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GLOBAL DRUG TRADE: AFRICA'S EXPANDING ROLE

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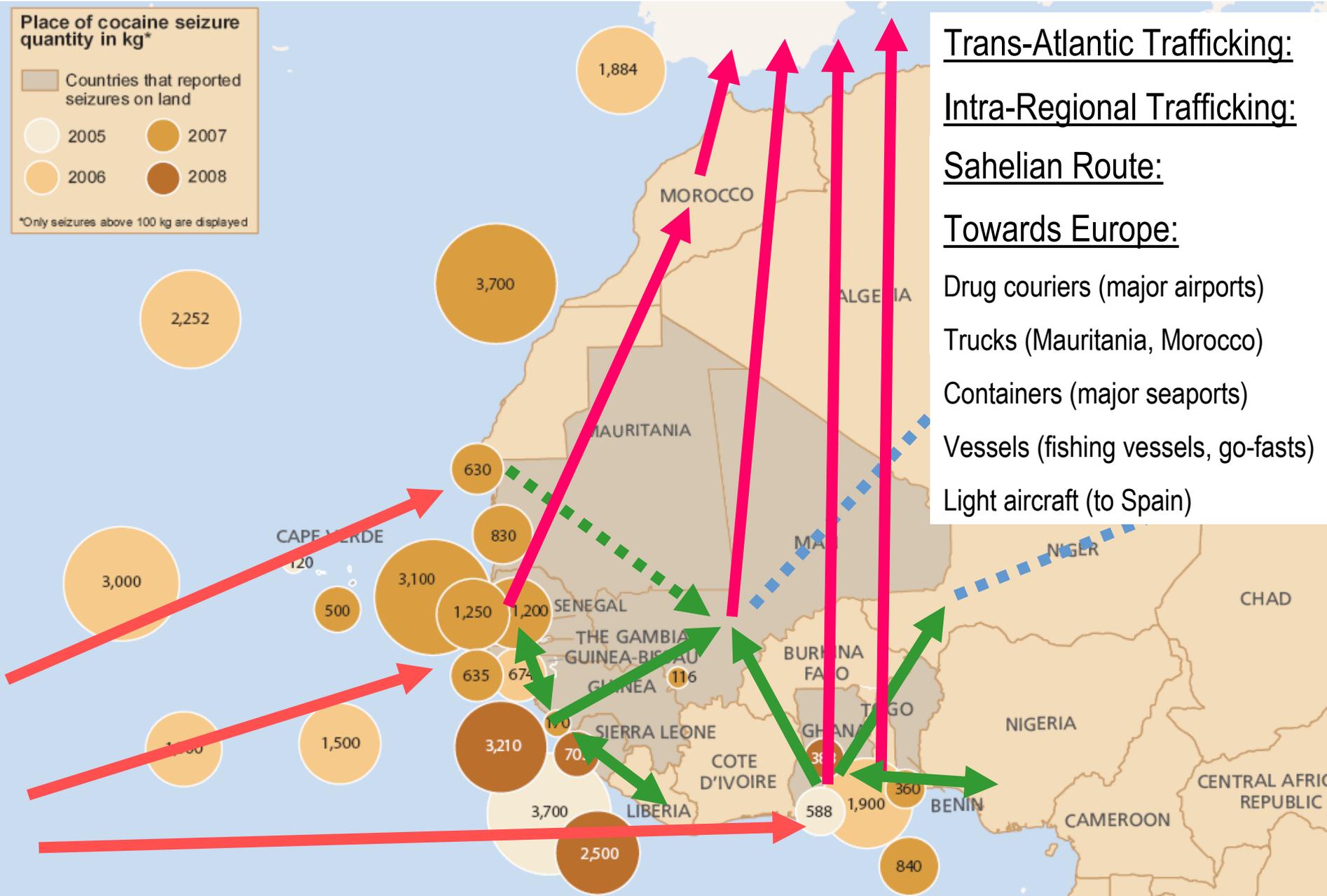


Cocaine Trafficking Facts West Africa



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Trans-Atlantic Trafficking:

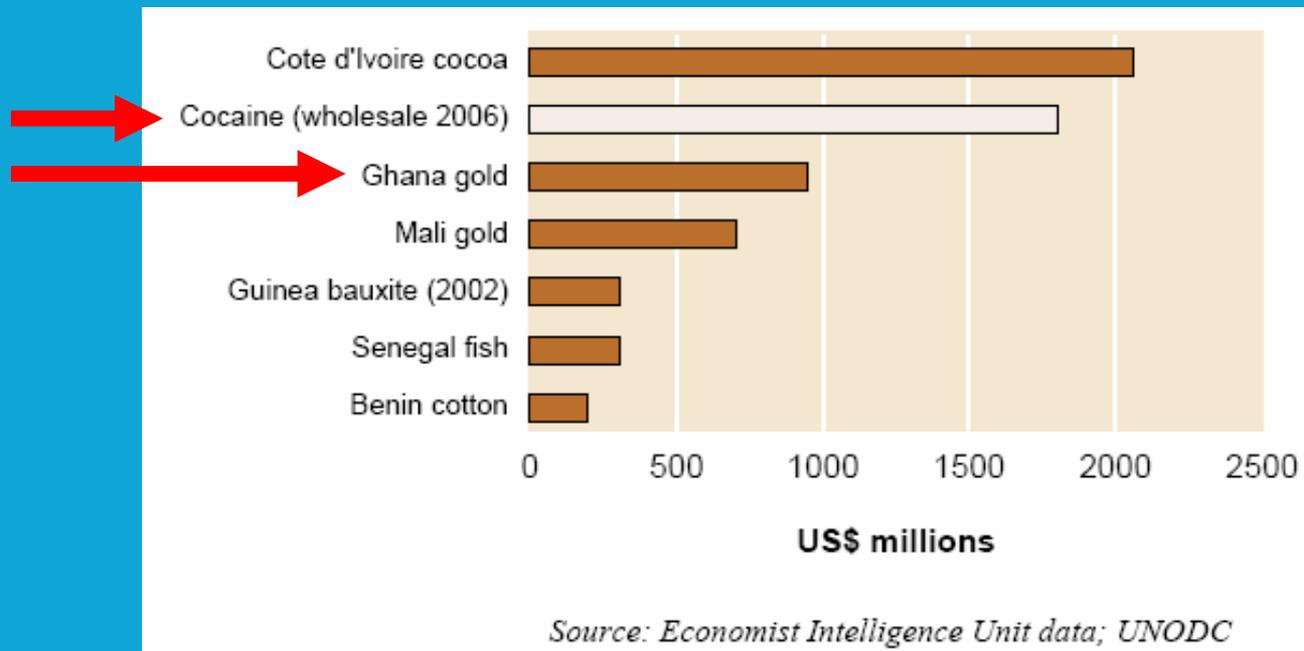
Intra-Regional Trafficking:

Sahelian Route:

Towards Europe:

- Drug couriers (major airports)
- Trucks (Mauritania, Morocco)
- Containers (major seaports)
- Vessels (fishing vessels, go-fasts)
- Light aircraft (to Spain)

- How much Cocaine is coming into WA?
 - UNODC estimate: 40-50 tons annually
 - Wholesale value 2006: US \$ 1,800 million



Cocaine Trafficking Facts



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- Stockpiling in West Africa:



Senegal



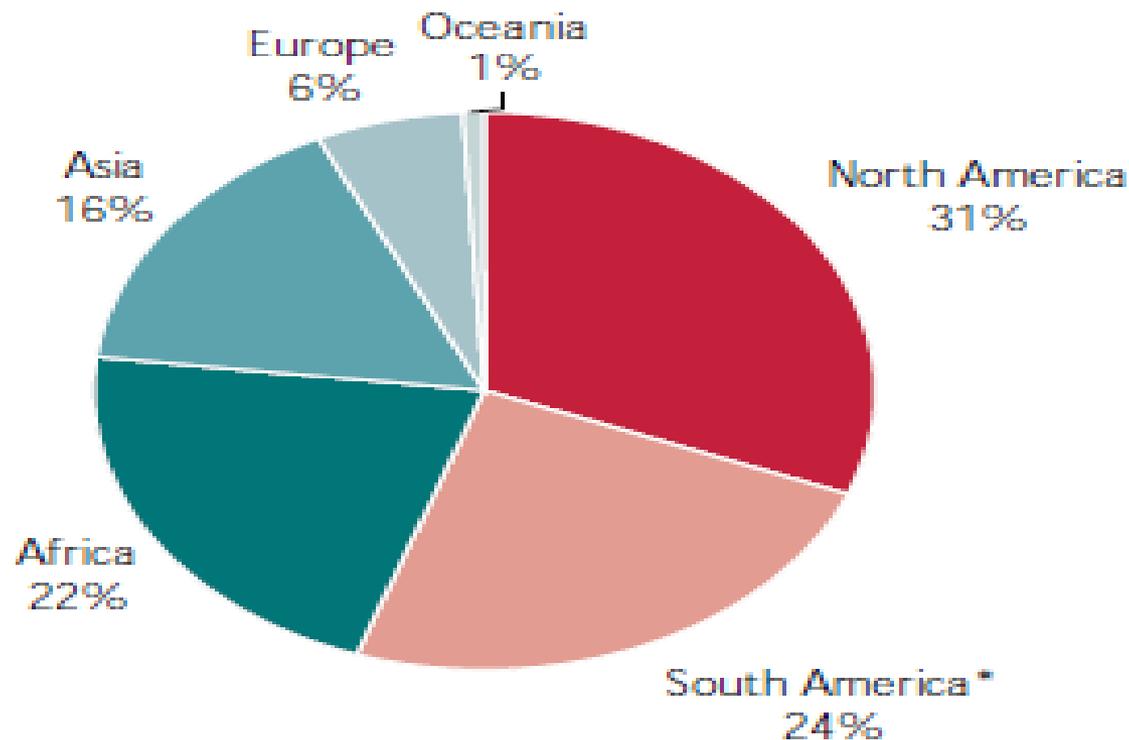
Ghana



Guinea-Bissau



Fig. 85: Breakdown of global cannabis herb production in 2006 (N = 41,400 mt)

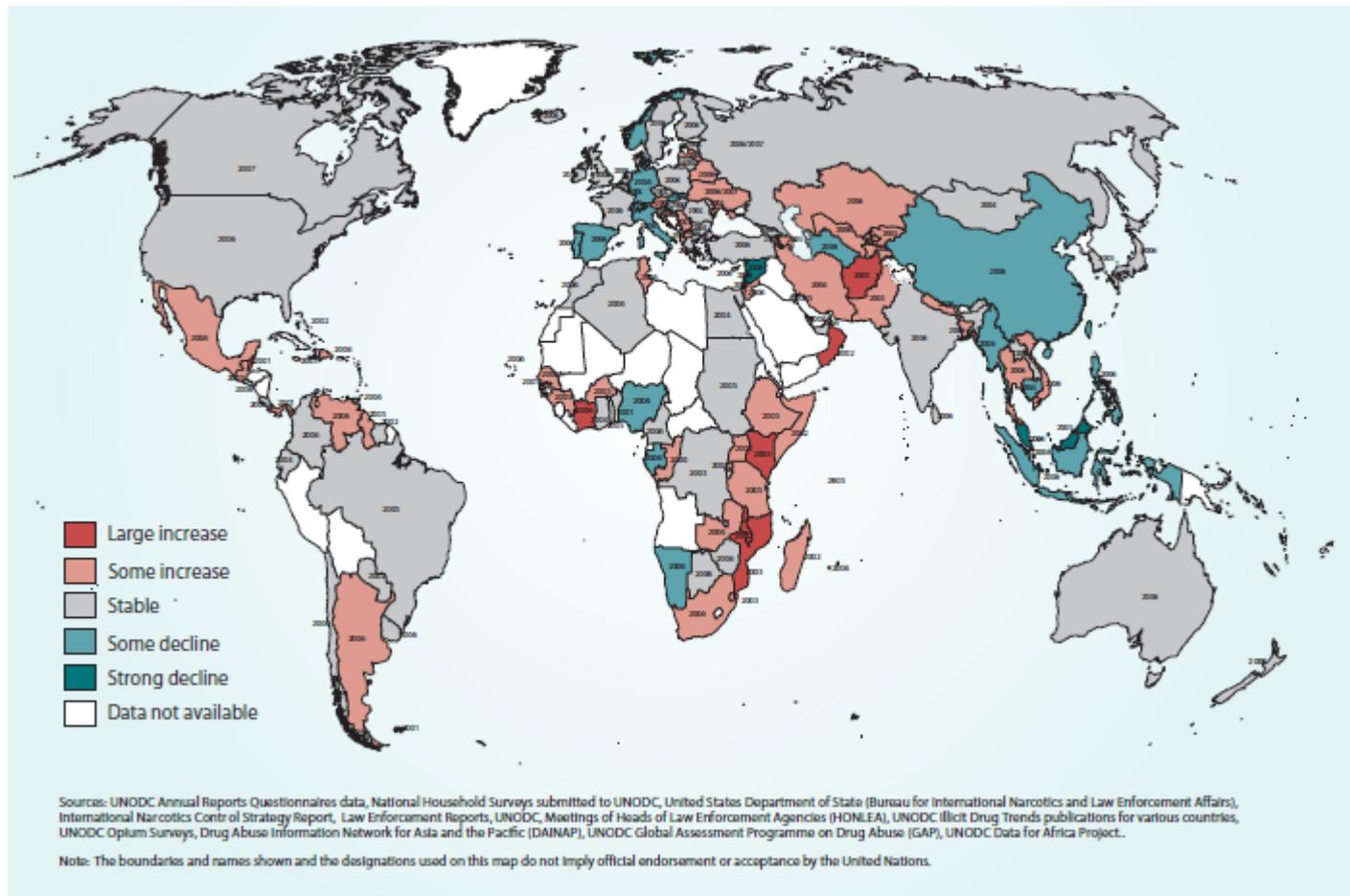


* South America, Central America and the Caribbean

Sources: UNODC, Annual Reports Questionnaire Data and Govt. reports.

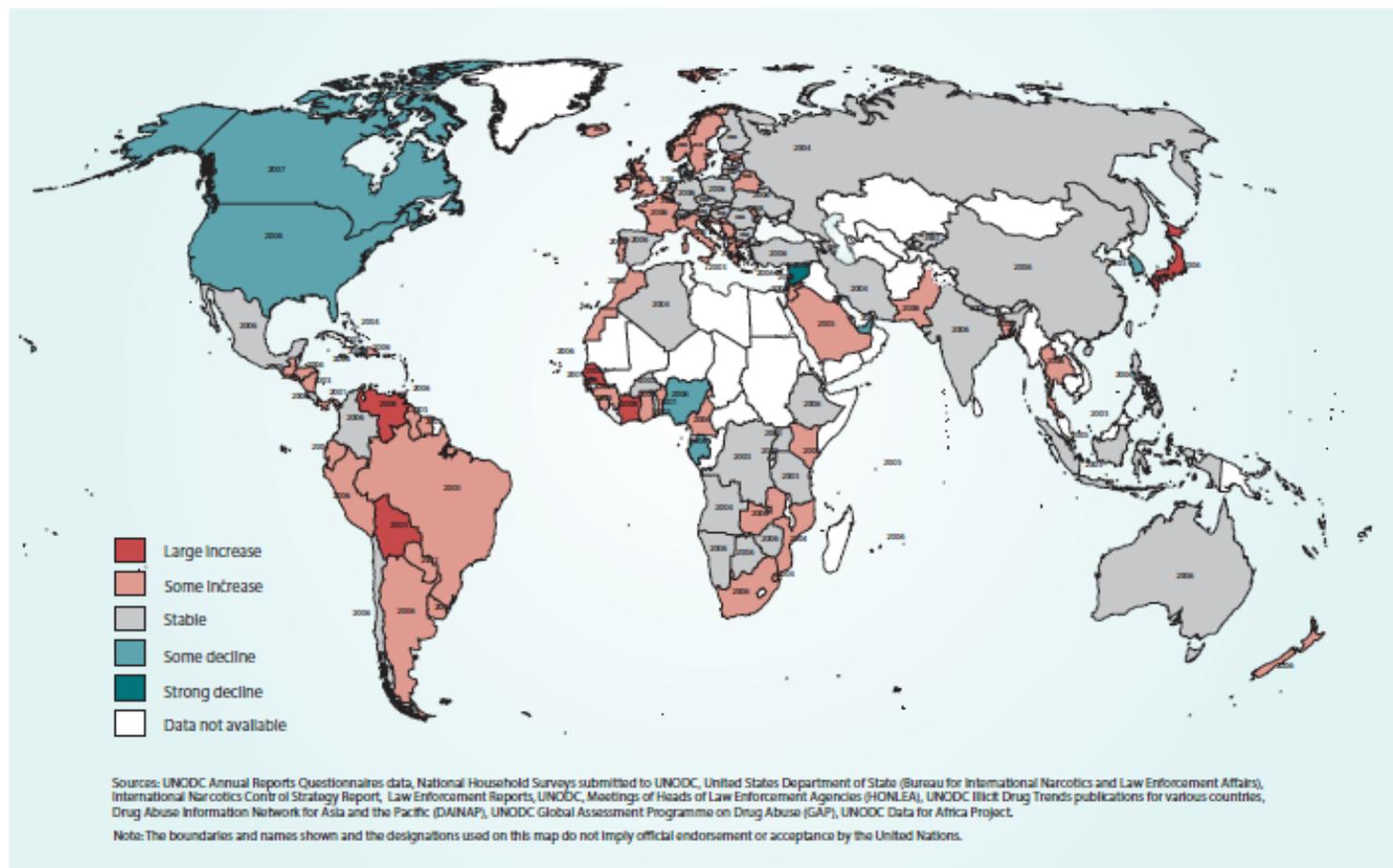


Changes in the use of heroin and other opiates, 2006 (or latest year available)



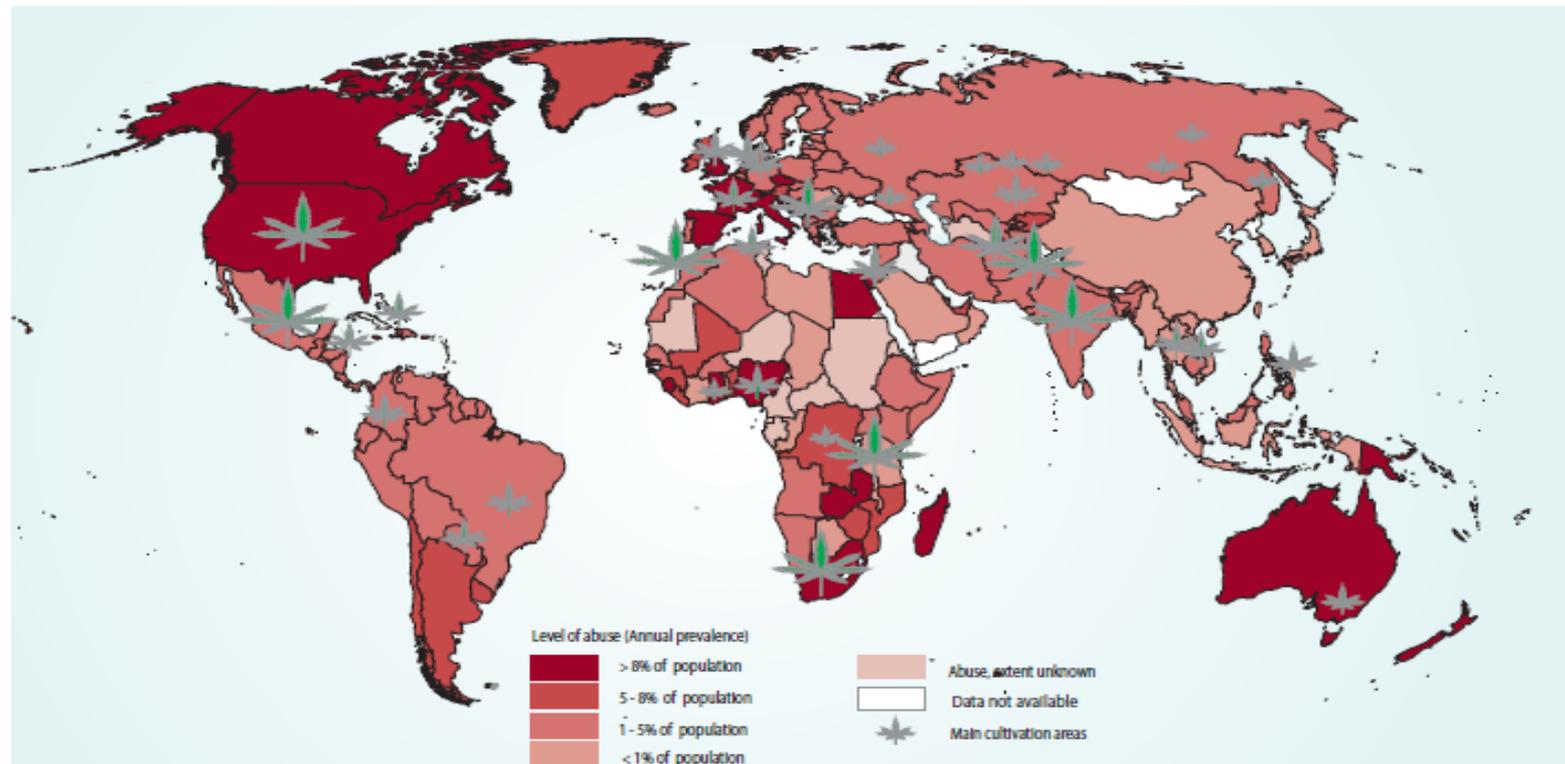


Changes in the use of cocaine, 2006 (or latest year available)





Map 17: Use of cannabis 2006-2007



Sources: UNODC Annual Reports Questionnaires data; Government Reports, US Department of State; European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA); Drug Abuse Information Network for Asia and the Pacific (DAINAP); UNODC Global Assessment Programme on Drug Abuse (GAP), Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (ICADC).

Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



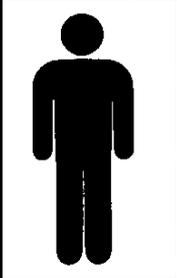
And what about TOC?

- Human Beings (migrants, children, women)
- Cigarettes
- Counterfeit goods (medicines, electronics, etc.)
- Natural Resources (oil, diamonds, timber, fishing)
- Arms
- Cyber Crime
- Kidnapping / Extortion
- Toxic wastes
- Piracy
- Money Laundering → financing of terrorism / rebels

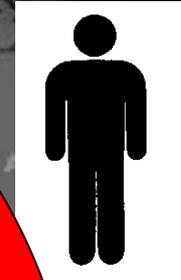


Who are the players involved ?

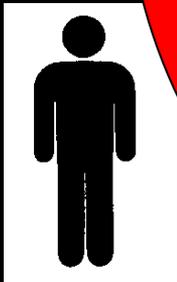
Latin Americans



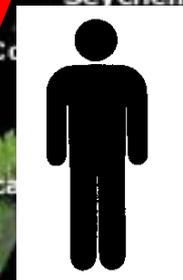
Europeans



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Middle East

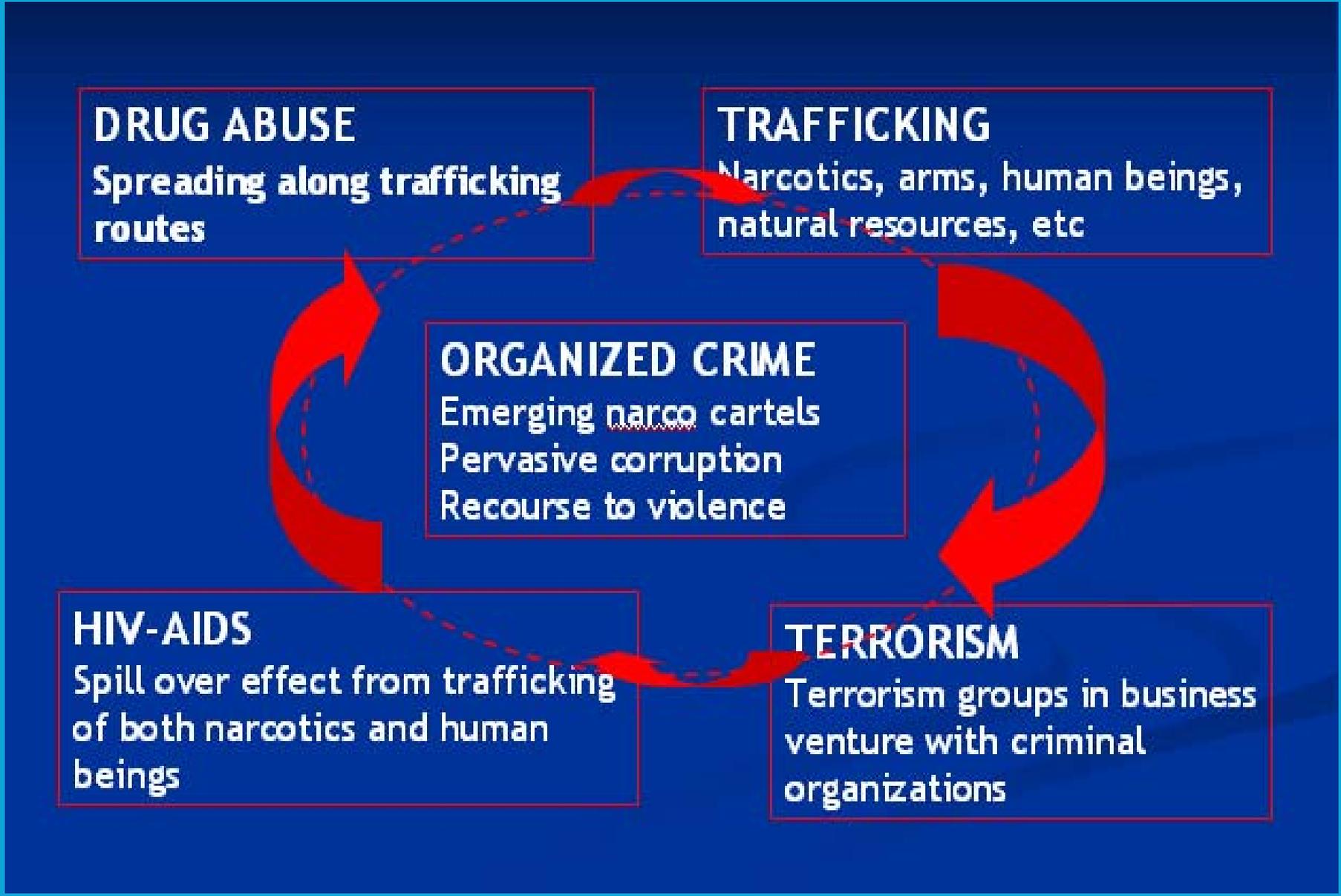


South East Asians

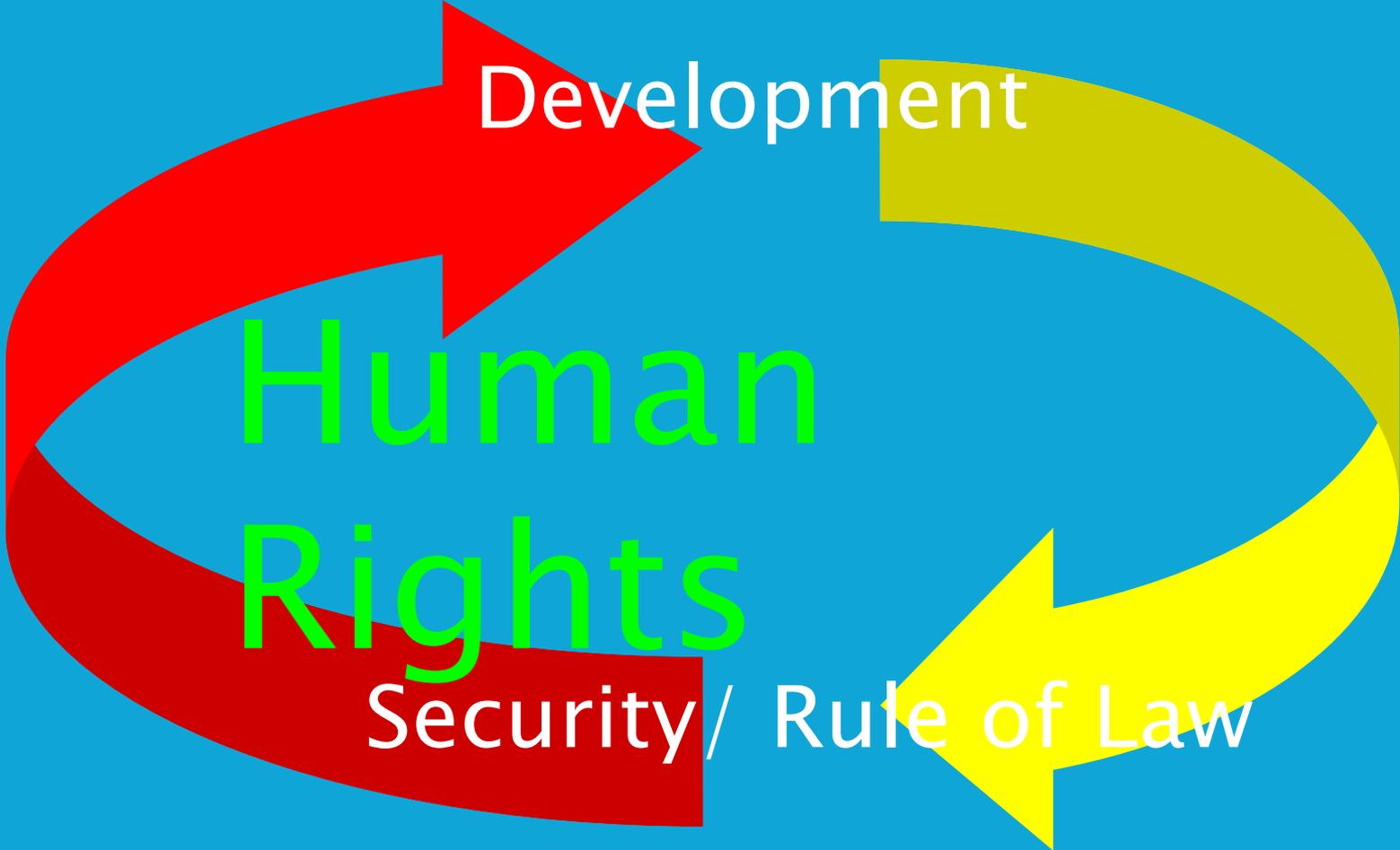


- Why is so attractive to drug traffickers ?
 - Exogenous factors (**Narcotics only**):
 - Shift of the cocaine market from North America to Europe and emerging markets
 - Increased interdiction capacities on traditional routes
 - Geographical position
 - Endogenous factors (**TOC at large**):
 - “Permissive working environment” : corruption, weak law enforcement, weak judiciary, poverty...
 - Peculiar features of African business oriented (dis)organised criminal networks

TOC and its vicious circle









INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DRUG AND TOC

- Issue at the UN Security Council
- AU Plan of Action 2007
- ECOWAS Authority , Abuja Dec 2008 Political Declaration and Response Plan
- National Integrated Programmes against Transnational Organised Crime (Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Mali, Sierra Leone, Togo and more are coming)
- Regional, Trans Atlantic, and Global multi-partners initiatives



- Downward trend in cocaine trafficking through the region (seizures, arrests, operations)
- Street Prices up both in West Africa (Ghana) and major European markets (UK) coupled with decrease in purity



- Endogenous factors: political events disrupting networks (Guinea Bissau, Guinea, but also Ghana , Sierra Leone)
- Exogenous factors: increased threshold of risks because of international pressure



- Sustain the positive spinn and consolidate achievements
- Develop containment strategies for these countries in the region which have not shown real commitment



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Thank you!

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