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Drug Trafficking

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Definition of Drug Trafficking

- Drug trafficking can be defined as featuring the:
 - “the production, manufacture, extraction, preparation, offering for sale, distribution, sale, delivery on any terms whatsoever, brokerage, dispatch, dispatch in transit, transport, importation or exportation of any narcotic drug or any psychotropic drug”;
 - “the possession or purchase of any narcotic drug (including marijuana & cocaine) for the purpose of any” conduct listed above;



Definition of Drug Trafficking (cont'd)

- “cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush or cannabis plant for” producing narcotic drugs; and
- “manufacture, transport, or distribution of equipment, materials or substances (such as ephedrine & pseudoephedrine) knowing that they are to be used in or for illicit cultivation, production, or manufacture of narcotic drugs” – ***UN Convention Against Narcotics***

These acts are criminalized under sections 4 – 6 of the Illicit Drugs Control Act 2004



Global Trends

- **Global drug trade worth an estimated USD\$321.6 billion in 2003: UN, 2005.**
- **Today, global trade worth approximately USD\$411.44 billion.**
- **The UN World Drug Report states that:**
 - 1. between 155 million and 250 million people used drugs at least once in 2008: UN World Drug Report 2010;**



Global Trends *(cont'd)*

2. Between 16 million – 38 million worldwide people are “problem drug users”;
3. Increases in the seizure of 4 general classes of drugs including:
 - a) opium – 95 million metric tons (2002) to 646 metric tons (2008);
 - b) cocaine – 712 metric tons (2007) to 711 metric tons (2008);
 - c) cannabis – 6,539 metric tons (2004) to 6587 metric tons (2008); and
 - d) amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) – 45.9 metric tons (2006) to 47.4 metric tons (2008).



Regional Trends

- In the Pacific region, UN Report notes the prevalence of cannabis and ATS trafficking, although cases of cocaine and heroin also detected.
- In 2009, cannabis seized in varying amounts in American Samoa, Kiribati, Nauru, PNG, Tonga and Fiji.
- Cannabis were destined for transit from Asia or South America through to Australia and New Zealand.



Regional Trends *(cont'd)*

- **In 2009, ATS detected in varying amounts in Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, PNG, Samoa, and Tonga.**
- **Increasing indicators of organization and planning in drug trafficking cases, especially involving Tongan nationals.**



Means and Types of Drugs Trafficked

Means of Trafficking

- Aircraft
- Yachts/Ships
- Post
- Vehicles
- Horse back

Types of Drugs – Street Value (US Dollars)

- Marijuana – USD\$2 per gram
- Heroin – USD\$59 – 88 per gram
- Cocaine – USD\$100 per gram
- Inhalants -
- Ecstasy – USD\$40 per tablet (50-150mg)
- LSD – USD\$30,000 per gram
- Methamphetamines – USD\$720 per gram
- Amphetamines – USD\$160 per gram
- Ketamine – USD\$16 per bottle



Case Studies

- **Mr Henry Brown discussed 5 drug trafficking cases that were investigated by the Fiji Police Force together with Customs and other law enforcement agencies.**
- **Case details have been excluded primarily due to confidentiality reasons.**

(Razim Buksh, Director Fiji FIU, Conference Organizer)



Challenges

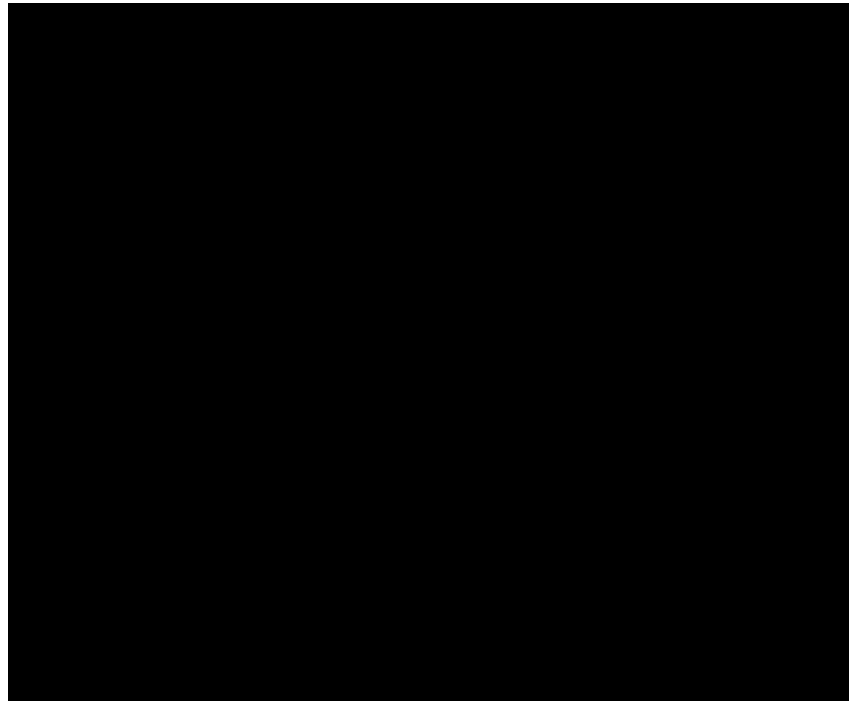
- Porous borders hinder effective detection.
- Lack of capacity to monitor and exchange information on foreign or local vessels that visit outer islands or remote coastlines.
- Lack of coordination between relevant stakeholders.
- Visibility in all transportation centers in urban centers and rural areas along trafficking routes.
- Analysis and quantifying
- Awareness on latest concealment methods
- Awareness on drug identification



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