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A Diverse Region



- **Area of Responsibility (AOR)**
 - 1/6th of earth's surface (7.2M mi² of land)
 - 31 countries
 - 15 Dependencies & Areas of Special Sovereignty
- **Demographics**
 - 486 million people
 - 200+ million Portuguese speakers
 - 45+ million indigenous peoples
- **Economics**
 - 8 of 17 U.S. FTAs include AOR nations
 - ~ 8.3 % of U.S. trade
 - ~ 30% of U.S. energy imports
 - > \$36 billion in remittances
- **Cultural Ties**
 - U.S. has the 2nd largest Spanish-speaking population in the world
 - Estimated U.S. will be 30% Hispanic by 2050

Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. share common interests and security concerns.



A Decade of Progress

Optimistic Trends

A decade of progress...

- 3.5% average GDP growth
- ~\$18 billion in trade growth
 - 72% increase of U.S. exports to region
 - 114% increase of U.S. imports from region
- 57% increase in per capita income
- 12% lifted from poverty
- Increased social developments
 - Lower infant mortality rate & longer life expectancy
 - Improved access to medical care, potable water & sanitation services
- With the exception of Cuba, all countries have a form of democratic government





A Challenging Environment

Conditions

- Weak governance
- Corruption
- Poverty
- Unequal wealth distribution
- Social class exclusion
- Impunity
- Porous borders
- Underemployment

Challenges

- Transnational Organized Crime (TOC)
- Illicit trafficking
- Crime / urban gangs
- Narco-terrorism
- Violent Extremist Organizations
- Natural disasters
- Mass migration





Our Vision, Mission, and Objectives

Vision: We are a joint & *interagency* organization supporting US national security interests, and with our partners, improving security, stability & prosperity in the Americas.

Mission: We are ready to conduct joint & combined full-spectrum military operations and support *whole-of-government* efforts to enhance regional security & cooperation.

Strategic Objectives

Defend the United States



Foster Regional Security

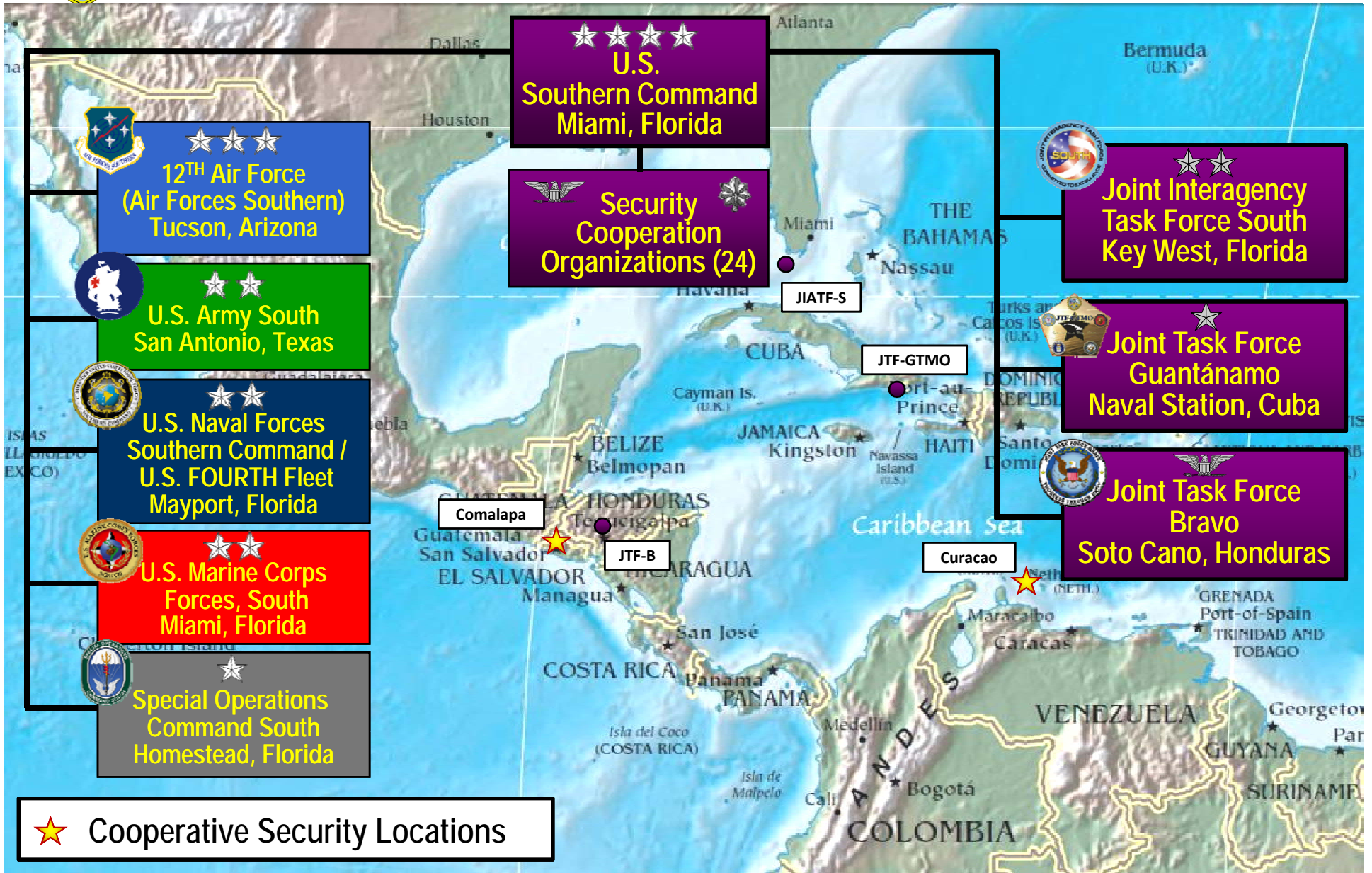


Be an Enduring Partner



Ensuring the forward defense of the United States

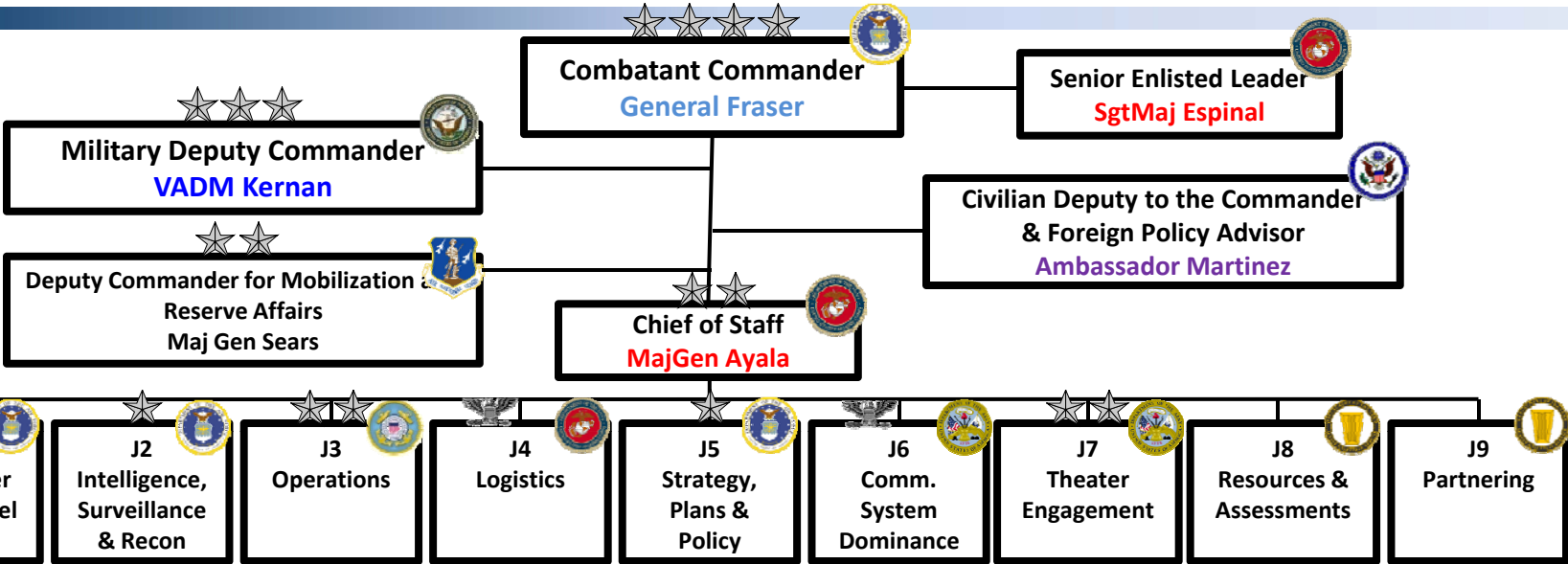
Command Organization



★ Cooperative Security Locations

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USSOUTHCOM Headquarters



Military Organizations

Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps NGB

Liaison Officers

Brazil Canada Chile Colombia Peru

Partner Academic Institutions

Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies
Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation
Inter-American Air Forces Academy
Naval Small Craft Instruction & Technical Training School
Inter-American Defense College
Florida International University
University of Miami

Interagency Partners

State Homeland Security Commerce Energy Treasury HHS ATF
USAID ICE Coast Guard CBP FBI FAA DEA
Intelligence Agencies

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Our Focus Areas



Countering Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC)



Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief (HA/DR)

Peace Support Operations (PSO)





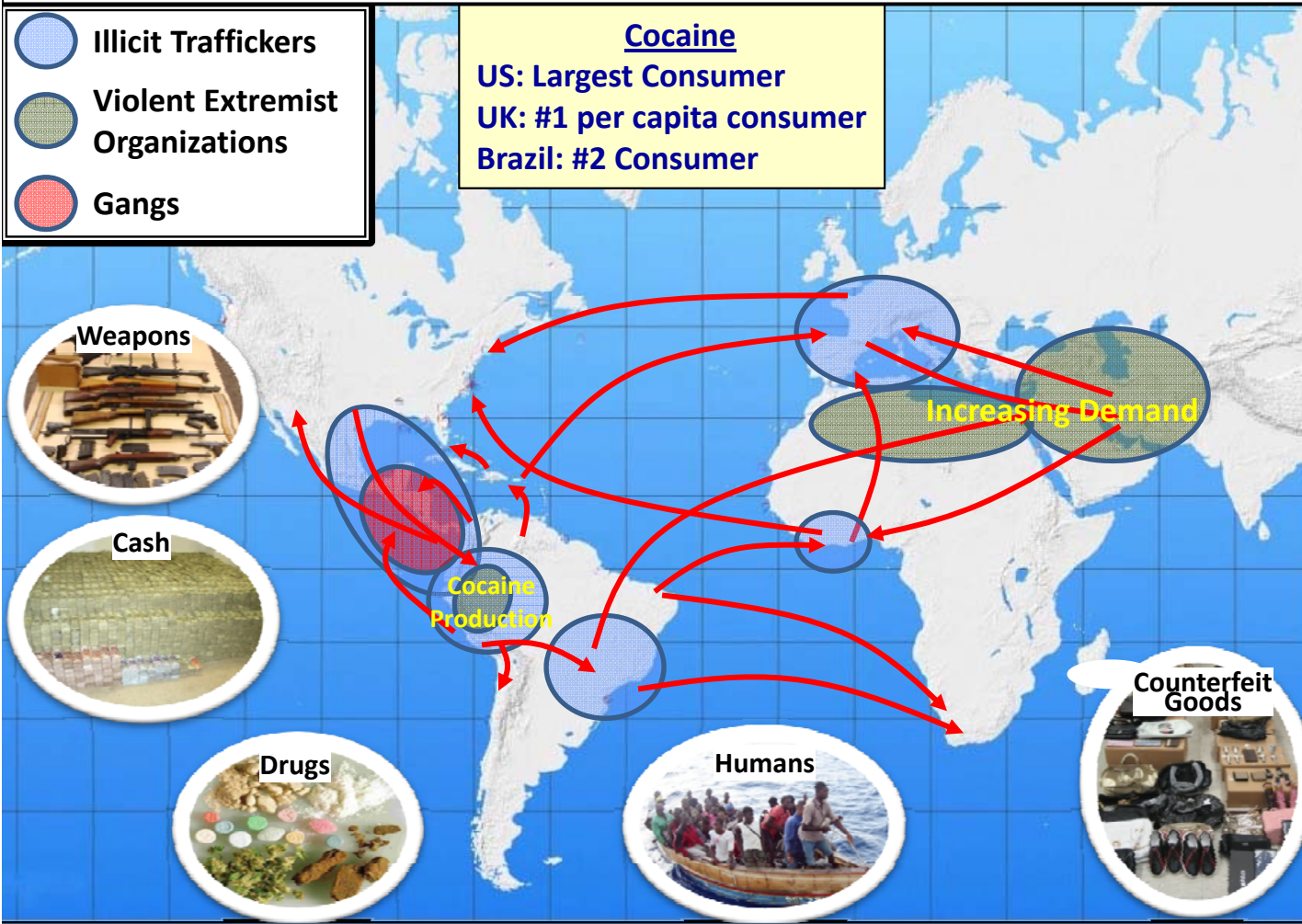
Global Transnational Networks

Illicit Trafficking... a \$394 billion per year global industry

Factors

- Illicit Traffickers
- Violent Extremist Organizations
- Gangs

Cocaine
 US: Largest Consumer
 UK: #1 per capita consumer
 Brazil: #2 Consumer



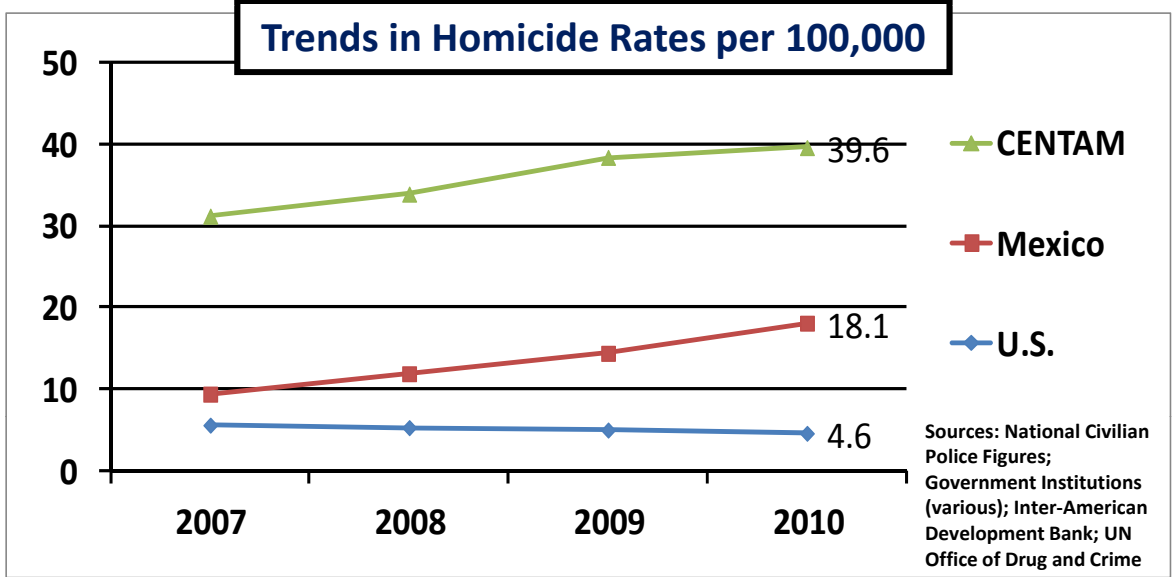
- Major economies are major consumers
- Powerful Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) directly influence national govts
- Corruption lowers risk to criminal groups
- TCOs exploit national limitations
- Least capable countries are often used for transit
- TCOs range from highly to loosely structured
- TCOs come and go, but markets remain
- Transnational problems require cooperative solutions

Existing financial, communications, transportation networks make illicit trafficking profitable



TOC Portends Violence

- 2007: Major shift in illicit trafficking routes
- >85% of cocaine destined for the U.S. now passes through Central America
- 2007-2010: 20,232 homicides in Honduras



	Population (1 person icon = 10 million)	Homicides 2007 - 2010 (1 person icon = 10 thousand)
Mexico	 113,000,000	 59,650
Central America	 42,000,000	 60,300



Transnational Organized Criminal Network

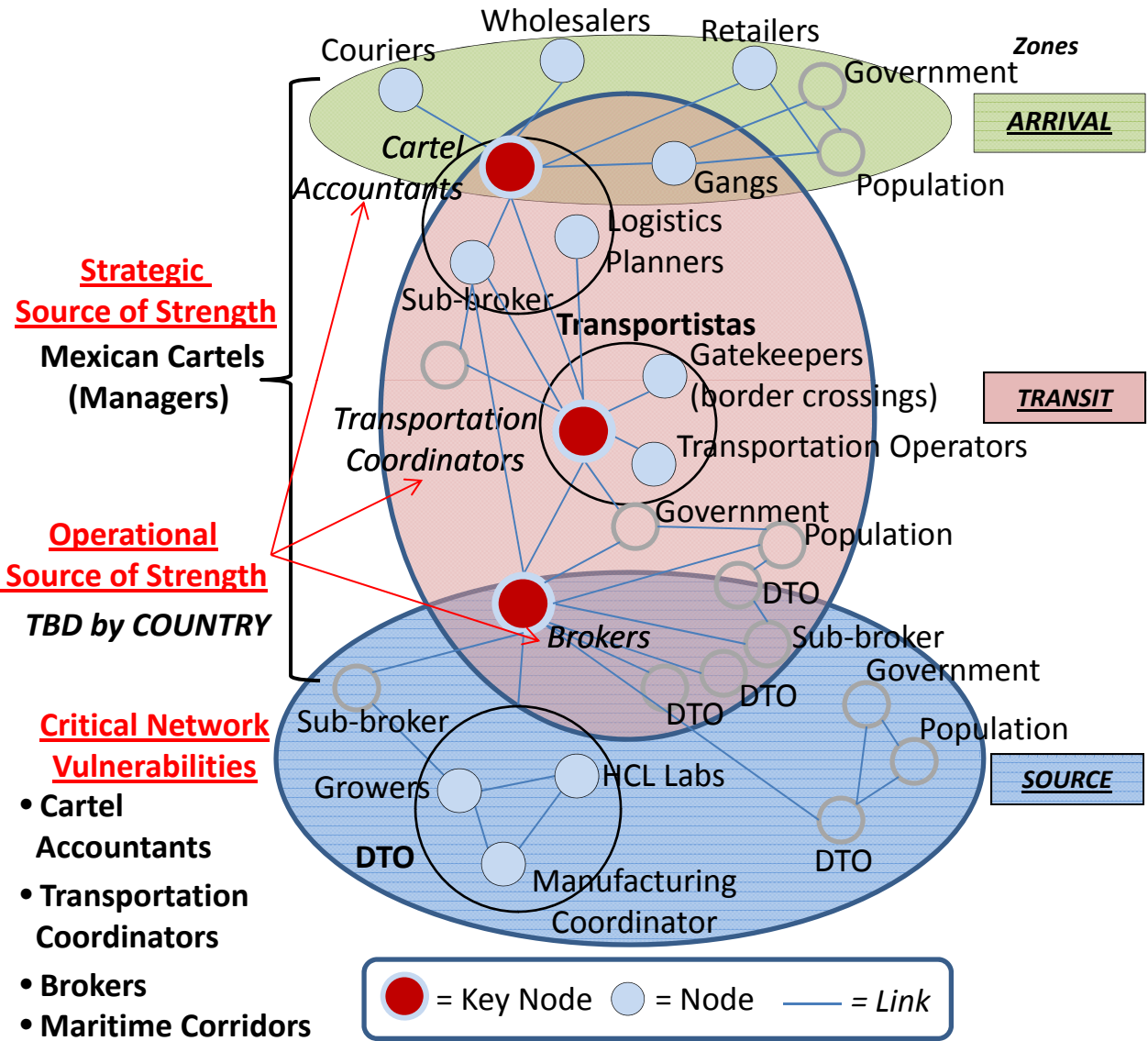
Drug-nexus illicit trafficking criminal networks

Mexican Cartels
Control the preponderance of critical items required for operations

Cartel Accountants, Brokers, & Transportation Coordinators
Most interconnected actors in the network & most impactful on system

Critical Network Items

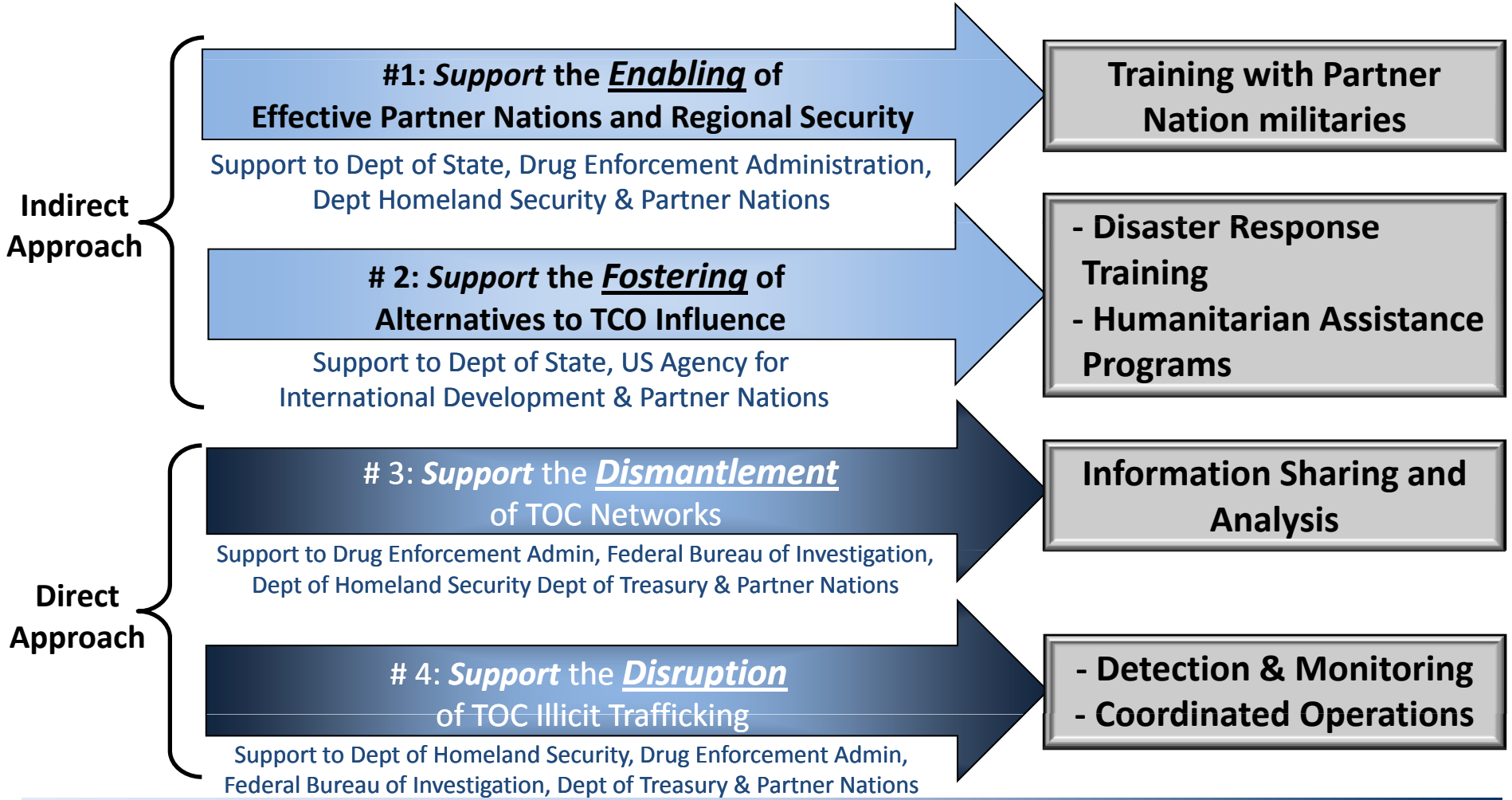
- Highly interconnected nodes
- International maritime corridors
 - 80% of cocaine moves via maritime





USSOUTHCOM Support Concept for C-TOC

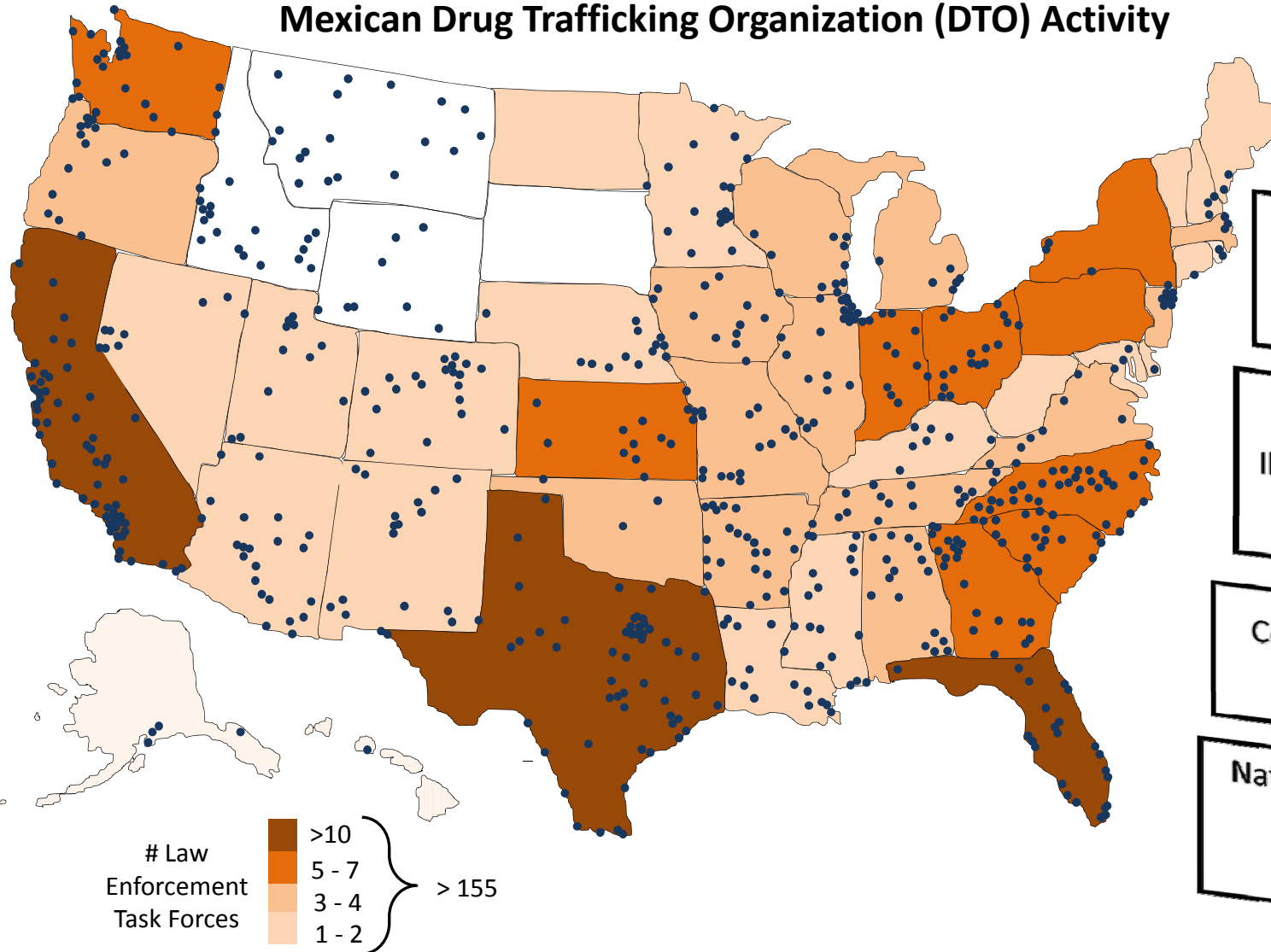
Operational Framework
(in Support of Partner Nations and Law Enforcement Agencies)





Economic & Social Impacts to US Citizen Safety

Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) Activity



Major drug cartels or affiliates operating in > 1200 cities

U.S. deaths/year
Illicit Drugs: **37,485** (est)
Traffic-related: 36,284
Murders: 15,399

Cost of illicit drug use
\$193 billion/year

National Counter Drug Budget
>\$26 billion/year



Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief

\$34.4M in disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance in FY11

• Disaster Preparedness

- Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) & DOD Excess Property Program
 - > 55 projects donating supplies
- Build & stock Emergency Operations Centers and Disaster Relief Warehouses
 - > 24 projects
- Build / renovate schools, community shelters, warehouses, clinics, hospitals, wells
 - > 60 schools projects
- Train PN medical first responders
- Create disease surveillance programs

• Disaster Relief, 2011

- > 150 projects in direct support of internal country responses





Peace Support Operations (PSO)

- Global Peace Operations Initiative (**GPOI**) provides funds to train & equip partner nations (**PN**) Peacekeeping Operations (**PKO**) units
 - 11 current GPOI PNs
 - Intended purpose: continuously deploy worldwide in support of PSO
- Partnership of the Americas (**POA**), Peacekeeping Operations of the Americas (**PKOA**)
- **UN Deployments**
 - 14 AOR countries
 - Contributing nearly 8,000 personnel to United Nations PKO missions worldwide
 - Troops, police, military experts





Theater Engagement Activities (FY-12)



- Counternarcotics Assistance (131)
- Humanitarian Assistance (116)
- Combined/Multinational Exercises (28)
- Combined/Multinational Training (193)
- Combined/Multinational Education (63)
- Combined/Multinational Experimentation (7)
- Security Assistance (16)
- Counter/Non-Proliferation (14)

~ 1,500 Uncategorized Programs, Meetings, Visits, and Engagement Activities

Closing Thought



“As we move to the future, we are committed to building focused, collaborative approaches that will enable all of us – USSOUTHCOM, our interagency colleagues and partners alike – to work together to address the challenges we collectively face.”

-- General Douglas Fraser
Commander, U.S. Southern Command

