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New Trends in International Crime

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Emerging Trends

In a number of countries a **nexus** has emerged between **Organized Crime, Corruption and Terrorism.**

Criminal organizations have expanded into a **variety of criminal activities** and new groups have emerged in several **new and specialized sectors.**

Shifts in organizational structures and approaches of organized criminal groups = complex networks of criminal organizations.



Crime/Output	Bln. \$
1. Marijuana	141.8
2. Counterfeit technologies	100
3. Cocaine	70.45
4. Opium/Heroine	64.82
5. Cyber-piracy	60
6. Smuggling of cigarettes	50
7. Software piracy	47.8
8. Counterfeit medicines	40
9. Human trafficking	32
10. Amphetamines	28.25
11. Animal trafficking	20
12. Movie piracy	18.2
13. Illegal fishing	16.5
14. Ecstasy	16.07
15. Deforestation	15

Crime/Output	Bln. \$
16. Counterfeit cars	12
17. Traffic of waste	11
18. Smuggling of migrants	10
19. Arms trafficking	10
20. Smuggling of art works	10
21. Counterfeit clothing	8.24
22. Oil smuggling	6.2
23. Music piracy	4.5
24. Counterfeit cigarettes	4
25. Cell-phones piracy	3.4
26. Counterfeit cosmetics	3.0
27. Video-Game piracy	3.0
28. Counterfeit aircrafts	2.0
29. Cable TV piracy	1.54
30. International adoptions	1.3

Please, note that all figures are estimates.



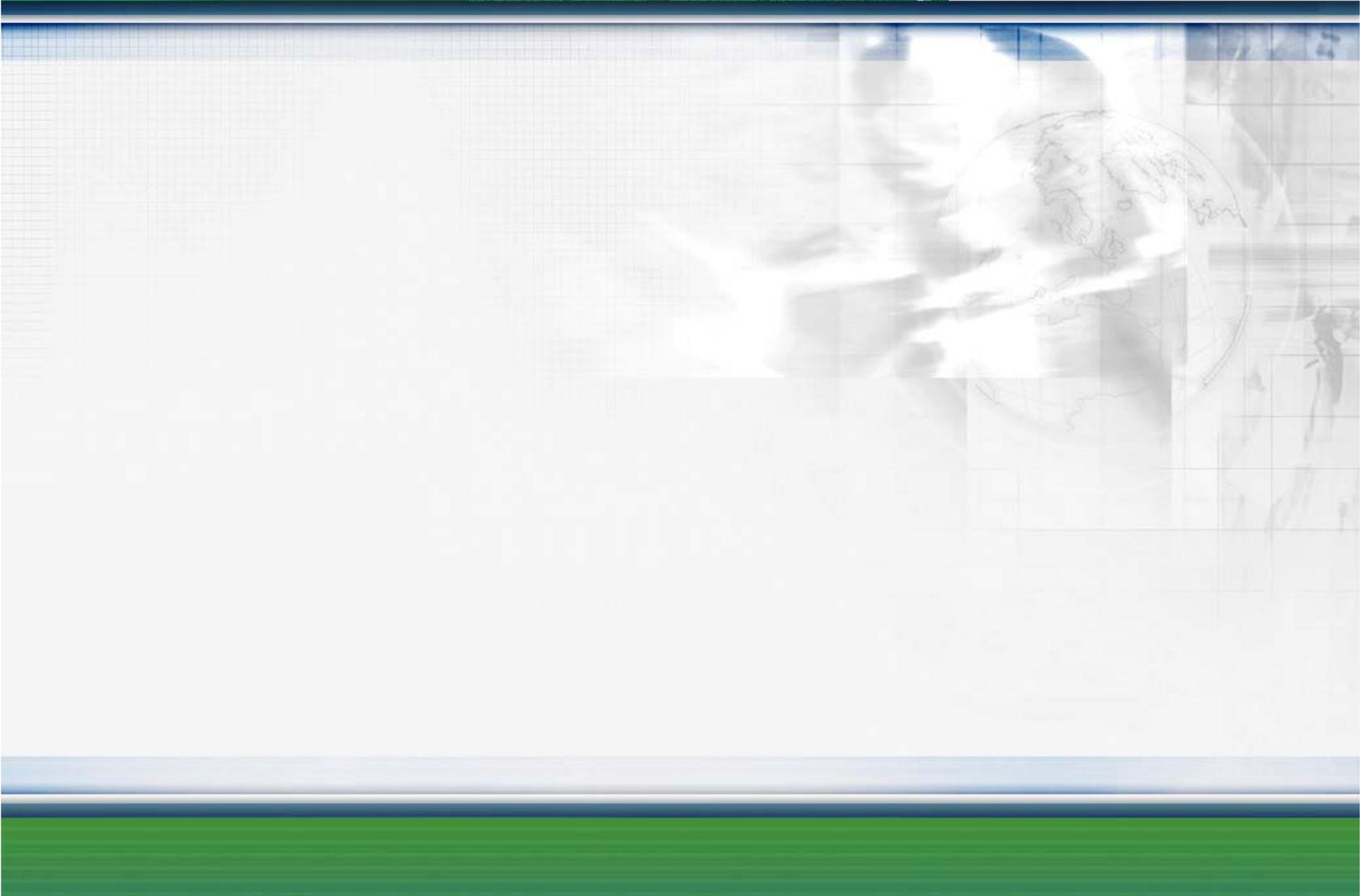
Crime/Output	Mln. \$	Crime/Output	Mln. \$
31. Counterfeit shoes	920	40. Counterfeit Cuban cigars	100
32. Counterfeit watches	655	41. Nuclear smuggling	100
33. Counterfeit pesticides	650	42. Counterfeit bags	70
34. Books piracy	600	43. Counterfeit banknotes	61
35. Sport gadgets counterfeit	500	44. Traffic of human organs	50
36. Kidnapping	500	45. Counterfeit lighters	42
37. Counterfeit alcoholics	300	46. Counterfeit batteries	23
38. Smuggling of diamonds	280	47. Traffic of human tissues	6
39. Counterfeit toys	131	48. Counterfeit cheques	3.7

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Organized crime involvement

Counterfeiting is a huge source of profit that finances other illicit activities

Counterfeiting is one of the preferred means to launder proceeds of crime

Intimidation and corruption

Counterfeiting has been turned into a mass production activity

Production and distribution of counterfeit products are well organized



Environmental crime is a serious and growing international problem and increasingly represents a clear and present danger for the International Community.

Areas of Concern:

- **illegal trade in wildlife**
- **dumping and illegal trade in hazardous waste**
- **illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances**
- **illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing**
- **illegal logging and trade of timber**

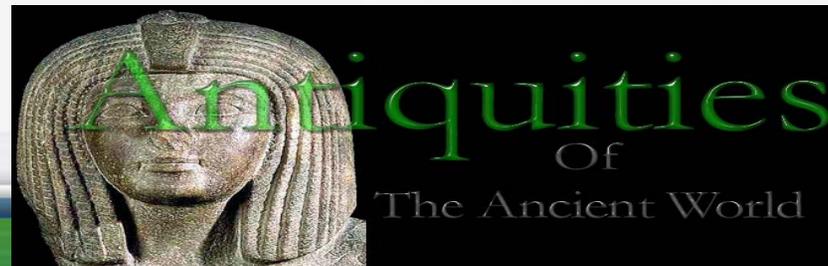


Aggravating Circumstances:

- **Growing involvement of Organized Crime due to high profits and low risk of detection**
- **Transnational Impact**
- **Scarce awareness / Poor resources to ad hoc Law Enforcement units**



- The illicit art and antiquities trade is an age-old problem dating to ancient Greece and before.
- Plundering is a practice as ancient as warfare itself.
- The proverbial "spoils of war" often included national and cultural treasures, including priceless art and antiquities.
- Illicit trafficking in cultural property has, unfortunately, grown into a problem of epidemic proportions.
- The trade in cultural heritage has reached proportions which can be compared with the international trade in drugs and they share other characteristics as well.





The Threat

- **Wide social, economical and security related implications**
 - **Scarce awareness by the International Community**
 - **Cost effectiveness for criminals**

Characteristics

- **SURPRISE**
- **SPEED**
- **VIOLENCE**



Possible counter-strategies:

DETECTION – DETERRENCE – ACTIVE RESPONSE

- **Improving international legislation**
- **Agreement among countries hosting pirates “safe heavens”**
- **Creation of a permanent task force / rapid deployment teams**
- **Crew Security Awareness and Detection Trainings**
- **Ship Tracking Devices**



Obstacles for the international community:

- ✓ **No sense of urgency**
- ✓ **Insufficient cooperation among States**
- ✓ **Weak coordination among international organizations**
- ✓ **Inadequate commitment from many Countries**

Moreover → **Organized criminal groups are always in progress.**



Conclusions

Key word: COOPERATION

**UNICRI's response: applied
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“The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned.”

Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary-General, 1953 - 1961



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