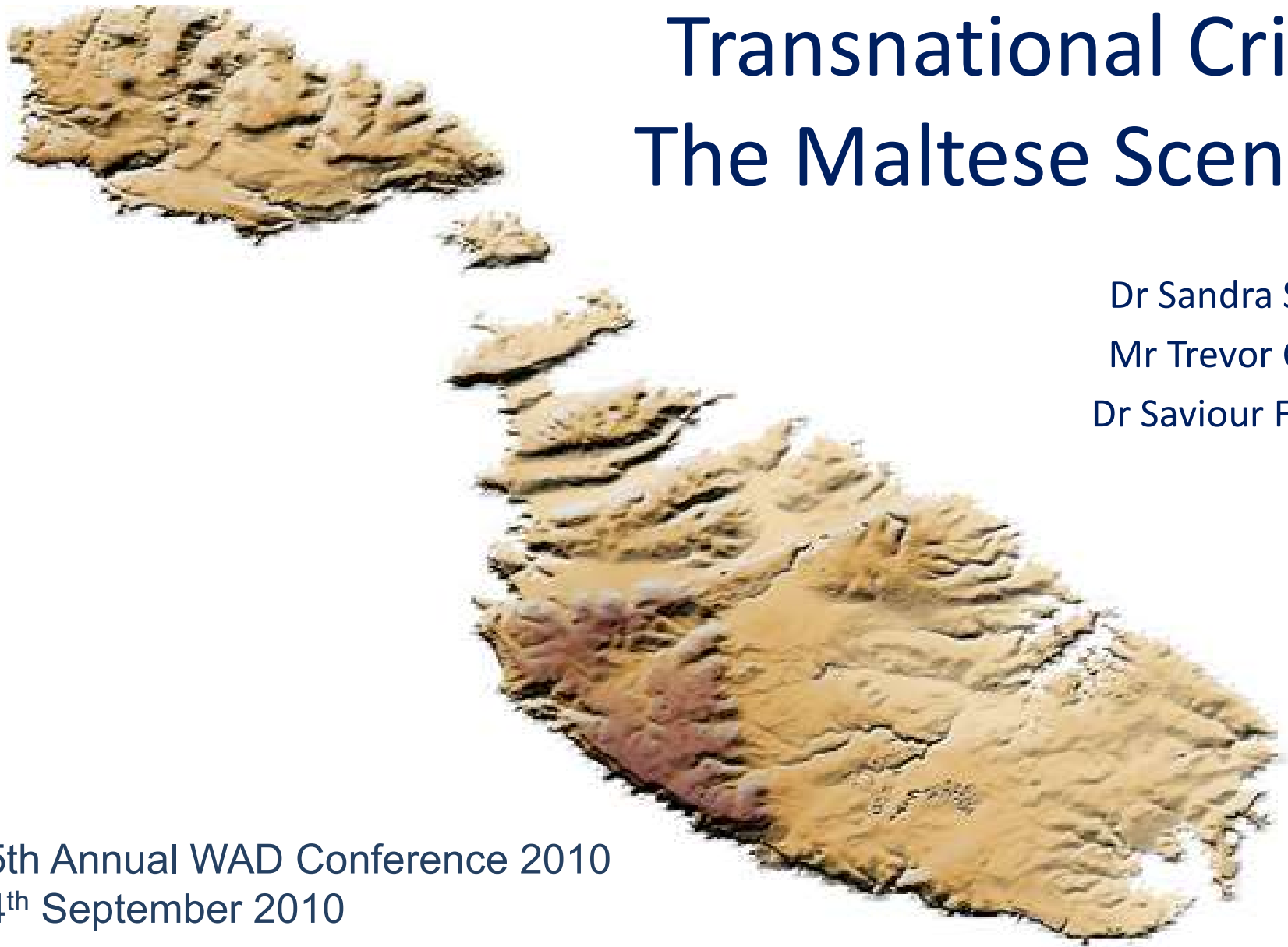




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The Maltese Islands

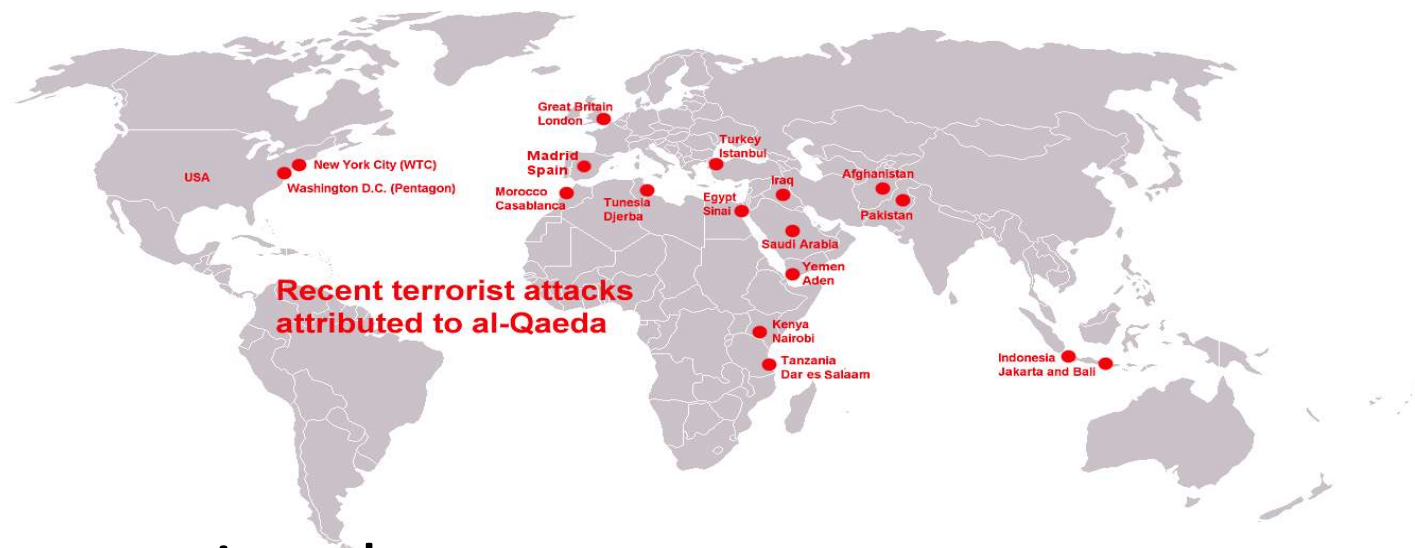
- Population: 400,000 (1,265 persons/km² highest population density in Europe)



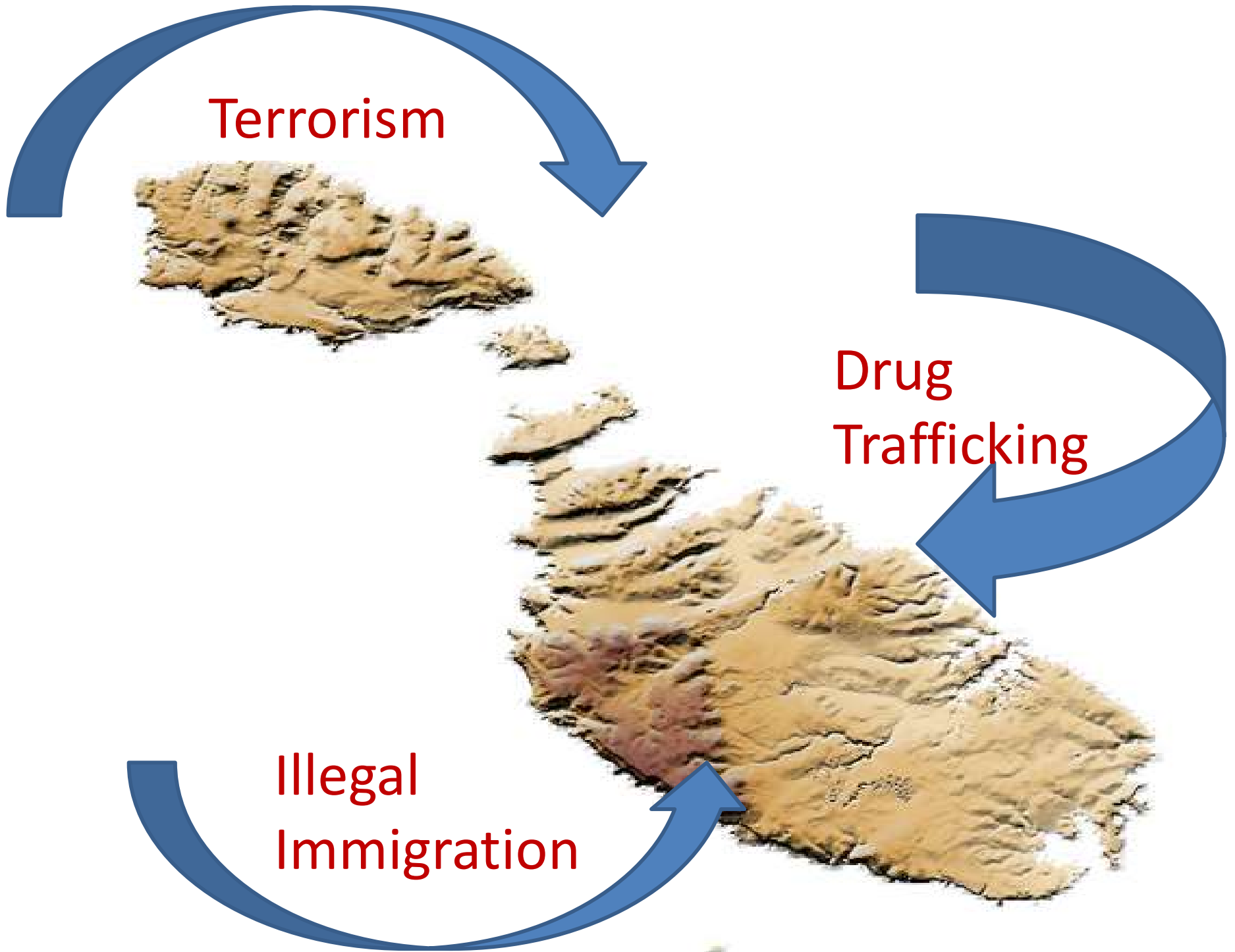
- Malta 28km by 14km
- Gozo 14km by 7km

Definition of Transnational crime

- Crime that takes place across borders



- Transnational:
 - Reaching beyond national boundaries
- Involving several nations



Organised criminal activity

- **Organised crime** – illegal activities of people and institutions whose acknowledged purpose is profit and gain through *illegitimate business*.
- Organised crime is a business venture



Interpol defines organised crime as...

- Any group having a **corporate structure whose primary objectives is to obtain money through illegal activities, often surviving on fear and corruption**



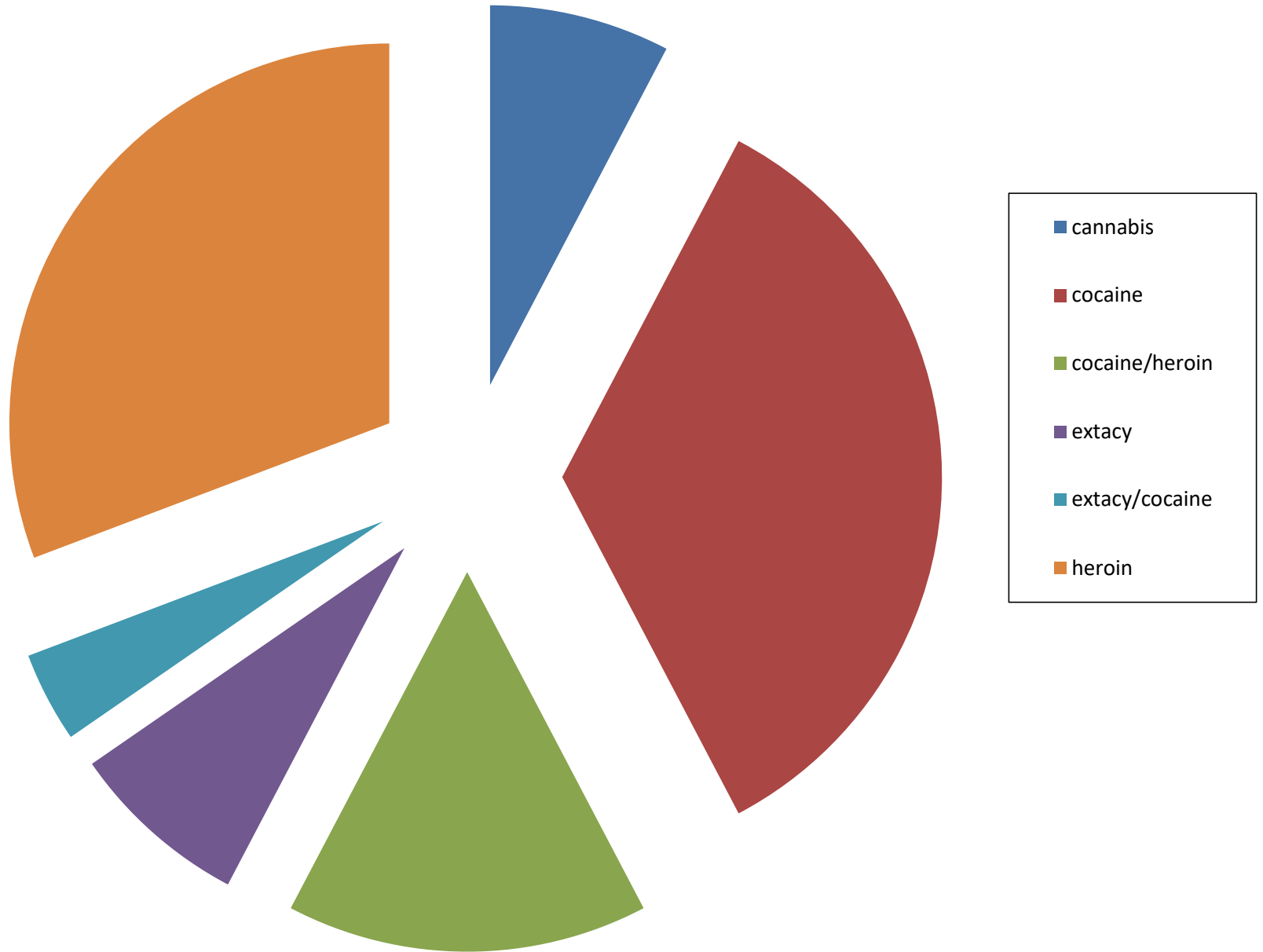
Drug Trafficking

- Definitely organised criminal activity
- Some groups involved:
 - La cosa nostra/The Mafia
 - Motorcycle gangs
 - Ethnic groups

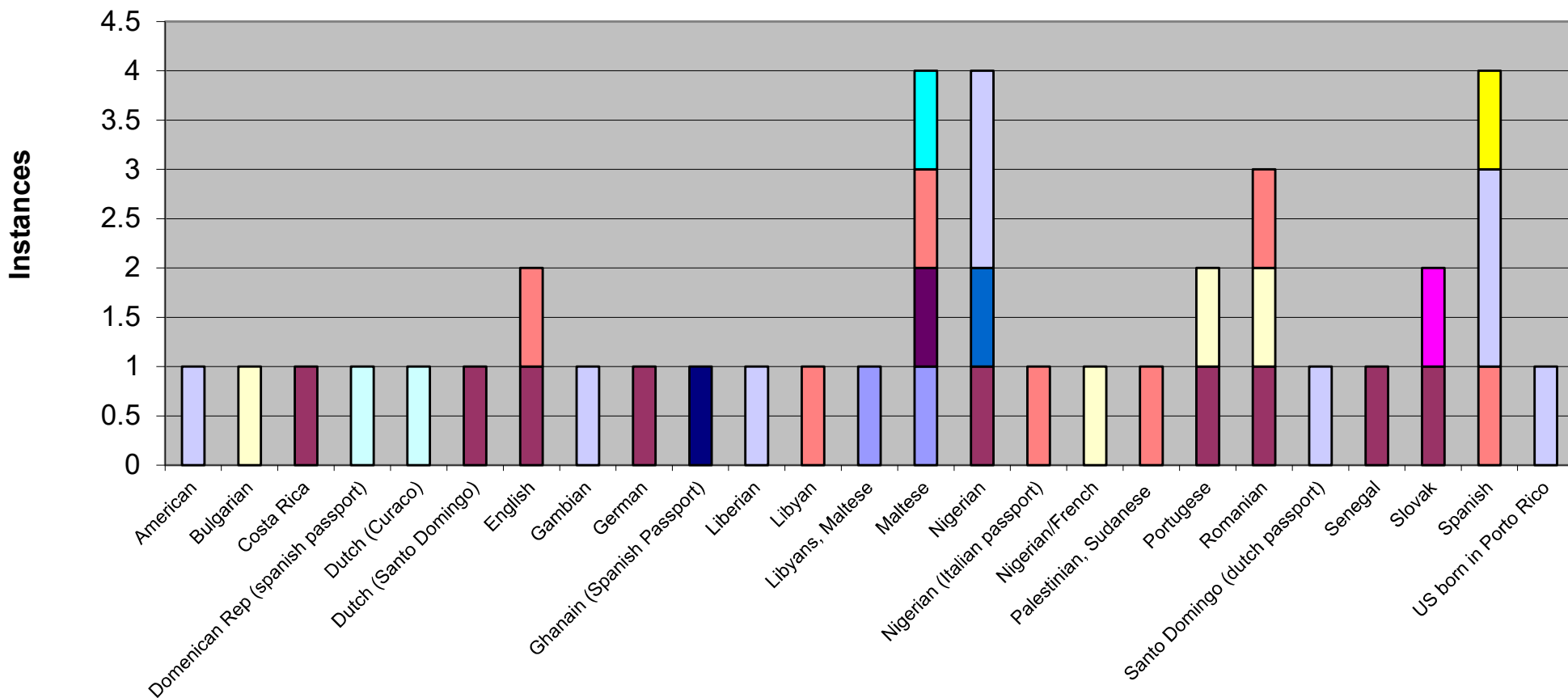
...to mention a few.



Type of substance smuggled



Substance by Nationality of smuggler



cannabis

cocaine

cocaine/heroin

extacy

extacy/cocaine

heroin

money related to trafficking

swollower - cocaine

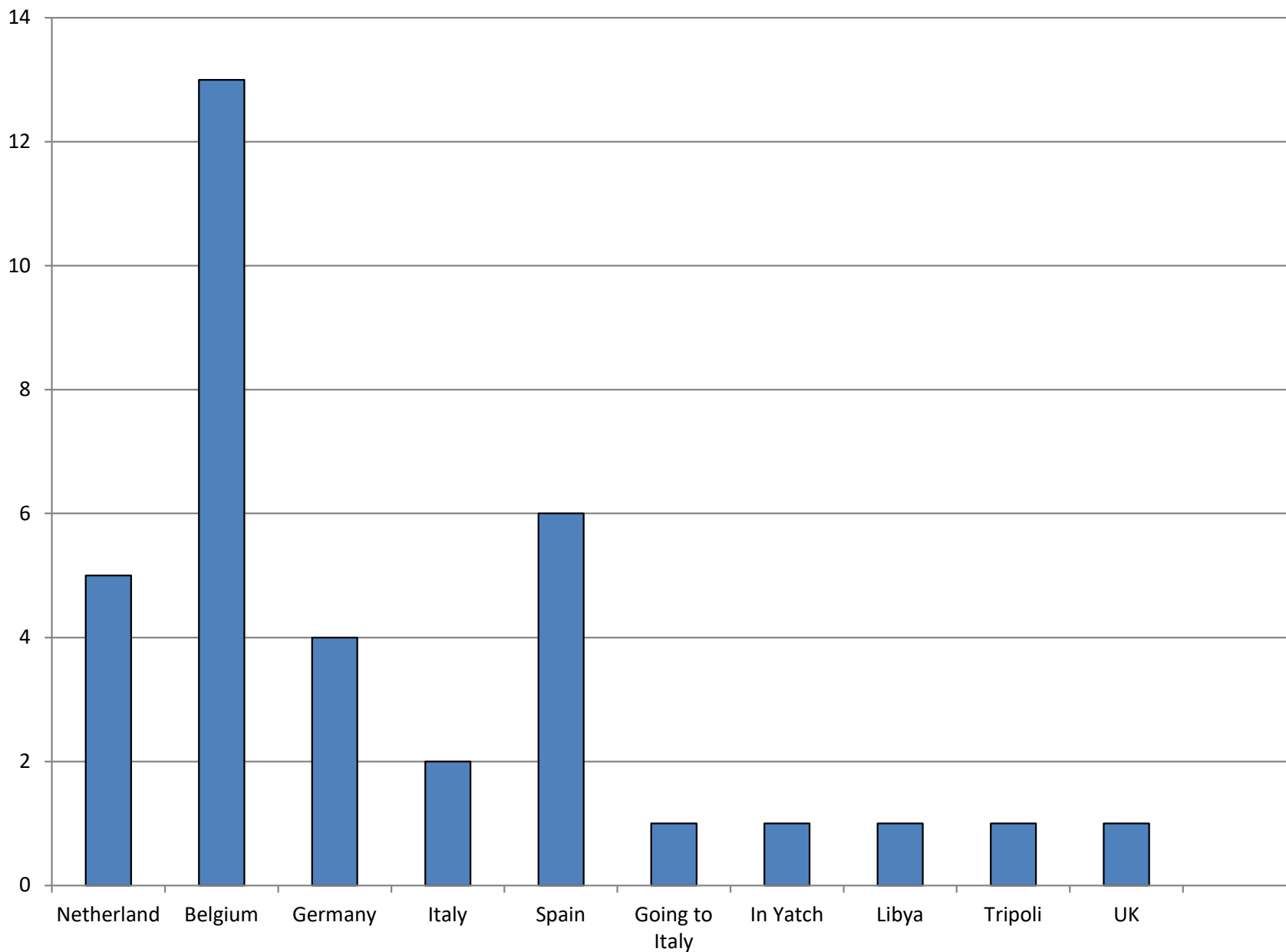
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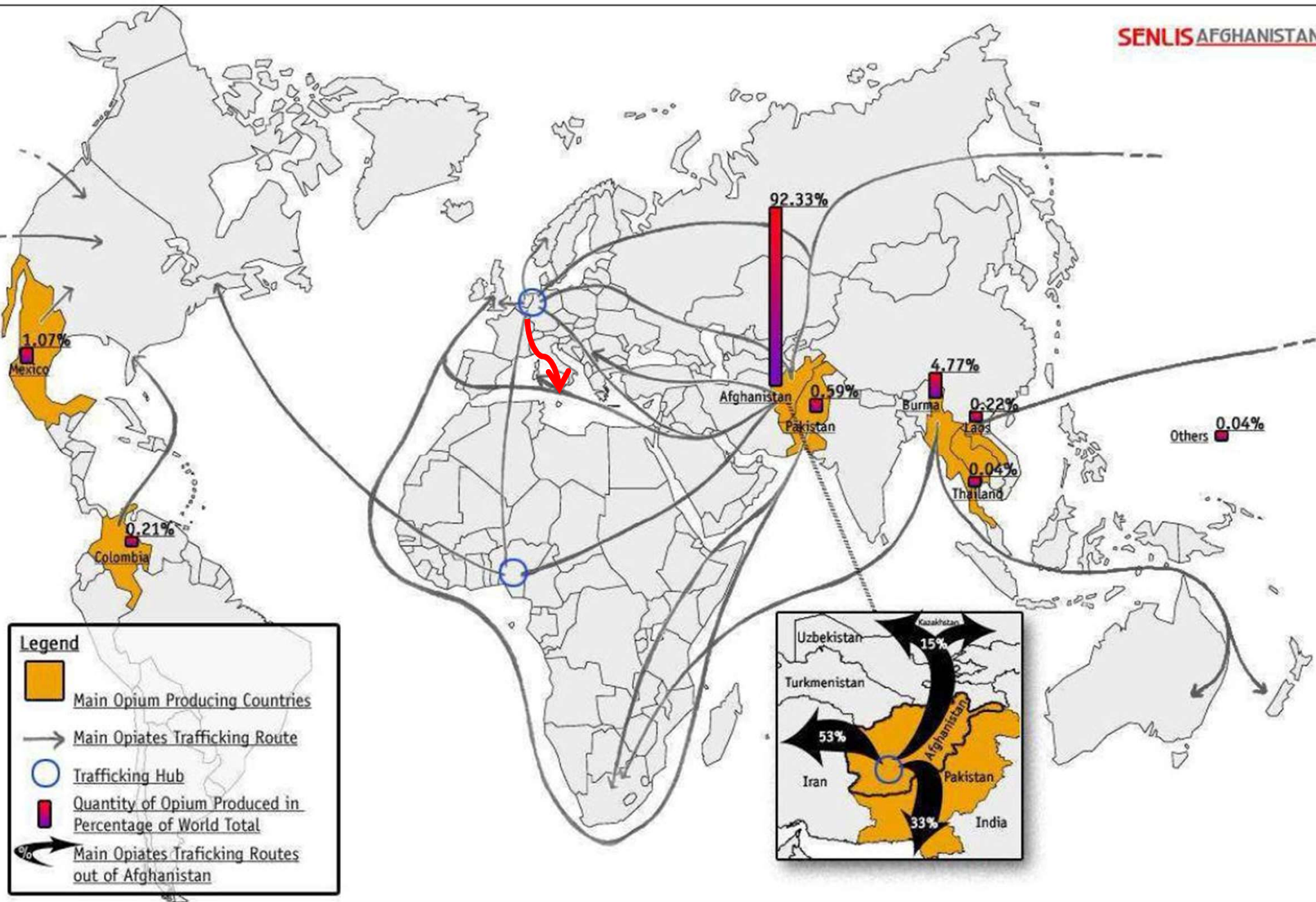
various

Place of departure of drugs coming into Malta - 2008-2010

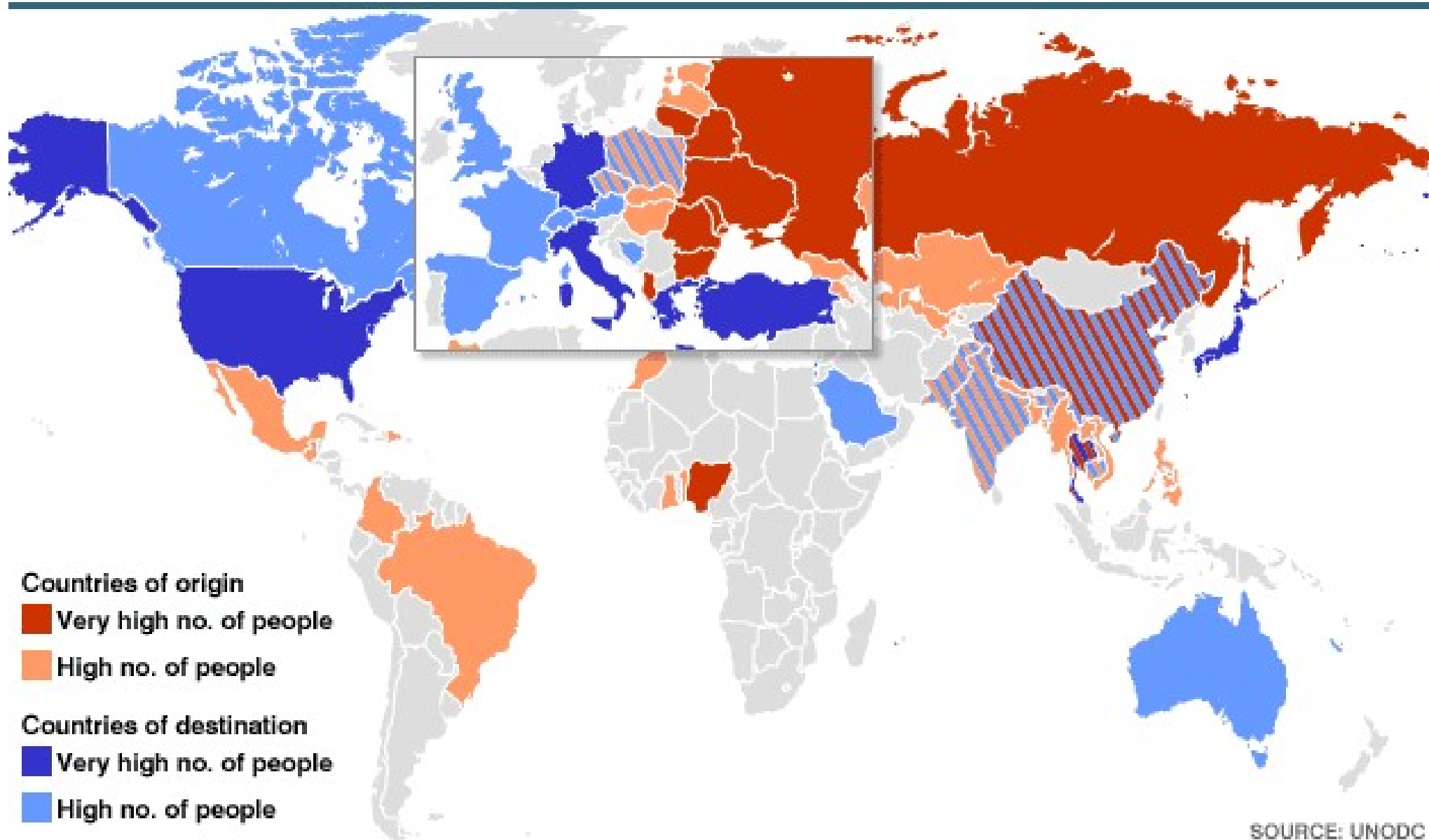


Main Trafficking Opium routes

SEN LIS AFGHANISTAN



Trafficking Victims

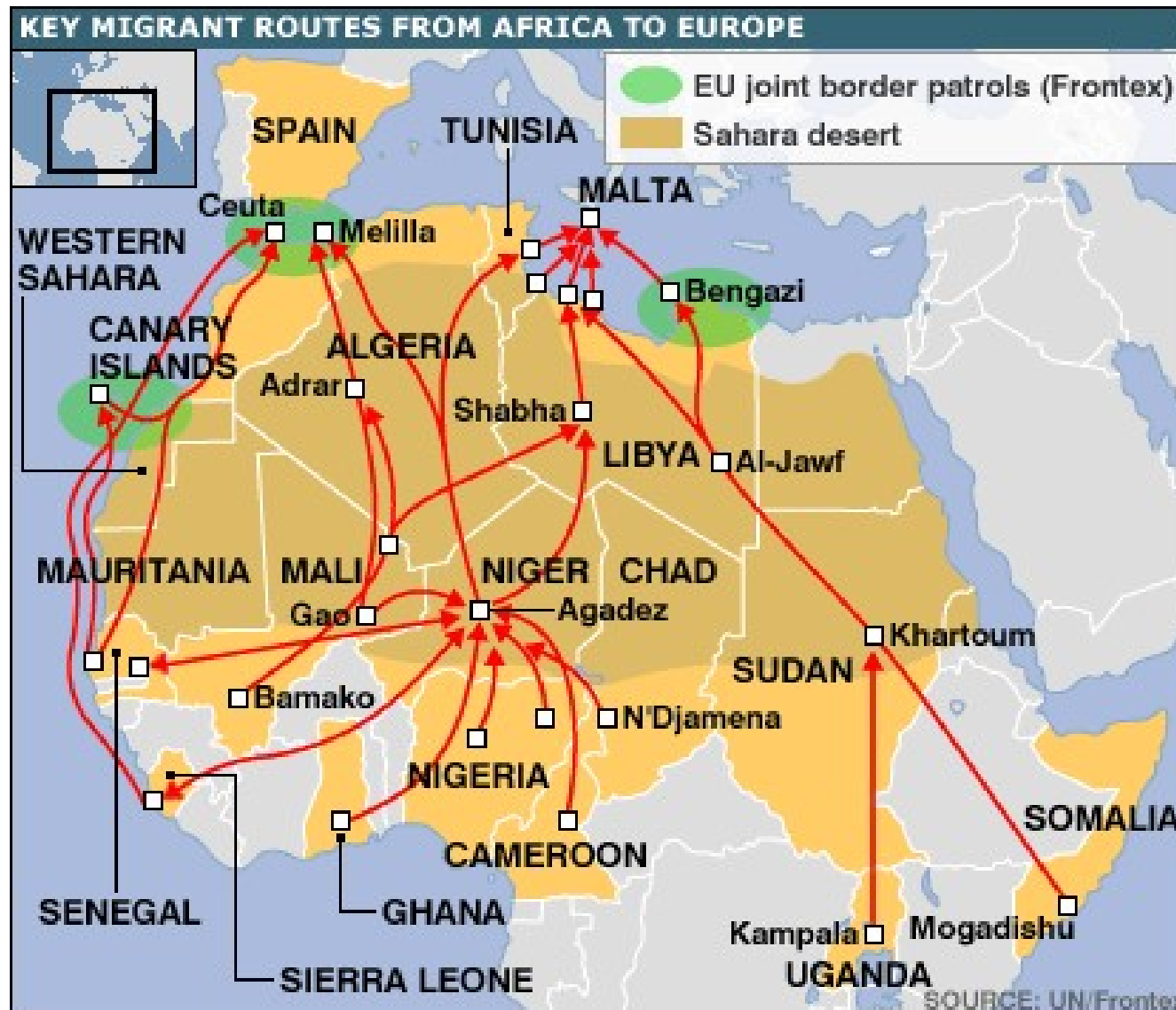


Illegal Immigration

- Since the early 2000 we have seen a number of immigrants landing on our shores illegally
- Many migrants are from war-torn and extremely poor countries with no human rights, such as Somalia



Routes of Migrants from Africa to Europe

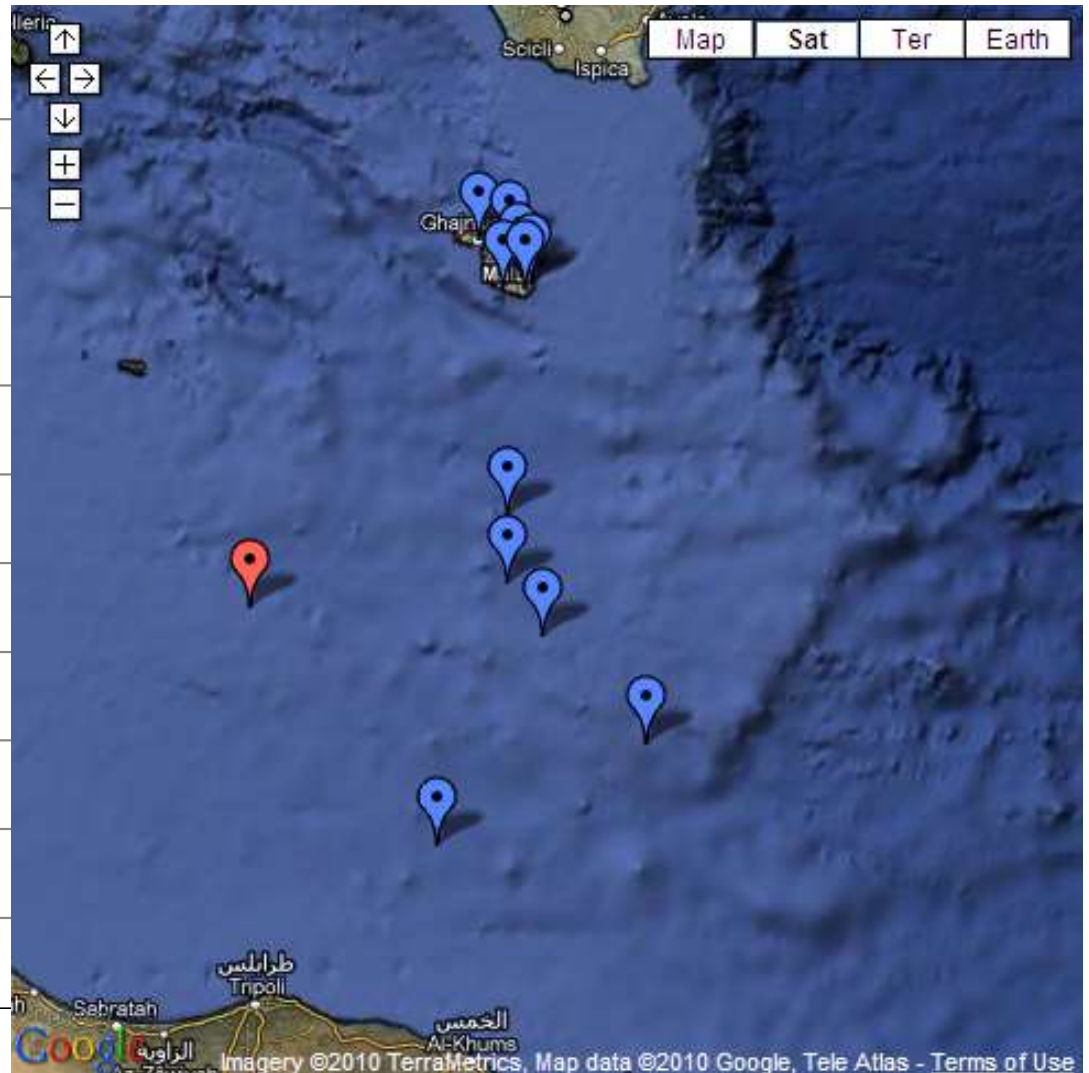
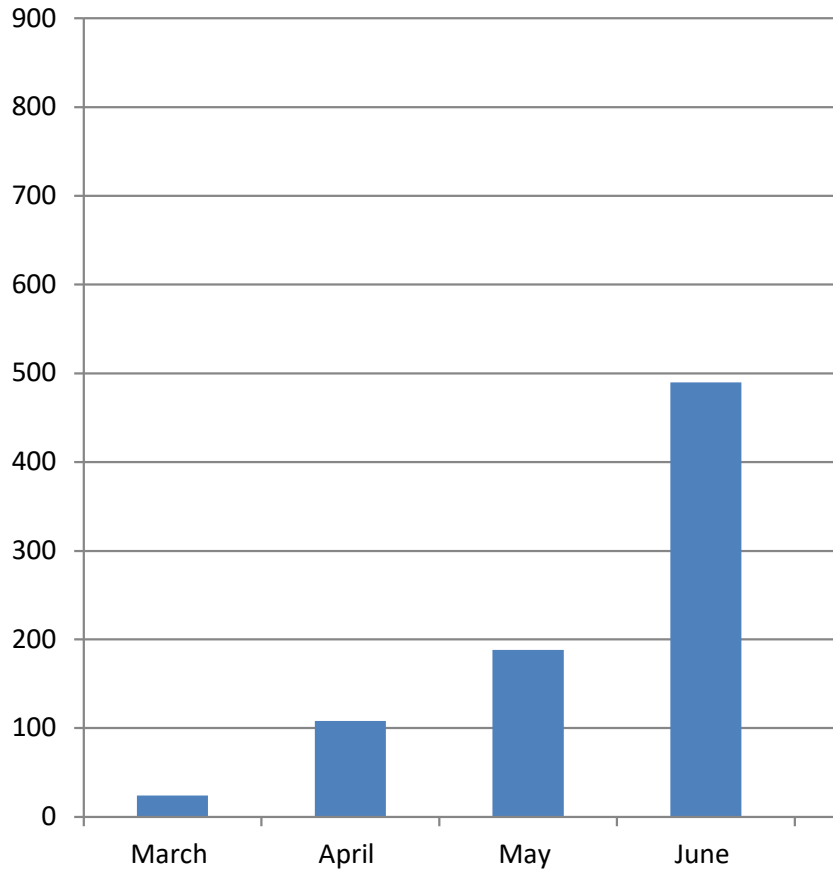


Landings in Malta

- 31st August 2008 – Berlusconi and Gaddafi sign compensation and economic deal and landings start diminishing.

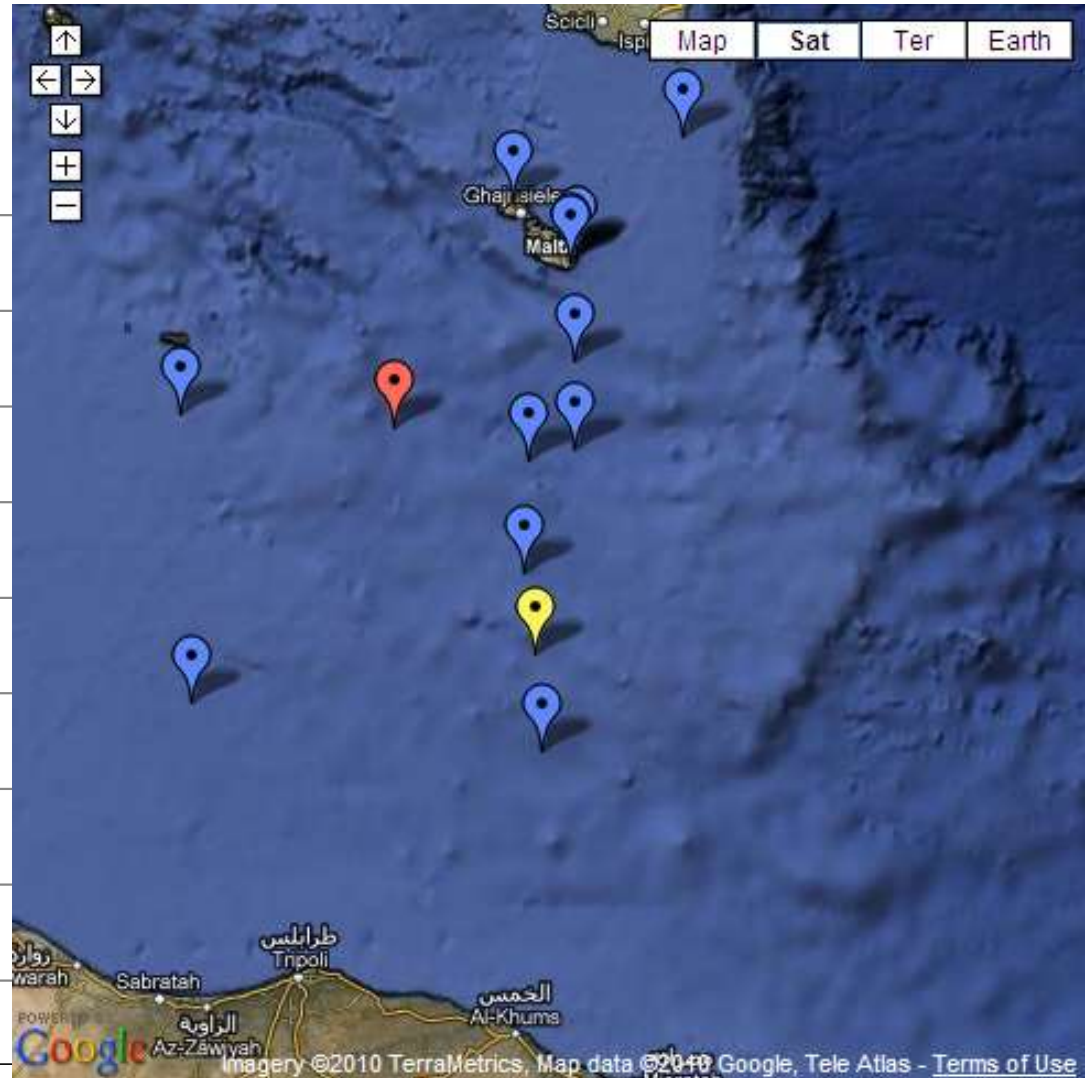
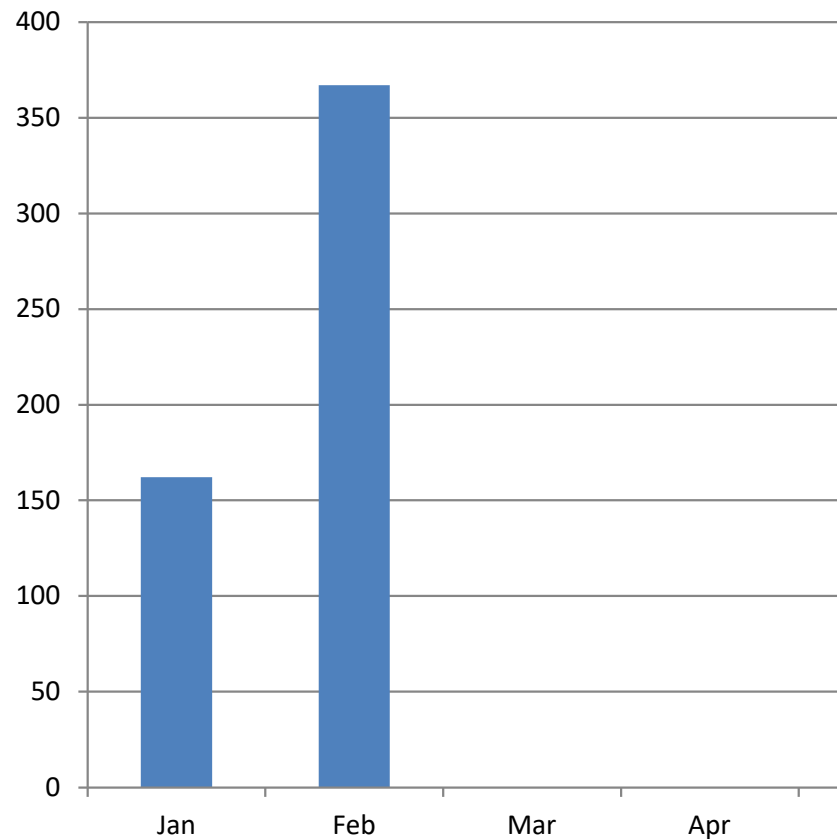


2008 landings



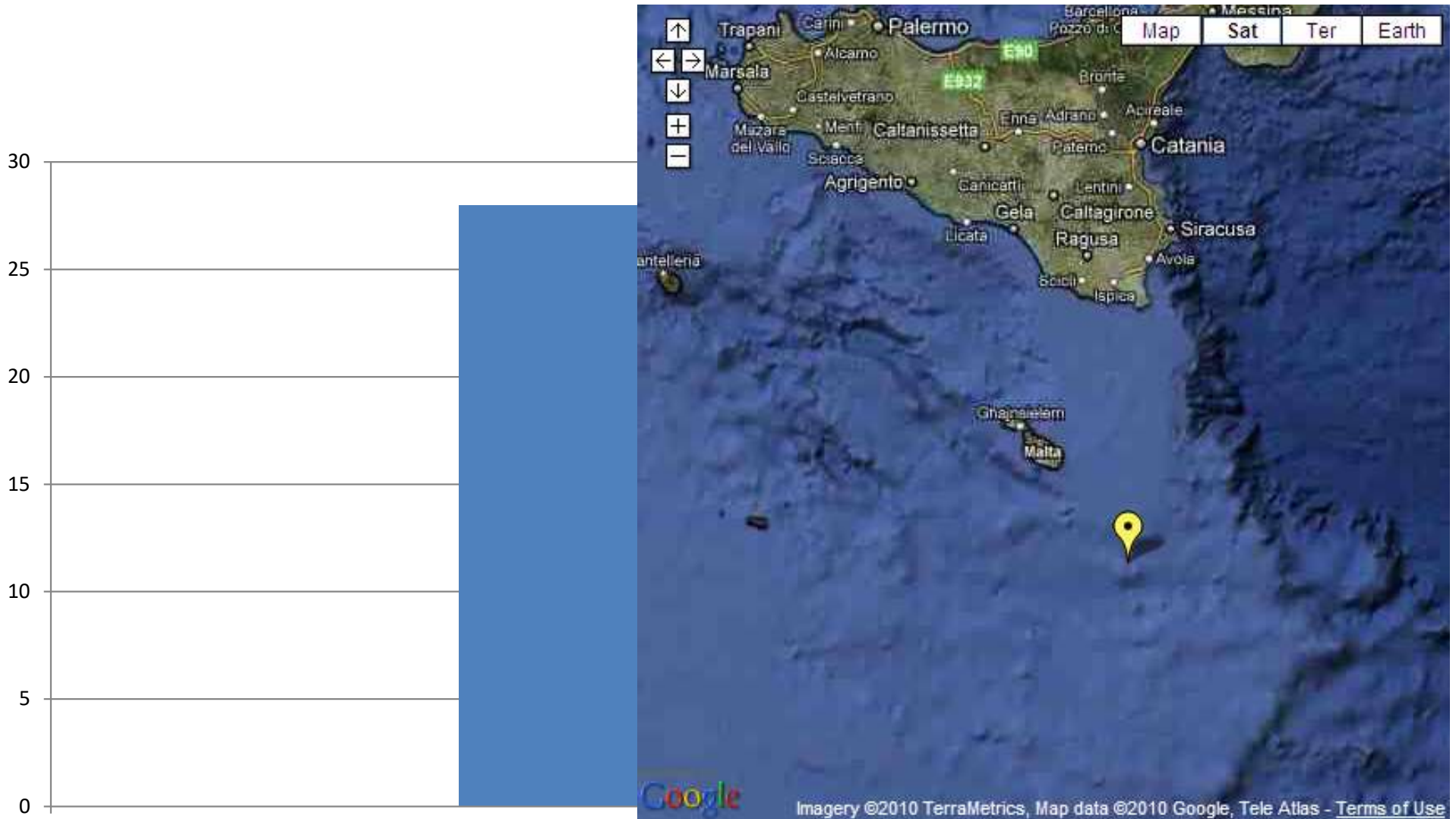
Month	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total	24	108	188	490	809	504	328	46	68	139	2704
Incidents	1	5	8	17	22	17	7	2	1	1	81

2009 landings



Month	Jan	Feb	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
Persons	162	367	99	72	201	88	184	1173
Incidents	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	15

2010 landings



People

Month	Jul	Total
Persons	28	28
Incidents	1	1

Cumulative landings 2008-2010



Terrorism

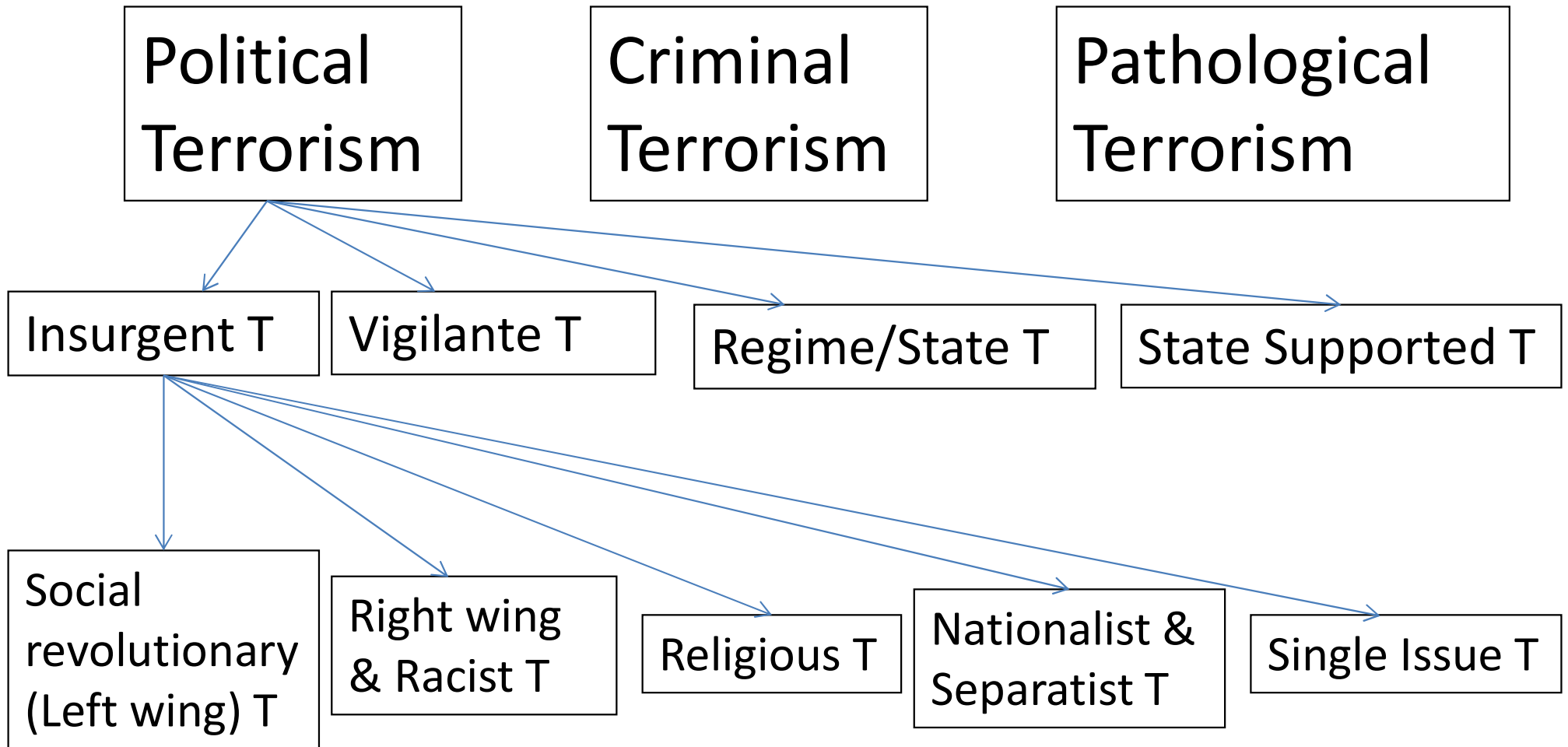
The Myth of the Omnipresent Enemy

*Victory is gained not by the number killed but
by the number frightened.*

– Arab proverb



Typology of Terrorism



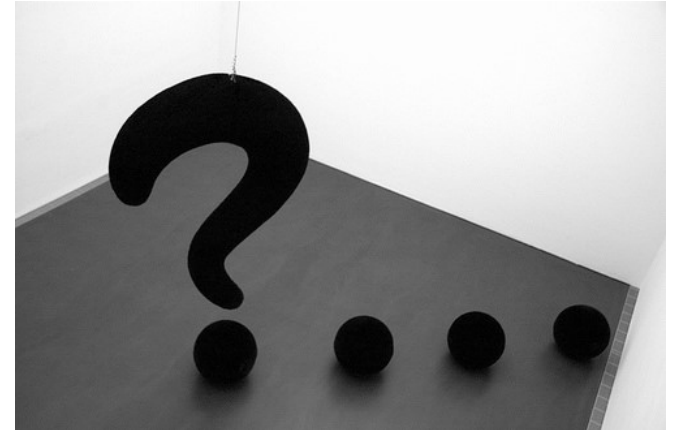
Trying to Understand **THEIR** Viewpoint

- What?
- Why?
 - Victimisation
 - Getting back for some wrong doing
 - Poverty / Deprivation
 - Anti-“West” Globalisation mentality
 - Politics
 - Religion
 - Cultural



Trying to Understand **THEIR** Viewpoint

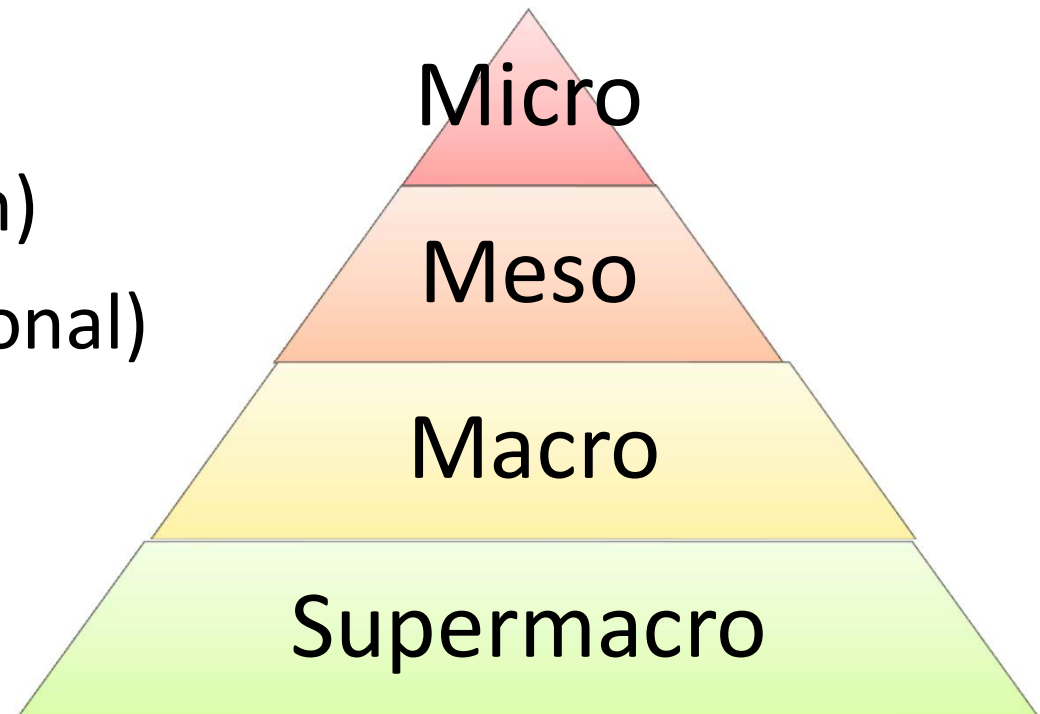
- How?
 - Ready access to materials
 - Ready access to knowledge
 - Global organisations sponsoring individuals
 - Knowledge of the local scenarios



Tactics: employ local foot soldiers, creating a “cell”
knowledge of foreign & trained by the same target state.

Risk Analysis & Security Management

- Main criminology theories
- What do you mean by security?
- Levels of security:
 - Micro: local (individual)
 - Meso: regional (group)
 - Macro: national (nation)
 - Supramacro: (international)



Is Malta a terror-free state?

- Is there a simple answer?



Historical Case review

Case 1 - The first three

Case 2 - Reaching critical point

Case 3 - Couriers

Case 4 - Bringing it home

Case 5 - Getting even closer

IS THIS DIRECT or INDIRECT?

The first three

- 1973: Boeing 747 KLM



- 1979: LAA Fokker 27

- 1983: B727 Libyan Arab Airlines



Reaching Critical Point

- 1985: Egypt Air Boeing 737



Rezaq



Couriers

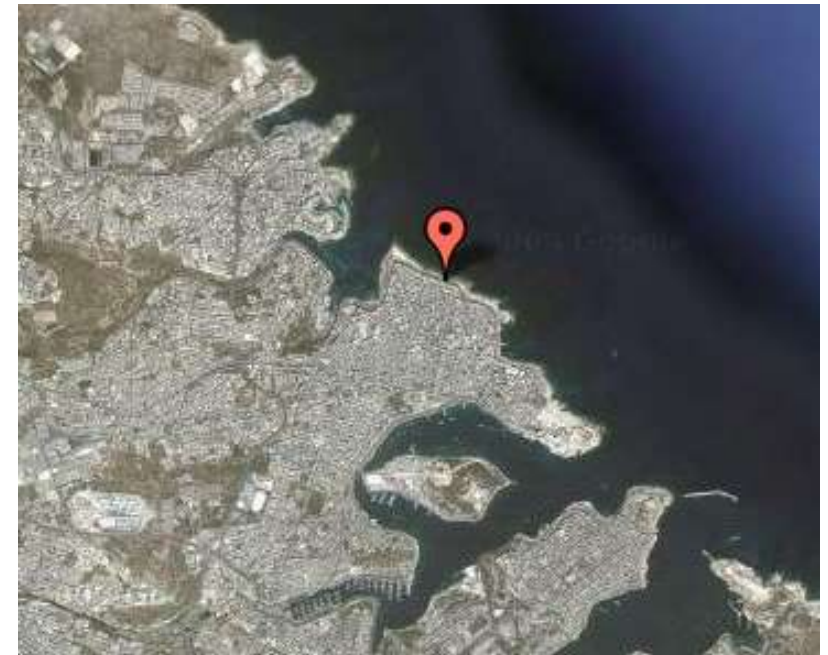
- 1988: Lockerbie Incident





Bringing it home

- 1995 Fathi al-Shiqaqi



Getting even closer

- 1997: Air Malta Flight KM 830





Does
terrorism impinge on small island
states in this Brave New World?



The Current Scenario

- What are today's issues for Malta?

Member of the E.U.

International Commerce

- Maritime

- Aviation

Religious, Ethnic & Cultural Monopolies

- Immigration

- Integration



The Current Scenario

- Irrespective of theories, history and current issues we need to be prepared!

***“The point of theory isn’t to think safe thoughts,
but dangerous thoughts.”***

(Beiner R., Inspired from *The Criminology of Terrorism: Theories and Models*; <http://faculty.ncwc.edu/toconnor.429/429lect0>)



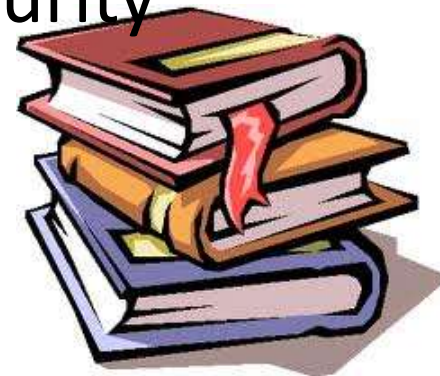
Malta's Preparedness

- Local Authorities
 - Police
 - AFM (Armed Forces of Malta)
 - OMAS (Office of Manager Airport Security)
 - CPD (Civil Protection Department)



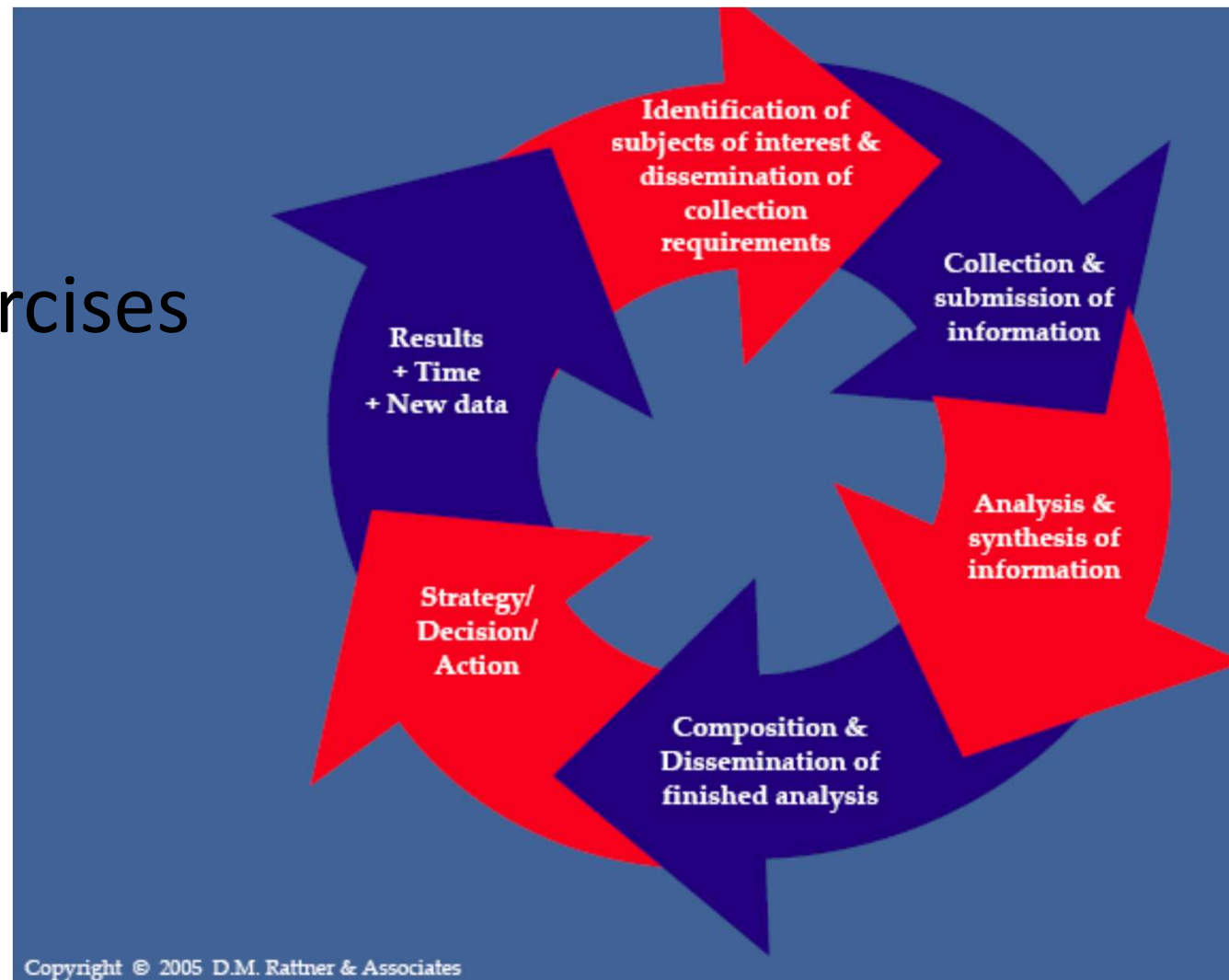
Administrative

- Legislation: Criminal Code, Article 328A “of Acts of Terrorism, Funding of Terrorism and Ancillary Offences” (Act VI of 2005)
- ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference) & ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)
- ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security Code)



Operational

- Full Scale Exercises (Hijacks, bombs on buses etc.)
- Table-top exercises
- *Post-mortem*



Tactical

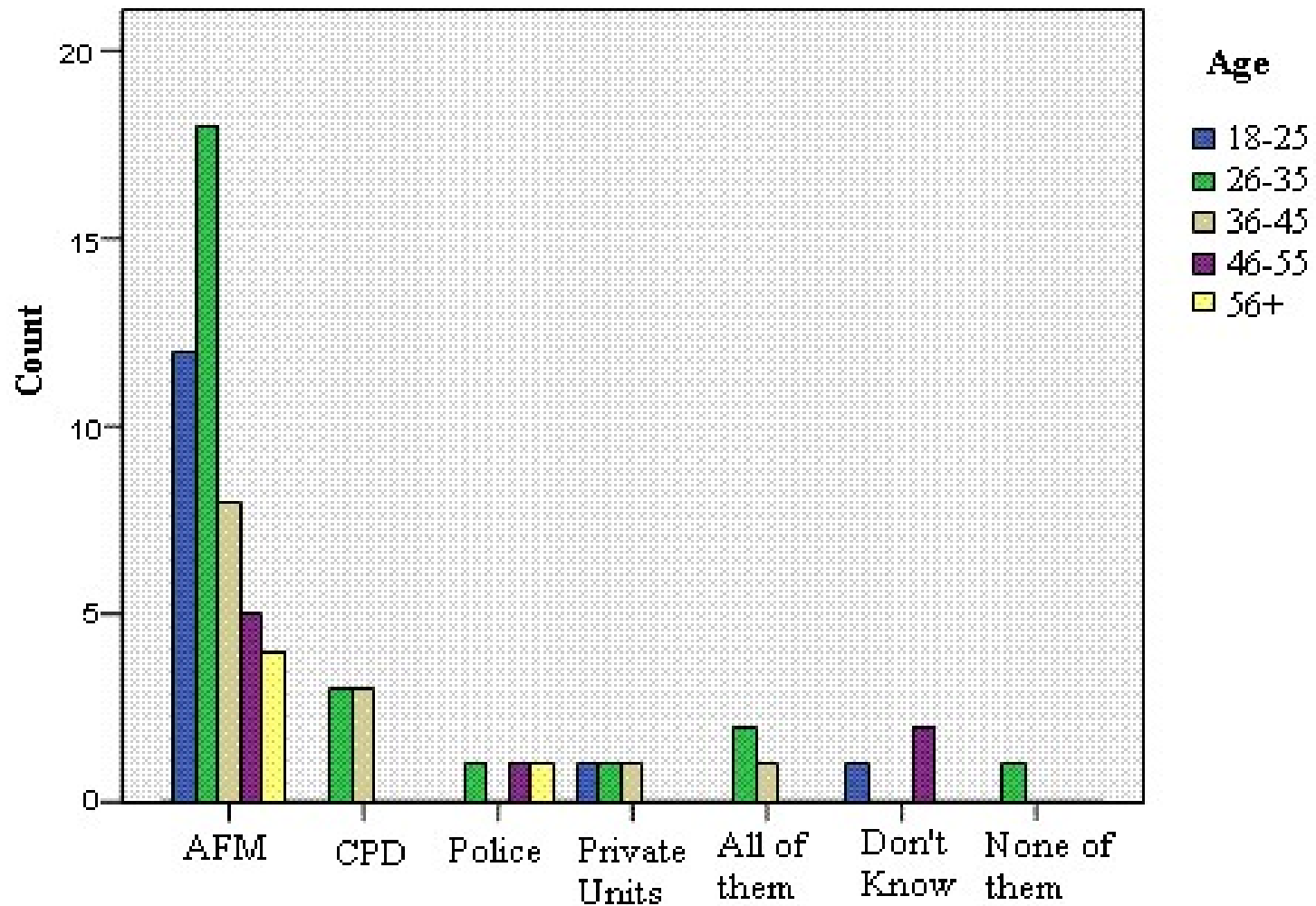
Police: Anti-Terrorist Squad
Special Assignment Group

AFM : 'C' Company
(OMAS)

CPD : HAZMAT (Hazardous Material)



The Public's Viewpoint: Which forces are the most prepared?



Final Comments

**There is no fate worse than
being continuously under guard,
for it means you are always afraid.**

- Julius Caesar (100-44 B.C.)



Thank you



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