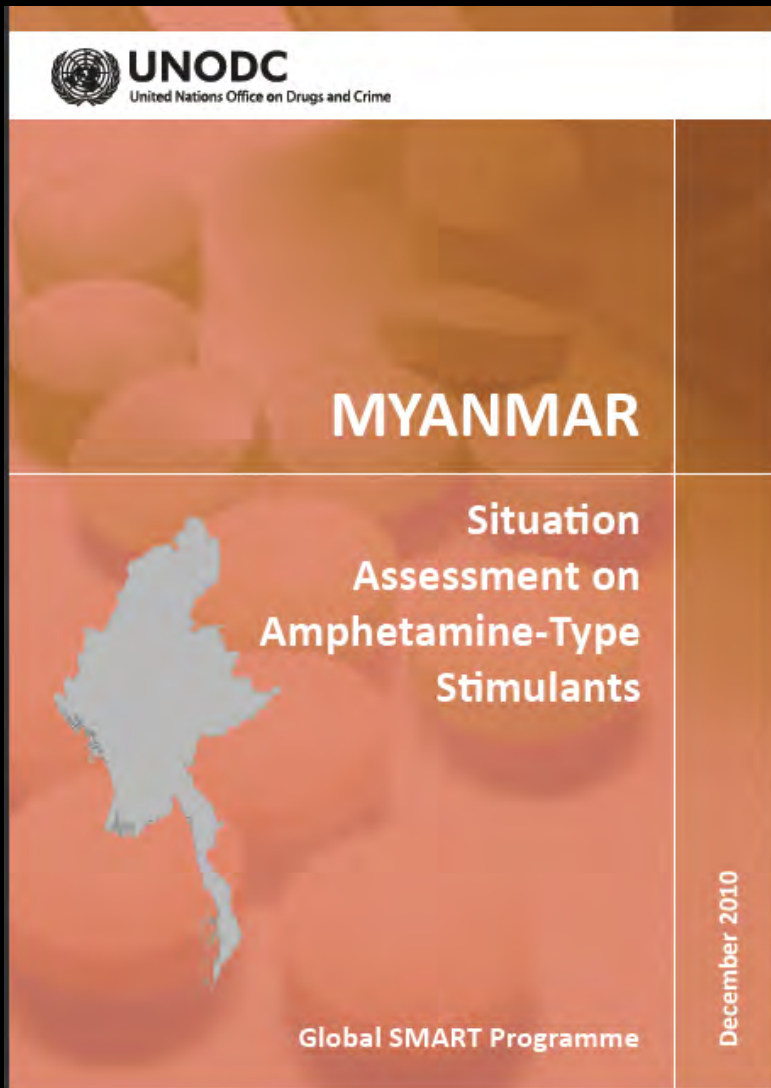




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# MYANMAR: Situation Assessment on Amphetamine-Type Stimulants

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## MAIN CONCERNS

- **2010: accounts for approx. 14% global opium supply – up from 5% recently**
- **2010: a major producer of methamphetamine pills in SE Asia**



# Opiate versus ATS situation

## Drug use trends and ranking

Drug type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009
Heroin	↓	↔	↓	↓	1
Opium	●	●	↓	↓	2
Methamphetamine pills	↑	↑	↑	↑	3
Cannabis	●	↔	↔	↔	4



# Seizures: Amphetamine-Type Stimulants

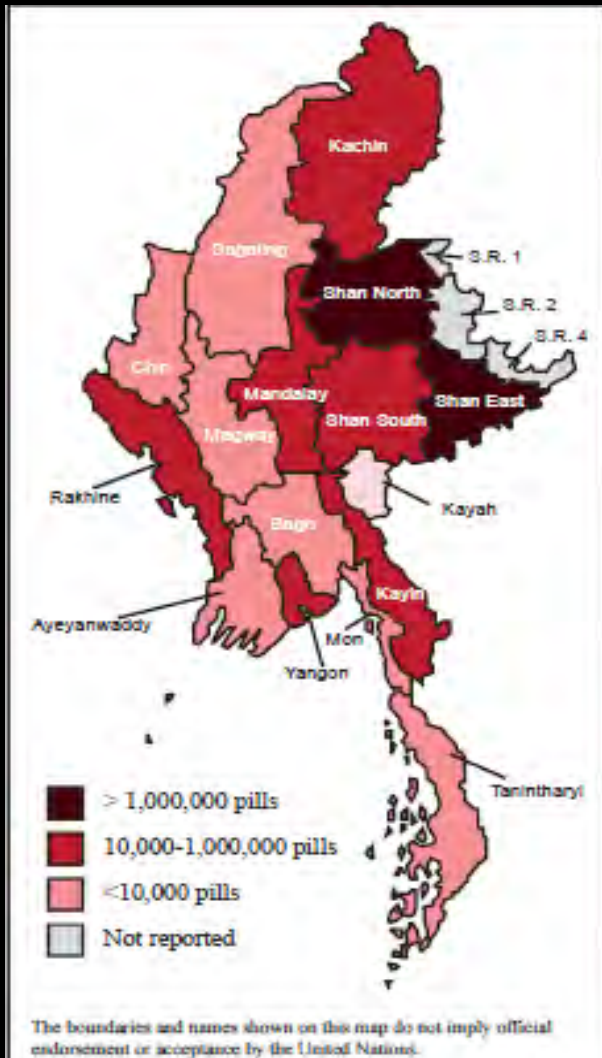
Year	Methamphetamine pills (Number of pills)	Methamphetamine powder (kg)	Crystalline Methamphetamine (kg)	Ecstasy (Number of pills)
1996	5,906,555	-	-	-
1997	5,028,600	-	-	-
1998	16,026,688	-	-	-
1999	28,887,514	-	-	-
2000	26,759,771	6.34	-	-
2001	32,438,981	664.52	518.00	52
2002	9,399,794	16.20	415.20	-
2003	4,002,684	8.06	102.00	-
2004	8,379,311	69.10	0.16	5
2005	3,651,509	19.30	280.32	5,807
2006	19,066,042	59.00	3.22	67
2007	1,666,142	454.76	0.94	2,690
2008	1,102,199	3.90	15.89	108
2009	23,899,156	339.16	124.71	5
2010*	1,659,578	-	162.04	-

\* January to September 2010

Source: DAINAP



# Methamphetamine pills



- Major source of meth pills
- 2009: 23.9 m meth pills seized
- Most seizures near production centres
- Seized pills primarily destined for neighbouring countries
- 1998-2009: 39 small-scale facilities seized
- Increased precursor seizures
- Various types of pills





# Methamphetamine pills

**Seizure of manufacturing facility in Laukkai (Myan-China border), 2009**



Source: SMART discussions with CCDAC, 2009

**Types of methamphetamine pills found in Myanmar**



Source: CCDAC



# Seizure: 98,730 meth pills in Mandalay in Mandalay Division upper Myanmar

27 June 2010: Seizure of 98,730 methamphetamine pills and 539,857 cold tablets containing pseudoephedrine in Mandalay, Mandalay Division

Source: CCDAC

# Seizure: 2.6 million meth pills in Tachileik in E. Shan State at the Thai-Myan border



11 November 2009: Seizure of over 2.6 million methamphetamine pills, 1 grenade, and other ammunition at Haun Late tract in Tachileik, Eastern Shan State





# Meth pills: Domestic trafficking routes



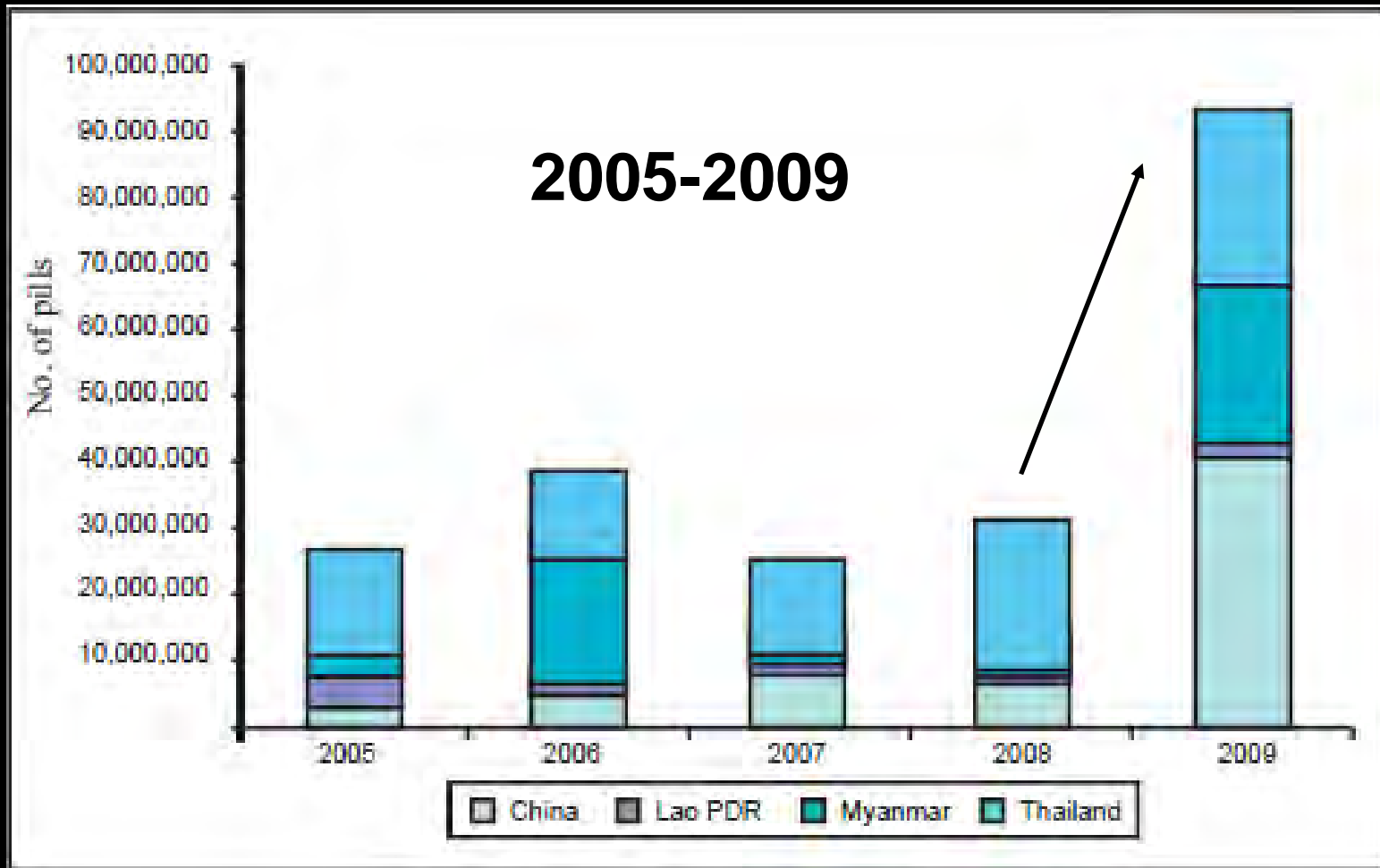
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# Impact in the region

## Combined meth pill seizures in China, Myanmar and Thailand

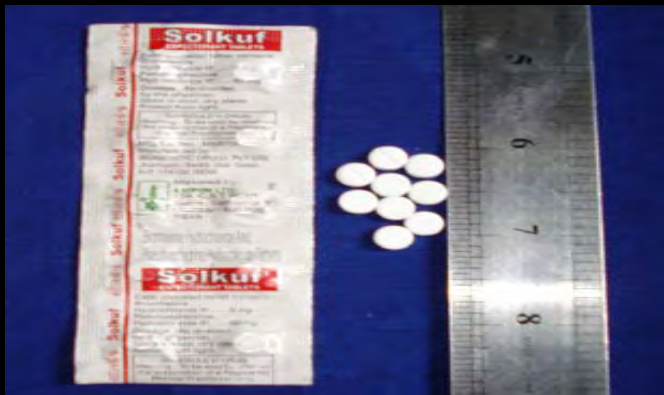




# Precursors: Shift in sourcing

- Seizures since 1997
- No domestic production
- Most originate from India and China
- Shift to new physical forms
- Shift to pharma preparations
- Organized crime networks trafficking pharmas

Seizure of 816,000 cold tablets containing pseudoephedrine, July 2009



Seizure of 122,400 nasal drop bottles containing liquid ephedrine, August 2009





# Precursor trafficking routes





# Health and Treatment

- **Indications of increasing use**
- **Lack of consolidated information**
- **Drug treatment under-resourced**
- **Inadequate ATS-specific treatment**
- **Compulsory treatment marked by high relapse rates**
- **No targeted data collection mechanisms**
- **Prevention campaigns not tailored to ATS**





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