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AMPHETAMINE-TYPE STIMULANTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

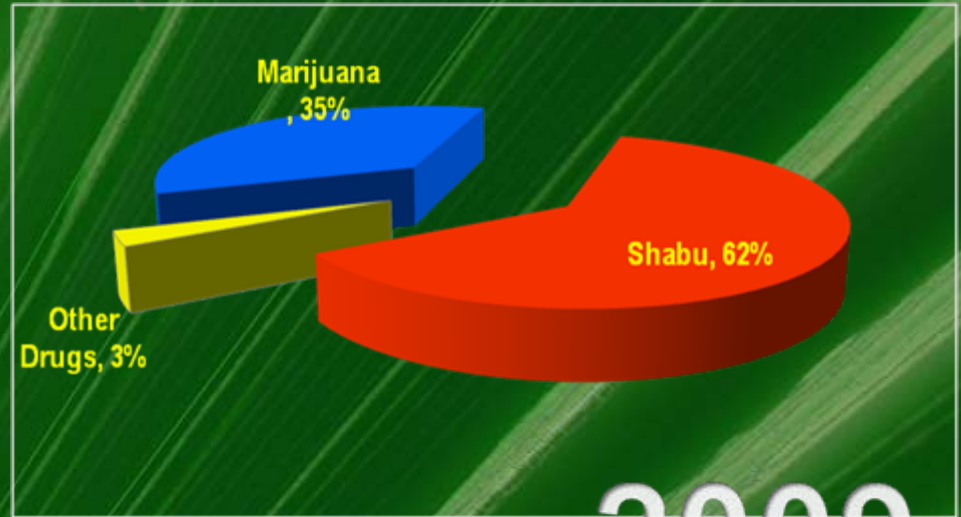
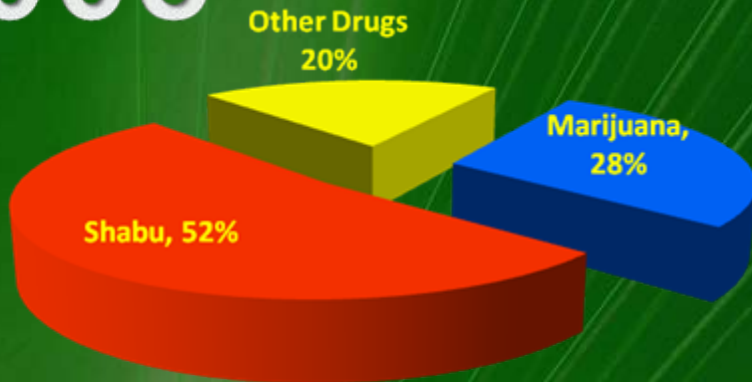
- Philippines has two prevalent Amphetamine-Type Stimulants:
 - Methamphetamine Hydrochloride or shabu
 - Methylenedioxymethamphetamine or ecstasy
- Emerging ATS substance in the Philippines
 - Benzylpiperazine (BZP) or Mimic Ecstasy

AMPHETAMINE-TYPE STIMULANTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

- Methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu was introduced to drug users in 1985. Shabu is known to be the “poor man’s cocaine”
- Abuse of Methylenedioxymethamphetamine or ecstasy was detected in the year 2000
- Surveillance operations are being conducted to arrest personalities involved in the use and sell of BZP or Mimic Ecstasy

Prevalent drugs of abuse in the Philippines

2008

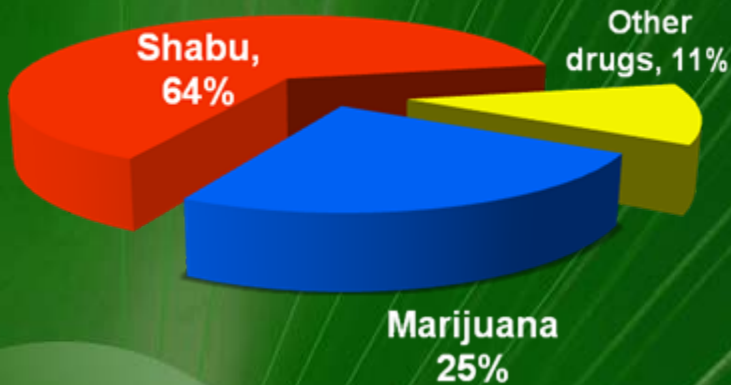


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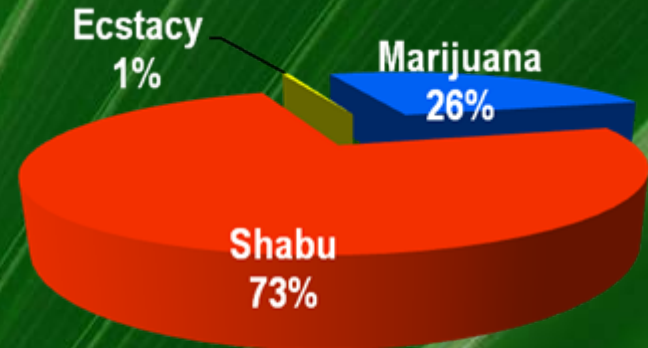
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Arrests according to drug type seized

2008



2009



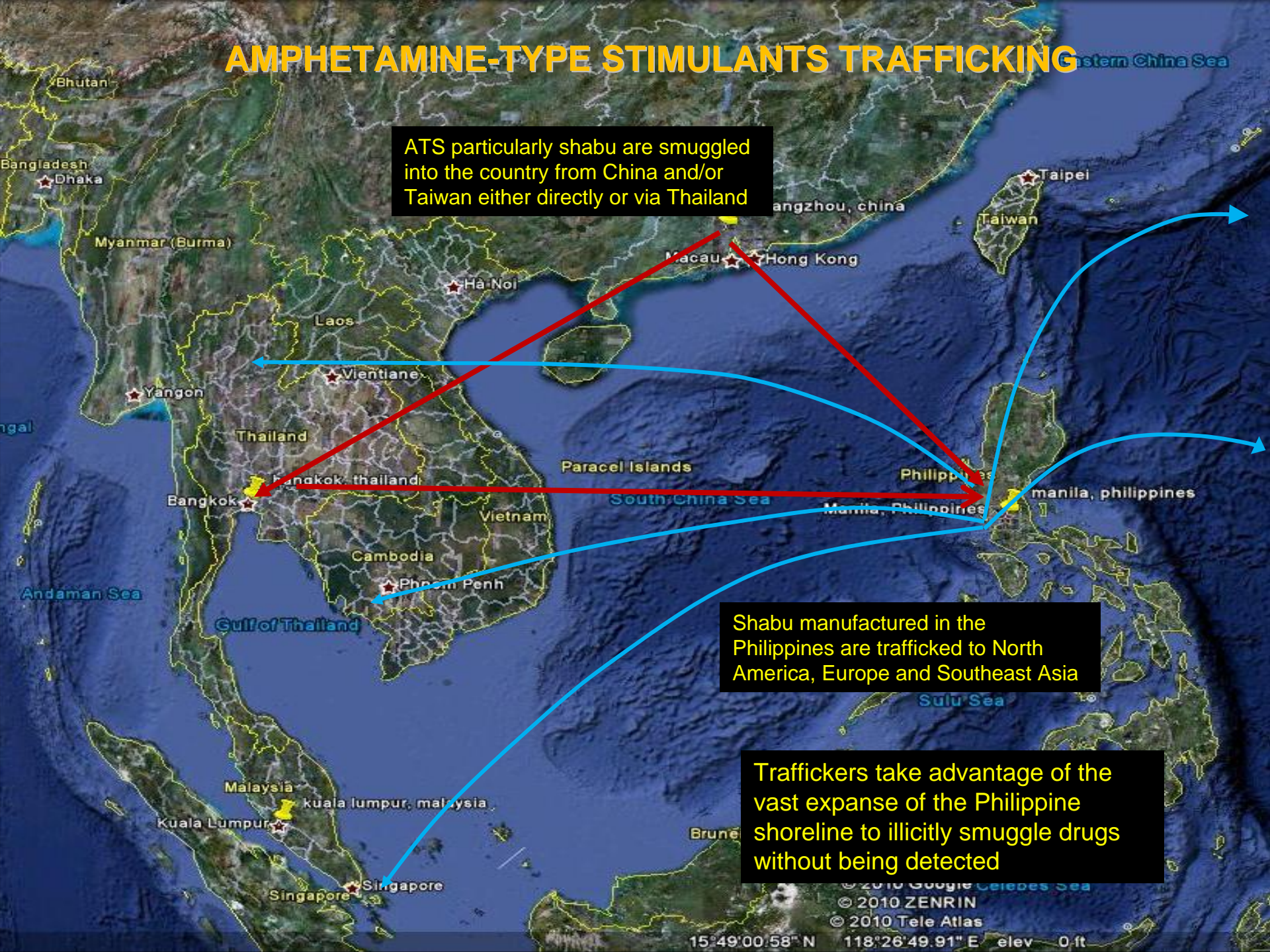
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AMPHETAMINE-TYPE STIMULANTS TRAFFICKING

ATS particularly shabu are smuggled into the country from China and/or Taiwan either directly or via Thailand

Shabu manufactured in the Philippines are trafficked to North America, Europe and Southeast Asia

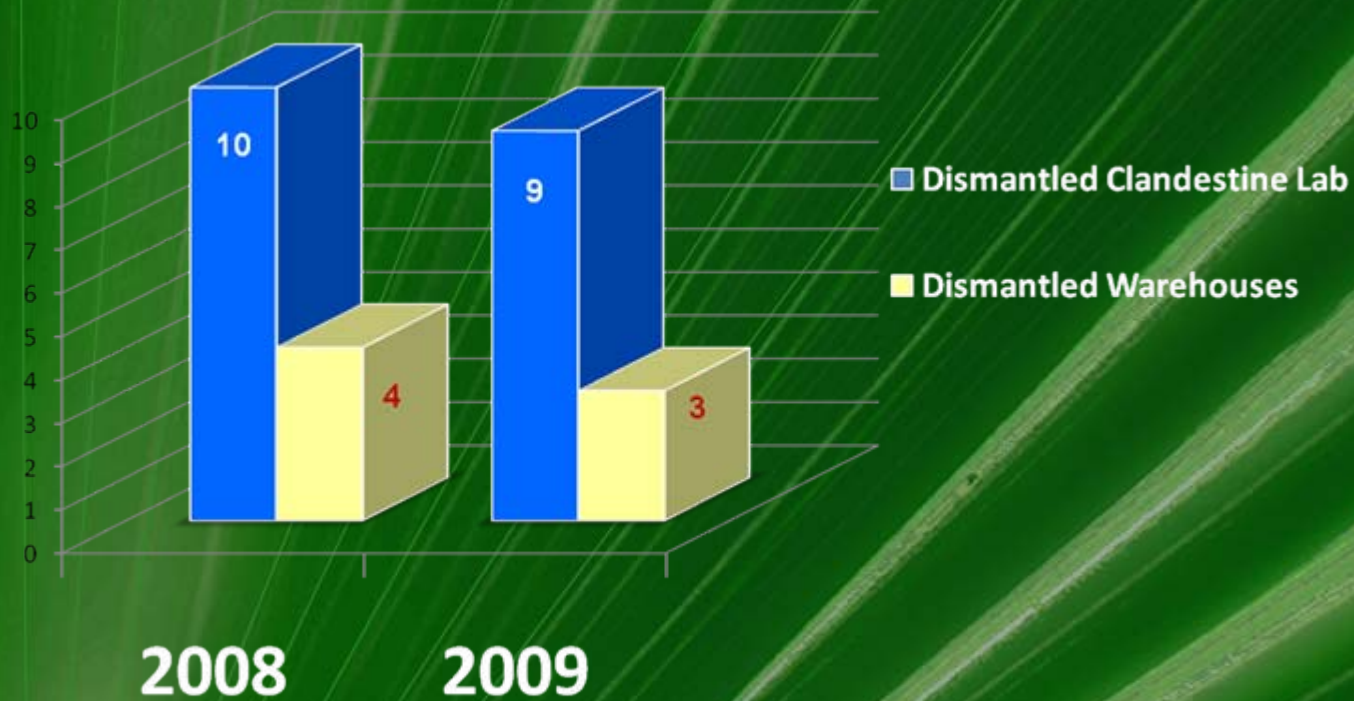
Traffickers take advantage of the vast expanse of the Philippine shoreline to illicitly smuggle drugs without being detected



ATS-Related Arrests of Foreign Nationals

Nationality	Nr of Arrested in 2008	Nr of Arrested in 2009
American	1	2
British	1	1
Chinese	12	18
Indonesian	0	3
Iranian	0	9
Icelander	1	0
Japanese	3	1
Korean	1	1
Masotho	0	1
Taiwanese	4	1

ATS-Related Seizures



Seizure Value

YEAR	AMOUNT (in billion pesos)
2008	8.9 billion
2009	4.8 billion

ATS Production Patterns

Dismantled clandestine laboratory
in Naguilian, La Union (July 2008)



Precursors seized in the
laboratory

Laboratories in 2008
were mostly established
in the rural areas

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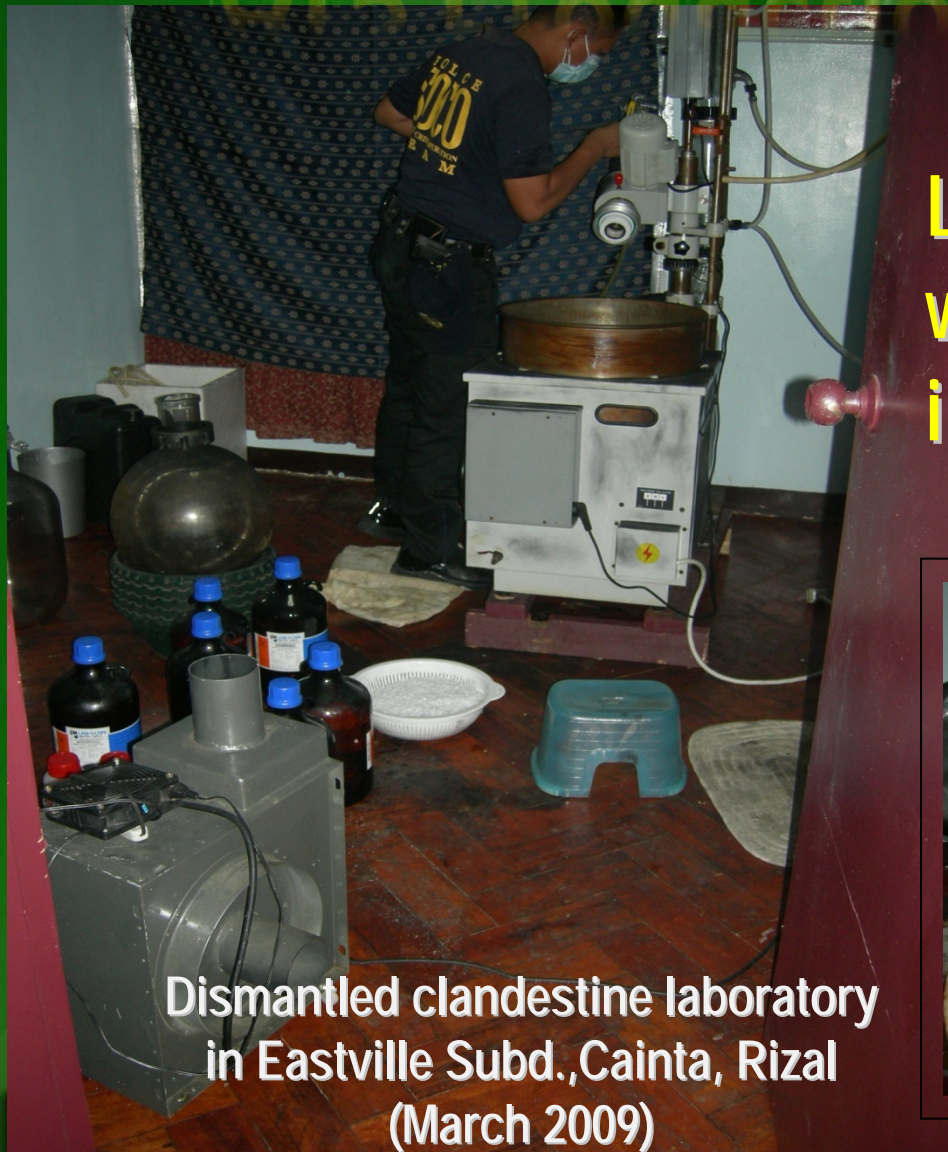
Dismantled clandestine laboratory
in Barangay, Lamisahan,
Zamboanga (February 2008)



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ATS Production Patterns

Laboratories in 2009
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in the urban areas



Dismantled clandestine laboratory
in Eastville Subd., Cainta, Rizal
(March 2009)



ATS Production Patterns

Laboratories evolved
from large & medium
scale

to
kitchen type



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Average Purity Level of ATS drugs in the Philippines

2008

55%

2009

67%

2010

71%

Based on forensic analysis of shabu samples seized in Luzon

Street Value of ATS

SHABU	
2008	12,170/gm
2009	11,800/gm
2010	11,400/gm

ECSTACY	
2008	1,200/tab
2009	1,200/tab
2010	1,500/tab

Significant Accomplishments

- **The dismantling of nine (9) shabu clandestine laboratories and the seizure of P884.52 million worth of illegal drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, and laboratory equipment inside said buildings;**
- **The discovery of three (3) chemical warehouses and the seizure of P7.72 million worth of illegal drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, and laboratory equipment inside said buildings;**
- **The destruction of 442.81 kgs of shabu, 46.3 liters of shabu , 2.03 tons of ephedrine and other dangerous drugs, controlled substances and chemicals**

**Thank you
very much!**
Maraming Salamat Po!

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