

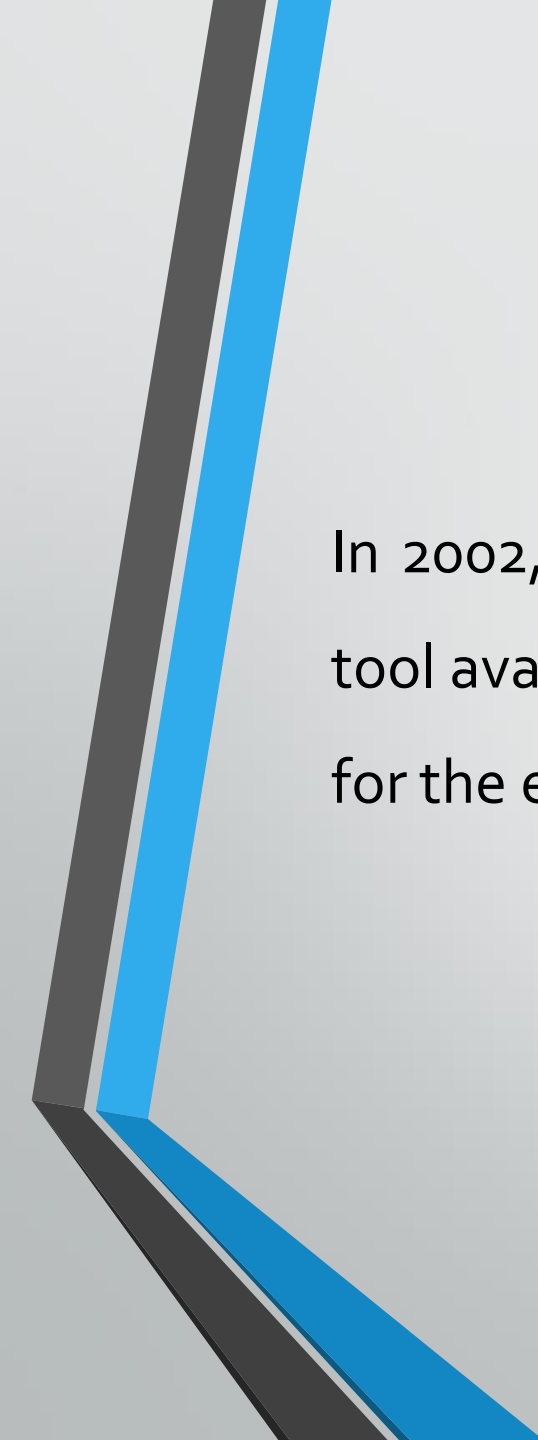


# Regional and sub-regional cooperation to counter maritime, riverine and port narcotrafficking


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# COMPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENT SALAS-BECKER





In 2002, the Salas-Becker Complementary Agreement was signed, as a legal tool available to both countries, within the framework of bilateral cooperation, for the effective prevention and to counter illicit drug trafficking at sea and air.



It regulates a series of joint activities carried out by boarding officers of both countries during operations at national and international waters and airspace, as well as assistance in law enforcement and the exercise of jurisdiction.

# RELEVANT PROCEDURAL RULES

- Article 32: Territorial Competition Rules.
- Article 233: Police Arrest.
- Article 393: Witness abroad

# Operation “Capitano”

- On July 25, 2019, the National Aeronaval Service received from the United States Coast Guard two Panamanian citizens crew members of the ship CAPITANO who were detained on July 10, 2019, along with five other citizens, for international drug trafficking. The detention took place approximately 550 nautical miles south of Huatulco Mexico, where, in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Complementary Agreement Salas-Becker, law enforcement officers boarded the CAPITANO vessel to find 174 sacks that turned out to be 4,359 Kilograms of COCAINE. A representative sample of 40 packages was delivered to be analyzed by the controlled substances laboratory, who confirmed that it represented 46.37 kg. of cocaine.

# Operation "ORION"

- Technical Assistance to improve operational procedures in countering maritime crimes
- Exchange of information where intelligence is the fundamental pillar to address the problem of crime in maritime waters.







**THANK YOU .**