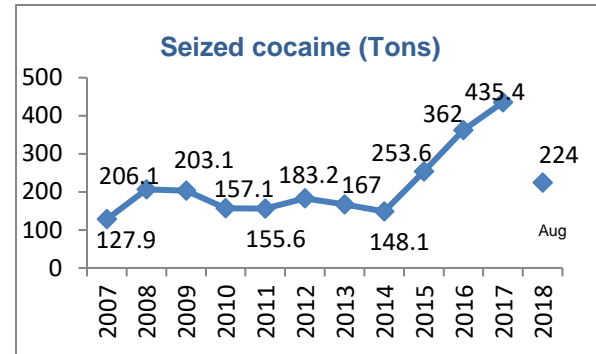


GAINS IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

According to data from the Ministry of Defense, the Government of Colombia has achieved significant progress in the fight against drug trafficking through a counter-narcotics strategy including the following:

Drugs Seized

- During **2017**, the government seized **435.4 tons of cocaine**, which represents a 20% percent increase compared to 2016.
- **444 kilograms of heroin** were seized.
- **235.2 tons of marijuana** were seized, which represents a 22% percent increase compared to 2016.



Production Supplies Seized

- **36,090 tons** of solid supplies were seized, which represents a 10.5% percent increase compared to 2016.
- **6.483 milles gallons** of liquid substances were seized. This represents a 42% percent increase compared to 2016, in which 4.561 milles gallons were seized.

Production Facilities Dismantled

- A total of **4,280 production facilities** were destroyed in 2017.
- **121 aircrafts** belonging to drug traffickers were immobilized or seized, which represents a 53% percent increase compared to 2016. **234 vessels** belonging to drug trafficking organizations were immobilized or seized.
- The Armed Forces regularly take action against criminal organizations by attacking their logistic and financial infrastructure in efforts to improve the well-being of communities.

Eradication

- During **2017 over 52,000 hectares** of illicit crops were eradicated, exceeding that year's goal of 50,000. Of these, **5,505 hectares** (10.5%) were located in National Natural **Parks**.
- We reiterated our shared responsibility to reduce drug trafficking and consumption at the March 1st/2018 VII U.S.-Colombia High-Level Partnership Dialogue, where we pledged to expand counter-narcotics cooperation over the next five years, with the **goal of reducing cocaine production and coca cultivation in Colombia to 50 percent of current levels by 2023**.
- As of **August 13th, 2018**, we have **eradicated by force 30,672 hectares** of coca crops, **seized 224 tons of cocaine** and **destroyed 2,496 illicit drugs' infrastructure**.



- In terms of the Illicit Crops Substitution Program, according to UNODC, by **May 31st, 2018**, the government had concluded voluntary agreements of substitution with 77.659 families in 42 municipalities, covering approximately 42.352 hectares of coca crops. UNODC indicated that by May 2018, coca crops had been voluntarily removed in 14,757 hectares.
- The challenges ahead for the Illicit Crops Substitution Program are significant; they demand patience and require building trust with local communities. The Government is fully committed to the plan. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is overseeing and verifying the process. This is a key component of the strategy to prevent reseeding of coca crops.



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