825	759,517	gr	
Tapentadol, {3-((1R,2R)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl)-phenol hydrochloride}	408	686	199	279,691	gr	
Zopiclone	260	3,220	119	837,126	tabs /unit s	

Location of Incident



Effecting Agency

Means of Transportation

Origin	N	Avg	Total	Unit
India	1476	1,178	2,001,188	gr
India	441	390,931	175,527,93	tabs/5 units
India	30	16,267	48,800	
India	10	140,040	1,400,400	mi
Bangladesh	4	1,114	4,455	gr
Brazil	2	1,820	3,640	gr
Nigeria	1	1,400	1,400	gr

Destination	N	Avg	Total	Unit
United States of America	1374	1,047	1,670,033	gr
United Kingdom	379	4,969	1,883,431	tabs/units
United Kingdom	92	436	40,098	gr
Ireland	22	2,046	47,064	tabs/units
United States of America	21			

Product Name



Declaration (or Hiding)





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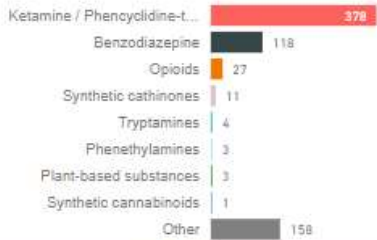


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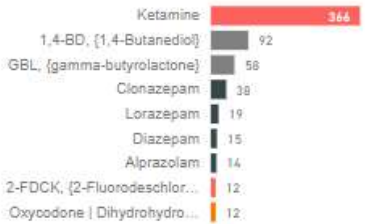
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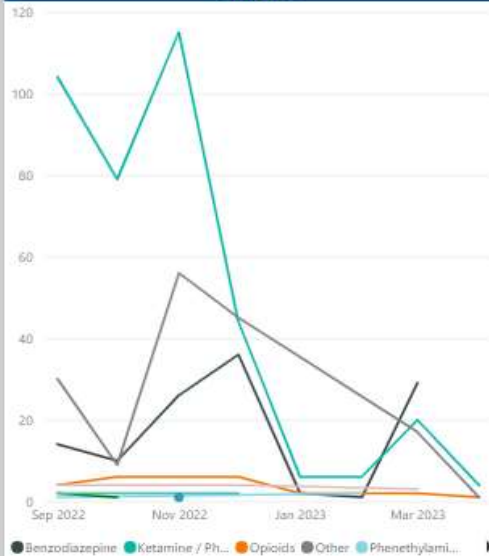
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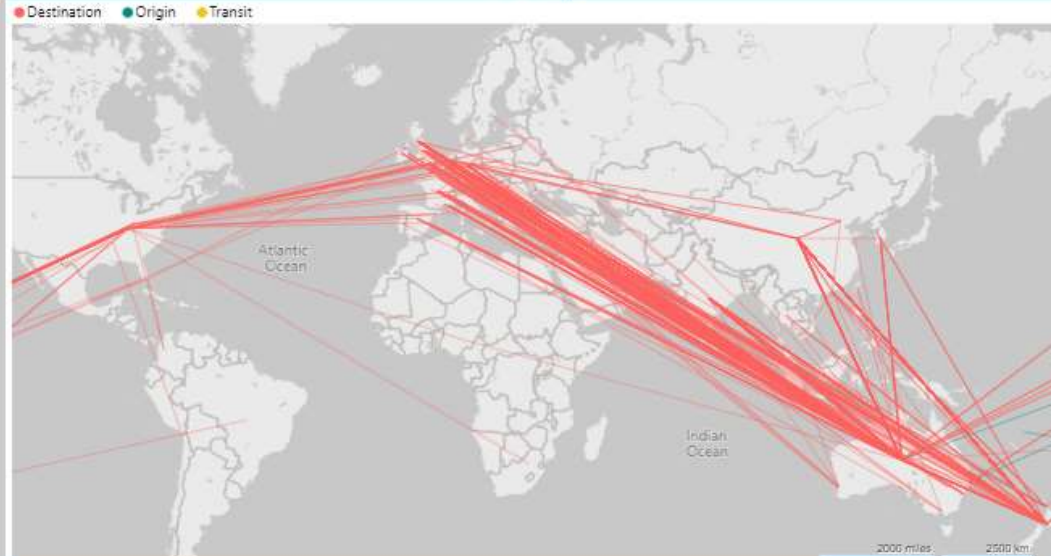
Substance



Timeline



Routing



Details

	N	Avg	Med	Total	Unit	Histogram
Ketamine	341	2,205	50	751,900	gr	
1,4-BD, {1,4-Butanediol}	88	18,295	1,672	1,609,973	ml	
GBL, {gamma-butyrolactone}	51	1,095	300	55,856	ml	

Location of Incident



Effecting Agency



Means of Transportation



Origin	N	Avg	Total	Unit
United Kingdom	177	398	70,424	gr
Netherlands	90	391	35,559	gr
China	70	4,317	302,173	ml
France	43	1,026	44,108	gr
Hong Kong SAR of China	30	48,888	1,486,625	ml
United Kingdom	29	6,771	196,371	ml
Germany	28	668	18,696	gr
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Destination	N	Avg	Total	Unit
Australia	349	2,355	824,311	gr
Australia	100	26,321	2,632,127	ml
New Zealand	86	17,621	1,515,410	ml
New Zealand	76	671	51,013	gr
New Zealand	55	140	7,718	tabs/units
Australia	31	132	4,490	tabs/units
New Zealand	7

Product Name



Declaration (or Hiding)





GRIDS Intelligence HD

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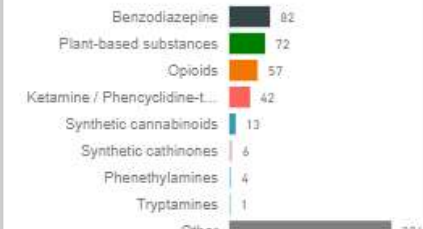
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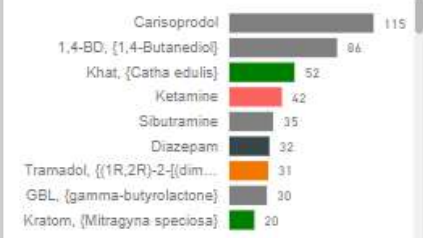
589 Incidents

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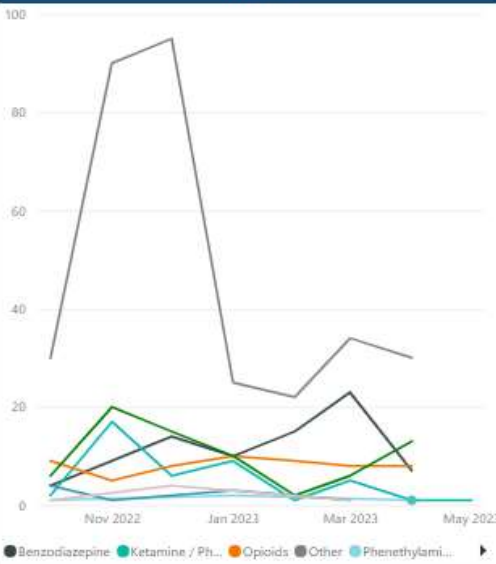
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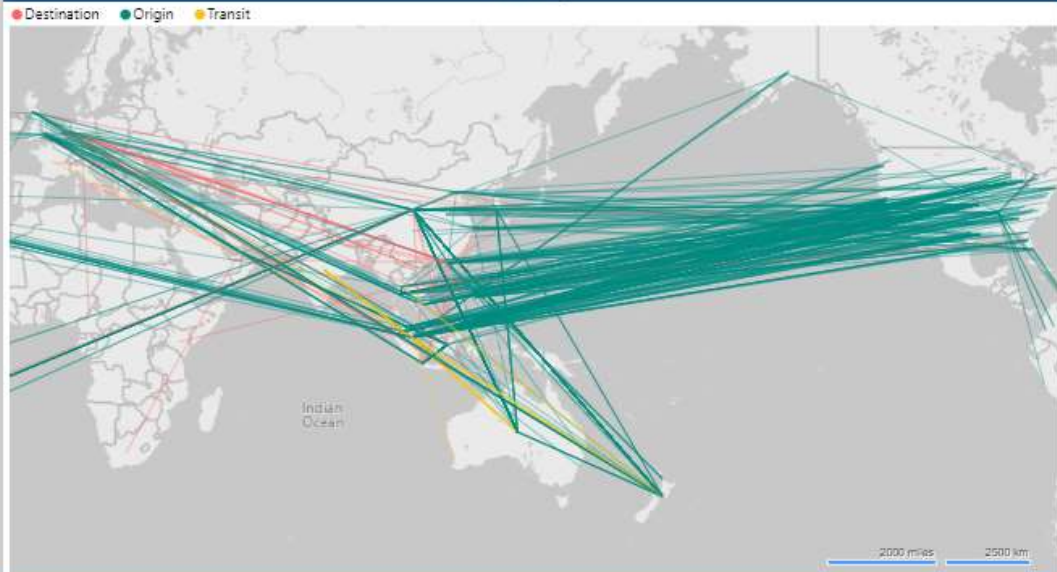
Substance



Timeline



Routing



Details	N	Avg	Med	Total	Unit	Histogram
Carisoprodol	115	798	830	91,734	gr	
1,4-BD, {1,4-Butanediol}	89	22,487	2,149	1,550,193	ml	
Khat, {Catha edulis}	52	120,765	12,100	6,279,770	gr	

Location of Incident	Effecting Agency	Means of Transportation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post/mail/postal facility: 48% Airport: 38% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customs/police...: 15% Other: 15% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air: 93%

Origin	N	Avg	Total	Unit
Singapore	105	930	100,479	gr
China	82	3,836	329,864	gr
Philippines	57	613	36,795	gr
China	54	5,227	282,268	ml
Thailand	43	9,219	424,060	gr
Malaysia	38	7,953	302,204	gr
Hong Kong SAR of China	32	12,323	406,669	gr

Destination	N	Avg	Total	Unit
United States of America	335	3,915	1,389,928	gr
New Zealand	57	25,255	1,439,518	ml
Australia	39	8,659	337,700	ml
Chile	17	570	9,693	gr
New Zealand	13	734	9,540	gr
United Kingdom	13	3,555	46,221	gr
Australia	12	184	2,208	tabs/units

Product Name	Declaration (or Hiding)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand Hand Sani...: 10% Valium: 6% Supplements C...: 6% Keep Health Sh... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shampoo: 5% Health Sham...: 3% Cleansing W...: 3% Health Sham...: 3% Liquid Sham...: 3%



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