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***Illicit trafficking of “TRAMADOL”: an increasing security
and health threat in Africa***



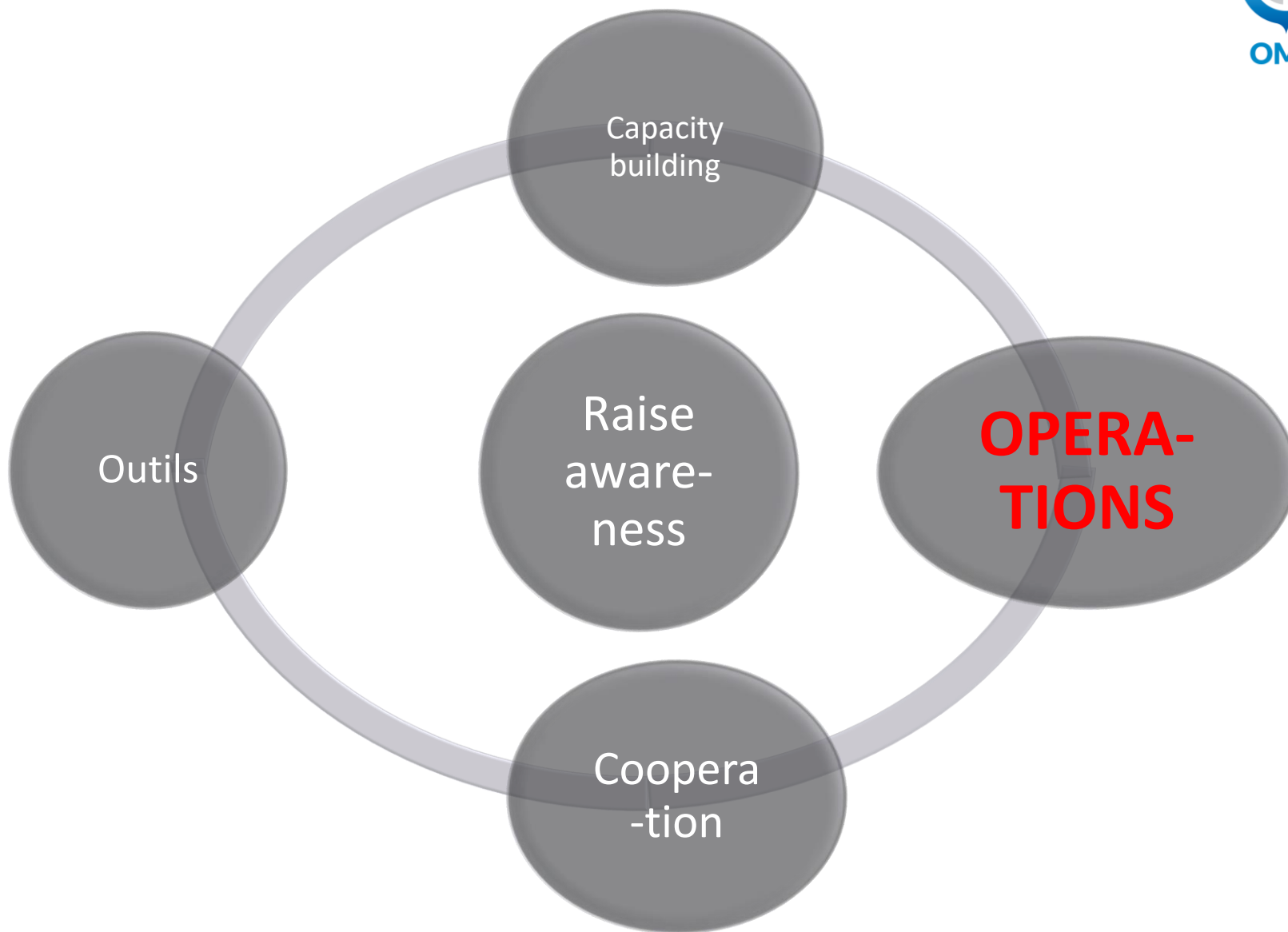
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The last trends

The problematic of TRAMADOL

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ACIM 1

ACIM 2

MIRAGE



**555.202.257 intercepted
units**





TRAMADOL OR THE COCAINE OF POOR

Prevalence of tramadol dependence



- ❑ Tramadol is an analgesic derived from opioid
- ❑ Used to relieve pain after an accident, surgery, or in the case of chronic pain.

Overdose = Non medical use = Prevalence of tramadol dependence

- A local production of tramadol in clandestine laboratories is likely and must be taken seriously despite the fact that no clandestine laboratory of tramadol has yet been identified in the region.

	Togo	Nigeria	Ghana	Benin	Guinea	Côte d'Ivoire	Niger
2011	3,704 kg	*					
2012	75,835 kg	*		77,031.7 kg			
2013	65 kg	*		7,531 kg			
2014	0	*		10,428 kg		6.26 kg	
2015	4.92 kg	*		111,820 kg		7.09 kg	
2016	10,320 kg **	53,804 kg + 11,506 kg of codeine		-		5.89 kg	16,909,491 pills
2017	7.8 kg + 23 caps	92,259 kg + 9,772 kg of caught syrup with codeine	524,191 caps + 3,001 vials	5 strips and ½	200,000 pills		7,337,160 pills
2018		More than 150 tons	132,738 caps + 109,260 tabs + 128 ampoules			43,942 kg	16,764,956 pills

Some seizures of tramadol and codeine in West Africa (national data 2011-2018)

* No data is available, because tramadol and codeine seizures were not recorded apart from medicines.

** These containers were seized in 2014.

Sources: replies to annual UNODC report questionnaires and other official Government data.

- The global seizure of opioid pharmaceuticals in 2016 was 87 tons, about the same amount as the heroin seized that year.**

- Seizures of opioid pharmaceuticals - mainly TRAMADOL in West and Central Africa, and North Africa accounted for 87% of the global total in 2016 (UNODC Report 2018)**



Italian police intercepted 24 million Tramadol pills = DAESCH (50 million euros)



In September 2017, three million pills in boxes bearing the UN logo were found in Niger

2019: Benin, nearly 58 tons of Tramadol seized at the Port of Cotonou

The elements of the Royal Mounted Police of Tanager, in close collaboration with elements of the Customs, proceeded the seizure (2018), in a container at the port of Tanager Med I, 25 million tablets of the drug "Tramadol" (225 mg)

Some 600,000 tablets for the BOKO HARAM group were seized in August 2017 on the border between Nigeria and Cameroon.

October 2019: seizure of 44,358 tons of Tramadol and diazepam in Côte d'Ivoire





- ❑ Dr. Mahmoud Elhabiby's study on "the non-medical use of synthetic opioids such as Tramadol"
- ❑ Seizure by the Egyptian authorities at the port of East Tafia and Port Said = 75,133,808 Tramadol tablets (225 mg) for a value of \$ 50,000,000

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SUMMARY OF SEIZURE REPORT ON TRAMMADOL FROM JAN - DEC, 2017 FISCAL YEAR

S/N	SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION SECTION		LOCATION SECTION	DRUGS IDENTIFICATION SECTION		SUSPECTS INVOLVED	STATUS	
	SEIZURE NO	DATE	PLACE OF SEIZURE	TYPE OF HARD DRUGS	QUANTITY IN CARTONS/WRAPPS/PACKETS			
					CARTONS			PACKETS
1		26-01-17	FOU-Kaduna	Tramadol	12	-	1	
2		02-02-17	FOU B-Sokoto	Tramadol	2	-	1	
3		07-03-17	FOUB - Katsina	Tramadol/Viagra/Diclofenac Tabs	210	-	1	
4		27-03-17	FOU C - Onne	Tramadol Levamisol Hydrochloride	1,600	-	1	
5		06-06-17	Lagos	Tramadol	3	-	1	
6		06-06-17	FOU B - Katsina	Tramadol	360	-	1	
7		07-07-17	Sokoto	Tramadol	16	-	1	
8		07-08-17	Katsina	Tramadol/Sildenafil Citrate Sosa 100mg	42	-	1	
9		18-07-17	Sokoto	Tramadol	6	-	1	
10		11-08-17	FOU B-Sokoto	Dodomol Tabs	107	-	1	
11		22-09-17	Sokoto	AROL-x Tramadol Hydrochloride 200mg/Diclofena Sodium/Really Extra	480	-	1	
12		23-10-17	FOU B- Sokoto	AROL-x Tramadol Hydrochloride 200mg/Diclofena Sodium/Really Extra	57	-	1	
13		14-06-17	ALONG MILE 2 EXPRESS WAY	Tramadol Hydrochloride	407	-		
14		26-06-17	ALONG SAGAMU/IJEBU ODE EXPRESS WAY	Tramadol Hydrochloride	88	-		
15		26-06-17	ALONG BADAGRY MILE 2 EZPRESS WAY	Tramadol Hydrochloride	2,810	-		
TOTAL					6,200.00		12	TRANSFER TO NDLEA

**NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE
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SUMMARY OF SEIZURE REPORT ON TRAMMADOL FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW JAN-DEC.2018

S/N	NAME OF DRUGS INVOLVED	BRAND	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	DATE OF SEIZURE	PLACE OF SEIZURE	QUANTITY IN CARTONS/PACKETS		NUMBER OF SEIZURE	RMKS
						CTNS	CONTAINERS		
1	New Royal Tramadol Hydrochloride	225mg Tablets	INDIA	18-01-18	TCIP	-	1x20FT	1	ENF.UNIT
2	Super Royal Tramadol Hydrochloride	225mg Tablets	INDIA	17-04-18	TCIP	650	1X40FT	1	ENF.UNIT
3	Tramadol	225mg Tablets		21-01-18	Ijebu-Ode	640	-	1	GWH
4	Dobumol Capsules	50mg		21-01-18	Ijebu-Ode	250	-	1	GWH
5	Trammaking	200mg		20-02-18	PORT HARCOURT II-ONNE	240	1X40FT		
6	Tramadol	200mg		20-02-18	PORT HARCOURT II-ONNE	355			
7	Royal Tramadol			12-09-18	FOU C	13			
8	Royal Tramadol	200mg		16-11-18	FOU C	200			
9	Tramadol	120mg		13-09-18					NDLEA
10	Tramadol/Diclofenac (Chakapain Extra)/Chloroquin			11-09-18	APAPA		51X40FT		Destroyed by NCS
GRAND TOTAL						2,348	54	4	NAFDAC

Means of concealment/transport



Domaine D'infraction Niveau 2	Quantité	Unité	Forme	Moyen de dissimulation	Moyens de transport
Tramadol	50	Pièces	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Car/Bus - Zone des bagages	Vehicle - Car
Tramadol	4,200	Pièces (capsules)	Injection liquide	Dans les transports - Camionnette - Dans l'espace de chargement	Vehicle - Camion - Camionnette Pick-up
Tramadol	45,000	Pièces	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Navire - Dans la zone de fret	
Tramadol	47	Kg	Injection liquide	Dans le fret - Air	Air - Commercial
Tramadol	126	Litres	Injection liquide	Dans les transports - Car/Bus - Zone des bagages - Parmi les effets	Vehicle - Car
Tramadol	151,000	Pièces	Comprimé	Dans les transports	Vehicle - Camion - Camion-remorque
Tramadol	500	Kg	Comprimé	Dans le fret - Air	Air - Commercial
Tramadol	14	Kg	Comprimé	Dans le courrier - Paquet	Mail - Courrier ordinaire
Tramadol	1,200	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les locaux	Vehicle - Car/fourgonnette
Tramadol	20	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Car/Bus	Vehicle - Camion - Camion-remorque
Tramadol	80	Kg	Comprimé	Pas caché	Vehicle - Bicyclette
Tramadol	10	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Car/Bus - Zone des bagages	Vehicle - Car
Tramadol	120	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Car/Bus - Zone des bagages	Vehicle - Car
Tramadol	40	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Camion	Vehicle - Car
Tramadol	25	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les bagages - Sac à dos	Pedestrian
Tramadol	1,500	Kg	Comprimé	Pas caché	Vehicle - Camion
Tramadol	250	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les locaux	Vehicle
Tramadol	80,000	Pièces	Comprimé	Dans les transports - Voiture/fourgonnette - Intérieur - Pas caché	
Tramadol	3	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports	Vehicle - Camion
Tramadol	4	Kg	Comprimé	Dans les transports	Vehicle - Camion
Tramadol	6,000	Pièces	Comprimé	Pas caché	Vehicle - Car/fourgonnette

Problematic of Tramadol in Africa



- Where do these large quantities come from ?
- Who are the actors?
- What are the gateways to Tramadol?

Que font les Administrations des Douanes après les saisies de TRAMADOL?

THE PERSPECTIVES



- ❑ **Better collaboration Customs- Health authorities- Justice**
- ❑ **Strengthen the legal arsenal: criminalizing the trade of illicit medicines**
- ❑ **Identify the most fragile entry borders to better control**
- ❑ **Raise Awareness to reduce demand**

Fill the seizures WCO/CEN

- ❑ **Better international control of TRAMADOL (manufacture, distribution, repression)**

**“IF YOU TAKE TRAMADOL AWAY,
YOU MAKE BOKO HARAM
WEAK.”**





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Thanks for your attention

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