

DEA Strategic Direction

Identify, Target, Investigate, Disrupt, and Dismantle the International, National, State, and Local Drug Trafficking Organizations that Are Having the Most Significant Impact upon America.



Major Smuggling Methods



Go-Fast Boats



Small Aircraft



Bulk Freighters



Fishing Vessels



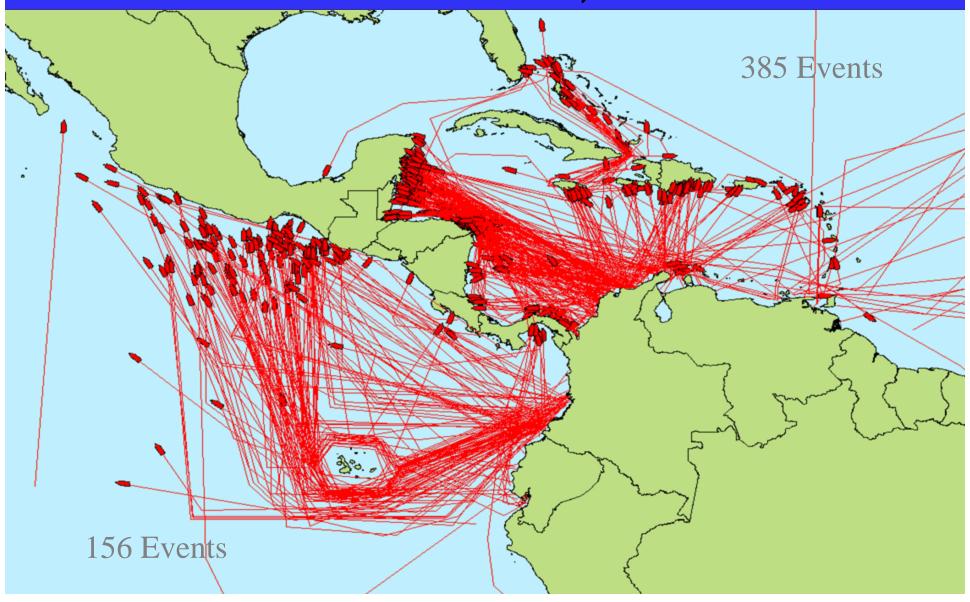
Containerized Cargo



Couriers



Suspect Maritime Activity Jan 1- Dec 31, 2005



Prug Enforcement Administration

Primary U.S. Ports Utilized by Traffickers





COMMERCIAL MARITIME TRAFFICKING

COMMERCIAL CONTAINER OPERATIONS

- **➤** Consignments Originate in South America
- > Onloaded in Port
- > Concealment Method Often Unknown
- > Container Numbers Rarely Identified
- > Captain/ Crew Usually Non-Complicit and Unaware
- ➤ Boarding at Sea Usually Not Feasible
- > May be Shipped Via Caribbean and Mexican Ports
- > Traditional Shipping Lanes Utilized
- > Interdiction May Depend on Host Nation Counterparts





1,780 KGS IN CONTAINER EN ROUTE NETHERLANDS - M/V EWL CURACAO



36 KGS DISCOVERED IN DUFFEL BAGS ON TOP OF BOXES OF BANANAS EN ROUTE PORTUGAL & ITALY - M/V CALA PULA



33 KGS DISCOVERED IN CONTAINER OF BANANAS EN ROUTE WILMINGTON, DELAWARE – M/V DOLE COLOMBIA



1,410 KGS DISCOVERED IN CONTAINER OF WHEAT, LIQUID SOAP, AND FLOUR EN ROUTE MEXICO - M/V SANTA MONICA



COMMERCIAL MARITIME TRAFFICKING

FREIGHTER OPERATIONS

- **>**Usually 100-300FT, General Cargo Vessels
- **≻**Captain/ Crew Complicit







4,000 KGS SEIZED. VESSEL DEPARTED
TRINIDAD EN ROUTE SPAIN
-M/V CIUDAD DE OVIEDO





1,800 KGS SEIZED. VESSEL DEPARTED COLOMBIA EN ROUTE HONDURAS - M/V D'MARY



2,800 KGS SEIZED. VESSEL DEPARTED GUYANA EN ROUTE SPAIN - M/V LUNA DEL MAR



2,500 KGS SEIZED. VESSEL DEPARTED EUROPE, OLOADED IN WESTERN ATLANTIC EN ROUTE WEST AFRICA - F/V MARS



COMMERCIAL MARITIME TRAFFICKING

FREIGHTER OPERATIONS - ONLOADS

Freighters May Be Onloaded By A Variety of Vessels

Onload/ Offload Usually Occurs At Sea

Near Colombia or Venezuela Coast

≻Western to Mid Atlantic

>G/F's, S/V's, or F/V's Used

<u>Majority of Recent Intel Indicates</u> West African/ European Destinations

When En Route Caribbean Destination, Traditional Shipping Lanes Used

Popular Caribbean Destinations

- **≻**Honduras
- **≻**Dominican Republic
- **≻**Mexico
- >Haiti







COMMERCIAL MARITIME TRAFFICKING

FREIGHTER OPERATIONS - EASTERN PACIFIC

East Pac Use of Freighters Remains Intel Gap

M/V GATUN – 17MT Seized

- **►NOT** Traditional Container Op
- >Freighter Op
- ➤ Onloaded by G/F's
- >2 of 10 Containers used for concealment

M/V OCEAN SONG/ PAOLA DAYAN

- >5MT/ 12MT seized
- >Freighter Ops
- ► Onloaded by G/F's







Increasing Drug Threat from SUBMERSIBLES and SEMI-SUBMERSIBLES





Global Maritime Smuggling Routes COCAINE





Global Maritime Smuggling Routes HEROIN





Global Maritime Smuggling Routes MARIJUANA and HASH













Significant seizures

September 2006



2,250 kilograms of cocaine were found concealed among 10 pallets of peaches in 500 grams jars inside containers aboard the maritime vessel SIERRA EXPRESS.



28.475 kilograms of heroin and 25.135 kilograms of cocaine were concealed inside three compressors about to be transported from Puerto Haina, DR to Carolina, PR.



Geographic View





"SAN FRANCISCO II"





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16,000+ Pounds of Marijuana Seized





Port of Manzanillo, Mexico 20 Ton Pseudoephedrine Seizure













March 2007 Money Seizure in Mexico \$ 205 Million U S Dollars





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