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'UNE PLAQUE TOURNANTE': MADAGASCAR'S CHANGING ROLE IN REGIONAL ILLICIT MARKETS

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Madagascar is playing a growing and pivotal role in the dynamics of regional illicit markets, and wider illicit flows. Madagascar's biodiversity has long been exploited by well-established environmental criminal markets. For many years' analysts have warned that Madagascar is also at risk of becoming a hub for international drug trafficking. These longstanding warnings are coming to fruition and the island is increasingly operating as '*une plaque tournante*' – a 'turning point' – for drugs destined particularly to the rest of the Indian Ocean region but also further afield. Madagascar's role in regional illicit trade dynamics, including in maritime smuggling routes, remains understudied and poorly understood.

The Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre, which is based in Madagascar, collects and analyses maritime intelligence to highlight developing maritime security risks.

The GI-TOC has recently undertaken three detailed investigations, together with numerous shorter studies, into the political economy of the illicit markets of the Indian Ocean Islands and Swahili Coast.

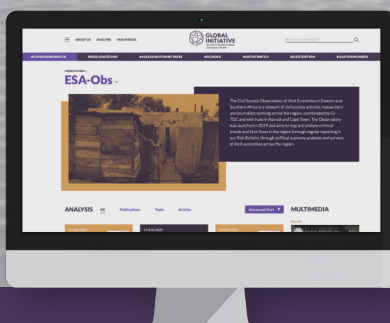
THIS WEBINAR WILL FEATURE PRESENTATIONS BY THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS:

Dr. Navi Ramgolam, Deputy Director, International Liaison Officer (Mauritius), Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre will share insight gained from ongoing maritime intelligence collection and analysis.

Trafficking Malagasy Tortoises: Vulnerabilities and illicit markets in the western Indian Ocean; and A Triangle of Vulnerability: Changing patterns of illicit trafficking off the Swahili coast, presented by **Alastair Nelson**, Senior Analyst, GI-TOC.

Changing Tides: Shifting patterns of drug trafficking in the Western Indian Ocean presented by **Lucia Bird**, Senior Analyst, GI-TOC and **Julia Stanyard**, Analyst, GI-TOC.

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Dr Navi RAMGOLAM is the Deputy Director, Director of Operations and International Liaison Officer (Mauritius) at the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre, based at Antananarivo, Madagascar. Dr Ramgolam is an active Officer of the Mauritius Coast Guard, where he has served for 25 years, including as Engineer and Executive Officer of a number of ships. His role has included carrying out qualitative research to investigate change management within the maritime security framework in relation to Blue Economy.

Alastair Nelson is a Senior Analyst with the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. He is a conservationist with 25-years’ experience running project and programs in the Horn of Africa, East and southern Africa. For the last ten years this has included supporting national governments in counter- wildlife trafficking.

Lucia Bird is a Senior Analyst at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. Lucia analyses, and advises policy-makers on responding to, a range of organized crime trends globally, focusing on human smuggling, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and cyber-crime. Lucia is a lawyer and draws on experience being embedded within governments, including as legal and policy adviser to the Punjab Government, Pakistan, and the Ministry of Finance, Ghana.

Julia Stanyard is an Analyst working on the Global Initiative’s Organised Crime Observatory for East and Southern Africa. She works on editing the Risk Bulletin of Illicit Economies in East and Southern Africa, and her previous research has focussed on drug policy, trafficking in cultural property and the UN response to organised crime.

