

COCAINE TRAFFICKING IS ON THE RISE. LULL IN MARIJUANA SEIZURES

Data coming out of the Narcotics Division are indicating increases in cocaine seizure for 2008 when compared to the previous year. However, total marijuana seized reflects relative decreases over the said period.

According to police statistics, narcotics detectives seized a total of 266 kilograms of cocaine for the period January to December 2008, an increase of 171% when compared to 2007.

The data also indicated that for the period January-December 2008, a total of thirty five thousand five hundred and seven kilograms (35507 kgs) of marijuana was seized. This is a 27% decrease over the comparable period for 2007.

The US State Department in its 2009 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, states that Jamaica is the Caribbean’s largest source of marijuana shipments to the United States. However, cocaine transit through the country remains lower than its sub-regional neighbours.

The National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA) continues its efforts to gather data and monitor all aspects of the substance abuse problem providing information, encouraging rehabilitation and promoting healthy lifestyle options to the Jamaican people.

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Total drug seized by the Narcotics Divisions For the period 2006 to 2008

Year	Cocaine (kg)	Crack (kg)	Ganja (kg)
2006	109	2.6	37199
2007	98	2.6	45212
2008	266	3	35507

