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## Update on the Voluntary Reporting System on Migrant Smuggling and Related Conduct in Support of the Bali Process (VRS-MSRC)

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### In support of the Bali Process

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Bali Process Ministerial Conference in March 2011:

**“Ministers agreed to strengthen engagement on information and intelligence sharing, underscoring the high value and utility that would derive from enhanced information sharing. In this regard, Ministers welcomed assistance from UNODC in establishing a voluntary reporting system on migrant smuggling and related conduct in support of the Bali Process.”**

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## Purpose

- To build strategic, evidence-based knowledge
- To inform the development of policies and operational measures
- To build trust and strengthen cooperation between states

2.4.3.2 During the reporting period, out of the total number of smuggled migrants, that is persons who smuggled migrants entered Canada from the following major "countries of last exit" by sea:

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Thailand 120

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## Tool for State Authorities

- Allowing states to exchange up-to-date information
- Providing a national platform to bring together data from various national agencies

**Main routes for detected irregular migrants from Afghanistan:**

+ Add Route

|   | Country              | Type                 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Afghanistan          | Origin               |
| 2 | Pakistan             | Transit              |
| 3 | Malaysia             | Transit              |
| 4 | Indonesia            | Transit              |
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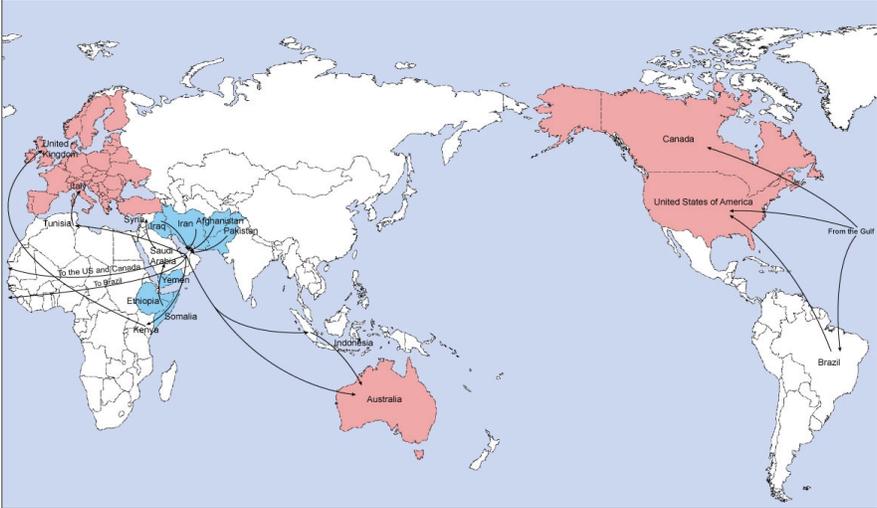
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| Data Reporting Section 1  | Data Reporting Section 2   | Data Reporting Section 3  | Data Reporting Section 4   | Data Reporting Section 5 |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| <p><b>Illegal entries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By citizenship</li> <li>By 'countries of last exit'</li> <li>By entry point</li> <li>By gender / age</li> <li>By land/sea/air and 'countries of last exit'</li> </ul> <p><b>Refused entries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By citizenship</li> </ul> <p><b>Illegal residences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By gender / age</li> <li>By citizenship</li> </ul> | <p><b>Illegal exits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By gender / age</li> <li>By exit points</li> <li>By land/sea/air and 'countries of next destination'</li> <li>By citizenship</li> </ul> <p><b>Smuggled migrants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By citizenship</li> <li>By entry or exit points</li> <li>By land/sea/air and 'countries of last exit'</li> </ul> <p><b>Routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By countries</li> </ul> <p><b>Methods and fees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By "from country to country"</li> </ul> | <p><b>Fraudulent documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total</li> <li>By "issuing countries"</li> <li>By entry or exit points</li> <li>Total persons using fraudulent documents</li> <li>By citizenship</li> </ul> <p><b>Relationship of citizenship of smuggled migrants and migrant smugglers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By transit country</li> </ul> | <p><b>Migrant smugglers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total (number of suspects)</li> <li>By citizenship</li> <li>By gender</li> </ul> <p><b>Convicted migrant smugglers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By gender</li> <li>By citizenship</li> </ul> <p><b>Interaction of individuals and/or groups involved in migrant smuggling</b></p> <p><b>Migrant smugglers' involvement into other crime areas</b></p> |                          |

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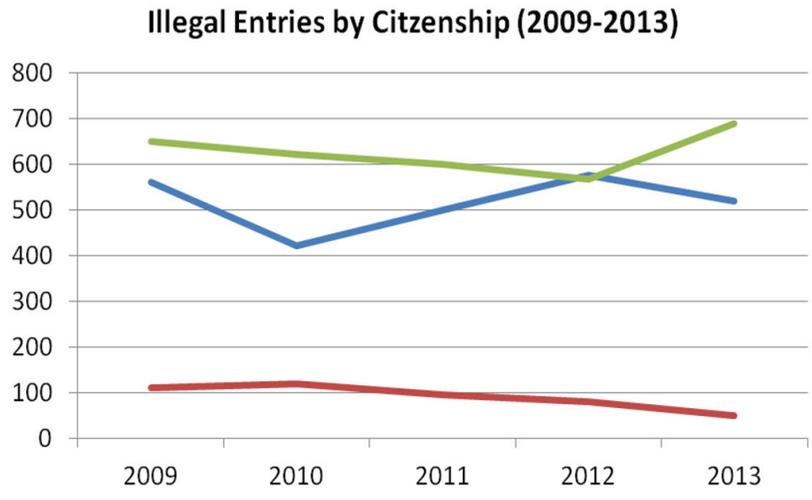
## What type of strategic analysis?

### What are the routes, methods used, fees paid?

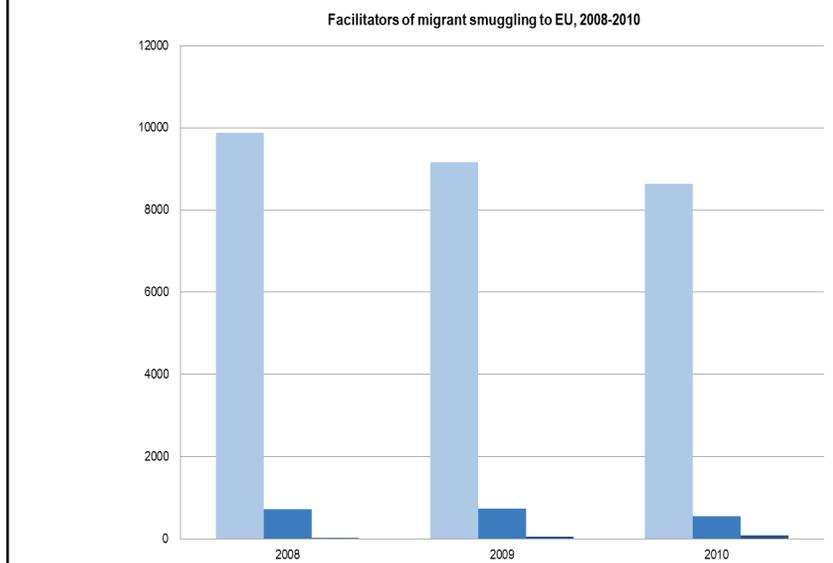


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**Who is entering and staying in an irregular way?**



**Who are the criminals facilitating irregular entry and stay?**



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Based upon the **principle of mutual information sharing**

**Fraudulent documents by citizenship**

This section breaks down by (assumed) citizenship of user the crossing points with fraudulent documents for the purpose of period.

Please indicate the most frequent (assumed) citizenships <sup>?</sup> of person purpose of entering into or leaving from Thailand, and provide the res

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**Development of the VRS-MSRC**

- More than 70 law enforcement officers from 23 countries & IOs
- Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, China, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Thailand, UK, USA, Viet Nam, Europol, Frontex, INTERPOL, and the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC).



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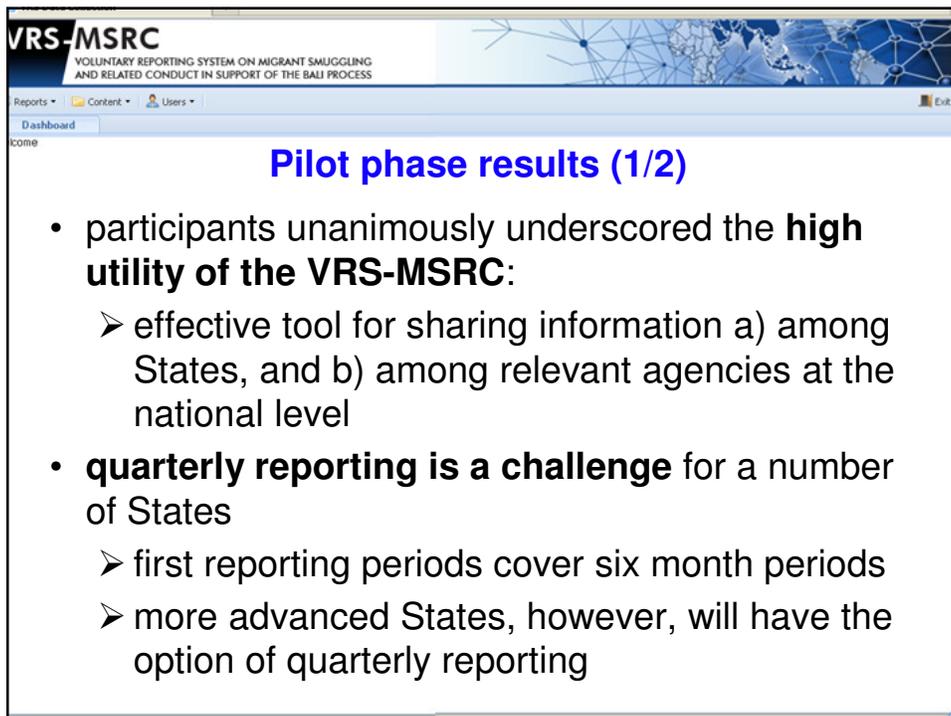
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## Pilot phase in 2012

- BP SG (30 May) and BP AHG (1 June) endorsed pilot phase
- Invitation by the BP Co-Chairs (27 July 2012)
- Oct. and Nov.: pilot phase
- 12 countries from Asia, the Pacific, Europe and North America participated:
  - Australia, Cambodia, France, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Maldives, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tonga, UK, and the USA as well as the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC).
- Validation Workshop in BKK, in Nov



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## Pilot phase results (1/2)

- participants unanimously underscored the **high utility of the VRS-MSRC**:
  - effective tool for sharing information a) among States, and b) among relevant agencies at the national level
- **quarterly reporting is a challenge** for a number of States
  - first reporting periods cover six month periods
  - more advanced States, however, will have the option of quarterly reporting

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## Pilot phase results (2/2)

- participants fully supported the **current scope of the data collected** through the system
- in addition, participants identified some areas for more detailed data collection
  - UNODC will address these recommendations and incrementally introduce new features after the official launch in 2013.
- participants identified a number of ways to further improve the **user-friendliness and the functionality** of the system and

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## VRS-MSRC in 2013

- Address lessons learnt from the pilot phase and improve functionality
- Elaborate output-part (search routines)
- Ensure participation of a critical number of states
- **Launch in mid 2013**
  - Familiarization workshop
  - Two reporting cycles:
    - 2012
    - Jan. to June 2013 (with the option of quarterly reporting)
- Analyze results and share back with states (intelligence products)
- VRS-MSRC stakeholder meeting in Dec. (IRWSIII)

***Thank you!***

***Questions?***

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