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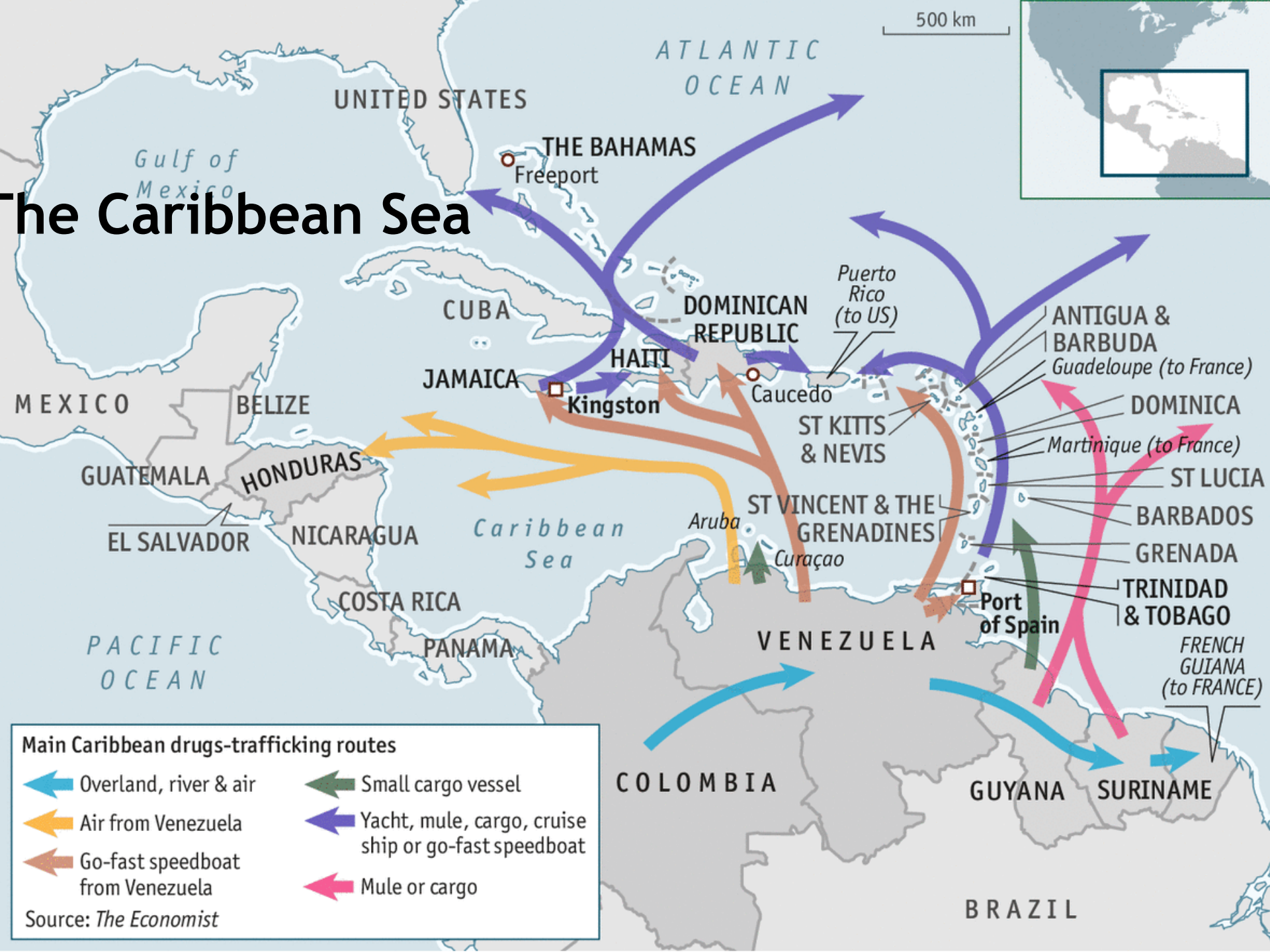
New dynamics and challenges of Narcotrafficking in the Caribbean, including the use of the Internet, maritime ports and postal systems

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The Caribbean Sea



The Caribbean Sea covers a surface area of approximately 2,750,000 km² or (1,063,000 sq mi).

- Limited Maritime Assets

- Insufficient Radars



Several successful interdictions throughout the Region has assisted in shaping the understanding of new trends and typologies

Seizure of Self Propelled Semi-Submersibles in the region

Dominican Republic

Guyana
&
Suriname





**FENTANYL HITS THE CARIBBEAN:
FIVE CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES
SEIZED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

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**Operation White Sandy Beach/Operation Overweight:
Major Cocaine Smuggling Hub In Suriname Identified, 8 Arrested**

Threats and Challenges

- ▶ Increase of Cocaine Flow approximately 5 times Higher
- ▶ Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) are facilitating multi hundred kilogram cocaine quantities directly from South America to Santo Domingo (Haiti/Dom Rep) & Puerto Rico

THREATS and CHALLENGES

- ▶ Marijuana is now being imported in small quantities from the US and Canada through Sea and Airports
- ▶ Utilisation of the postal service UPS and FedEx
- ▶ The Preferred method of conveyance remains maritime vessels

THREATS and CHALLENGES

- ▶ Uncertainty of the use of the darknet to conduct purchases.
- ▶ Observing clear links between Jamaica and Central American countries in the expansion of the guns for drugs trade. Jamaica, Haiti and Bahamas continues.

THREATS AND CHALLENGES

- ▶ Increase Use of Marijuana -
 - ▶ Decriminalisation
 - ▶ Medicinal use
- ▶ Use of Ecstasy, Heroin, Cocaine, Crack, Methamphetamines, and Prescription Drugs to include Benzodiazepine.

THREATS and CHALLENGES

- ▶ Increased use of e-cigarettes or vapes is another area of concern as cannabinoids are also being used in these devices.
- ▶ Need for enhanced Early Warning systems.

THREATS and CHALLENGES

- ▶ More Money laundering prosecutions
- ▶ Prosecution of Corrupt officials
- ▶ Use of Civil Forfeiture regimes
- ▶ Seizure of Assets

- ▶ THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION (CICAD) IS IDEALLY POSITIONED TO SUPPORT COUNTRIES IN OBTAINING THE IMPERICAL EVIDENCE WHICH WILL ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE CHALLENGES OBSERVED.

What the Future holds

- ▶ The biggest challenge is to stay focused. It's to have the discipline when there are so many competing things.

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THANK YOU

“New Dynamics and Challenges of Narcotrafficking”