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GUNS AND DRUGS

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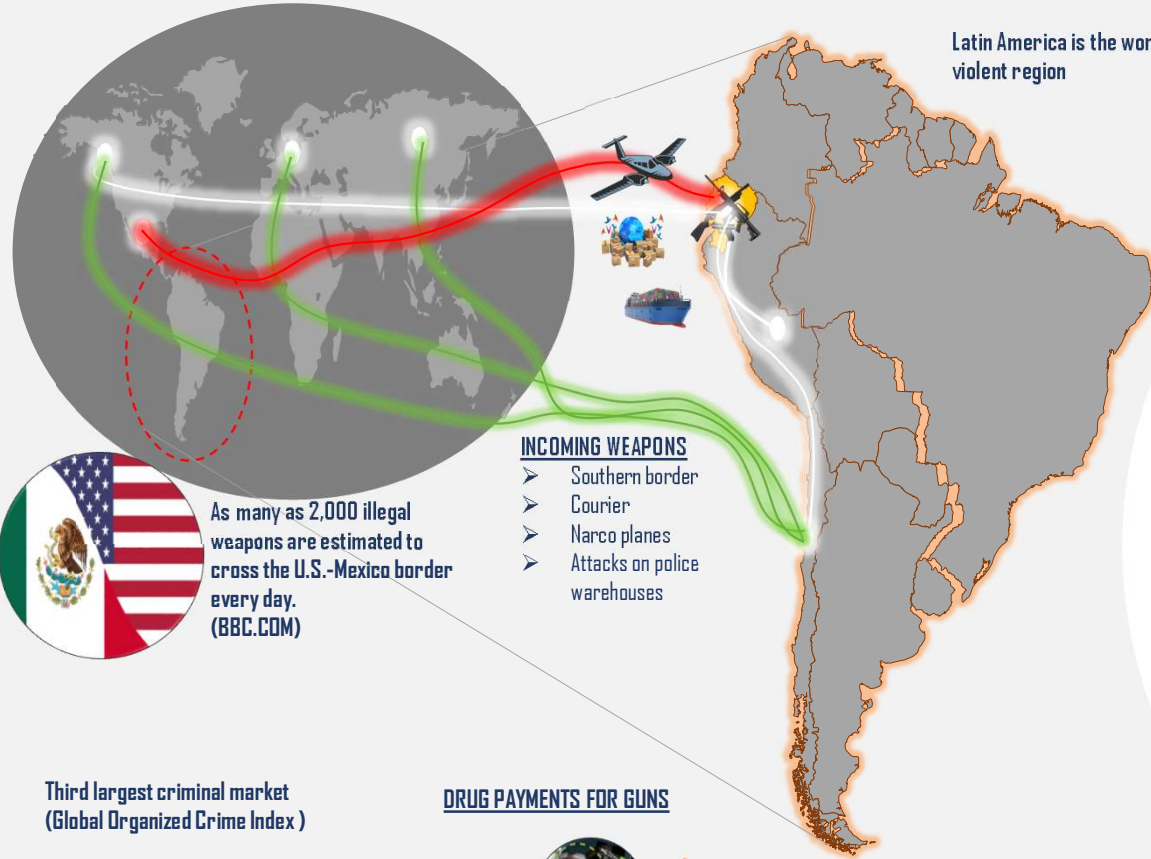
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ARMS TRAFFICKING PROBLEMS IN THE REGION

Latin America is the world's most violent region



As many as 2,000 illegal weapons are estimated to cross the U.S.-Mexico border every day. (BBC.COM)

Third largest criminal market (Global Organized Crime Index)

DRUG PAYMENTS FOR GUNS



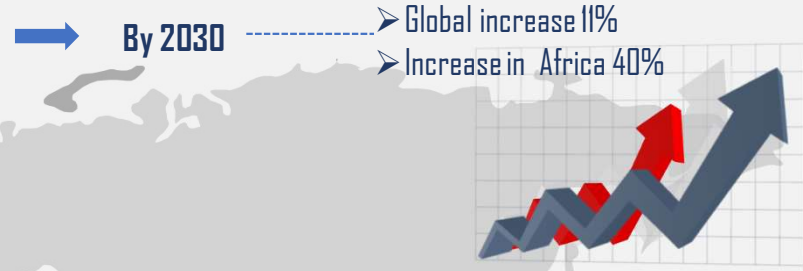
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Source: [insightcrime](https://insightcrime.org/es/noticias/ecuador-nuevo-corredor-trafico-armas-suramerica/) <https://insightcrime.org/es/noticias/ecuador-nuevo-corredor-trafico-armas-suramerica/>



GLOBAL DRUG TRAFFICKING SITUATION

296 million users worldwide.
Source: UNODC 2021

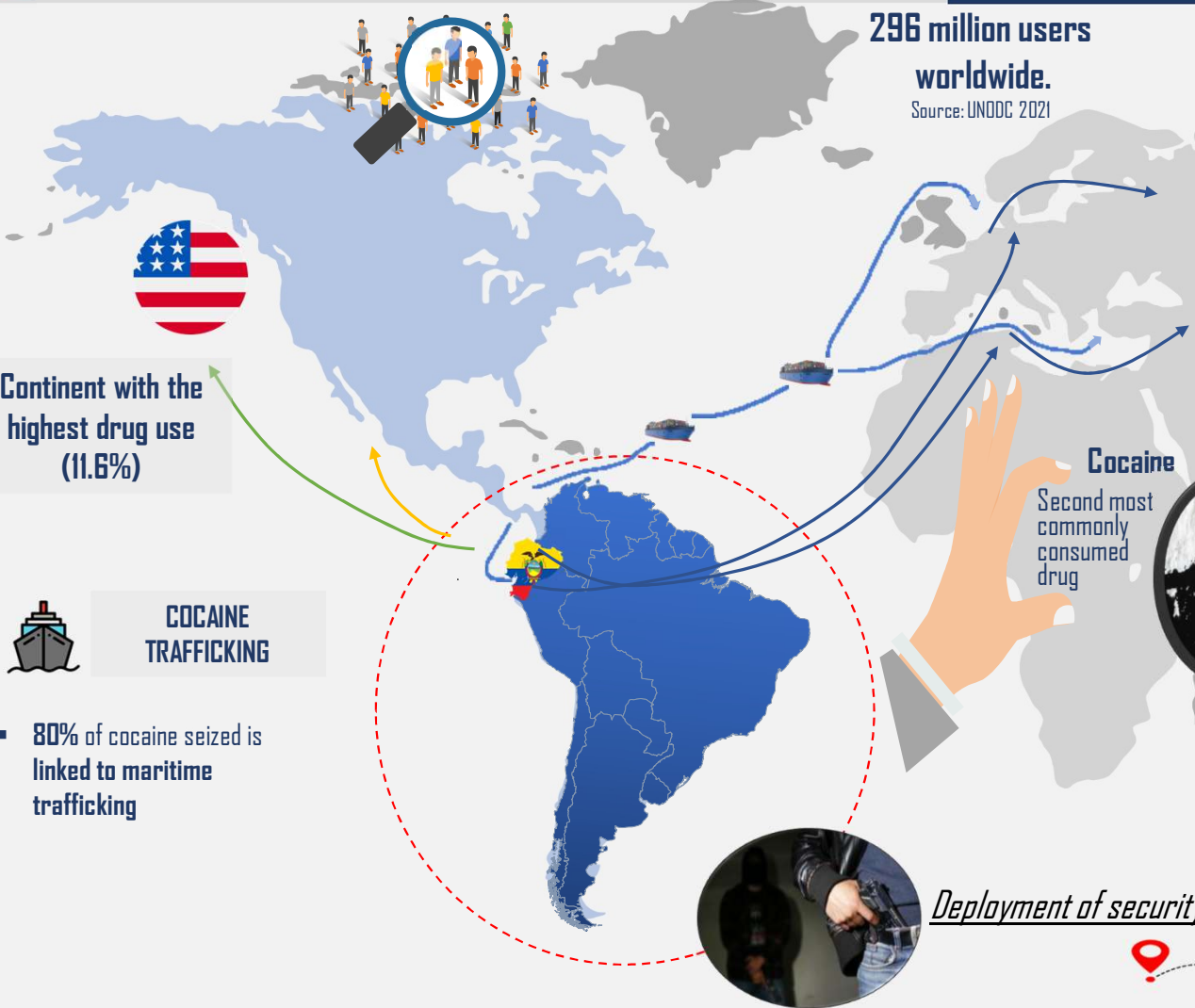


Continent with the highest drug use (11.6%)



COCAINE TRAFFICKING

- 80% of cocaine seized is linked to maritime trafficking



Cocaine
Second most commonly consumed drug



33 million people
15 - 34 years



Europe

Continent with the highest cocaine use



- Countries
- Belgium
 - Spain
 - Netherlands

Source: European drugs observatory.

Deployment of security and logistics



Strategic locations

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DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN ECUADOR

Influence of International Organizations

Dynamization of the criminal economy

Limited resources

Inadequate law enforcement

COASTLINE

670 km

BORDER

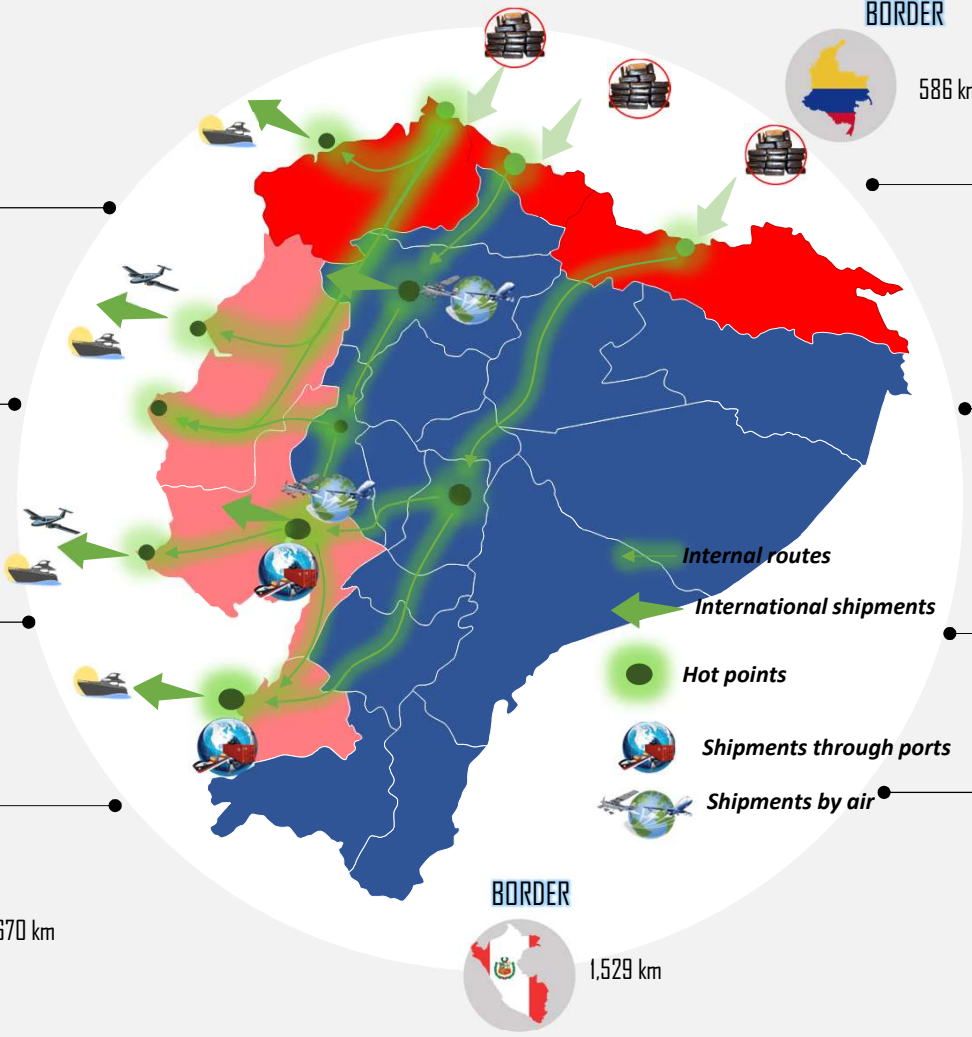
586 km

COLOMBIA
65% of illegal plantations are located in Nariño, Norte de Santander, and Putumayo (on Ecuador's border).

Proximity of drug-producing countries

Immigration

Barter of products for services



Internal routes

International shipments

Hot points

Shipments through ports

Shipments by air

BORDER

1,529 km

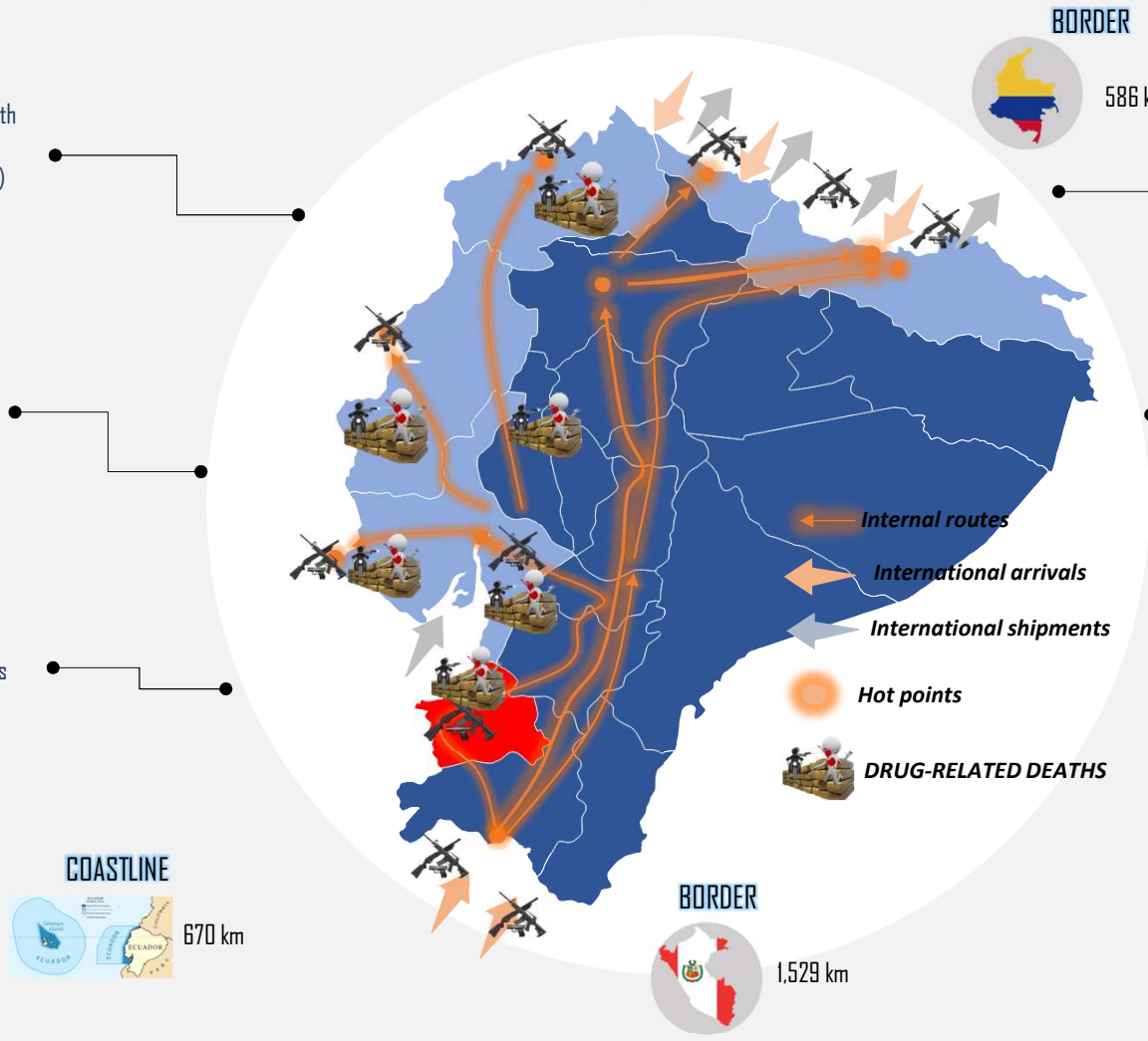


ARMS TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN ECUADOR

Ecuador among the ten countries with the highest crime rates. Global Organized Crime Report (GITOC)

Arms trafficking is one of the main manifestations of organized crime.

Firearms used in 84% of violent deaths



BORDER



586 km

80% of violent deaths in coastal provinces

2022 homicide rate = 25/100,000
2023 homicide rate = 38/100,000 (Jan. 1 to Nov. 21)

Internal routes

International arrivals

International shipments

Hot points



COASTLINE



670 km

BORDER



1,529 km

April 1, 2023: Executive Decree No. 707, allows civilians to carry firearms for personal defense

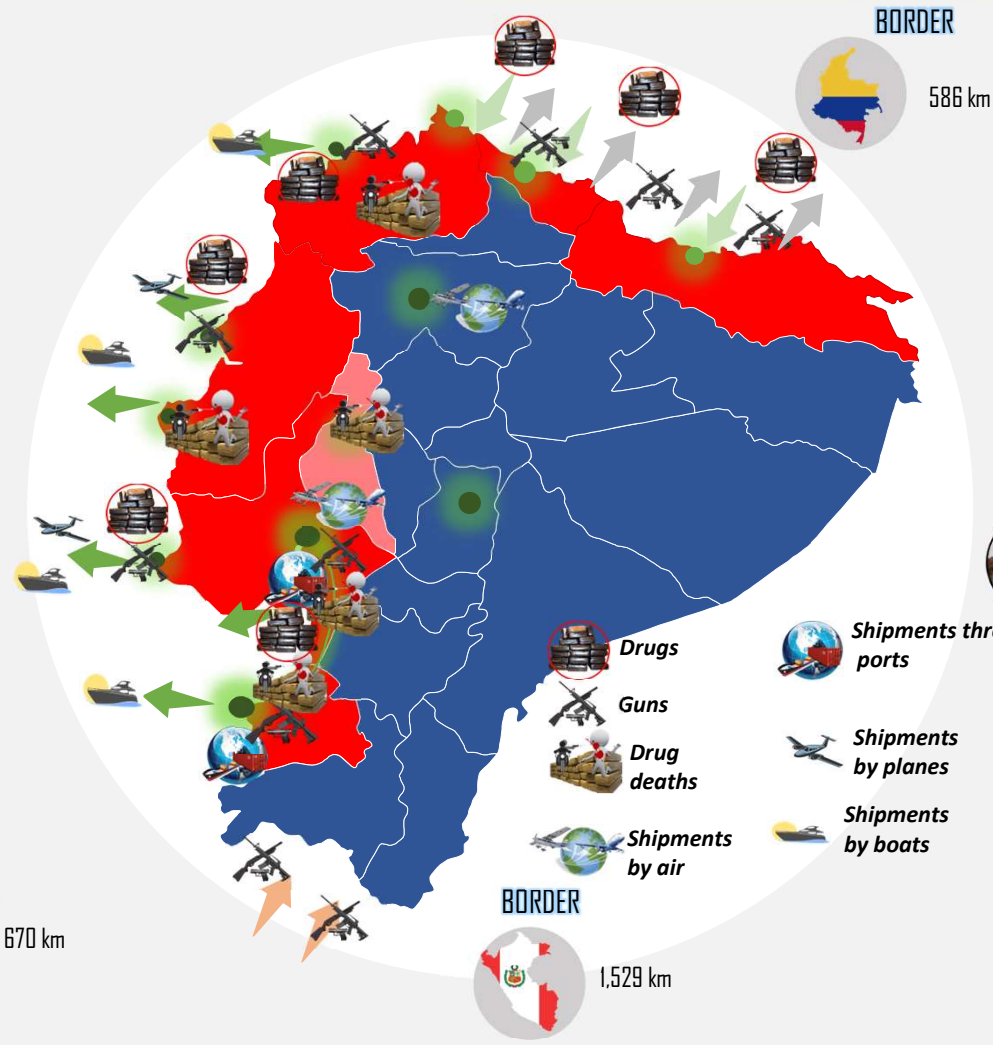
Oct 1: Armed Forces Joint Command admits applications to carry and possess firearms



ARMS TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN ECUADOR

OFFENSES

- DRUG TRAFFICKING
- ARMS TRAFFICKING
- FUEL TRAFFICKING
- MONEY LAUNDERING
- CORRUPTION

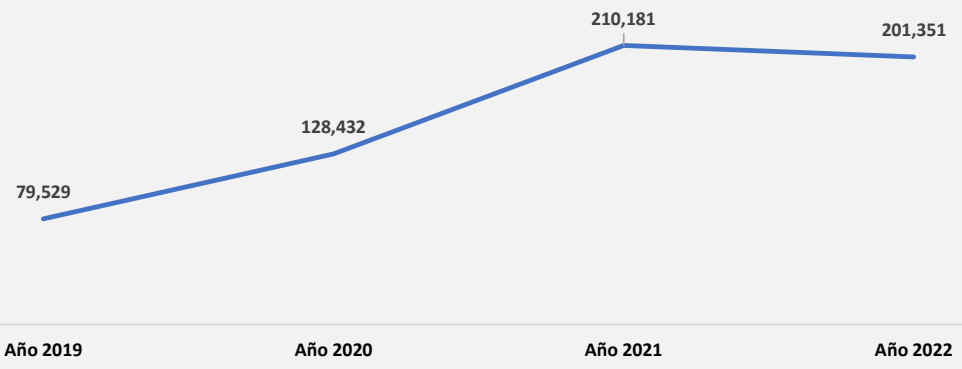


ALLOW



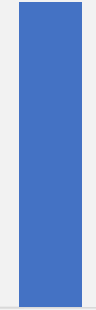


EVOLUTION OF DRUG SEIZURES 2019–2022 (kg)



3RD LARGEST SEIZURES WORLDWIDE

DRUG SEIZURES 2023



- Land **53%**
TOTAL DRUGS: **108,002 kg**
- Sea **46%**
TOTAL DRUGS: **94,032 kg**
- Air **1%**
TOTAL DRUGS: **1,600 kg**



NATIONAL PORTS:
57,459 kg

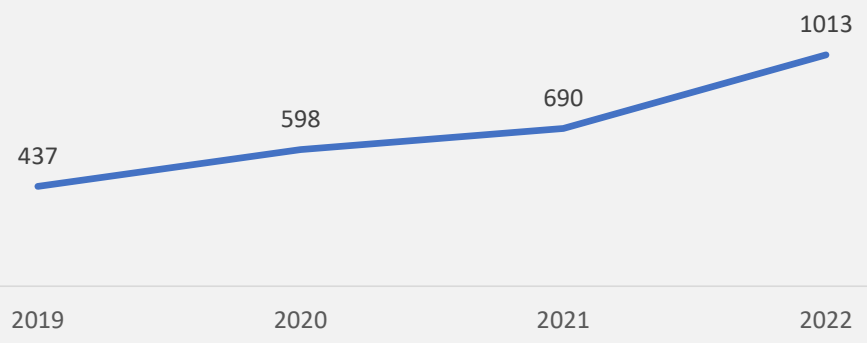


INTERNATIONAL PORTS:
16,912 kg



HIGH SEAS (BOATS):
19,651 kg

FIREARMS



FIREARMS 2023



LONG-BARRELED WEAPONS **205**



SIDEARMS **693**



SIGNIFICANT CASE OF ARMS TRAFFICKING ON THE HIGH SEAS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands - High Seas Nov. 17, 2023



ILLICIT FIREARMS TRAFFICKING IN THE PACIFIC

A maritime operation carried out by the Ecuadorian Navy through the Islands Naval Operations Command and the Islands Regional Directorate of Aquatic Spaces and Coast Guard

Use of speedboats through the Galapagos Islands

ROUTE

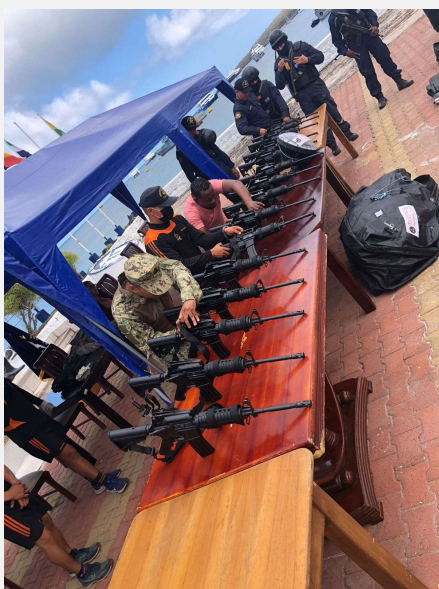


Central America - Ecuador

TYPE OF WEAPONS SEIZED



- 122 AK, M4, R15 rifles
- 48 handguns
- 124 magazines



SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE CASE

Ecuador, High Seas - Pacific Ocean
Aug. 24, 2023



MODE OF TRANSPORT

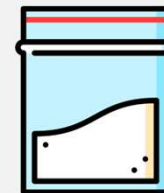
Speedboats

ROUTE

South America, Ecuador
final destination
Central America
North America



TYPE OF DRUG SEIZED



1,780 kg
cocaine hydrochloride



SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE CASE

Ecuador, Posorja Seaport
Mar. 16, 2023



CONTRABAND METHOD

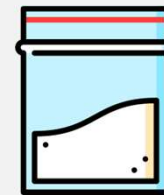
Product
(Peaches in syrup)

ROUTE

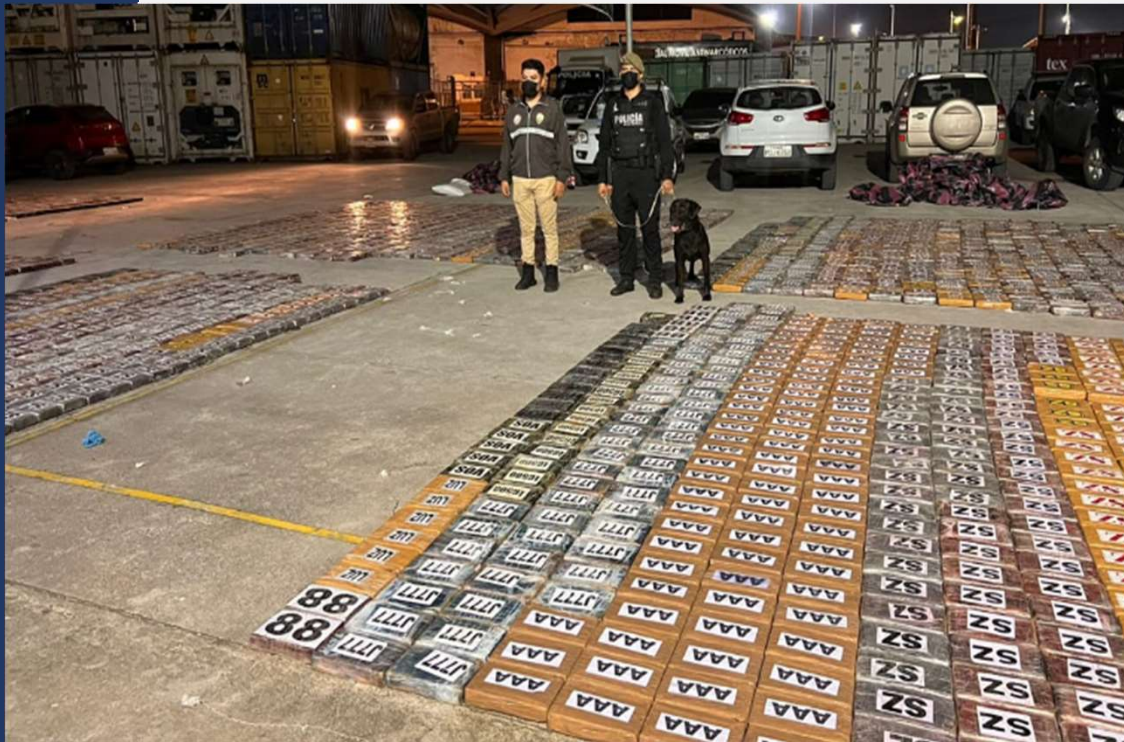


South America, Ecuador
final destination
Spain (Algeciras)

TYPE OF DRUG SEIZED



3,789 kg
cocaine hydrochloride



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