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Drug situation in the “Western Indian Ocean”



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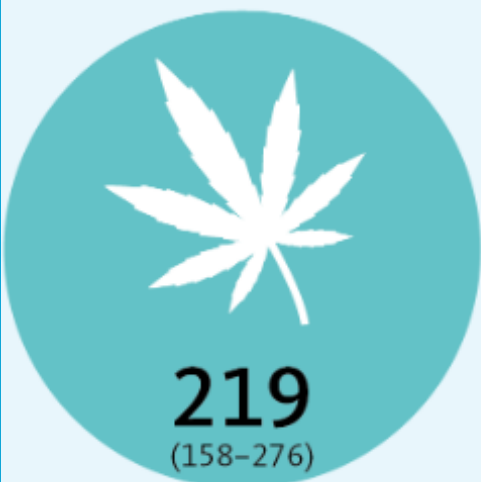
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Number of drug users and prevalence rates (among population age 15-64)

GLOBAL ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBERS OF DRUG USERS IN MILLIONS (2021)

Cannabis



Opioids



Amphetamines



Cocaine



“Ecstasy”



Global

4.3%

(3.1-5.4%)

1.2%

(0.7-1.5%)

0.7%

(0.6-0.9%)

0.4%

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(0.2-0.7%)

Africa

6.9%

(4.2 - 9.2%)

1.2%

(0.9-1.7%)

0.4%

(0.1-0.8%)

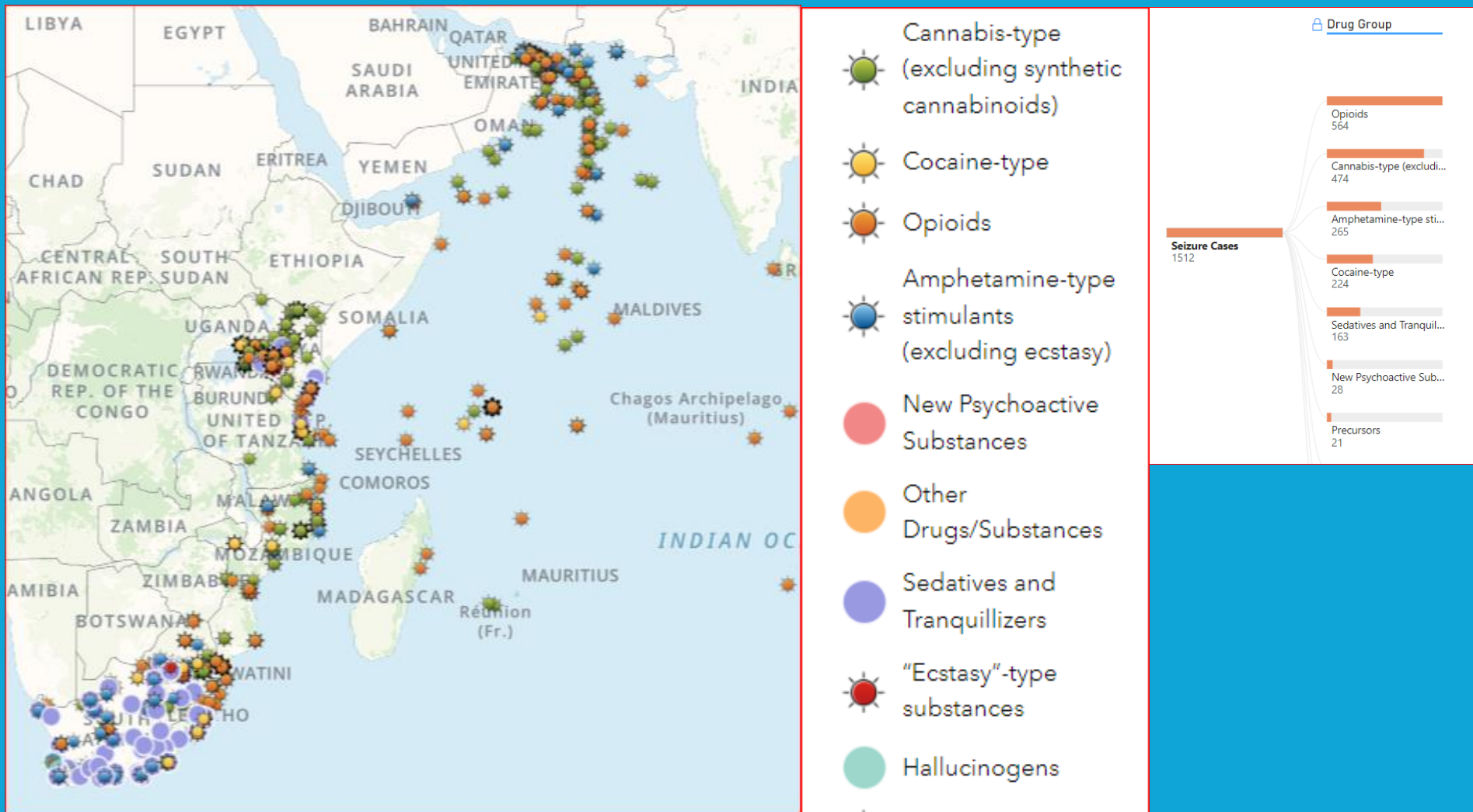
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(0.1-0.6%)

0.3%

(0.02-1.2%)

Significant individual drug seizure cases in Western Indian Ocean, 2017-2023

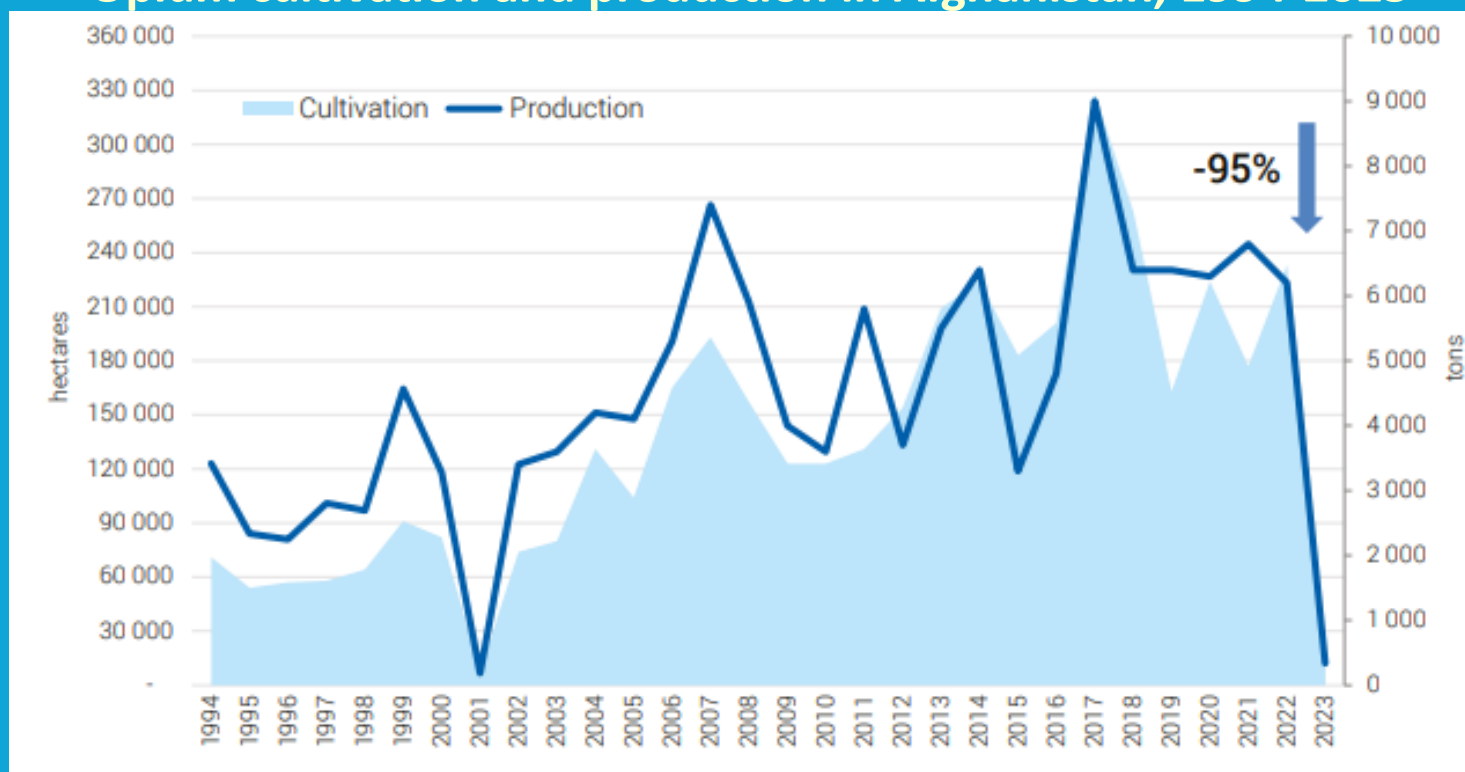


The Taliban's ban on narcotic drugs, 2022

On 3 April 2022, the Taliban issued a decree on the “Prohibition of Poppy Cultivation and all types of Narcotics”. The decree still included a two-months grace per 2022 opium season; the opium ban thus – de-facto – only started with the winter season 2022.

- Area under opium poppy cultivation and opium production fell by 95 per cent in 2023

Opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan, 1994-2023

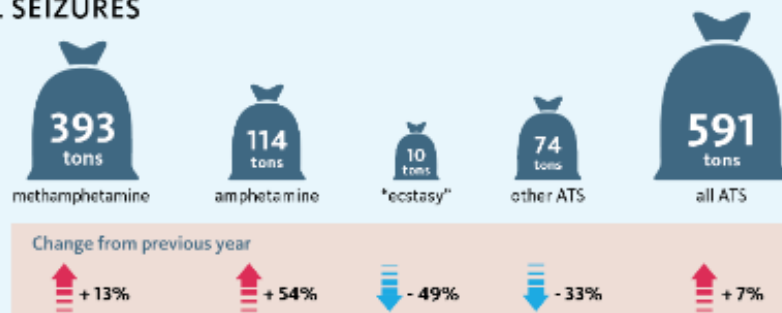


Source: UNODC, 'Afghanistan Opium Survey 2023', August 2023.



Amphetamine-type stimulants

GLOBAL SEIZURES 2021



GLOBAL NUMBER OF USERS 2021

20 million
"ecstasy"

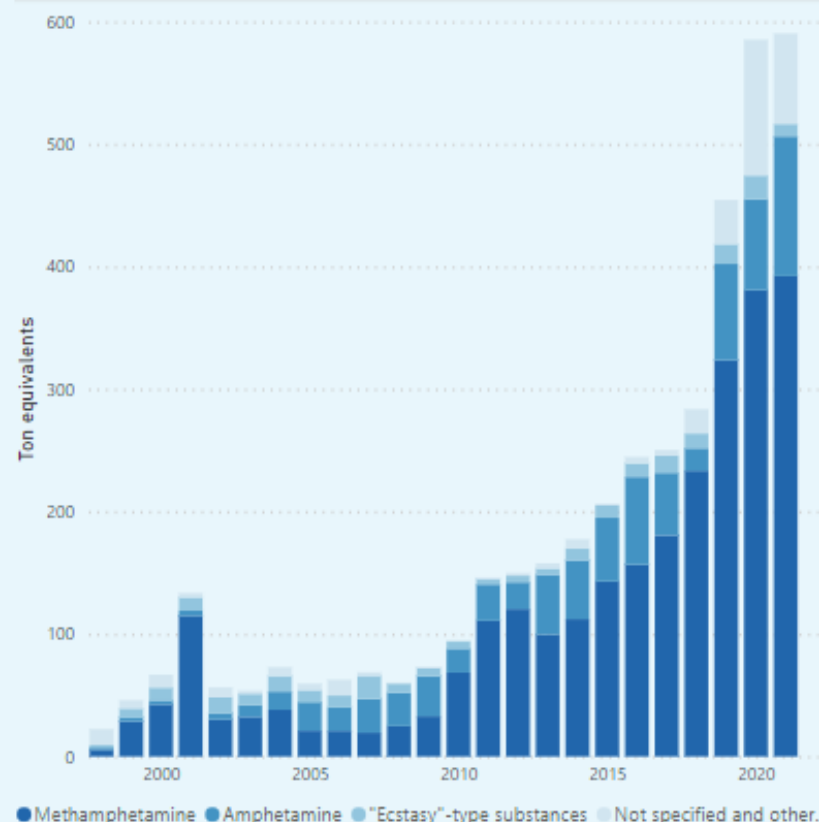
0.4% of population aged 15–64



36 million
amphetamines

(methamphetamine and amphetamine)
0.7% of population aged 15–64

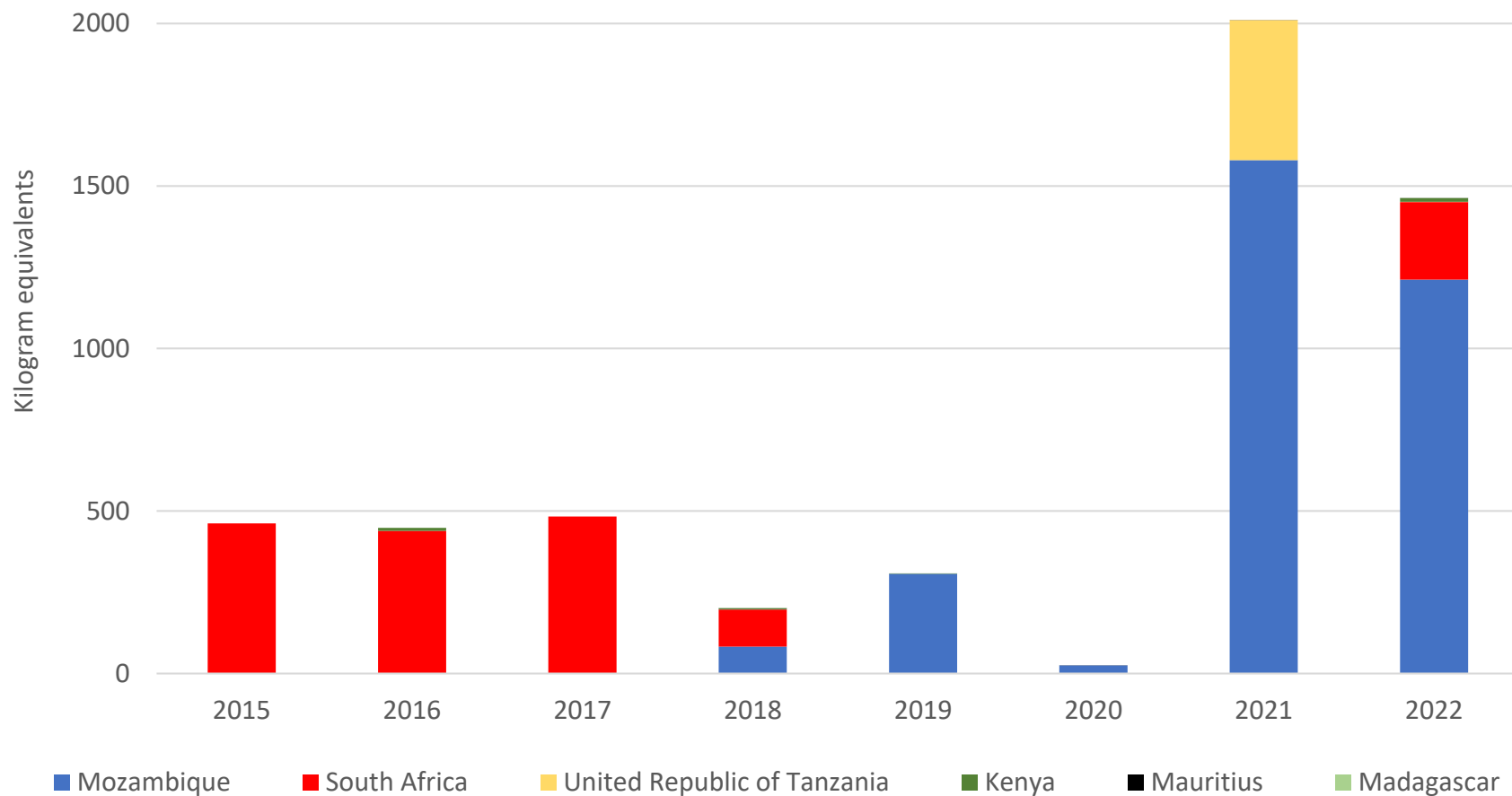
Global quantity of amphetamine-type stimulants seized, 1998–2021



Source: UNODC, responses to the annual report questionnaire and reports from Governments.

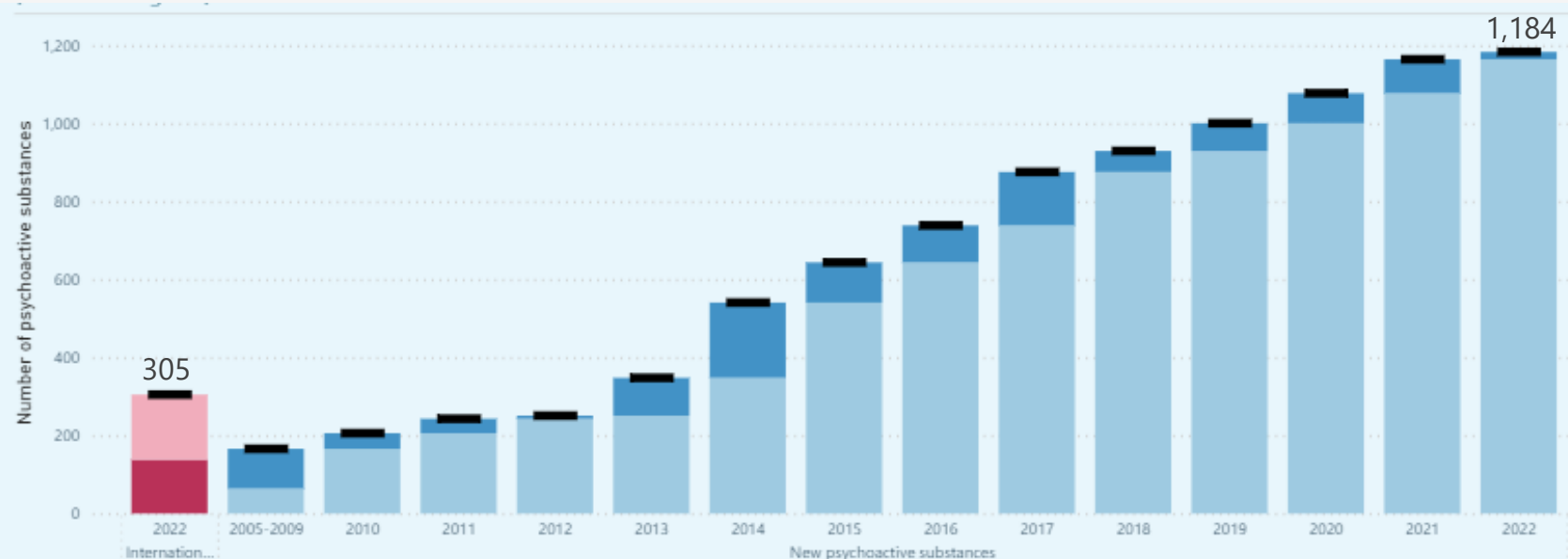
Source: UNODC, responses to annual report questionnaire.

Annual methamphetamine seizures reported from Western Indian Ocean countries, 2012-2022



Source: UNODC, responses to the annual report questionnaire.

New Psychoactive Substances identified at the global level

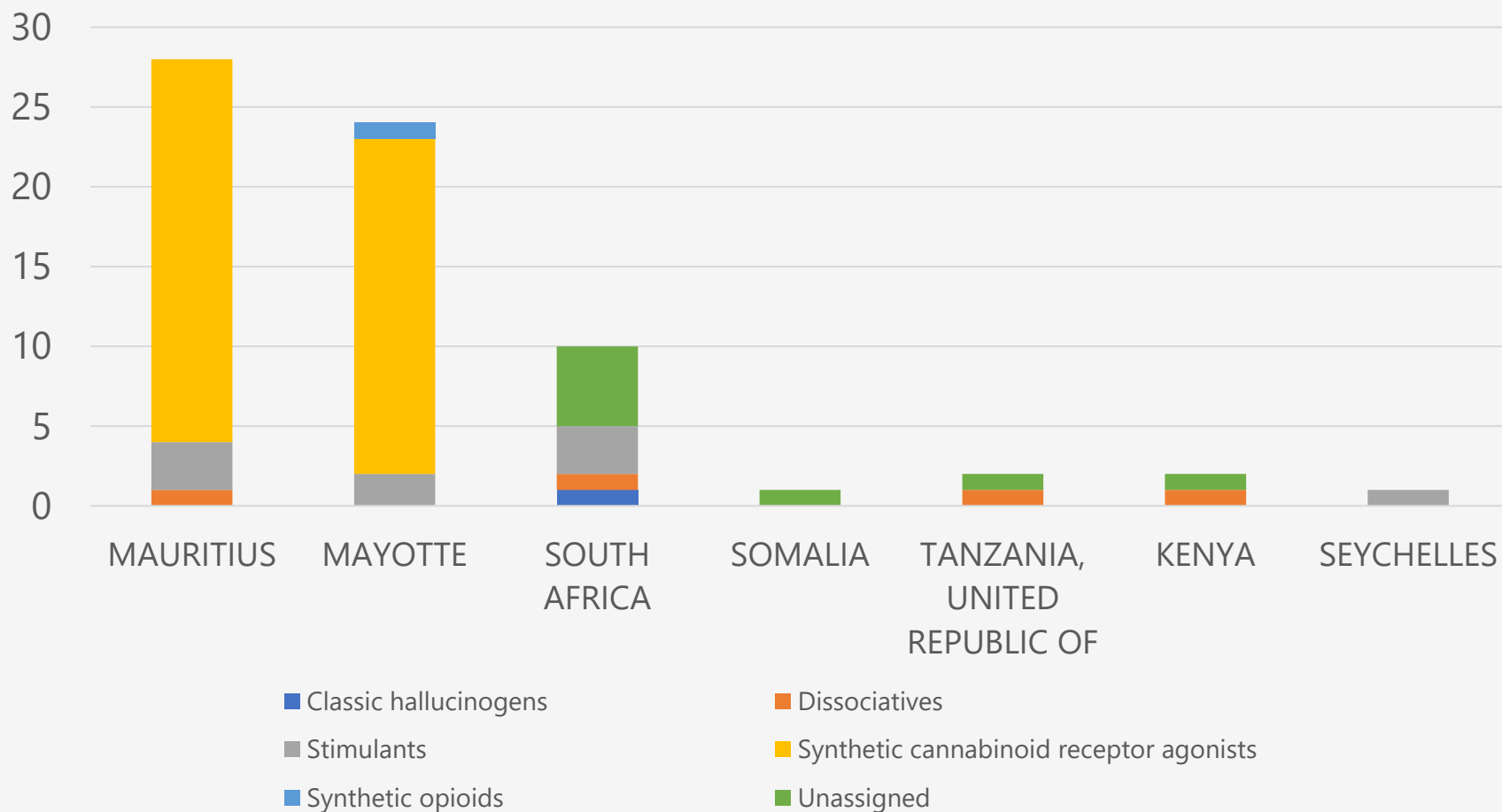


● Psychotropic substances (1971 Convention) ● Narcotic drugs (1961 Convention) ● NPS identified for the first time in current year ● NPS identified in previous years — Total number of substances

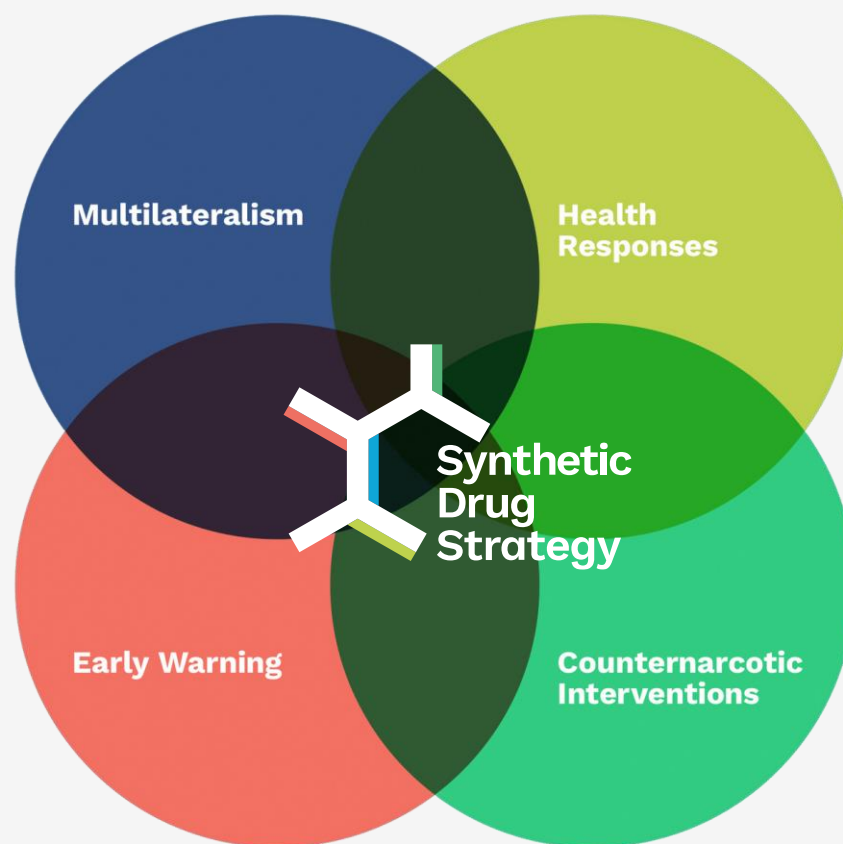
Source: UNODC elaboration based on scheduling decisions made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-fourth session, in April 2022 (see United Nations, Official Records, 2022, Supplement No. 8 (E/2021/28-E/CN.7/2022/10)) and previous years; and UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances.

Note: i) Since 2009, a total of 71 NPS have been internationally scheduled (all between 2015 and 2022); they have not been deducted from the numbers shown in the figure; ii) data for 2022 are still preliminary.

Unique NPS reported by country/territory (2008-2023)



Note: Comoros, Madagascar, Reunion and Somalia have not yet reported NPS. “Unassigned” includes khat.



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Capacity building

- Drug identification and safe handling for front line officers and forensic personnel
- Crime Scene Investigation and Document Examination
- Advanced investigative techniques and profiling of trafficking of synthetic opioids
- Cryptocurrency and darknet investigation
- Anti-money laundering
- Enhancing national/ regional Early Warning Systems
- Safe and environmentally friendly disposal
- New knowledge, international guidelines and assessments
- Neo-natal abstinence syndrome
- International/regional cooperation
- Addressing corruption in forensic drug analysis



assistance

United Nations Toolkit on Synthetic Drugs



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