

# Away from Criminal Justice: Interventions in Asia and Beyond

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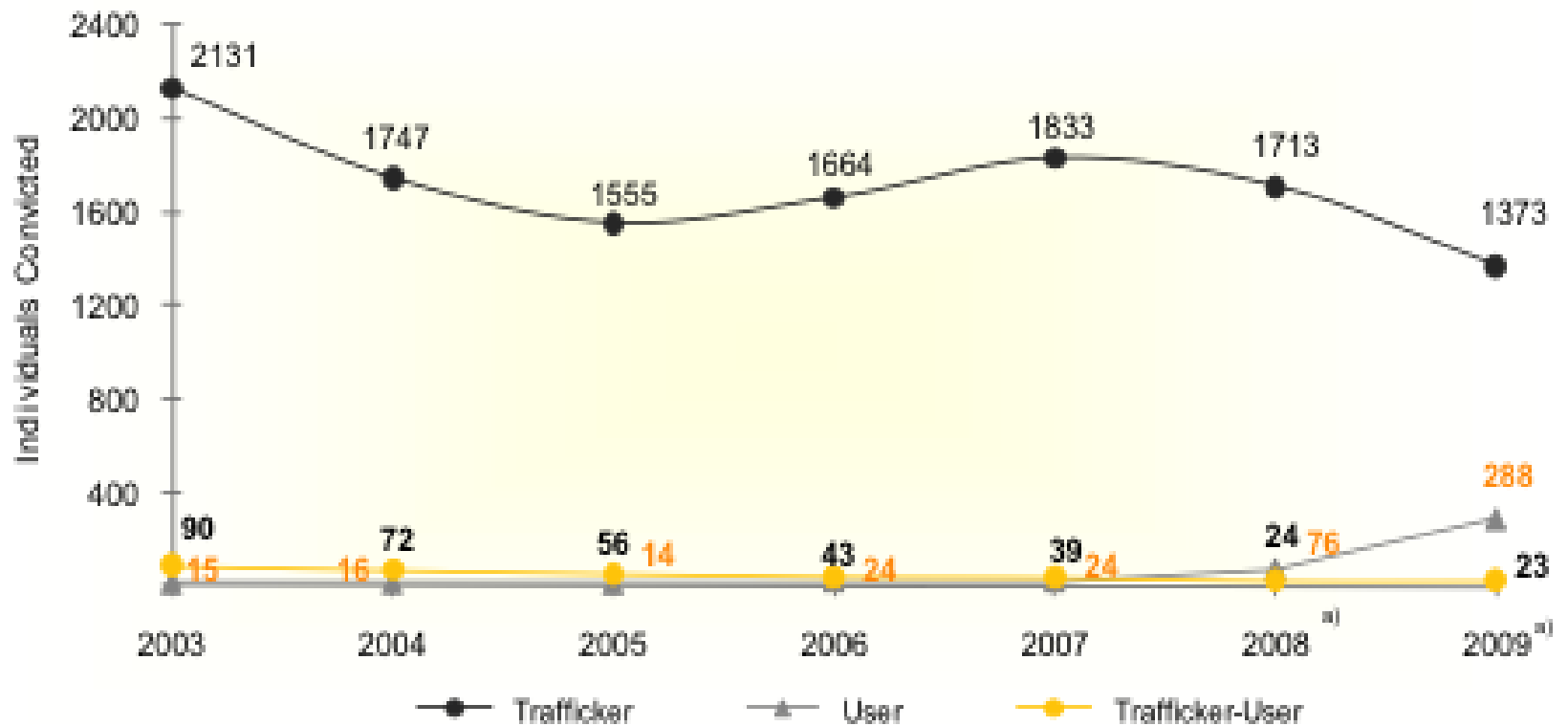
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# Portugal

Individuals Convicted Under the Current Drug Law by Year



# Decriminalisation & Comprehensive Services

25 grams of cannabis for 10 days



# Police Cautioning/ Drug Diversion

Victoria, Australia

- Diversion for less than 3 grams of drugs
- Cannabis cautioning for up to 50 grams

## Does DIVERSION work?

- 85-90% of individuals attend their assessments by health staff
- 80% of individuals diverted **DO NOT** reoffend
- The other 20% commit less serious crimes

# Drug Policy in Asia



- Highly punitive
- Thailand 2000 deaths
- Vietnam and Indonesia actively execute for drugs
- Malaysia Dangerous Drugs Act

# Cambodia



Cannabis leaves

10-25kg - 5-10 years

>75kg - 20-30 years to life

# Indonesia

Regulation 23 of the East Java Provincial Police (2013)

Article 10(1): The assessment is conducted by a team of assessors who are competent to analyze the degree of narcotic dependence problem as basis for diagnosis and organizing plans for therapy and rehabilitation;

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**INDONESIAN POLICE AND NARCOTICS  
BOARD RESPONSE TO HIV AND DRUG USE**

**Brigjen Budyo Prasetyo - National Narcotics Control Board**  
**Lt Col Lastrı Rinyanti - Indonesian National Police**





3. National Narcotics Board *encourages drug law reform and supports decriminalization of drug use & abolition of imprisonment of drug users*
4. BNN is building a collaborative approach with health ministry and related organizations to improve access to treatment including the handling HIV cases

# Malaysia

- Police reactions signal ideology change
- S15(1)(a) DDA Consumption
- 20-50 grams of cannabis – 2-5 years in prison & 3-9 strokes of the cane
- Drug Law Reform Parliamentary Roundtable (3 December 2013)

**Malaysia moving towards drugs decriminalisation, says Nancy**

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is moving towards decriminalisation of drugs to make it easier and more open for drug dependants to seek treatment and rehabilitation.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Nancy Shukri, said the government's policy at present had shifted more to treating drug users than prosecuting them.

She said Asean's desire to be a drug-free region by 2015 was not very realistic, but noted that a change in approaches by the authorities could help reduce the number of drug dependants.