

Transnational Serious and Organised Crime (TSOC)

AFP Investigations Strategy 2023-24

Our Mission

Maximising operational impact by making the criminal environment hostile for TSOC to operate.

The Threat Environment

TSOC includes some of the most serious crime threats impacting Australia: the manufacture and trade of illicit drugs, firearms fuelling criminal violence, money laundering operations distorting financial markets, and people smuggling. TSOC is well established, financed and has integrated global networks. Its size, scale and impact elevates it to the level of a national security threat.



REDUCING RED TAPE

We will remove barriers to speed up decision making and increase efficiency



SUPPORTING THE FRONTLINE

We will provide the training and tools for the frontline to do their jobs effectively



ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS

We will proactively engage and work closely with our partners

Member health and wellbeing

Sub-strategies to prioritise effort against key elements of TSOC

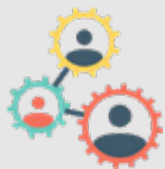
Guiding Principles

Disrupt drugs offshore as first preference

Close partnership with International Command, the Regional Commands and their people

Australian Government TSOC coordination forums
DC-OMM -- ATSOCC -- SOCCC -- NCICC

TSOC Initiatives



Our Role

- Protect Australian lives, livelihood and way of life from TSOC.
- Gather intelligence and infiltrate TSOC groups to inform and target our actions and maximise our impact.
- Work with international partners to attack illicit drug manufacture and exportation prior to it reaching the Australian border.
- Disrupt, deter and where possible, prosecute high level TSOC individuals and syndicates.
- Engage with international and domestic law enforcement and intelligence community partners to share intelligence, leverage capabilities and coordinate operational activity.



OFFSHORE DISRUPTION



HARDENING THE SUPPLY CHAIN



INFILTRATING AND DISRUPTING COMMUNICATIONS



TARGETING MONEY LAUNDERING



TSOC GLOBAL SUMMIT

- Use the AFP's international network and leverage our relationships with international partners to counter TSOC threats before they reach Australian shores.
- Disrupt the criminal business model by challenging its operations and logistics, including through AFP-led Taskforce Centinel, identification of trusted insiders and strengthening of the supply chain.
- Understand, influence and undermine TSOC groups' use of communications, including Dedicated Encrypted Communications Platforms (DECPS).
- Target Money Laundering Organisations (MLOs), serious self-laundering syndicates, professional enablers and criminal clients through Taskforce AVARUS, the Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce, and support for the Regulation of Professional Facilitators (Tranche Two) legislative reform.
- Host a TSOC Global Summit in June 2023, bringing together senior law enforcement officers from 55 countries to strengthen our collective and individual efforts in understanding and addressing emerging TSOC threats.



Success Stories

- **Special Operation Ironside** was a long term, covert investigation into TSOC individuals and syndicates allegedly responsible for large drug imports, drug manufacturing and attempts to kill. For almost three years, the AFP and the FBI monitored criminals' encrypted communications over a Dedicated Encrypted Communications Platform – ANOM. Ironside went to resolution in June 2021.
- **Operation AVARUS-MIDAS** targeted a money laundering operation based in Australia, resulting in the restraint of AUD \$215 million in assets and the arrest of nine individuals in Australia and one in Malaysia in February 2023.
- Recently a number of key TSOC targets allegedly targeting Australia have been **extradited or deported** from overseas. They will now stand trial in Australia.